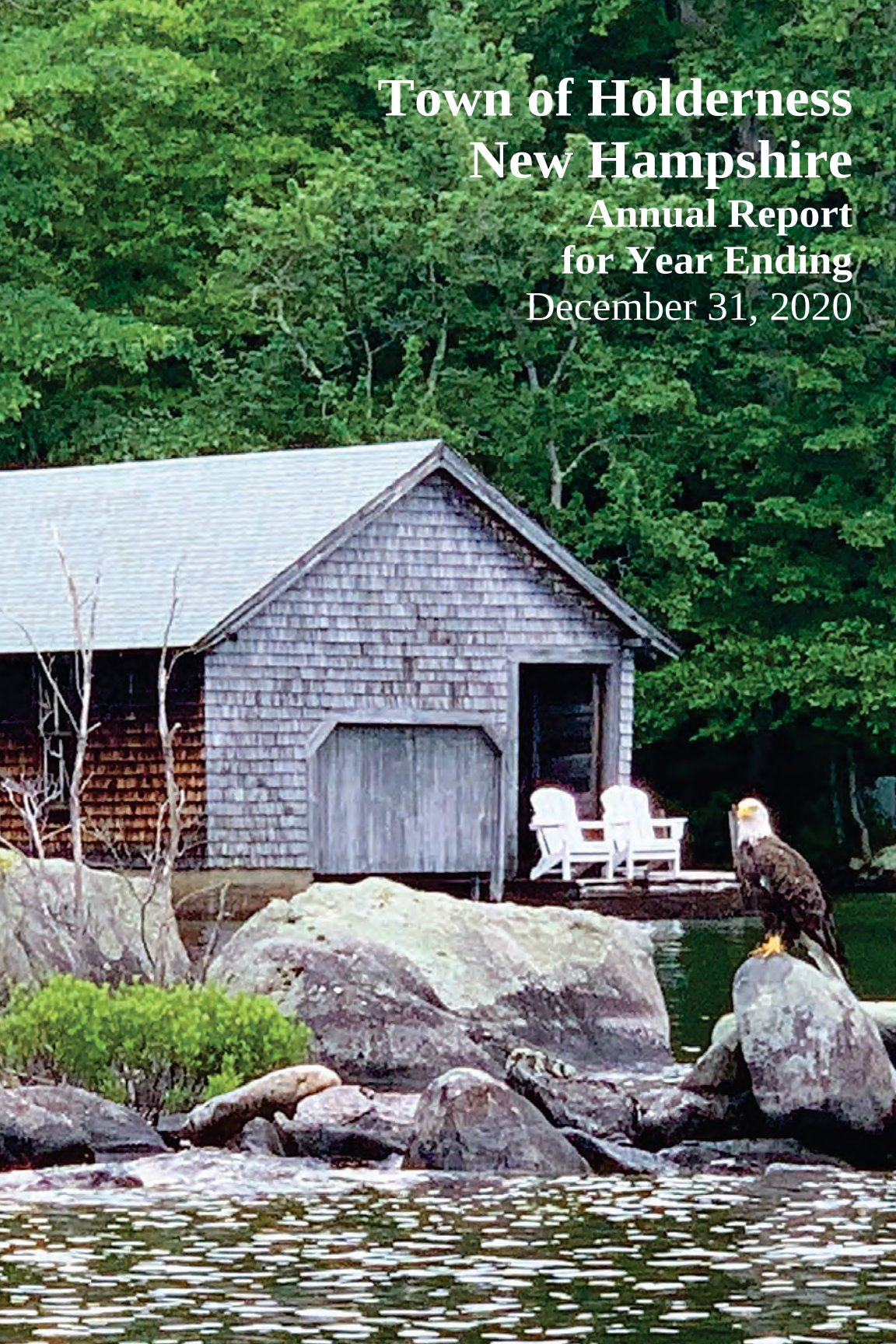
# Town of Holderness
# New Hampshire
## Annual Report
## for Year Ending
December 31, 2020



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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

OFFICERS

within the

TOWN

of

HOLDERNESS

New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2020

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## DEDICATION



You could not write a more perfect story than the one behind the dedication of the 2021 Town Report. The headline might read "Holderness Native serves the Community with Distinction for 25 years!" Given the length and breadth of a career rarely seen in today's employment landscape, there really is no headline that would capture the quality of character, commitment and professionalism shown by this year's honoree, Jeremiah "Jake" Patridge.

A lifelong resident of Holderness, Jake began his employment with the Town in May 1995 as a part-time Police Officer. He became a full-time officer in August 1995 and was promoted to Corporal in July 1998. Given his outstanding level of service and commitment to the Department, he was appointed Deputy Chief in May 2003 and promoted to Chief in July of that same year. At the time, Jake was the youngest Police Chief in the State of New Hampshire. He served in that capacity until his retirement in August 2020. The entirety of his career, spanning more than twenty-five years has all been spent in service to the Town of Holderness!

If you know Jake, you could easily understand how he accomplished such an impressive feat. For Jake, it was always about Holderness and providing the highest level of commitment and service to his hometown. This is evident when reading the many letters received by the Police Department commending Jake for helping out anyone in need of assistance, always going beyond the call of duty to take care of others.

As Chief, Jake was instrumental in improving conditions at two of our most well-known, but challenging locations from a safety standpoint, the Rattlesnake Trailhead and Livermore Falls. In both cases, he helped build community support and worked with local and State Officials to provide the necessary improvements for both areas enhancing their value to the community.

Jake also took the time to properly educate his officers on the value of "community" policing. Each member of the Department was taught to be part of a team that cared for "their" community. His efforts were recognized by residents and visitors alike who often sent notes to the department commenting on the excellent service they received from Holderness Police Officers. The quality of the training the Officers received and the commitment of Chief Patridge to the men and women of the Holderness Police department was evidenced by the low turnover in our small department surrounded by larger communities constantly in need of Police Officers.

## DEDICATION (continued)

Perhaps his greatest contribution in that regard was to provide the necessary training and experience to his successor, Lieutenant, Erik DiFilippe, a fifteen-year veteran of the Holderness Police Department who was promoted to Chief upon Jake's retirement from the force.

Jake was also actively involved as an ambassador for the Department outside of Holderness. He developed strong working relationships with other area departments and served on a number of hiring boards for other communities. In addition, he would often speak to classes at Plymouth State University about law enforcement. He was also well respected by his fellow employees within the Town and would often lend support and advice to help them solve difficult problems.

Jake has given so much to our community through the years and there are no words that could adequately express our appreciation for all he has given to our Town … his Town. We will be forever in his debt and wish him great success in the years ahead.

Thank you, Chief!!!








## MEETING SCHEDULES

**Select Board** – Meetings are held every other Monday at 5:00 P.M. downstairs in the Town Hall. The board reviews/discusses correspondence and signs necessary documents, accounts payable and payroll, and then moves upstairs at 5:30 P.M.

**Budget Committee** – Meets in August and again in late October through February. Dates and times may vary, please look for meeting notices during this time.

**Conservation Commission** – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 P.M. in the downstairs conference room at the Town Hall. (*This commission typically does not meet for the months of July, August and January*.)

**Energy Committee** – Meets at 3:30 P.M. on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

**Holderness Central School Board** - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:15 P.M. in the Holderness Central School Library, unless otherwise posted.

**Library Trustees** – Meets once monthly; days of the month and time vary. Look for postings at Town Hall, the Post Office or the Library.

**Planning Board** – Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall. Applications submitted to this board are due 28 days before the meeting date.

**Recreation Board** – Meets once a month on a Monday night at 5:30 P.M. The Monday night may vary, please look for posted agenda.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:15 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall, as needed. Applications submitted to this Board are due 28 days before the meeting date.

* *Meeting dates and times are subject to change; please visit our website at www.holderness-nh.gov for updated notices.*

# TOWN OFFICERS

***ADMININSTRATIVE ASSISTANT***
Amy Sharpe

***ASSESSORS' AGENT***
Corcoran Consulting Associates, LLC
Marybeth Walker

***BUDGET COMMITTEE***

| | |
|---|---|
| Kenneth Evans, Chr. | 2022 |
| Kevin Barrett | 2021 |
| Todd Elgin | 2022 |
| Robert Maloney | 2021 |
| Dayna Titus | 2021 |
| Kelly Schwaner, SBL, Alt. | 2022 |
| Jill White, SBL | 2023 |

***COMPLIANCE OFFICER***
Eleanor Mardin

***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

| | |
|---|---|
| Larry Spencer, Chr. | 2021 |
| Anne Packard. V.Chr | 2020 |
| Shelagh Connelly | 2022 |
| Brian Gagnon | 2022 |
| Benoni Amsden | 2021 |
| Bill Nesheim | 2023 |
| April Sargent ALT | 2023 |
| Woodie Laverack, SBL | 2021 |

***DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS***
Kevin Coburn, Hwy Agent
Dennis Hughes
Cody Maynard
Dean Melanson

***EMERGENCY MAN. SERVICES***
Walter Johnson, Director

***ENERGY COMMITTEE***
Michael Capone
Larry Spencer
Tom Stepp
Ted Vansant
Sam Brickley, SBL

***FINANCE OFFICER***
Amy Sharpe

***FIRE CHIEF / WARDEN***
Eleanor Mardin

***FIRE WARDS***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Earl Hansen | 2022 |
| **Randall Eastman | 2021 |
| **David Dupuis | 2023 |

***HEALTH OFFICER***
Michael Capone

***HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Carolyn Mello, Chr. | 2021 |
| **Kristina Casey | 2022 |
| **Joanna Pearce | 2022 |
| **Meridith Mitchell | 2021 |
| **Wendy Mersch | 2023 |

***HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL CLERK***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Sara Weinberg | 2022 |

***HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MODERATOR***
**TBD

***HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL TREASURER***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Kathleen Whittemore | 2023 |

***LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION***
Robert Snelling

***LANDUSE BOARDS ASSISTANT***
Nancy Decoteau

***LIBRARIAN***
Adam Di Filippe

***LIBRARY TRUSTEES***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Andrew Herring, Chr. | 2022 |
| **Betsy Whitmore, V Chr. | 2022 |
| **Larry Spencer | 2023 |
| **Victor Currier | 2021 |
| **Thomas "Ted" Vansant | 2021 |
| Samuel Brickley, SBL | 2022 |
| Peter Francesco, SBL, Alt. | 2023 |

***MODERATOR***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Daniel Rossner | 2021 |

***OVERSEER OF WELFARE***
Krystal Alpers

***PATRIOTIC PURPOSES***
Malcolm "Tink" Taylor

***PLANNING BOARD***

| | |
|---|---|
| Robert Snelling, Chr. | 2021 |
| Angi Francesco, V.Chr. | 2023 |
| Donna Bunnell, Sec. | 2023 |
| Ronald Huntoon | 2022 |
| Louis Pare | 2022 |
| Carl Lehner | 2022 |
| Peter Francesco, SBL | 2023 |
| Janet Cocchiaro, Alt | 2022 |

***POLICE DEPARTMENT***
Chief: Jeremiah Patridge(resigned)
Chief: Erik F. DiFilippe
Lieutenant: Brianna Gerrier
Sergeant: Michael Grier
Patrol Officer/SRO: Michael Barney
Patrol Officer: Andrew Strickland
Admin Assistant: Alice O'Connor

***RECREATION BOARD***

| | |
|---|---|
| Thomas Stepp, Chr. | 2021 |
| Adar Fejes | 2022 |
| Nathaniel Fuller | 2022 |
| Amanda Bussolari | 2023 |
| Jennifer Evans | 2023 |
| Janis Messier | 2023 |
| George Sutcliffe | 2023 |
| John Laverack Jr., SBL | 2021 |

***RECREATION DEPTARTMENT***
Wendy Werner, Director

***SELECT BOARD***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Jill White, Chr. | 2023 |
| **John W. Laverack, V.Chr. | 2021 |
| **Samuel Brickley | 2022 |
| **Kelly Schwaner | 2022 |
| **Peter Francesco | 2023 |

***SUPERVISORS of the CHECKLIST***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Alicia Abbott | 2024 |
| **Edith Jaconsky-Hamersma | 2022 |
| **Frances K. Hanson | 2026 |

***TAX COLLECTOR***
Ellen King
Amanda Bussolari, Deputy

***TOWN ADMINISTRATOR***
Michael Capone

***TOWN ATTORNEY***
Drummond Woodrum

***TOWN AUDITORS***
Melanson

***TOWN CLERK***
** Ellen King
Amanda Bussolari, Deputy

***TOWN TREASURER***
Todd Elgin

***TRUSTEES of TRUST FUNDS***

| | |
|---|---|
| **Brinton Woodward | 2022 |
| ****Bonnie Hunt | 2021 |
| **Kelly Luethje | 2023 |

***ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT***

| | |
|---|---|
| Robert Maloney, Chr. | 2022 |
| Judith Ruhm | 2022 |
| Kristen Fuller | 2023 |
| Roderick "Eric" MacLeish | 2023 |
| William Zurhellen | 2023 |

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|---|---|
| * | *"until another person shall be chosen and qualified."* |
| ** | *Elected Officials* |
| *SBL* | *Select Board Liaison* |

# FUND BALANCE POLICY

***PREFACE***

The Town of Holderness ("Town") through its Board of Selectmen establishes and will maintain reservation of Fund Balance, as defined herein, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This policy shall only apply to the Town's governmental funds. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance shall be composed of non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts.

***PURPOSE***

The purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the Town by setting guidelines for fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the Town maintain adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risks that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, emergencies, and similar circumstances. The fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the Town's general operations.

***DEFINITIONS***

1. **Non-Spendable Fund Balance** – includes amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact (such as principal of an endowment fund).
2. **Restricted Fund Balance** – includes amounts that can only be spent for the specific purpose stipulated by external resource providers (such as grantors) or enabling legislation (Town Meeting vote). Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers or enabling legislation.
3. **Committed Fund Balance** – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town's highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. The action must be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in a subsequent period.

4. **Assigned Fund Balance** – includes amounts the Town intends to use for a specific purpose. For all governmental funds other than the General Fund, any remaining positive amounts are to be classified as "assigned". Items that fall under this classification for the General Fund would be encumbrances properly approved by contract, purchase order, or other such action as required.
5. **Unassigned Fund Balance** – includes amounts that are not obligated or specifically designated and is available for any purpose. The residual classification of any General Fund balance is to be reported here. Any deficit balance of another fund is also classified as unassigned.

***SPENDING PRIORITIZATIONS***

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first. When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, committed amounts should be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and the unassigned amounts.

***MINIMUM LEVEL OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE***

The Town will strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance in its General Fund equal to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) recommended guidelines of the total appropriations of the community (which includes Town, School and County). The Board of Selectmen will review this information each year in order to determine the amount, if any, of unassigned fund balance to use to balance the budget and to reduce the property tax rate.

***ANNUAL REVIEW***

Compliance with the provisions of this policy should be reviewed as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Date of Adoption: February 11, 2013 Revised: February 1, 2021

Holderness Select Board:

Jill White, Chair John Laverack, Vice Chair
Samuel Brickley, Member Peter Francesco, Member
Kelly Schwaner, Member

## *MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES*

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

"These are the times that try men's souls." Thomas Paine, The American Crisis, 1776.

In a year like no other, your Town employees would like to thank you, the residents of Holderness, for your patience and unwavering support. We have asked a lot of ourselves and others as we worked through each challenge put before us in 2020 and in this observer's humble opinion, demonstrated why Holderness remains the gold standard for small town New Hampshire.

Rather than dwell on the negatives, we chose, with your help and support, to focus on the positives. We discussed and planned how best to provide a high level of service without endangering the health and safety of residents and employees. We had to make a number of changes to operations throughout the year and, while satisfied with the results to date, will continue to refine operations as we work our way through this challenging time. We very much appreciate your patience and understanding through it all.

We welcomed Amanda Bussolari to the Town Office as our new part time Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector. We also welcomed back, Nancy Decoteau to the position of Land Use Assistant. She stepped back into that position as Linda Levy moved on to a new chapter in her life. We would like to thank Linda for her dedicated service, energy and professionalism. We would also like to thank Amy, Wendy and Ellen, for redoubling their efforts this year to keep things running smoothly at the Town Office.

There is still more to be done to overcome the challenges before us in the coming months. The staff here at the Town office and all of your Town employees will continue to do all we can to maintain the level of service, that you have come to expect and rightly deserve, in 2021. We like to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions, suggestions or comments.

We thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe, healthy and more hopeful 2021. Take care of each other and together Holderness will get through this.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Capone, Town Administrator

# SELECT BOARD REPORT

2020 was certainly a challenging year for our Town. Our mettle was tested as we found ourselves constantly having to shift priorities due to unforeseen and unprecedented events. We are happy to report, that, in spite of it all, with the help and support of both our Town Employees and all of you, we were able to carry on the business of governing the Town with minimal impacts to operations.

We were fortunate in that we were able to conclude our Town Meeting prior to having to modify operations in response to the pandemic. The Town operating budget was adopted as proposed and a number of capital expenditures were authorized by the voters.

The onset of the pandemic required that we conduct meetings remotely with guidance provided by the Governor and the Legislature. This has worked quite well as we have all become more proficient in the use of the various online meeting software platforms. In addition to helping to keep us all safe, it has had the added benefit of allowing meetings to be conducted regardless of weather or the distance between participants.

The Board worked with both State and Federal Authorities to make the best use of the emergency funding made available through various relief legislation. The funds were utilized to make safety improvements to Town buildings and provide stipends to front line emergency responders.

The spirit of cooperation and working together that characterizes our community was no more evident than during the primary and general elections held in the fall. Our partners at SAU 48 and the Holderness Central School could not have been more accommodating with the generous use of their facilities and staff to provide a safe and secure location for this important undertaking. A big Thank You to you all for your assistance! We couldn't have done it without you!

Despite all of the distractions created by the public health emergency there was still work to be done. As is the case every year, the Board continued to review contracts and agreements in place to see if there could be any cost savings recognized. Once again, were able to enter into a fixed price agreement of our oil and propane purchases for the winter heating season. We also signed an extension of our Solid Waste Agreement with Waste Management in an effort to mitigate the impact of increasing disposal fees. In addition, we were able to obtain competitive pricing from a new vendor for our short term/long term disability and life insurance rates that offset an unplanned increase from our existing provider.

Other undertakings of note include a retrofit of the existing lighting at the Town Office to LED fixtures that was offset by a 50% rebate of all materials and labor from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative.

We expect the changeover to LED lighting will decrease operating expenses. We are also looking at upgrades to the lighting at the Fire Station as well as the streetlights in Town which we anticipate will lead to additional cost savings.

Other projects completed this year included the replacement of failed furnaces at both the Highway Garage and the Public Safety building. Both of these defective units were replaced with more efficient models using funds in existing Capital Reserve accounts.

The Board also participated, along with all of the Town Departments, in an update of our existing Hazard Mitigation Plan, an operational document Towns need on file in order to obtain disaster funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The final draft of this document will be available in the spring for review and adoption by the Board.

The Board has also undertaken a full review of our existing personnel handbook to update and revise as needed. It was last updated in 2015. The Board anticipates this task will be completed by February of 2021.

The Board will also be working with our Assessing Contractor, Corcoran Consulting Associates Inc. to complete a statistical update of property values. This is necessary to keep property values in line with current market rates in order to ensure fair and equitable values for all. We anticipate the agreement will be signed this spring and the actual update will occur in July or August of 2021.

The Board is also continuing to monitor activity with regard to possible changes to the State School Funding formula. While still in its early stages, among the items under consideration would be a change to the funding formula that would require communities that raise more in education funding than the State Formula says they need to return the excess money to the State for redistribution to communities that have insufficient funds raised for education.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank our Town Employees for all of their hard work and dedication during a difficult year. They never wavered in their efforts to provide the highest level of service possible under the most trying of circumstances. The same can be said of the many volunteers serving on Boards and Committees who did not miss a beat. We thank you so very much for your commitment to our community.

And finally, to the residents of Holderness, we say thank you for your help and support. It inspires us every day! We see better days ahead in 2021 and wish you all health and good fortune.

The Holderness Select Board

## COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance this year include changes to Section 400.6.4 General Provisions for Signs to address the illumination of signs and to add Section 400.25: Solar Collection Systems.

The Zoning Board hears proposals for all changes to a homeowner's property that do not comply with the Holderness Town Ordinances. For example, perhaps you want to put an addition on your home that does not comply with setbacks, or you need a new septic or well and the only place to put it is too close to the property line. For cases like that, you need to complete the Zoning Board of Adjustment application found at https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/zbaapplication_1.9.19_1.pdf.

The Planning Board hears proposals for subdivisions, boundary line adjustments, lot mergers, and site plan reviews for commercial property, schools/colleges/universities, condo associations, motels, etc. The application for those proposals can be found at https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/pb_application_form_edited_4.19_0.pdf.

Seventy-eight Building Permits were approved in 2020. Nine of those permits were for the construction of new homes.

2020 was a unique year given the effect Covid-19 had on how we do our jobs. I want to thank the community for working with us as we moved toward doing more on-line submission of applications and communication rather than in-person. Holderness has always been a great community to work for and that continues to be true!

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Mardin, Compliance Officer

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Holderness Conservation Commission is made up of community volunteers that are committed to environmental protections, and oversight responsibility for properties under conservation easements in our town. As such, Commission members complied with their duties to monitor easement properties and document compliance with all site conditions in the six properties we inspect annually.

The natural resource inventories of the Howe Town Forest and the Pilote Forest have been completed by FB Environmental of Portsmouth/Portland. Part of the contract also required them to make both an oral presentation on their work and to do a guided tour of the properties for town residents but because of the coronavirus pandemic these two items have been postponed. We hope to schedule these activities sometime this spring or coming summer. To obtain a copy of either report, feel free to contact the chair and he can send you a digital copy.

The commission is continuing to develop partnerships in conjunction with the Plymouth Conservation Commission and the White Mountain Trail Collective to protect the area south of Holderness Road that contains the ox bow cut off when the Pemigewasset changed its flow pattern in the late 1800s. At this time although there are a lot of activities in the area (mountain biking, hiking, dog walking, bird watching, and snowmobiling) there is no uniform management plan for the area. Working in conjunction with the two aforementioned groups a $400,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant was submitted to the NH State office that evaluates LWCF proposals. We should know by spring whether the grant was obtained and if obtained the money becomes available on the 1st of July. The LWCF program is a matching program and of the $200,000 match, the commission will be using $110,000 from existing funds in the Conservation Fund to reach part of that match. Four properties will be purchased by the grant funds, one in Plymouth, one in Holderness and two in Ashland. Holderness school will provide a conservation easement on the property they own and a ¼ acre plot will be given to the conservation commission for additional parking adjacent to the Pemi Riverside Park property by Ben McLane of Neville Point Land Services, LLC. The Plymouth Conservation Commission is working with the Plymouth Athletic Club with respect to the property that contains the large ponds in the middle of the oxbow area. If we get the grant, there will be an advisory management committee that will formulate and put into effect holistic policies that reconciles human usage to environmental values of the area.

Three years ago, a natural resource inventory was completed for the bog property adjacent to Smith/Sargent Road. One of the suggested directions for the property was to provide greater viewing access to the property. The commission hopes that in the coming year to add a small parking lot on Sargent Road with a short trail to the edge of

the bogs to facilitate observation of the central region of the bog. A digital version of the NRI report can also be obtained by contacting the chair.

The Commission is pleased to see increased use of the trail systems on the Howe Town Forest, the Pilote Forest and the Pemi Riverside Park particularly now that the coronavirus has hit NH. We have received many positive comments on the trails and hope that the community will continue to visit all properties both summer and winter. Sign boards have been put up at the trail heads of all properties. Please carry in and carry out and if you have a pet, pick up materials produced by your pet. We thank the Squam Lakes Association for their assistance in helping the commission to maintain the trail systems.

This past fall, the commission adopted as one of their tasks the identification of locations of Japanese Knot Weed, an invasive species found adjacent to both town and state roads. Observed locations were added to a GIS constructed map of the town. We are lucky in that there are not many occurrences on town roads. Unfortunately, there are large clumps of the weed at the town transfer station. The commission is planning to apply a non-chemical process to a subsample of that location to eradicate some of the clumps this coming year. If that works, we will work on eradicating all of the knotweed at the transfer station. More information on best management practices can be found at: https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/japanese-knotweed-bmps.pdf.

Members of the commission continue to work with the Friends of the Pemi River: Livermore Falls. The NH State Parks has done a great job on the Holderness side of the river property and after decisions and policies were put into place at the state level for the virus, state employees were deployed on the Holderness side. Due to the hot dry weather, many folks enjoyed the amenities of the park. New signs identifying both natural and historical features of the area were erected. Work on the Plymouth/Campton side has not proceeded as smoothly.

The Commission appreciates the past assistance of the Land Use Assistant, Linda Levy and looks forward to working with Nancy Decoteau who has returned to the Holderness Town Office to take over the position from Linda. Many thanks to Jacquie Jewell who left the commission last fall for her many years as a commissioner.

Submitted on behalf of the Holderness Conservation Commission,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Larry Spencer, Chair | Anne Packard | Ben Amsden |
| Shelagh Connelly | Brian Gagnon | Bill Nesheim |
| April Sargent, Alt | John W. Laverack, Jr., Select Board Rep | |

## ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT

The long-term goal of the Holderness Energy Committee is to have the municipality of the Town of Holderness be energy sustainable; that is, produce enough energy from low $CO_2$ producing sources to cover the total energy usage. With the help of present and past Town Administrators, we believe we have reduced the use of energy via replacement of lighting, insulation of buildings, finding energy leaks in Town buildings, etc., to a fairly low level. Our next goal relates to having the town invest in energy producing systems, like solar, wind, and geothermal. The committee has suggested green systems; so far, the payback seemed to be too long for the Town to invest Town funds in those projects. As installation and maintenance costs fall, we will continue to research and offer the Town options.

Although it has not been a major goal, the Committee hopes that the work we have done on Town structures will be a model for our Town's residents. Most of the committee members have not only installed solar on their own properties, but have also worked to reduce their own personal energy usage. Members of the committee are modeling by actual practice.

The Committee typically meets quarterly, but with the impact of the COVID-19 virus, we have not been meeting. With the assistance given by the Town Administrator, we do monitor the Town's energy usage and provide feedback to the Administrator and the Select Board on that usage. We do appreciate support in the form of budgetary assistance the Town has provided toward energy sustainability. This year due to the actions of the Town Administrator, the lighting in the town hall has been retrofitted to LED lighting. The town has already received our 50% rebate from NHEC. Most of the lights at the PD have already been retrofit. Our next projects will be the Fire Department and then the balance of the streetlights in Town as only 6 of the 30 we pay for have been upgraded. Also signed was purchase agreements for the 2021 heating season with pricing that will save us around $1000 over last year based on the same usage.

On behalf of the Energy Committee,

Larry Spencer, Chair
Tom Stepp
Ted Vansant
Michael Capone
Samuel Brickley

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2020 has been a very challenging year. Due to Covid-19 and due to having an increase in the number of people declaring residency in Holderness, we have been very busy.

The FD had two outstanding rescues this year.

On April 7th most of our members were at a brush fire in Plymouth when we received an unknown type call on White Oak Pond. Captain Jon Abear was leaving work in Meredith and was the first member on the scene. Jon commandeered a boat from a fisherman who had just pulled into the beach. Donning a life jacket, he was able to find a woman who was clinging to an overturned kayak. She did not have a life jacket and the ice had just gone out two days before this call. The woman was hypothermic and was not able to move her limbs to help Jon get her in the boat. Somehow Jon was able to pull her into the boat without flipping it over or losing his grip on the woman. By the time the rest of us left Plymouth and arrived on the scene, Jon was on his way back to shore. The woman warmed up in the back of the ambulance. Marine Patrol issued her a citation for not having a flotation device.

On November 22nd we were called to a CPR in-progress call on the hiking trails at the Holderness School. As personnel from Plymouth and Holderness arrived and established a staging area, crews then carried necessary medical equipment into the woods following a GPS location given to us by 911. The HFD 4-wheeler was sent onto the trail system to extract the patient and personnel from the woods. Our team included two paramedics. The first initial CPR was started by a nurse that was already on the scene. Due to a tremendous group effort, the patient was revived after transport to SMH, where he was later flown to CMC. At last report he was in recovery. Normally CPR cases like this do not have a positive outcome. We were fortunate to have the right personnel on site at the right time.
They included members from:

Holderness Fire Department:

Chief Eleanor Mardin
Deputy Scott Fields
Captains Jim Chapin & Jon Abear
Fire fighter EMT: Todd Randlett & Jimmy Wieliczko

Plymouth Fire Department:

Captain Ben Thibault & Firefighter AEMT Tyler Clark

Holderness Police Department:
Chief Erik DiFilippe
Andrew Strickland

This year we also received a FEMA grant for $146,000. The grant was used to purchase 15 new air packs, 30 SCBA bottles and 15 SCBA masks. We were also able to purchase a new breathing air compressor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Mardin, Holderness Fire Chief

## HOLDERNESS FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS:

**CHIEF**
Eleanor Mardin

**DEPUTY CHIEF**
Randy Eastman
Scott Fields

**CAPTAINS**
Jeremy Bonan
William Currier
Jim Chapin
Jon Abear

**HONORARY**
Richard Mardin
Dave Dupuis
Gary Mack

**SAFETY**
Earl Hansen

**ENGINEER**
Richard Currier

**FIREFIGHTER/EMT**
Amelia Currier
Todd Randlett
Tyler Driscoll
Kevin Rodgers
Jimmy Wieliczko
Abby Blake

**FIREFIGHTERS**
Walter Johnson
Trevor Randlett
Trevor Solomon
Jim Wieliczko
Tristan Solomon
Ron Saulnier
Jamison Brandin

## FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS for 2020

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| 155 | Medical | 9 | Rescue |
| 13 | Motor Vehicle Crashes | 1 | Vehicle Fires |
| 49 | Mutual Aid | 3 | Structure Fires |
| 5 | Chimney Fires | 8 | Outside Fires |
| 59 | Alarm Activations | 4 | Smoke Investigations |
| 20 | Power Lines | 2 | Fuel Spills |
| 0 | HAZ MAT | 14 | Service Calls |
| 12 | Good Intent Calls | 1 | Flood |

**355 TOTAL CALLS**



*Structure Fire at Holderness School*

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

***REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES***

The 2020 summer and fall were very dry, but as dry as those times were, HFD had very few outside fire calls. Most of our outside fire calls were mutual aid to other towns.

Holderness has been using the on-line fire permit for the last two years. This year we were primarily all on-line. We encourage our residents to use the web site for future on-line permits (www.nhdflweb.sovsportnet.net). The Town still issues paper permits, which can be picked up at the Fire Department or the Town Hall.

Due to Covid-19 the State Forestry Department did not send any New Hampshire crews to help fight the western fires. Firefighter Kevin Rogers spent the summer on the Lewis and Clark Hotshot crew and was on numerous fires throughout the 2020 season. Kevin will be spending next year in Northern California with the Lassen Hotshots.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Mardin
Forest Fire Warden



## HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY – DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I want to thank all of our patrons, staff, and the community as a whole. It goes without saying that this has been a trying year for all of us. I've been juggling safeguarding the staff, keeping the library accessible to as many people in as many ways as possible, planning and implementing new programming (mostly digital), going about my usual duties, and all the while preparing for an uncertain future. I want to note the support of our remarkable community. It has not and will not go unnoticed. And the staff and I are immensely appreciative of it.

It has been a bountiful year for programming at our library. We've hosted Chair Yoga, Bridge, Stitch & Chat, Dungeons & Dragons, home schoolers, art clubs, climate activists, spiritual groups, book groups, story times, Home Work Group, the Holderness PTA, Zoom talks on a variety of subjects, and more. We've also expanded our online and remote services: curbside pick-ups, remote printing, Inter-library loans (ILLs), homework and research databases, technology help, and audio and e-books.

Susan Seeley, our Youth Services Librarian, has evolved her Story Times to the Covid-19 climate, moving them online and uploading them to our website, along with compiling "Story Time To-Go Kits" for families to pick up via curbside services. Jeanne Perkins continues to be a wealth of institutional knowledge. And our new Inter-Library Loan Assistant, Rachel Grotheer, has joined our team with a wide range of ideas that we hope to see implemented in the coming years. My next large-scale project will be working with the NH State Library to digitize our local history files. As they are re-recorded, they will be made freely accessible to the public.

The Friends of the Library continued their support. Our new President Kathy Weymouth has brought a renewal of positive energy and programming to our library. The Friends have supported a brick walkway from the main entrance of the library to our deck. They have helped to populate our Library of Things with classic and contemporary board games for family nights. And most recently they sponsored "Our Giving Tree" (free books to be given as holiday presents) and supported local businesses by purchasing gift certificates that went to our community members. The Friends of the Holderness Free Library usually meet once a month on the last Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us better our library and community.

**Some of our stats in 2020:**

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| Items in our collection: | 11,665 |
| Registered borrowers: | 1,452 |
| Items added: | 1,411 |
| Items discarded: | 1,505 |
| Items borrowed: | 8,735 |
| Number of programs: | 1,136 |
| Attendance for programs: | 4,489 |
| Reference questions answered: | 4,399 |
| Public computer uses: | 972 |
| Inter-library loans completed: | 1,487 |

**Library Hours:**

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| Monday | 9:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Tuesday | 9:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 9:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Thursday | Closed |
| Friday | 9:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Saturday | 9:00 – 2:00 PM |
| Sunday | Closed |

Programming and events may take place outside of regular operating hours. And, of course, digitally.

For more information, we may be called at (603) 968-7066, via email at holdernessfree@gmail.com, and via our website: holdernessfreelibrary.org.

If there is any way we can help better educate, or contribute to our community, please let us know; our doors are (as of the moment, metaphorically) open to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Di Filippe
Library Director



## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, the Holderness Free Library continues to serve -- in-person, curbside, and virtually -- the Town of Holderness as a safe and welcoming space for learning, conversation, and community engagement.

While the Holderness Free Library is best experienced in person, the staff ensured that library services could be engaged in a variety of ways and acted with incredible thought and concern to ensure that residents were able to access materials consistent with public health best practices. A brief closure allowed for deep cleanings and careful planning for staggered reopening. A curbside library became a welcomed resource as was the ability to allow for safe, in-person patronage, however brief that privilege lasted. Social distancing, masking, and frequent hand sanitization became standard practice as folks were able to select books on sourdough starters or the history of infectious diseases.

Riding the wave of increased use of technology during the pandemic, the Holderness Free Library was able to host events via Zoom. Sid Lovett's Who's Who was a well-received two-part oral history of Holderness that kicked off "Thursday Night Talks" that showcases the contributions of local residents.

The Holderness Free Library seeks to deliver enriching and meaningful programming -- in-person or virtually -- for residents of every age and ability. To learn more about programs, please visit www.holdernessfreelibrary.org. And, for updates, be sure to follow Holderness Free Library on Facebook and Instagram.

The Library Trustees owe a debt of gratitude to the library staff and residents of Holderness for their patience, flexibility, and understanding throughout this year. While 2020 presented a host of significant challenges, this community remained optimistic and supportive in the library's desire to serve the town in new and different ways. Credit and deep appreciation must also be given to the Friends of the Library, the dedicated and caring group of volunteers, who were quick to lend their generosity, creativity, and moral support to inspire events and activities in the face of our current reality.

We look forward to seeing you safely and in person soon.

With our deep appreciation,

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| Andrew Herring, Chair | Betsy Whitmore, Secretary |
| Vic Currier, Treasurer | Larry Spencer |
| Ted Vansant | Lisa Lovett, Alternate |

**Corrected minutes: 01/06/2021**

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
## MARCH 10 AND MARCH 11, 2020

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 10 and 11, 2020 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the Holderness Hall, Moderator Daniel Rossner declared the polls opened.

At 7:00 p.m. Moderator Rossner declared the polls closed ant the ballots were counted

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Holderness Central School, the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Rossner asked the veterans at the meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for the residents who passed away in 2019, as he read their names aloud. Moderator Rossner noted the dedication of the 2019 Town Report to Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. The voters recognized Malcolm "Tink" Taylor with a round of applause. Moderator Rossner announced the Pemi-Baker District results. The Moderator Rossner announced the results of Article 1, the ballot vote for Town Officers. The Moderator Rossner declared Article 2, (To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of Keno games within the Town) was defeated. Moderator Rossner announced that Maurice Lafreniere received the most write-in votes for Trustee of Trust Funds. The Moderator Rossner declared Article 3, the Zoning Amendments all passed. Moderator Rossner asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the Warrant in its entirety. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Nancy Ruhm.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

**Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)**

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| Peter S. Francesco | 192 |
| Jill M White | 194 |
| Write in: | |
| Barbara Currier | 1 |
| Peter Desloge | 1 |

**Town Clerk for 3 Year: (Vote for One)**

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| Ellen King | 215 |
| Write in | |
| Sara Hixon | l |

**Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for One)**

Write in:

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| Maurice Lafreniere | 5 | Ellen King | 1 |
| Jill White | 3 | Morgan Steppe | 1 |
| Sam Laverack | 2 | Robert Melanson | l |
| Larry Spencer | 3 | Robert Tuveson | 1 |
| Dan Rossner | 2 | Peter Webster | 1 |
| Angie Francesco | 1 | Nancy Barrett | 1 |
| Bruce Whitmore | 1 | Michael O'Leary | 1 |
| Joe Casey | 1 | Rich Cocchiaro | 1 |
| Kurt Magnus | 1 | Eric McLeish | 1 |

**Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 Years: (Vote for One)**

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| Kay Hanson | 216 |

**Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for One)**

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| Alan F. Mather | 86 | Larry Spencer | 109 |

Write in:

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| Lisa Lovett | 3 |

**Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for One)**

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| David Dupuis | 206 |
| Write in: | |
| William Currier | l |

**Article 2: By Petition** – To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of Keno games within the Town.

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| Yes | 96 | No | 117 |

**Article 3:** 2020 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes: To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amendment No. 1: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Technical, clarifying, and other non-substantive changes throughout the Zoning Ordinance, including changes in terminology and corresponding definitions for internal consistency (roads, Select Board, etc.), correction of typographical and similar errors, slight adjustment in language to clarify but not alter the meaning of a provision, and deleting obsolete references, definitions and language?"**

Yes 201 No 16

**Amendment No. 2: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 300.4.6 (Floodplain Development) to update and comply with current requirements for FEMA special flood hazard areas and Flood Insurance Rate Map for Holderness, amend requirements for building permits, water supply, sanitary sewage and on-site waste disposal systems, and structural requirements within such areas, and also to clarify and reorganize existing provisions?"**

Yes 202 No 16

**Amendment No. 3: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 300.4.4 to rename the Pemigewasset River Corridor Overlay District, clarify and reorganize provisions and amend frontage requirements?"**

Yes 181 No 30

**Amendment No. 4: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 300.4.5 to rename the Holderness Flood Hazard District, clarify and reorganize provisions, and amend uses permitted by special exception within said district?"**

Yes 184 No 28

**Amendment No. 5: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.3 to prohibit certain accumulations of material within the General Residential, Rural Residential and Commercial Village Districts and to clarify when junkyard permits are required?"**

Yes 19 No 24

**Amendment No. 6: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.6 (signs) to clarify and reorganize sign regulations, change the time during which illuminated signs may be lit, revise sign regulation to remove references to sign content, and add a provision permitting substitution of any non-commercial copy in lieu of other commercial or non-commercial copy on an approved sign?"**

Yes 176 No 34

**Amendment No. 7: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.13 (condominium conversions) to clarify various provisions and add a variance requirement for certain condominium conversions?"**

Yes 161 No 24

**Amendment No. 8: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.23 (small wind energy systems) to clarify existing provisions and increase permitted rated capacity for systems in the Rural Residential District to 100kW?"**

Yes 159 No 23

**Amendment No. 9: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.24.6 to include shared hallway in maximum ADU square footage?"**

Yes 142 No 36

**Amendment No. 10: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 550 (lighting) to clarify and to remove restrictions on type of lighting allowed?"**

Yes 136 No 45

**Amendment No. 11: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 700 (nonconforming lots, uses and structures) for clarification and to provide that a change from seasonal to year-round use constitutes a substantial expansion or change of use of a nonconforming use or structure?"**

Yes 146 No 36

**Amendment No. 12: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 900 (special exceptions) for clarity and to provide that special exceptions are valid for 2 years from the date of final approval except as extended by the ZBA for good cause?"**

Yes 161 No 21

**Amendment No. 13: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 1300 (Multi Use Facilities/Property) to clarify the types of uses permitted on this property?"**

Yes 157 No 26

**Holderness Central School District Election Results**

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

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| Michael L Fischler | 96 | Wendy Mersch | 100 |

School District Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for One)

Write-in

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| Tink Taylor | 7 | Lisetta Silvestri | 6 |
| Daniel Rossner | 4 | Ross Deachman | 2 |
| Michael Fischler | 2 | Lassco | 1 |
| Bonni Acton | 1 | Maurice Lafreniere | 1 |
| Scott King | 1 | Kathy Whitemore | 1 |
| Wendy Mersch | 1 | Quentin Blaine | 1 |
| William Currier | 1 | Martha Richard | 1 |
| Morgan Stepp | 1 | | |

School District Treasurer for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

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| Kathleen S. Whittemore | 206 |

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Anne Hunnewell. No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Two Million Five Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars ($2,572,674) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Moved by Robert Tuveson and seconded by William Nesheim. No discussion.
A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($403,500) to be placed into the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

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| WHITE OAK POND DAM | $ 2,500 |
| FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES | $ 60,000 |
| ROAD RECONSTRUCTION | $150,000 |
| MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS | $ 30,000 |
| REVALUATION | $ 35,000 |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT | $ 5,000 |
| PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES | $ 51,000 |
| CONSERVATION | $ 5,000 |
| POLICE CRUISER | $ 26,000 |
| TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT | $ 2,000 |
| TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | $ 10,000 |
| EMPLOYEE POST BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST | $ 15,000 |
| NEW CABLE TV SERVICE EXPANSION | $ 12,000 |
| TOTAL | $403,500 |

Moved by John Jenkinson and seconded by Peg Winton.
Lisa Mure asked what is the Employee Post Expendable Trust?
Select Board member, Jill White explained this fund was recommended by the Town Auditors as Town employees retire certain benefits are due to be paid to them upon the time of their departure. The Select Board don't anticipate contributing to this fund next year and will reevaluate in the future.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars ($392,160) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from Capital Reserve Funds as noted: No additional funds will be raised through taxation.

Road Reconstruction: $225,660 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)
Repair and Repave the Parking area at the Public Safety Building: $60,000 (from Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund)
Install Storm Windows in the Original section of the Library: $5,000 (from the Library building Capital Reserve Fund)
Revaluation (Cycle Inspections): $25,000 (from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund)
Town IT Equipment: $1,500 Add Fire Department Computer to the Public Safety Computer Network (from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund)
Abatement Defense: $20,000 for legal defense of Abatements in Superior Court (from Abatement Defense Fund Capital Reserve)
Employee Post Employment Benefit Trust: $55,000 payout of Benefit to Retiring Employees (from the Post Employment Benefit Capital Reserve.

Moved by Bonnie Hunt and seconded by Peg Winton. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Sixteen Thousand Dollars ($116,000) for the purpose of purchasing a compressor and ten self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's). One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($110,200) to come from the assistance to firefighters grant and Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($5,800) to come from the Grant Application Capital Reserve Account. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. No amount shall be expended unless the grant funds are secured.

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Walter Johnson. Moderator Rossner asked a motion for Fire Chief Mardin to speak on the article. Moved and then seconded by Walter Johnson.

Fire Chief Eleanor Mardin moved to amend the Article to read**, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars ($159,000) for the purpose of purchasing a compressor and fifteen self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's). One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars ($151,365) to come from the assistance to firefighters grant and Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars Thirty-Five Dollars ($7,635) to come from the Grant Application Capital Reserve Account. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. No amount shall be expended unless the grant funds are secured."** Seconded by William Nesheim.

Nancy Ruhm asked for the reason for the amendment? Chief Mardin explained that she worked with a grant writer on a federal grant and is specific for firefighters. She explained to receive this grant all the SCBA's would have to be replaced on all of the town vehicles and the town has 15. She stated that the town would spend $ 2,000.00 from Town funds and the grant will cover the additional funds to replace all 15 SCBA's instead of 10; and if the town doesn't get the grant the town won't be spending any money.

A voice vote was taken on the Amendment and the Amendment **PASSED.**

The amended article reads, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars ($159,000) for the purpose of purchasing a compressor and fifteen self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's). One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars ($151,365) to come from the assistance to firefighters grant and Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars Thirty-Five Dollars ($7,635) to come from the Grant Application Capital Reserve Account. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. No amount shall be expended unless the grant funds are secured."

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor asked if the breathing apparatus are used by the firefighters to go into a building? Chief Mardin stated yes. A voice vote was taken on Article 8 and the article **PASSED, as amended.**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000) to survey the Howe Town Forest and to further authorize the withdrawal of the sum indicated from the Town Forest Fund. No additional funds will be raised by taxation.

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor.
No discussion.
A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) to reconstruct and repave the sidewalks in the downtown area with funds for this appropriation to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Angi Francesco. Betsy Whitmore asked what is defined as the downtown area?
Moderator Rossner stated he had spoken with the Select Board Chair on this Article and was told that the location would be from the corner of Route 113 to Curry Place on Route 3, and from the Squam Market Place to Squam Boat Livery. The existing sidewalks would be removed, regraded and repaved. Megan Fontaine asked if the sidewalks would be plowed in the winter?
Select Board chair Jill White explained that the current bridge policy as of the past two years is that the town highway department will clear the bridge sidewalk as quickly as possible if time and resources permit. This is not a full- time priority as it depends on the availability of apparatus and man power.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars ($120,000) to design, permit and construct an expanded parking area in the existing municipal lot behind the Post Office with funds for this appropriation to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Moved by Walter Johnson and seconded Bob Maloney.

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor asked what would happen if Native American artifacts are found? Moderator Rossner replied that the Article seeks to permit the work and he expects that the funds would stop if the progression of the work was to stop. Malcolm "Tink" Taylor stated the area is rich in Native American artifacts and to be cognizant of that. Conservation Commission chair Larry Spencer stated there are two Liberty Elm trees at this location and to make sure they continue to grow. Kay Hanson asked if the new parking lot would be visible from the channel and if it would impact the aesthetic of the area? Select Board chair Jill White stated that to best of her knowledge that you would see some of it as it will be closer to the edge of the channel. Ms. White said there will some vegetation buffer but you still may some parked cars. Robert Haskell, one of the owners of the Curry Place spoke in favor of the article as there is limited parking in the summer. Kristin Fuller spoke in opposition of the article and that green space should be preserved. Sandra Jones asked if the town had looked at other designs and smaller version that would allow more green space and less impact?

Select Board chair Jill White explained that there had been meetings with the downtown business owners and one of the challenges that always came up was the lack of parking. She stated they looked at options for parking. Design work for this project in not complete and the intention of the Select Board is to hold Public Hearing(s) on the design and the permitting. Ms. White said if the article is approved the funding will be available July 1st, and the design work will continue as well as the permitting through the summer. Susan Mathieson asked what other locations were considered other than the park that could have been purchased or available?
Select Board chair Jill White said the Select Board instructed the Town Administrator to contact the owners of the "Pink House" to see if they would agree to sell their property for much reduced price from what it was listed for.
Ms. White stated the owners of the property have not responded. The Select Board looked for an affordable option so this property was considered as it is owned by the Town, and could make improvements to the lot and create parking, and not financially have to purchase another property. Ben Amsden asked if this project is coming about at the request of the business community and what resources if any will the contribute to the design, permitting and construction process? Select Board chair Jill White the business owners have not been asked to contribute to the cost of the project.
Betsy Whitmore asked if there has been any consideration for improving our public bathrooms instead of the porter potties located behind the Post Office? Moderator Rossner stated there are no improvements on the bathroom facilities being considered at this time. John Jenkinson spoke in favor of the Article as he stated it would be good for the community and businesses. William Nesheim expressed support for additional parking will help the small business but nervous of cutting down green space. Sallie Fellows agreed on the need for parking in town. Ms. Fellows expressed concerned about the potential water quality from the run off from the parking lot as the edge of the parking lot would be less than 100 feet from the shoreline as well and 5 feet from an abutting property. She asked if the snow plowing in this area had been addressed in the design due to closeness of the shoreline and abutting property and to have less parking spaces. Select Board chair Jill White responded that the design is not complete and the removal of the snow can be done by the Town Highway Department and will make sure it will not approach any abutting properties. She said part of the permitting of this project will be drainage and water control to make sure not affect the water quality. Select Board chair Jill White requested to have the Town Administrator, Michael Capone to be able to speak at the meeting.

Moderator Rossner asked the voters if the Town Administrator Michael Capone could speak at the Meeting. A voice vote was taken and it passed to allow Mr. Capone to speak at the Meeting. Michael Capone stated part of permitting process is to file Shoreland Protection application through the Department Environmental Services and would have to be reviewed and approved. If it requires any required mitigation of any of the channel or parts of the abutting property. The parking lot set back is 50 feet from the channel shoreline required by the State. Sallie Fellow asked if that is the set back in the zoning ordinance. Mr. Capone stated no as the town doesn't have to abide by town zoning. Nancy Ruhm asked if there was consideration to limit the time to park?
Donna Bunnell voiced concerns on losing the green space, and that the business employees take up a lot of the parking spaces and the businesses should be responsible. Byron Ricker asked to consider parking meters. Alex Ray stated that the beauty of the property "is near and dear" and should be a park and not be a parking lot. Megan Fontaine asked if the town owned the boat and trailer parking area on Route 113? Moderator answered it is State owned. Kathy Wieliczko stated the parking lot doesn't seem full and suggested a study be done to determine usage.

Walter Johnson was to in not favor of this article. He stated this a very special place and suggested for the Board to pursue and purchase the "Pink House" as that could provide the added parking. Anne Haskell said that the parking lot is full in July and August, mostly employees park there.

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor moved to Table the Article and seconded by Anne Hunnewell.
A voice vote taken on the Article and the vote was inconclusive. Moderator Rossner called for a division of the house.
A hand vote was taken on the article. There were 80 votes in favor and 48 votes opposed, the Moderator Rossner declared that the Article was **TABLED.**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) for a statistical update of property values with funds for this appropriation to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Moved by Bonnie Hunt and seconded by Peg Winton.
A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 13: By Petition:** The science is clear; the climate is changing. We acknowledge that our planet is in a climate emergency.
We the town of Holderness hereby call upon our state and federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a carbon fee and dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a carbon cash-back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon cash-back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.
We expect our representatives to take the lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.
The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Holderness Select Board to our Holderness' State Legislators, the Governor of New Hampshire, Holderness' Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of these instructions from their constituents, within 30 days of this vote.

Ted Vansant spoke on behalf of the petition reading from a prepared statement:
"My name is Ted Vansant and I'm a member of the Holderness Climate Task Force that initiated this petition warrant Article that has over 150 signatures from Holderness residents. The overwhelming majority of scientists tell us that we are

experiencing a climate emergency. It is an emergency because we need to act now because the solutions will take a long time to implement and we need to make significant changes within the next 10 years before we hit catastrophic tipping points. So, Scientists tell us there is a huge problem and Economists tell us that a carbon fee and dividend program, also known as carbon cashback, is the most effective and fair way to reduce fossil fuel use and address the climate crisis. There is a recent Wall Street Journal article that lists over 3000 prominent US Economists that support this solution. This warrant article allows the town of Holderness collectively to ask our state and federal officials to enact carbon cashback legislation, which would put a fee on the production of fossil fuels based on their carbon emissions. The reason you would put a fee on fossil fuels is that as costs increase there is incentive to use less by implementing energy efficiency and switching to renewable energy. So, what happens to these fees? This legislation provides full rebate of all the money collected, minus administration costs, to all households on an equal basis. Rebating the fees to citizens protects our economy, is fair to all citizens, and encourages innovation and unleashes American ingenuity to figure out ways to use less fossil fuels. This warrant article does not bind the town to any costs. By passing this warrant article it allows the town to make a collective statement that we care about Climate Change and that along with the other towns that pass this warrant article we want our state and federal elected officials to take action rather than continuing to kick this can down the road to future generations as we have done for the last several decades. We have known about this crisis for over 40 years but now recent reports tell us that it truly is an emergency that requires immediate action. It is also important to note that this Carbon Fee and Dividend concept has already been implemented in some way in over 40 countries. And what we are asking you to do is to ask our legislators to come up with the best way to implement this for our country. Are other NH Towns Voting on this too? Yes! Over 35 NH towns are voting on warrant articles with the exact same language. I realize that this may be a lot to absorb if you are hearing it for the first time so members of our task force are happy to answer questions about this after the meeting at the table just outside the gym. Why do we need to act now? Well I will ask the community, why do you think we need to act now?"

Heidi Emmons shared that she supports the resolution; she is concerned about the planet; she has children and as a parent it is her duty; it is a fair, quick and effective way to raise awareness.

Byron Ricker asked to clarify who the residents are? Ted Vansant clarified that the total amount of the fees is put in a trust fund which is divided by US residents so each resident gets a rebate for the exact same amount. Gerry Beck supports the article; he as concerns about his grandchildren; concerning the rebate, he shared that people in higher income brackets leave higher carbon footprints so people in lower income brackets would benefit more proportionally; concerned about continuing on the path that we are on (fires, increasing, floods/droughts, etc.); this is a fair way to address the problem. Susan Mathieson said that she is a retired forester and has a small understanding of ecosystems; she voiced concerns about not doing anything to stop climate change; she supports the article; it is not a complete solution, but a good start. Larry Spencer supports the article. Arianne Fosdick said that this is our job as parents and global citizens; we need to protect our planet; carbon pricing is a solution. Sean Sparse suggested an amendment to the petition (Moderator Rossner reminded the audience that petitions cannot be amended); he recommends an end result to carbon pricing.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

**Article 14: By Petition:** To bring this resolution to a vote before the Town of Holderness, NH.

To see if the Town of Holderness will vote to pass the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384/S.1129) would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; and
WHEREAS, the health and quality of life for the residents of HOLDERNESS will vastly improve with Medicare for All because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need without copays and deductibles; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would result in the elimination of town and school health insurance costs in the Annual Budget and result in lower property taxes for the residents of Holderness;

BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of HOLDERNESS, New Hampshire enthusiastically support the Medicare for All ACT of 2019, and instruct for New Hampshire's congressional representatives to work towards its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

IF A MAJORITY of voters support the question, the Select Board shall immediately send a written notice to New Hampshire's congressional delegation informing them of the instructions of their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Moderator Rossner reminded the audience that this is an advisory article; the Select Board can make the decision to act. William Zurhellen said that there are some factual errors in the petition; Social Security pays prescriptions through the plan; he disagrees with the petition as it reads. Camilla Tatem, as author of the petition, stated that Holderness spends $133,696.51 on health insurance; the school spends $382,340.00 on health insurance; the cost of Medicare for elderly would go down for supplemental and drug coverage if we had Medicare for all; everyone would be responsible; there are 22 studies that show that Medicare for all would cost less than our current system. Robert Maloney shared that he is on the Board at Speare Memorial Hospital; they do not turn anyone away; he feels that this is not the answer and is against the petition. Camilla Tatem said that many people do not seek health care because they cannot afford it.

A voice vote taken on the Article and the vote was inconclusive. Moderator Rossner called for a division of the house. A hand vote was taken on the article. There were 59 votes in favor and 39 votes opposed. The article **PASSED**.

Moderator Rossner recognized Select Board member, Woodie Laverack . He recognized and thanked Kevin Coburn, Road Agent for 10 years of service, Wendy Werner, Recreation Director and Eric DiFilippe, Police Lieutenant for 15 years of service and Ellen King, Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 30 years. The voters recognized Kevin Coburn, Wendy Werner, Eric DiFilippe and Ellen King with a round of applause.

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**Article 15:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Rossner recognized Larry Spencer who made the following motion: MOTION: I propose that the Holderness Select Board appoint a committee made up of two members of the Select Board, two members of proprietors of downtown

businesses and two residents of the Town of Holderness to study the parking situation in downtown Holderness and to present a proposal at the next Town Meeting. Upon the completion of that study, the Select Board can allocate up, but not more than $15,000 for this unsigned article. Second by William Nesheim.

Moderator Rossner said that the appropriation cannot be part of the motion. Larry Spencer suggested that the appropriation be removed from the motion. The modified motion was reread.
**"The Holderness Select Board appoint a committee made up of two members of the Select Board, two business proprietors of downtown Holderness and two residents of the Town to study the parking situation in downtown Holderness and to present a proposal at the next Town Meeting."** Seconded by Nancy Ruhm.

Sallie Fellows asked if the Select Board can simply do this on their own. Moderator Rossner replied yes.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

Alex Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. A voice vote taken and the motion passed. Moderator Rossner declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Holderness Town Clerk

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Planning Board duties are specified by New Hampshire state statutes and include review and approval of subdivision and site plan applications, review and update of the Master Plan, and review of the Zoning Ordinance for amendments as needed.

The Board continues to work on procedures to insure consistent, objective review of applications; balancing assistance to applicants while insuring conformity with the Town's Zoning Ordinance requirements.

In 2020 the Planning Board issued 13 Notice of Decisions for the following applications: 2 Boundary Line Adjustments, 2 Lot Mergers, 4 Site Plans, and 5 Subdivisions. Most notably, the board approved a telecommunication tower, which will provide cell phone service to the Village District and beyond. The tower will be installed in 2021.The Board also participated in 2 Conceptual /informational Consultations.

The Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan was updated and approved. A review and update of the entire Master Plan will continue on a chapter-by-chapter basis.

A comprehensive review of the Town Zoning Ordinance was completed and approved by Warrant Article at the March 2020 Town Meeting. The purpose was to clarify language and definitions, ensure consistency, and to ensure compliance with current Federal and State Law.

Application forms, the Holderness Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Regulations as well as minutes, agendas and meeting dates for the Planning Board can be found on the town website; www.holderness-nh.gov

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Snelling, Chair
Carl Lehner, Vice Chair
Donna Bunnell, Secretary
Angi Francesco
Ron Huntoon
Louis E. Pare
Peter Francesco, Ex-Officio
Samuel Brickley, Alternate Ex-officio
Janet Cocchiaro, Alternate



L to R: Seated: Carl Lehner, Bob Snelling, Peter Francesco, Standing: Louis Pare, Donna Bunnell, Angi Francesco. Missing: Ron Huntoon, Janet Cocchiaro

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year 2020 brought a lot of change and challenges to the Holderness Police Department. The department responded to 7,195 calls for service. This number does not include phone calls or walk-in reports made directly to the station. In addition, the Covid pandemic has made responding to some of these calls challenging at times to say the least. I would like to thank the staff for their continued commitment to safety and service to the residents of Town of Holderness and its' visitors, as well as the overwhelming support of the community through these trying times.

In August 2020, Chief Jeremiah Patridge retired after twenty-five years of dedicated service to the town. I would like to personally thank Chief Patridge for his years of professional leadership and support to the department. I would also like to thank the Select Board, town officials and residents for entrusting me with the responsibility and honor of being Chief of Police.

In September 2020, Brianna Gerrior was hired as the new Lieutenant. Lt. Gerrior has ten years of experience as a police officer. She began her career with the Plymouth State University Police before taking a position with the Plymouth Police where she held the rank of Detective for several years. Lt. Gerrior has already proven to be a great asset to the department.

In January 2021, Thomas Murphy was hired filling our vacant patrolman position. Officer Murphy is currently attending the NH Police Academy which he will finish at the end of April. Officer Murphy is also in the Army National Guard.

With everyone looking for an outlet during this pandemic, a lot of people turned to outdoor activities. This was most obvious when it came to our hiking trails, which were the busiest I've ever seen them. I would like to the thank the Squam Lakes Association and Americorps members for their efforts in assisting our agency with everything from parking issues to assisting hikers with finding alternative trails which helps alleviate traffic issues.

The members of the Holderness Police Department look forward to serving our community in the upcoming 2021 year. We welcome any feedback or suggestions from the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Erik DiFilippe, Chief of Police

# POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2020

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| 911 HANG-UP | 14 |
| ALARM (Business, Home, Fire School) | 81 |
| ALCOHOL OFFENSES | 25 |
| ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS | 69 |
| ARSON | 1 |
| ASSAULT (SIMPLE) | 7 |
| ASSUALT (AGGRIVATED) | 2 |
| ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS | 56 |
| ATTEMPT TO LOCATE | 3 |
| BURGLARY | 9 |
| CITIZEN REQUEST ASSIST. / MVLO | 86 |
| CIVIL MATTER | 23 |
| CIVIL STANDBY | 10 |
| CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT | 3 |
| CRIMINAL MISCHIEF | 13 |
| CRIMINAL RECORDS | 104 |
| CRIMINAL THREATENING | 6 |
| CRIMINAL TRESPASS | 20 |
| DIRECTED / RADAR PATROL | 563 |
| DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT | 14 |
| DISTURBANCE (Including Domestic) | 34 |
| DRUG RELATED INCIDENT | 16 |
| FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS | 34 |
| FOOT PATROL | 32 |
| FRAUD / SCAMS | 27 |
| HARASSMENT | 4 |
| JUVINILLE RELATED INCIDENT | 9 |
| LOST / FOUND PROPERTY | 48 |
| MISSING / WANTED PERSONS | 4 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS | 61 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS | 50 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT | 62 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS | 861 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE / DUI | 9 |
| NOISE COMPLAINT | 16 |
| OFFICER FOLLOW-UP | 178 |
| OPEN / UNSECURED DOOR | 4 |
| PAPER SERVICE / RELAY | 31 |
| PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO | 52 |
| PARKING TICKETS | 223 |
| PSTOL PERMITS | 34 |
| POLICE INFORMATION | 54 |
| RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION | 4 |
| REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER | 4 |
| RESISITING ARREST / DETENTION | 3 |
| RUNAWAY JUVENILE | 2 |
| SEXUAL ASSAULT | 3 |
| SITE CHECKS | 1971 |
| SUBPOENA SERVICE | 14 |
| SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY | 67 |
| THEFT (All Thefts) | 14 |
| UNRULY JUVENILE | 8 |
| UNTIMLY / UNATENDED DEATH | 2 |
| VACANT HOUSE CHECK | 792 |
| WARRANT SERVICE | 13 |



*Officer Thomas Murphy*
*& Lt. Brianna Gerrior*

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

It's been a great year at the Highway Department. With help from M.E. Latulippe we were able to finish reconstruction work on two sections of our gravel roads; 2,500' on Perch Pond Road and 2,700' on Beede Road. The work consisted of adding stabilization fabric, 6" of 5' minus gravel and 6" of 1 ½" crushed gravel as well as replacing culverts that needed to be changed. With the help of GMI Asphalt we added a 1" overlay of asphalt 6,815' on East Holderness Road and 1,610' on McCrillis Hill Road. All the projects came in under budget. We were able to change several other culverts in town, cut brush, and grade roads along with our other daily operations.

Although we didn't replace any equipment this year, we were blessed to find a nice used John Deere roadside boom mower for less money than we would have spent in two years of mower rental. We appreciate the Select Board and the Town Administrator for their understanding and insight as to how it will save thousands in the future, not to mention being able to mow on our schedule rather than when a mower is available to us. All the other equipment is operating well and with continued preventive maintenance we're certain it will continue.

I'm feel very fortunate to be in the company of such a talented and dedicated group of men. I'd like to recognize Denny, Dean and Cody for their dedicated service to the town. Thank You!! Skip Thompson, I'm not sure how you do it and keep up, but the town properties look amazing!! I've been with the town for nearly 12 years now and I'm still amazed to this day as to how all the departments work so well together. Without hesitation each and every one of us can call on the other when needed. I am extremely grateful for that and will never take it for granted. I'd like to thank the Select Board, Town Administrator, Budget Committee and all the folks in town for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Coburn
Holderness Road Agent

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Holderness Recreation Department is comprised of a part-time director, seasonal staff and independent contractors, all of whom help to bring you a variety of recreational opportunities. The Department has a volunteer Board that meets monthly providing budget oversight and program review. The Department is service oriented and strives to provide a wide range of programming for year-round and seasonal residents of the Town. The Department also manages the Livermore Beach property.

If you are interested in being a member or being more involved in community recreation, feel free to reach out to any of the board members or Wendy in the recreation office.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE**

You may now register online for most of our classes and programs. Simply visit www.holderness-nh.gov and then go to the recreation page. there you will find the link to the online system, where you can create an account, register and either pay online or reserve your spot and pay later.

**PROGRAMMING REPORT**

Holderness Recreation offers approximately 20 programs each season. This was true until March 23, 2020 when we shut down programming to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. At the beginning of 2020 our programs included: Yoga, Adult Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton and Pickleball, Early Bird Exercise, Safe at Home Training, Archery, Basket Making, Guided Meditation, Ballroom Dance, Tai Chi and so much more.



One of our new programs and very well attended was our Edible Landscaping program with Liz Barbour owner of the Creative Feast. We had about 30 participants that enjoyed a nice presentation of working edible plants into your perennial garden designs, followed by a cooking demonstration of 2 recipes and samples for everyone. Once March 23rd came around, we came to a screeching halt like everyone else.



We quickly learned how to work from home, Zoom and stay really far away from others. The Recreation Board had many heartfelt Zoom meetings discussing our biggest program, SummmerEscape, and what the fate of that program would be. In the end we decided that it was best to not have the program with all of the uncertainty at the time and the possible dangers in spreading the disease to families and staff. At this time in January 2021, we are forever hopeful and optimistic that our program will return, better than ever.

After March 23 and moving into the summer we also had many meetings to evaluate opening the Livermore Beach and how to move ahead safely with Swimming and Tennis Lessons. If you are a beach pass holder, you know that we did open the beach and overall had a successful season. We had some bumps along the way, while everyone was adjusting to social distancing, mask wearing, sanitizing and a myriad of other guidelines. In the end, we feel that it was very important to keep such a special place open for people to find a bit of happiness.

As for swimming lessons, we were not comfortable trying to run them without clear CDC guidance at the time, and we did not want to create added stresses at the beach.

We did move forward with Tennis, which seemed to be a great program that was easy to adapt for social distancing. We ran three sessions, July, August and an extra one into September. These were well attended with 49 participants and people seemed genuinely appreciative of the opportunity to participate.

Moving toward the fall, we scheduled 3 basket making classes to be held in Town Hall, but ultimately cancelled them one at a time as the infection rate rose. We offered our first virtual program in November. It was our Safe at Home class and we had 8 participants. At time of print for this report we have a full line up of virtual programs including Family cooking classes, Esports leagues, an evening concert, yoga, meditation and more. We also have in person classes planned including Basket Making, Outdoor Winter Skills and Early Bird Exercise.

**BEACH REPORT**

Livermore Beach, otherwise known as the Holderness Town Beach, is located at 36 Dirt Road. The Holderness Town Beach property was donated by Mr. Frank G. Webster to the Squam Lake Conservation Society in 1963. While SLCS is the owner, the Holderness Recreation and Select Boards oversee the utilization and maintenance of the property.

The beach is staffed with a Beach Attendant from the middle of June through Labor Day. Weather permitting, the attendants are on site from 10am to 5pm 7 days a week. The role of the Beach Attendant is to check beach passes, reinforce rules and regulations, monitor the use of the facility and to interact with the beach patrons. Our Beach Attendants have no lifeguard responsibilities. Beach goers must be personally responsible for keeping a close eye at all times on members of their family and guest.

**Use of the beach:** The Beach is for residents and taxpayers use. All users of the beach are subject to the Town Beach Rules which are provided when Beach Passes are purchased at the Town Hall. Passes are $15 and may be purchased at the Town Clerk's office Monday – Friday between 8:30 and 4:00pm. The rules apply and are enforced year-round and not just when attendants are present. We are very fortunate to have this resource available for the Town's residents to use. There were 216 beach passes sold in 2020 and 260 beach passes sold in 2019.

**Opening, in-season and closing tasks:** Spring is the time when we clean up all of the winter debris including leaves and branches that washed up on the beach. Additional opening tasks include: putting in the swim area lines, cleaning out the shed and changing room, and painting picnic tables. For the most part these tasks are handled by volunteer efforts from the Recreation Board and summer staff. In the past the condition of the water was monitored by water samples collected by NHDES through the Beach Inspection Program. This program was discontinued in 2019. While we have thankfully never had to close the Beach due to bacterial contamination, we have elected to continue to test the water during the swimming season. We thank Board member, Jenny Evans for stepping in to continue the water quality testing.

In the recent years we have been very fortunate to have the assistance of Board member, Biff Sutcliffe, a boat and volunteers from Camp Deerwood to help put in the swim lines. Seasonal maintenance is performed by the Beach Attendants, Recreation Director, a local mowing company and the Holderness DPW.

In the fall we focus on taking in the swim lines, organizing the shed and leaf blowing. This past fall, Board member Biff Sutcliffe and Denny O'Brien from Camp Deerwood, provided a boat for assistance in taking out the swim lines.

In the summer of the pandemic the Recreation Director and Board decided that use of the raft was not consistent with socially distant protocols. In addition, with needed expensive repairs and maintenance, we decided to dispose of the raft.

**Amenities at the beach:** A fine sandy beach, storage and changing shed, portable toilets, picnic tables, protected swimming area, landline phone for emergencies, 2 parking areas, a Little Free Library and the serenity of the beach make up this oasis for hot summer days.

**Safety:** Although we have a beach attendant on the property for most of the season, we ask that you please report any activity that you think is inappropriate at this facility. The Holderness Police Department frequently patrols the area throughout the year. If you have a concern about activity or behavior at the beach, please speak with the attendant on duty, the Recreation Office or the Holderness Police.




**SPECIAL THANKS**:
Much of our success is due to the work and support we have received from many volunteers and Town employees. Thank you to the Select Board, Town Administrator, Town Hall Staff, Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and the Holderness Central School for all of their continued support furthering recreation in Holderness.

Thank you to the Pemigewasset Fish and Game Club for their continued support of our Archery program. Since 2001 they have allowed us to use their indoor and outdoor facilities and during this time we have had over 270 participants come through the program.

Thank you to the Squam Lakes Association for offering 2 free camping weekends on their islands for the tenth year.

Lastly, thank you again to Robert Haskell for letting us use Curry Place for StoryWalk[tm] and to the Squam Lake Natural Science Center and Holderness Free Library for co-sponsoring this event.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**:
The Recreation Department has a scholarship fund to help families and participants who are experiencing financial hardship to participate in our programs. We would like to thank the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction for granting us $500 in scholarship money this year.

We are fortunate to have many Town individuals and businesses that support our scholarship fund. You can donate online, in person or through the mail. You can also choose to specifically sponsor someone for a specific program if you like. Donations come in many shapes and sizes and we are thankful for all of them. Thanks to everyone who made contributions this year.

**YOUR INPUT AND PARTICIPATION:**
We are always interested to hear from you about the type of activities and programs that you would like to have available in Holderness and at the Town Beach.

As always, please feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the Recreation Board members to share your thoughts. You are also always welcome to come to one of our Board meetings, which are held once a month on Monday at 5:30pm, downstairs at Town Hall (presently meetings are being held on Zoom). The Recreation office can be reached at 603-968-3700 or recreation@holderness-nh.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)
Tom Stepp (Chairperson)
George 'Biff' Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Janis Messier
Amanda Bussolari
Nate Fuller
Jenny Evans
Adar Fejes
Peter Francesco (Selectman Liaison)

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

*New Hampshire*
*Department of*
*Revenue Administration*

**MS-61**

## Debits

| Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) Year: 2019 | Year: 2018 | Year: 2017 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes | 3110 | | $1,330,815.28 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | | |
| Other Taxes | 3189 | | | | |
| Property Tax Credit Balance | | ($58,384.00) | | | |
| Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance | | | | | |

| Taxes Committed This Year | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes | 3110 | $4,957,155.00 | $5,051,805.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | $12,590.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | $3,184.59 | $14,885.16 |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | |
| Other Taxes | 3189 | $1,620.78 | $231.54 |
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| Overpayment Refunds | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes | 3110 | $27,325.84 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 3190 | | $7,720.84 | | |
| Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes | 3190 | | | | |
| | **Total Debits** | **$4,943,492.21** | **$6,405,457.82** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** |

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

*New Hampshire*
*Department of*
*Revenue Administration*

**MS-61**

**Credits**

| Remitted to Treasurer | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes | $4,121,182.03 | $6,286,757.13 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | $3,184.59 | $14,885.16 | | |
| Interest (Include Lien Conversion) | | $7,539.84 | | |
| Penalties | | $181.00 | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | | $231.54 | | |
| Conversion to Lien (Principal Only) | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Discounts Allowed | | | | |

| Abatements Made | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes | | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Current Levy Deeded | | | | |

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| Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080 | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes | $815,221.05 | $95,863.15 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | $12,590.00 | | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | $1,620.78 | | | |
| Property Tax Credit Balance | ($10,306.24) | | | |
| Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance | | | | |
| **Total Credits** | **$4,943,492.21** | **$6,405,457.82** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** |

| For DRA Use Only | |
|---|---|
| Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years) | **$914,988.74** |
| Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years) | **$71,408.80** |

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## Lien Summary

### Summary of Debits

| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) Year: 2019 | Year: 2018 | Year: 2017 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year | | | $69,198.46 | $44,685.97 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year | | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) | | | $1,923.00 | $7,677.80 |
| | | | | |
| **Total Debits** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$71,121.46** | **$52,363.77** |

### Summary of Credits

| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Redemptions | | | $20,869.63 | $21,606.00 |
| | | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190 | | | $1,923.00 | $7,677.80 |
| | | | | |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Liens | | | | |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality | | | | |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110 | | | $48,328.83 | $23,079.97 |
| **Total Credits** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$71,121.46** | **$52,363.77** |

| For DRA Use Only | |
|---|---|
| Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years) | **$914,988.74** |
| Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years) | **$71,408.80** |

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King, Tax Collector

## Municipal Accounting Overview

| Description | Appropriation | Revenue |
|---|---|---|
| Total Appropriation | $3,581,334 | |
| Net Revenue (Not Including Fund Balance) | | ($1,669,856) |
| Fund Balance Voted Surplus | | ($50,000) |
| Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes | | ($151,898) |
| War Service Credits | $48,500 | |
| Special Adjustment | $0 | |
| Actual Overlay Used | $60,203 | |
| **Net Required Local Tax Effort** | **$1,818,283** | |
| **Town Portion of Tax Rate** | **$2.39** | |

## County Apportionment

| Description | Appropriation | Revenue |
|---|---|---|
| Net County Apportionment | $1,418,245 | |
| **Net Required County Tax Effort** | **$1,418,245** | |
| **County Portion of Tax Rate** | **$1.87** | |

## Education

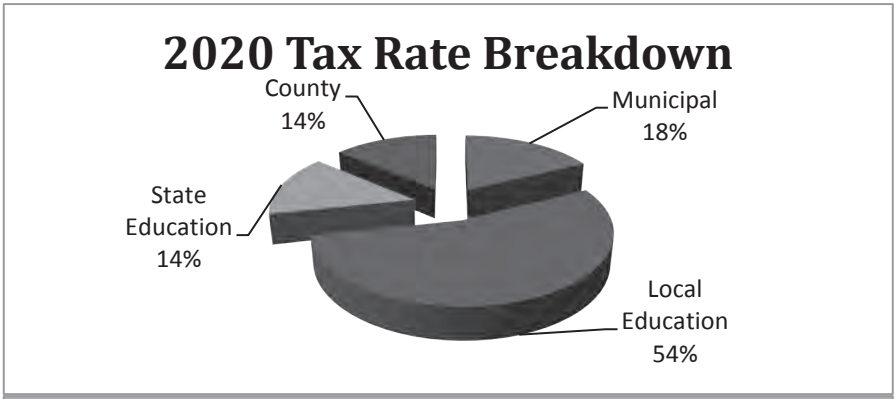
| Description | Appropriation | Revenue |
|---|---|---|
| Net Local School Appropriations | $4,130,714 | |
| Net Cooperative School Appropriations | $2,912,692 | |
| Net Education Grant | | 0 |
| Locally Retained State Education Tax | | ($1,471,895) |
| **Net Required Local Education Tax Effort** | **$5,571,511** | |
| **Local Education Portion of Tax Rate** | **$7.34** | |
| State Education Tax | $1,471,895 | |
| State Education Tax Not Retained | | |
| **Net Required State Education Tax Effort** | **$1,471,895** | |
| **State Education Portion of Tax Rate** | **$1.98** | |

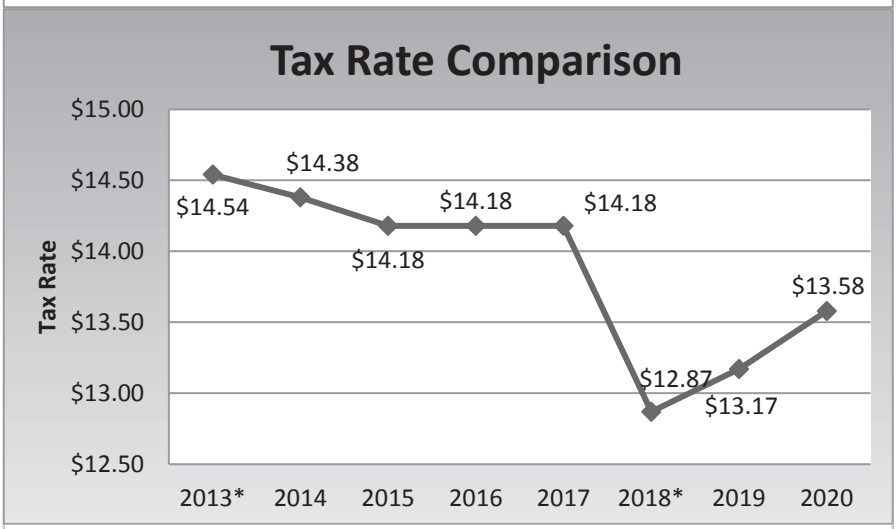
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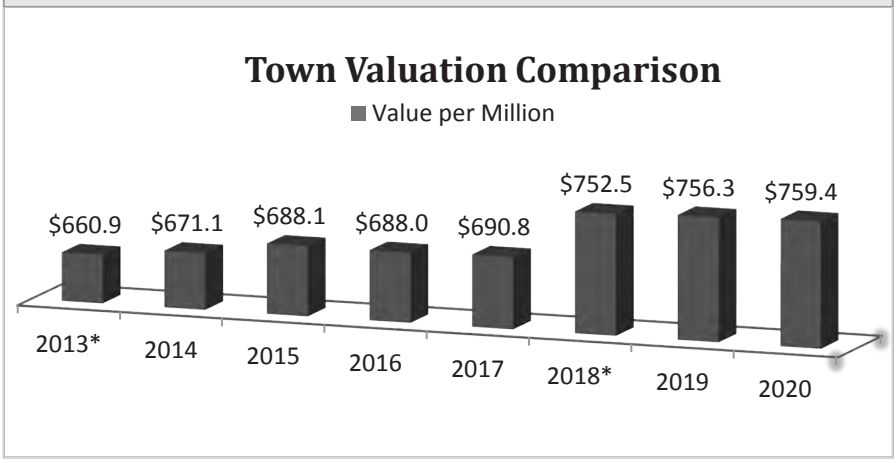
| Description | Current Year | Prior Year |
|---|---|---|
| Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities | $759,486,515 | $756,372,498 |
| Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities | $742,368,515 | $741,503,698 |

## 2019 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

| Description | Amount |
|---|---|
| Total Property Tax Commitment | $10,231,434 |
| 1/2% Amount | $51,157 |
| Acceptable High | $10,282,591 |
| Acceptable Low | $10,180,277 |
| **Total Tax Rate** | **$13.58** |


2020 Tax Rate Breakdown
County
14%
Municipal
18%
State
Education
14%
Local
Education
54%


Tax Rate Comparison
Tax Rate
$15.00
$14.50
$14.00
$13.50
$13.00
$12.50
$14.54
$14.38
$14.18
$14.18
$14.18
$12.87
$13.17
$13.58
2013*
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018*
2019
2020


Town Valuation Comparison
Value per Million
$660.9
$671.1
$688.1
$688.0
$690.8
$752.5
$756.3
$759.4
2013*
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018*
2019
2020

## REMITTED TO THE TREASURER
July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

| | |
|---|---|
| Motor Vehicle Registration/Title Fee: | $ 517,292.32 |
| Municipal Agent Fee: | 10,242.00 |
| Dog Licenses: | 3,035.50 |
| Vital Records Fee: | 2,315.00 |
| Transfer Station Receipts: | 51,323.00 |
| Transfer Station Stickers: | 1,438.00 |
| Beach Permits: | 3,390.00 |
| Miscellaneous: | 161.52 |
| Total Town Deposit: | $ 589,196.84 |
| State of NH-MV Fee: (Transferred to State) | 173,024.42 |

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King
Holderness Town Clerk

## SCHEDULE of ESTIMATED DEBT PAYMENT

| Purpose | Original Amount | FY 17/18 | FY 18/19 | FY 19/20 | FY 21/22* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Transfer Station | $350,000 | $61,099 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 2013 Fire Pumper Truck | $88,000 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Town** | $438,000 | $61,099 | $0 | $0 | $0* |
| Holderness Central School | $2,371,079 | $241,732 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| **Total School** | $2,371,079 | $241,732 | $0 | $0 | $0* |

***Presently, neither the Town nor the Holderness Central School has any debt service.**

## SCHEDULE of TOWN EQUIPMENT

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1931 | Ford Fire Truck | |
| 1954 | Willys Jeep | |
| 2009 | Ford Rescue | 12R1 |
| 2014 | Pierce Fire Truck | 12E3 |
| 2012 | Ford Forest Fire Truck | 12F3 |
| 1997 | Mack Fire Truck | 12E4 |
| 2006 | Kenworth Fire Truck | 12E5 |
| 2006 | Premier Pontoon Boat | 12B1 |
| 2012 | F350 Utility Pickup | 12U1 |
| 2017 | Ford Interceptor | 12Car1 |
| 13' | Boston Whaler Boat | 12B2 |

**Mobile Equipment**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2011 | Royal Swiftwater Rescue Trailer |
| 2017 | Can-Am ATV |
| 2017 | Utility ATV Trailer |

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2018 | Kenworth – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow) |
| 2014 | International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow) |
| 2011 | Ford F350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow) |
| 2019 | Ford F550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander & plow) |
| 2017 | Ford F350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow) |
| 2019 | Caterpillar Backhoe |
| 1994 | Galion Grader |

**Equipment**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1990 | Bandit 200 XP Brush Chipper |
| 1988 | York Rake |
| 1988 | Road Broom |

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2019 | Dodge Charger – Unit #3 |
| 2014 | Ford Taurus – Unit #5 |
| 2013 | Ford Taurus – Unit #4 |
| 2013 | Ford F150 – Unit #2 |
| 2011 | Message Board/Radar Trailer |
| 2017 | Ford Interceptor Utility – Unit #1 |

**TRANSFER STATION**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | Caterpillar Backhoe |

# SCHEDULE of EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

| VEHICLE DESCIPTION-CURRENT INVENTORY | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2029/30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994 Galion Grader | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 Cat Backhoe | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 Kenworth Dump Truck | | | | | | | | $190,000 | | |
| 2014 International Dump Truck | | | | $190,000 | | | | | | |
| 2017 F350 Ford Pickup | | | $60,000 | | | | | | | |
| 2012 Ford F-550 1 Ton Truck | | | | | $75,000 | | | | | |
| Chipper | | | | | | | | | | |
| **POLICE DEPARTMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unit #3 2014 Taurus | | | | | | $45,000 | | | | |
| Unit #1 2017 SUV/ Utility-Explorer | | | | | | | | $ 45,000 | | |
| Unit #2 2013 F150 | | $45,000 | | | | | | | | $45,000 |
| Unit #4 2018 Taurus | | | | $ 45,000 | | | | | | |
| **FIRE DEPARTMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 Ford F-350 Rescue | | | | | | | $85,000 | | | |
| 2013 Saber Pumper | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 Mack Pumper 12E4 | | | | $500,000 | | | | | | |
| 2006 Kenworth Tanker 12E5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012 Ford F-550 Multi-Purpose | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012 Ford F-350 | | | | | | | | $ 40,000 | | |
| 2017 Ford SUV/ Command Vehicle | | | | | | | | | | |
| **MUNICIPAL PROPERTY/BLDGS.** | | | | | | | | | | |
| PSB Well | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Hardware-All Depts. | $ 1,900 | $ 3,800 | $ 5,700 | $ 14,700 | $18,885 | $ 2,000 | $ 4,000 | $ 6,000 | $16,000 | $19,500 |
| Town Hall Generator | | | | | | | | | | |
| Truck Exhaust Vent System | | | | | | | | | | |
| HVAC Improvements | | | | | | | | | | |

## SCHEDULE of TOWN and SCHOOL PROPERTY

| TAX MAP/ LOT # | DESCRIPTION LOCATION | LAND VALUE | BUILDING VALUE | TOTAL VALUE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No Map # | White Oak Pond Dam | | 32,100 | 32,100 |
| 101-008 | Fire/Police Station | 86,200 | 814,400 | 900,600 |
| 101-012-1 | Route 113 | 55,400 | 7,000 | 62,400 |
| 101-019 | Library | 367,100 | 409,200 | 776,300 |
| 102-006 | Village Common & Gazebo | 673,100 | 5,700 | 678,800 |
| 222-015 | Public Works Garage | 222,700 | 232,600 | 455,300 |
| 223-011 | Pilote Conservation Lot | 234,200 | | 234,200 |
| 224-001 | Smith Road Lot | 87,700 | | 87,700 |
| 225-016 | Pemi River Park Lot | 37,800 | | 37,800 |
| 228-079 | HCS* Vacant Lot | 125,400 | | 125,400 |
| 229-025 | Holderness Central School | 124,500 | 4,775,900 | 4,900,400 |
| 231-003 | Route 113 | 42,200 | | 42,200 |
| 239-001 | Town Hall | 34,500 | 311,900 | 346,400 |
| 239-042 | Corner Lot-Routes 3 & 175 | 60,800 | | 60,800 |
| 245-065 | Transfer Station/Pease | 119,300 | 137,000 | 256,300 |
| 245-067 | White Oak Pond | 253,200 | | 253,200 |
| 252-016-1 | East Holderness Road | 86,900 | | 86,900 |

## TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

| Name | Map/Lot | Description/Location |
|---|---|---|
| East Holderness | 252-009 | Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd |
| Eastman | 251 | E. Holderness Rd, West of Vontel |
| Cox | 255-003 | East Holderness Road |
| Merrill | 255-011 | Hawkins Pond Road |
| Piper | 246-021 | Coxboro Road |
| Squam Bridge | 101-010 | Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113 |
| True | 206 | Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd |
| Shaw | 228 | Hardhack Road |
| Ladd | 205 | Rt. 113 |
| Sanborn | 222-022 | Old Highway South |
| Prescott | 231 | Old Highway South |
| Carr | 220-007 | Old Highway South |

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT

I'm sure we are all happy to see the end of 2020. This was a difficult year. I want to thank you all for being patient while waiting in line. Sundays this summer were very challenging. The line often went all the way around and out the gate. You almost had to pack a lunch to do a dump run on Sundays. It seemed like everyone was cleaning. After all, it's about all we could do. Despite all the cleaning we took in 19 ton's less trash this year for a total of 744 tons. With less material coming in we also took in less recyclables. We recycled 293 tons which is 9 tons less than last year.

Like all of you I am hoping for a more normal summer. This includes Hazardous Waste Day. It was cancelled in Meredith for 2020. We hope to have it in 2021. It will be in Meredith on the last Saturday in July. If you can't make it to that day you can go to Bristol the next Saturday. We also had to close the swap shop in the spring. However, it is now open and busy as usual.

I took my vacation in July but when I returned, I had to quarantine for 14 days. I would like to publicly thank Hanz for holding things together while I was out. Two whole weeks in busy July is not easy. Thank you Hanz! We now have another attendant that you must have noticed. Cory Woodward is our new worker. He has stepped right up and is friendly and helpful. Welcome aboard Cory. We should be able to always have two of us working from now on. I feel we have a great crew to serve our community.

Always feel free to ask us any questions. We don't mind answering them.

Respectfully submitted
Scott Davis, Manager




*Hanz Currier*
*Cory Woodward*
*Scott Davis*

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS**
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**
**March 9 and March 10, 2021**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in auditorium of the Holderness Central School on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and the polls shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 and 2; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening ( or immediately following the annual school district meeting, whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the tenth day of March, 2021 in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by Official Ballot.

**Article 2: 2021 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes:** To see if the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendment, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows:

**Amendment No. 1: "**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Update *Section 400.6.4 General Provisions for Signs*** by clarifying that illumination of signs must comply with Outdoor Lighting Design criteria of Section 550.2, limiting sign luminosity between dusk and dawn, and prohibiting digital signs, electronic message centers and billboards, neon, LED or other internally illuminated signs in the Village section of the Commercial District.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Two Million Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred and twelve dollars ($2,677,312) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant. (Majority vote required)
**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays).**
**Recommended by the Budget Committee; (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Ninety- One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($391,500) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds: (Majority vote required)

| | |
|---|---|
| FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES | $ 75,000 |
| ROAD RECONSTRUCTION | $ 150,000 |
| MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS | $ 10,000 |
| REVALUATION | $ 35,000 |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT | $ 5,000 |
| PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES | $ 71,000 |
| CONSERVATION | $ 5,000 |
| POLICE CRUISER | $ 20,000 |
| ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE FUND | $ 20,500 |
| TOTAL: | $ 391,500 |

**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays).**
**Recommended by the Budget Committee; (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000) to be placed in the New Cable Service Expansion Fund with funds for this appropriation to come from the unassigned fund balance. No additional funds will be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)
**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays).**
**Recommended by the Budget Committee; (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($249,150) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from Capital Reserve Funds and Revolving Funds as noted: No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)
Road Reconstruction: $175,350 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)
Revaluation (Cycle Inspections): $25,000 (from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund)
Pickup Truck for Police Department: $45,000 ($35,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and $10,000 from the Police Department Revolving Fund)
Town IT Equipment: $3800 Replacement of Two Workstations in the Town Office. (from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund)
**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays).**
**Recommended by the Budget Committee; (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) to purchase a reconditioned defibrillator for the Fire Department to further authorize the withdrawal of the sum of $15,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of Ten Thousand Dollars to come from the unassigned fund balance. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)
**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays).**
**Recommended by the Budget Committee; (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars ($26,000.00) to purchase Mobile Data Transmitters for the four Police Department cruisers with funds for this appropriation to come from the unassigned fund balance. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)
**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays).**
**Recommended by the Budget Committee; (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 10:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

HOLDERNESS
SELECT BOARD

Jill White, Chair
John Laverack, Vice Chair
Sam Brickley
Peter Francesco
Kelly Schwaner

| Source of Revenue | Actual Revenues 19-20 | Budgeted Revenues 20-21 | Select Board 21-22 | Budget Committee 21-22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Taxes - Non Property** | | | | |
| 3120-001 Land Use Tax | 12,590.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 3185-001 Yield Taxes | 18,069.75 | 9,500.00 | 12,400.00 | 12,400.00 |
| 3186-000 PILOT | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3189-002 Excavation Tax Warrant | 0.00 | 150.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 3190-001 Penalties & Interest | 17,321.64 | 41,000.00 | 31,000.00 | 31,000.00 |
| **Total Taxes Non Property** | **47,981.39** | **55,650.00** | **48,500.00** | **48,500.00** |
| **Business Licenses and Permits** | | | | |
| 3210-001 Business License/Cable Fee | 16,268.42 | 12,100.00 | 13,300.00 | 13,300.00 |
| 3210-004 UCC Filings & Cert. | 1,170.00 | 725.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 3220-000 Motor Vehicle Fees | 527,512.32 | 500,000.00 | 518,000.00 | 518,000.00 |
| 3230-000 Building Permit Fees | 9,245.63 | 11,000.00 | 11,100.00 | 11,100.00 |
| **Total Business Licenses and Permits** | **554,196.37** | **523,825.00** | **543,200.00** | **543,200.00** |
| **Other Licenses, Permits, Fees** | | | | |
| 3290-001 Dog License | 3,023.50 | 3,100.00 | 3,100.00 | 3,100.00 |
| 3290-004 Copy Fees | 186.75 | 200.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 3290-005 Vital Records | 2,315.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,300.00 | 2,300.00 |
| 3290-006 Boat Tax | 7,975.70 | 7,500.00 | 8,200.00 | 8,200.00 |
| 3290-009 Other | 181.00 | 400.00 | 385.00 | 385.00 |
| **Total Other Licenses., Permits, Fees** | **13,681.95** | **13,600.00** | **14,035.00** | **14,035.00** |
| **State and Federal** | | | | |
| 3319-000 Fed Grants & Reimb | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3320-000 GOFERR | 682.76 | | | |
| 3321-000 1st Responder Stipend | 25,500.03 | | | |
| 3351-000 Shared Rev Block Grant | 21,243.06 | 21,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3353-000 Highway Block Grants | 75,136.59 | 75,144.00 | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| 3356-000 Fed & State Forest Lands Reimb | 10.87 | 0.00 | | |
| 3359-001 Rooms & Meals | 108,346.57 | 108,559.00 | 54,000.00 | 54,000.00 |
| 3359-002 Other Grants | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| **Total State & Federal Grants** | **230,919.88** | **204,703.00** | **104,000.00** | **104,000.00** |

| Source of Revenue | Actual Revenues 19-20 | Budgeted Revenues 20-21 | Select Board 21-22 | Budget Committee 21-22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income from Departments** | | | | |
| 3401-001 Police - General | 10,430.00 | 8,000.00 | 9,900.00 | 9,900.00 |
| 3401-002 Police - HSRO | 86,432.43 | 88,000.00 | 88,000.00 | 88,000.00 |
| 3401-003 Recreation Dept | 9,216.16 | 35,475.00 | 35,175.00 | 35,175.00 |
| 3401-004 Beach | 3,390.00 | 3,400.00 | 3,400.00 | 3,400.00 |
| 3401-006 Transfer Station Tipping Fees | 52,496.00 | 62,000.00 | 62,000.00 | 62,000.00 |
| 3401-007 Planning | 5,514.50 | 3,000.00 | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 |
| 3401-008 Zoning | 4,637.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 |
| 3401-009 Fire | 1,329.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| 3401-010 Library | 309.75 | 400.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 3401-012 Transfer Station Permits | 1,438.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 3401-013 TCTC E-Reg Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3409-000 Sewer User Charges | 1,852.32 | 300.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 3409-001 Sewer Maintenance Warrant | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3402-001 PSU Life Safety Agreement | 49,660.00 | 49,600.00 | 49,600.00 | 49,600.00 |
| **Total Income from Departments** | **226,705.16** | **255,075.00** | **258,775.00** | **258,775.00** |
| **Other Income** | | | | |
| 3501-000 Sale of Municipal Prop | 15,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3502-001 Checking & Savings | 76,971.96 | 60,000.00 | 15,275.00 | 15,275.00 |
| 3502-002 Investment Interest | 795.99 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3502-003 Misc Interest | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3506-003 Retiree Health Ins Reimb. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3506-004 Other Ins Reimb. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3506-005 Ins - Employee Share | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3506-006 SS Reimb. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3508-000 Donations & Gifts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3508-001 Library Addition | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3509-000 Miscellaneous Income | 692.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3509-100 Long Term Note | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3915 Transfer from Capital Reserve | 410,774.32 | 399,795.00 | 254,150.00 | 254,150.00 |
| From Town Forest Fund | | | | |
| From Revolving Funds | | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| From Grants | | | | |
| From Fund Balance | | | 48,000.00 | 48,000.00 |
| **Total Other Income** | **504,234.89** | **459,795.00** | **327,425.00** | **327,425.00** |
| **Total Estimated Revenue** | **1,577,719.64** | **1,512,648.00** | **1,295,935.00** | **1,295,935.00** |

# 2021-2022 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET (continued)

| Purpose of Appropriation (RSA32:5 III) | Actual FY19-20 | Budgeted FY20-21 | Select Board FY21-22 | Budget Committee FY 21-22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General Government** | | | | |
| 4130 Executive | 143,675.54 | 144,625.82 | 147,386.81 | 147,386.81 |
| 4140 Election, Reg, & Vital | 84,743.23 | 95,931.00 | 93,358.10 | 93,358.10 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | 63,604.39 | 67,450.89 | 68,635.47 | 68,635.47 |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | 28,342.38 | 49,000.00 | 29,004.00 | 29,004.00 |
| 4153 Legal | 26,934.31 | 25,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| 4155 Personnel Benefits | 378,541.16 | 402,191.01 | 472,103.01 | 472,103.01 |
| 4191 Planning | 14,083.34 | 17,606.72 | 17,878.74 | 17,878.74 |
| 4192 Zoning | 5,541.20 | 8,095.00 | 8,246.52 | 8,246.52 |
| 4194 General Government Bldg | 13,551.26 | 17,575.00 | 17,600.00 | 17,600.00 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | 2,887.92 | 3,975.00 | 3,525.00 | 3,525.00 |
| 4196 Other Insurance | 32,694.29 | 37,376.00 | 40,474.00 | 40,474.00 |
| **Public Safety** | | | | |
| 4210 Police | 489,872.71 | 499,974.00 | 505,694.00 | 505,694.00 |
| 4215 Ambulance | 50,647.77 | 51,072.16 | 52,167.20 | 52,167.20 |
| 4220 Fire | 183,377.70 | 193,093.23 | 207,164.73 | 207,164.73 |
| 4290 Emerg Mgt/Flood Control | 656.99 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 4411 Compliance /Health | 14,172.13 | 14,336.26 | 14,812.06 | 14,812.06 |
| **Highways and Streets** | | | | |
| 4312 Highways & Streets | 334,830.65 | 346,757.50 | 346,502.91 | 346,502.91 |
| 4316 Street Lighting | 5,337.83 | 5,750.00 | 5,750.00 | 5,750.00 |
| **Sanitation** | | | | |
| 4324 Sanitation | 231,984.59 | 289,962.06 | 300,278.56 | 300,278.56 |
| 4326 Sewer | 1,852.32 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| **Health and Welfare** | | | | |
| 4414 Animal Control | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 4415 Public Service | 34,408.00 | 42,489.00 | 44,035.00 | 44,035.00 |
| 4445 Welfare | 3,742.02 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| **Culture and Recreation** | | | | |
| 4520 Parks & Recreation | 60,872.26 | 73,120.00 | 73,996.00 | 73,996.00 |
| 4521 Beach | 6,670.75 | 8,650.00 | 9,450.00 | 9,450.00 |
| 4550 Library | 135,975.07 | 160,043.41 | 165,635.63 | 165,635.63 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purposes | 299.83 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| **Conservation** | | | | |
| 4612 Conservation | 2,179.02 | 3,599.54 | 3,614.25 | 3,614.25 |
| **Debt Service** | | | | |
| 4710 Bonds & Notes | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Sub-total: Budgeted Operating Expenses** | 2,352,978.90 | 2,572,673.60 | 2,677,312.00 | 2,677,312.00 |

| Purpose of Appropriation (RSA32:5 III) | Actual FY19-20 | Budgeted FY20-21 | Select Board FY21-22 | Budget Committee FY 21-22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Capital Outlay** | | | | |
| 4901-711 Road Reconstruction | 230,052.07 | 225,660.00 | 175,350.00 | 175,350.00 |
| 4901-712 Public Works Vehicle | 64,545.00 | | | |
| 4901-727 Public Safety Bldg. Imp | 5,890.27 | 60,000.00 | | |
| 4901-728 Govt Bld Improvements | 12,671.09 | | | |
| 4901-722 Library Addition Town | | 1,000.00 | | |
| 4901-723 Library Addition - Donation | | 5,000.00 | | |
| 4901-734 Revaluation | 17,686.22 | 45,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| 4901-741 Fire Equipment - Defibrillator | 12,000.00 | 159,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| 4901-746 Town Office- IT | 9,465.00 | 1,500.00 | 3,800.00 | 3,800.00 |
| 4901-765 Village SIdewalk | | 30,000.00 | | |
| 4901-781 Health Insurance | 4,622.68 | | | |
| 4901-783 Abatement Defense Fund | 17,924.35 | 20,000.00 | | |
| 4901-788 Mobile Data Transmitters | 6,061.00 | | 26,000.00 | 26,000.00 |
| 4901-794 Employee Post Benefit Exp. Trust | | 55,000.00 | | |
| 4901-791 Emergency Mgt Plan Update | 3,700.00 | | | |
| 4901-793 Police Cruiser | 25,017.00 | | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| 4901-799 Conservation- Town Forest CR Act. | 7691.00 | 4,000.00 | | |
| Total 4901 Capital Outlay | 417,325.68 | 606,160.00 | 300,150.00 | 300,150.00 |
| **To Capital Reserve Transfers** | | | | |
| 4915-603 White Oak Pond Dam | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-901 Fire/Rescue Vehicles | 40,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| 4915-902 Road Reconstruction | 150,000.00 | 150,000.00 | 150,000.00 | 150,000.00 |
| 4915-904 Library | 5,000.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-905 Municipal Buildings | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 4915-906 Revaluation | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| 4915-907 Fire Equipment | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 4915-909 Public Works Vehicles | 46,000.00 | 51,000.00 | 71,000.00 | 71,000.00 |
| 4915-910 Conservation | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 4915-910 Police Cruiser | 26,000.00 | 26,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| 4915-911 Transfer Station Equip | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-912 Employee Health Ins | 5,000.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-913 Abatement Legal Fund | | - | 20,500.00 | 20,500.00 |
| 4915-914 Town Information Tech | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-915 Library Info Tech | 10,000.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-916 Emergency Mgt Exp Trust | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-917 Master Plan CRF | 5,000.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-918 Emp. Post Benefit Exp. Trust | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4915-919 Cable TV Service Expansion | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Total 4915 Capital Reserve Transfers | 403,500.00 | 403,500.00 | 403,500.00 | 403,500.00 |
| Total Budgeted Expenses | 3,173,804.58 | 3,582,333.60 | 3,380,962.00 | 3,380,962.00 |
| Estimated Gross Revenues | 1,577,719.64 | 1,512,648.00 | 1,295,935.00 | 1,295,935.00 |
| Net Property Tax Appropppriation* | 1,596,084.94 | 2,069,685.60 | 2,085,027.00 | 2,085,027.00 |

* less war service credits and overlay

# TREASURER'S REPORT

| (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Operating Account** | | |
| Beginning Balance 07/01/19 | | $ 5,215,725.73 |
| Auditor Adjustments | | |
| Receipts | | |
| Taxes | $ 10,485,359.17 | |
| All Other | $ 1,805,956.61 | |
| Total Receipts | | $ 12,291,315.78 |
| Expenditures | | |
| School Payments | $ (6,912,264.00) | |
| County Payment | $ (1,394,749.00) | |
| Town Employee Wages & Taxes | $ (1,120,650.49) | |
| Town Capital & Operating Expenses | (2,240,582.87) | |
| Total Expenditures | | $ (11,668,246.36) |
| | | |
| Ending Balance 06/30/20 | | $ 5,838,795.15 |
| | | |
| Bank Proof | | |
| MVSB: 06/01/20 Checking & Investment | | $ 5,578,821.78 |
| Deposits in transit | | $ 343,788.35 |
| Checks in transit | | $ (83,814.98) |
| Ending Balance 6/30/2020 | | $ 5,838,795.15 |
| | | |
| **Conservation Account** | | |
| Beginning Balance 07/01/19 | $ 1,141.15 | |
| Receipts | $ 0.40 | |
| Expenditures | $ - | |
| Ending Balance 06/30/20 | $ 1,141.55 | |
| | | |
| **Town Clerk Transfer Account** | | |
| Meredith Village Savings Bank 07/01/19 | 0.00 | |
| Deposits | $ 766,685.57 | |
| Transfers | $ (766,685.57) | |
| Ending Balance 06/30/20 | $ (0.00) | |
| | | |
| | | |
| **Woodsville Savings Bank CD** | | |
| Principal ($250,000) | | |
| Balance 07/01/2019 | $ 256,814.45 | |
| Interest Earned | $ 795.99 | |
| Ending Balance as of 09/27/2020 | $ 257,610.44 | |
| Matured 9/23/2019 | Closed 9/27/20 | |

# TRUST FUNDS & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT

| YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund | Beginning Balance | Contributions | Withdrawals | Interest Earned | Ending Balance |
| **TOWN OF HOLDERNESS** | | | | | |
| ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE | 22,512.16 | | (17,433.99) | 340.96 | 5,419.13 |
| CABLE TV EXTENSION CAP RESV. | 36,475.84 | 12,000.00 | | 597.76 | 49,073.60 |
| CEMETERY FUNDS | 14,695.44 | | | 227.03 | 14,922.47 |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | 117,299.37 | 5,000.00 | (7,691.00) | 1,822.71 | 116,431.08 |
| EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES | 16,679.10 | | (3,700.00) | 255.97 | 13,235.07 |
| EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS. ACCT | 42,264.25 | 5,000.00 | (4,622.68) | 664.98 | 43,306.55 |
| EMPLOYEE POST EMP.BENEFIT | 48,881.74 | 15,000.00 | | 798.00 | 64,679.74 |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND | 11,886.53 | 5,000.00 | (12,000.00) | 192.17 | 5,078.70 |
| FIRE TRUCK | 160,495.57 | 40,000.00 | | 2,593.68 | 203,089.25 |
| FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST | 18,463.51 | | | 285.22 | 18,748.73 |
| GRANT APPLICATIONS | 12,179.30 | | | 188.16 | 12,367.46 |
| LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND | 39,093.42 | 5,000.00 | | 618.23 | 44,711.65 |
| LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY FUND | 47,318.20 | 10,000.00 | | 759.57 | 58,077.77 |
| MASTER PLAN | 30,701.34 | 5,000.00 | | 488.59 | 36,189.93 |
| MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND | 97,192.13 | 30,000.00 | (18,561.36) | 1,578.29 | 110,209.06 |
| POLICE CRUISER | 32,783.33 | 19,000.00 | (25,017.00) | 548.74 | 27,315.07 |
| PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE | 19,042.26 | 46,000.00 | (64,545.00) | 394.66 | 891.92 |
| RAND GARDEN FUND | 873.60 | | (55.00) | 0.31 | 818.91 |
| RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE | 24,436.41 | | | 377.51 | 24,813.92 |
| ROAD CONSTRUCTION | 245,368.05 | 150,000.00 | (230,052.07) | 4,111.18 | 169,427.16 |
| SEWER CONSTRUCTION | 11,757.62 | | | 181.65 | 11,939.27 |
| TOWN TECHNOLOGY FUND | 3,947.22 | 17,000.00 | (9,465.00) | 105.00 | 11,587.22 |
| TOWN REVALUATION FUND | 27,131.74 | 35,000.00 | (17,686.22) | 510.65 | 44,956.17 |
| TRANSFER STATION | 1,050.21 | | | 16.21 | 1,066.42 |
| TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT | 43,217.02 | 2,000.00 | | 673.36 | 45,890.38 |
| VETERANS HONOR ROLL MAINTENANCE | 2,917.05 | | | 45.07 | 2,962.12 |
| VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND | 1,217.40 | | | 18.79 | 1,236.19 |
| WHITE OAK POND FUND | 10,968.94 | 2,500.00 | | 176.59 | 13,645.53 |
| **TOTALS** | **1,140,848.75** | **403,500.00** | **(410,829.32)** | **18,571.04** | **1,152,090.47** |
| | | | | | |
| **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL** | | | | | |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND | 54,868.19 | | | 847.65 | 55,715.84 |
| TECHNOLOGY | 89,475.67 | 40,000.00 | (41,923.00) | 1,711.62 | 89,264.29 |
| LAND PURCHASE FUND | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| BUILDING RENOVATIONS | 136,117.02 | 120,000.00 | | 3,134.79 | 259,251.81 |
| **TOTALS** | **188,055.90** | **160,000.00** | **(41,923.00)** | **5,694.06** | **404,231.94** |

# TRUST FUNDS & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT (continued)

| | YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fund | Ending Balance | Contributions | Withdrawals | Interest Earned | Ending Balance |
| | **PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST** | | | | | |
| | SPECIAL EDUCATION | 1,772.81 | | | 27.38 | 1,800.19 |
| | BUILDING FUND | 1,689.86 | | | 26.10 | 1,715.96 |
| | **TOTALS** | **3,386.27** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **53.48** | **3,516.15** |
| | | | | | | |
| | **PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS** | | | | | |
| | ASH SCHOLARSHIP | 3,629.57 | 600.00 | (882.00) | 57.10 | 3,404.67 |
| | AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU | 1,462.56 | | (200.00) | 22.03 | 1,284.59 |
| | BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP | 9,445.62 | | (200.00) | 145.14 | 9,390.76 |
| | BURKE SCHOLARSHIP | 4,900.67 | | (200.00) | 75.14 | 4,775.81 |
| | DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP | 4,385.54 | 700.00 | (500.00) | 65.83 | 4,651.37 |
| | FRENCH CLUB | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| | FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP | 2,623.60 | | | 40.53 | 2,664.13 |
| | LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP | 4,615.18 | | (500.00) | 71.07 | 4,186.25 |
| | LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP | 9,740.20 | | (500.00) | 149.53 | 9,389.73 |
| | MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP | 1,029.31 | | | 15.89 | 1,045.20 |
| | PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP | 2,457.36 | | (350.00) | 37.81 | 2,145.17 |
| | PERSON SCHOLARSHIP | 25,245.07 | | (500.00) | 389.75 | 25,134.82 |
| | SPANISH CLUB | 725.87 | | (250.00) | 10.49 | 486.36 |
| | VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP | 13,324.27 | 5,410.00 | (9,400.00) | 205.03 | 9,539.30 |
| | W. CARLETON ADAMS PR | 21,383.37 | | | 330.34 | 21,713.71 |
| | YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP | 7,193.86 | | (150.00) | 110.72 | 7,154.58 |
| | ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP | 36,168.76 | 1,825.00 | (4,600.00) | 551.18 | 33,944.94 |
| | **TOTALS** | **146,270.28** | **8,535.00** | **(18,232.00)** | **2,277.58** | **140,911.39** |
| | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL TOWN FUNDS | | | | | 1,152,090.47 |
| | TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS | | | | | 404,231.94 |
| | TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS | | | | | 3,516.15 |
| | TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS | | | | | 140,911.39 |
| | | | | | | |
| | **TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS** | | | | | **1,700,749.95** |
| | | | | | | |
| | Respectfully Submitted, | | | | | |
| | Trustees of the Trust Funds | | | | | |
| | Bonnie Hunt, Chair | | | | | |
| | Kelly Luethje | | | | | |
| | Peter Woodward | | | | | |

## VITAL STATISTICS 2020

### BIRTHS

| | NAME OF CHILD: | PLACE OF BIRTH: |
|---|---|---|
| March 17 | **Jazmine Lee Vargas Sargent** | **Lebanon, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S NAME: |
| | **Christopher Sargent** | **Heather Maxfield** |
| | NAME OF CHILD: | PLACE OF BIRTH: |
| April 9 | **Skadi Disney Schuler** | **Plymouth, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S NAME: |
| | **Kurt Schuler** | **Alexandra Disney** |
| | NAME OF CHILD: | PLACE OF BIRTH: |
| July 22 | **Layla Grace Dube** | **Plymouth, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S NAME: |
| | **Christopher Dube** | **Ashley Bussolari-Dube** |
| | NAME OF CHILD: | PLACE OF BIRTH: |
| August 19 | **Joseph Creig Bonan** | **Plymouth, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S NAME: |
| | **Joseph Bonan, Jr.** | **Maureen Doyle-Bonan** |
| | NAME OF CHILD: | PLACE OF BIRTH: |
| August 21 | **Justin Alexander Bourbeau** | **Plymouth, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S NAME: |
| | **Hunter Bourbeau** | **Brianna Bourbeau** |
| | NAME OF CHILD: | PLACE OF BIRTH: |
| August 23 | **Thomas Pope Casey** | **Plymouth, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S NAME: |
| | **Ian Casey** | **Kelly Casey** |

### DEATHS-2020

| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
|---|---|---|
| January 10 | **Barbara Jean Ryea** | **Manchester, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Joseph Watkins** | **Florence Duncan** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| January 24 | **Patricia Jean Castonguay** | **Boscawen, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Otis Hill** | **Ilia Unknown** |

| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
|---|---|---|
| January 29 | **Christopher Patrick Devine** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Chanes Devine** | **Sheila Stanczyk-Prenderville** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| February 5 | **Janice A. Whitman** | **Manchester, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Edward Abbott** | **Theda Unknown** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| February 5 | **Ralph Wesley Reynolds** | **Meredith, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Kenneth Reynolds** | **Ruth Jones** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| February 17 | **Kathryn S. Beij** | **Meredith, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Frand Sommerkamp** | **Loretta Cole** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| February 24 | **Irene Julia Fitzpatrick** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Earl Ledoux** | **Bertha Ducharme** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| February 29 | **Thomas Knapp Garesche** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Claude Garesche** | **Mary Knapp** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| May 8 | **Clarence Earle Coursey** | **Plymouth, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Clarence Coursey** | **Nettie Leach** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| May 8 | **Michael Robert Beadle** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Robert Beadle** | **Gertrude Hornois** |

| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
|---|---|---|
| May 19 | **Harold Adams Webster, Jr.** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Harold Webster, Sr.** | **Charlotte White** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| June 4 | **Robert Leo Connell** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Leo Connell** | **Yvonne Anctil** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| June 20 | **Margarete Elisabeth Vornberger** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Anton Reinelt** | **Margarete Beuer** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| July 23 | **Anne Joyce Stein** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Peter Krug** | **Martha Kerdoc** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| August 12 | **Gloria C. Winslow** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Harry Carter** | **Grace Rand** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| August 14 | **Jack Alexander Saunders** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Joseph Shabman** | **Ethel Redler** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| August 14 | **Sharon Beatrice Reed** | **Portsmouth, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Rudell Hawkins** | **Ramona Lindsey** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| August 19 | **Rose Pearl Zimmer** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Frank Avery** | **Stella Smith** |

| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
|---|---|---|
| August 30 | **Odile Marthe Marie Royea** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Emile Gorgeot** | **Monique Didier** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| September 3 | **Jeremy Scott Zimmer** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Philip Zimmer** | **Dorothea Burhoe** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| September 24 | **Ronald Joseph Adams** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Eugene Adams** | **Evelyn Poole** |
| | NAME OF DECEASED: | PLACE OF DEATH: |
| December 28 | **Janine C. Duvall** | **Lebanon, NH** |
| | FATHER'S NAME: | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: |
| | **Max Dempsey** | **Betty Frost** |

## MARRIAGES

| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
|---|---|---|
| January 2 | **Marco Grossi** | **Perugia, Italy** |
| | **Katherine V. Svec** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
| July 30 | **Ryan B. Gilcoine** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Lauren A. Chivell** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
| August 1 | **Thomas A. Sokolis Jr.** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Katherine E. Ayer** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
| August 8 | **Jonathan D. Abear** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Samantha N. Gilmore** | **Holderness, NH** |

| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
|---|---|---|
| August 28 | **Kevin F. McBournie** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Susan M. Hopp** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
| October 3 | **Stephen A. Uhlman** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Elizabeth M. Wolf** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
| October 3 | **Mackenzie J. Fleming** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Molly S. Moran** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
| October 11 | **Daniel D. Adams** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Megan C. Peper** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE: | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE: |
| October 31 | **Joseph S. Zimmer, Sr.** | **Holderness, NH** |
| | **Amanda J. Clifford** | **Plymouth, NH** |

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen King, Town Clerk

## WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Welfare Department continues to work with clients in need. Throughout the year, I have worked with many respectful individuals in our community and have helped them through their hard times. Clients come to this office with many different situations and I have worked with each client to ensure they receive the help needed. Many individuals are referred to outside agencies and I am very grateful for all the support and assistance they have provided for my clients.

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having each individual complete an extensive application in order to provide an overview of the client's specific situation. Assistance is provided for an individual's basic necessities in accordance with State law and Town guidelines. The applicants that are found eligible are assisted with expenses such as food, heat, electricity, rent, prescription drugs and other basic living and working needs. All applicants must have exhausted all other economic resources to be granted town assistance. It is, and always will be, the goal of the Welfare Department to help residents gain control over their lives and to help them transition through very challenging times.

Heat and rental assistance are always the greatest expenses each year, as this is most individual's largest monthly expense. Many clients pay for expenses that are the most manageable for their budget such as food, electric, and gasoline which leaves the other expenses hard to manage on a fixed or no income. Even with the help from other agencies, community members are continually struggling to make ends meet.

I again would like to thank the outside agencies for all the support and assistance they have provided to the community members in need. I have also enjoyed working closely with the members of the community to ensure they become successful individuals and receive the assistance needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers
Welfare Director

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

As a Board, we represent the citizens of Holderness, NH and in so doing, we look to approve, if we can, every request for variances. It is up to the applicant to provide sufficient evidence that will allow the Board to find reason to approve each request. To the extent that a request goes directly against the Zoning Regulations, which is typically the case, we seek information detailing how a rejection would be a true "hardship" to the applicant while attempting to take into consideration, where applicable, comments from contiguous landowners.

During 2020, there 7 new applications submitted to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. All seven cases requested a Variance from the Zoning Ordinance. Five of the application requests were granted approval. One application is still pending a decision and will be heard at a public hearing in the spring of 2021. One application was found to be mute as the Board determined a variance was not necessary.

The ZBA welcomed Bryan Sweeney to the Board as a new Alternate Member.

Due to Covid-19 the Zoning Board of Adjustment has held most of their meetings in 2020 via Zoom and have found that it works well. The Board is thankful to the applicants and the community for working together with the Board to make virtual meetings successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Maloney, Chairman
Judith Ruhm
Kristen Fuller
William Zurhellen
Eric MacLeish

## *SCHOOL REPORTS*

## OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

| SCHOOL BOARD | TERM EXPIRES |
|---|---|
| Carolyn Mello | 2021 |
| Meridith Mitchell | 2021 |
| Kristina Casey | 2022 |
| Joanne Pierce | 2022 |
| Wendy Mersch | 2023 |

**CLERK**
Sara Weinberg

**TREASURER**
Kathleen Whittemore

**MODERATOR**
Vacant

**AUDITOR**
Roberge and Company

**SUPERINTENDENT**
Kyla A. Welch

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**
Pamela A. Martin

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**
Dana L. Andrews

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT 2021

To the inhabitants of the town of Holderness Local School in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in school district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Town Hall in said District on the ninth day of March, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

| **Given under our hands,** | | |
|---|---|---|
| We certify and attest that on or before _____, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Town Hall and Post Office, and delivered the original to the keeper of records. | | |
| Printed Name | Position | Signature |
| Carolyn Mello | School Board Chairperson | |
| Kristina Casey | School Board Member | |
| Wendy Mersch | School Board Member | |
| Meredith Mitchell | School Board Member | |
| Joanne Pierce | School Board Member | |

To the inhabitants of the School District of Holderness Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Holderness Central School

**Article 01: Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer**
To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

**Article 02: Building Improvements from Capital Reserve**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($92,800) for Window Replacement and Network Infrastructure and authorize the withdrawal of Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($92,800) from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. No Amount to come from general taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 03: Technology Upgrades from Capital Reserve**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars ($53,490) for Technology Equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars ($53,490) from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. No Amount to come from general taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

**Article 04: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars ($100,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 05: Technology Capital Reserve Fund**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 06: Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement**
To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School Board and the Holderness Educational Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated Increase |
|---|---|
| 2021-2022 | $62,283 |
| 2022-2023 | $60,205 |
| 2023-2024 | $60,621 |
| 2024-2025 | $60,550 |

and further to raise and appropriate Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars ($62,283) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. (3 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention) (Majority vote required)

**Article 07: Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 08: Operating Budget**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of Four Million Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars ($4,619,128) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

## Appropriations

| Account | Purpose | Article | Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2020 | Appropriations as Approved by DRA for period ending 6/30/2021 | School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) | School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Instruction** | | | | | | | | |
| 1100-1199 | Regular Programs | 08 | $1,833,007 | $2,009,619 | $2,013,161 | $0 | $2,013,161 | $0 |
| 1200-1299 | Special Programs | 08 | $467,857 | $514,071 | $696,181 | $0 | $696,181 | $0 |
| 1300-1399 | Vocational Programs | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1400-1499 | Other Programs | 08 | $50,678 | $73,371 | $66,768 | $0 | $66,768 | $0 |
| 1500-1599 | Non-Public Programs | 08 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1600-1699 | Adult/Continuing Education Programs | 08 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1700-1799 | Community/Junior College Education Programs | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1800-1899 | Community Service Programs | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| | **Instruction Subtotal** | | **$2,351,542** | **$2,597,061** | **$2,776,110** | **$0** | **$2,776,110** | **$0** |
| **Support Services** | | | | | | | | |
| 2000-2199 | Student Support Services | 08 | $252,198 | $314,364 | $355,244 | $0 | $355,244 | $0 |
| 2200-2299 | Instructional Staff Services | 08 | $153,362 | $163,926 | $174,737 | $0 | $174,737 | $0 |
| | **Support Services Subtotal** | | **$405,560** | **$478,290** | **$529,981** | **$0** | **$529,981** | **$0** |
| **General Administration** | | | | | | | | |
| 0000-0000 | Collective Bargaining | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 2310 (840) | School Board Contingency | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 2310-2319 | Other School Board | 08 | $22,995 | $20,334 | $20,334 | $0 | $20,334 | $0 |
| | **General Administration Subtotal** | | **$22,995** | **$20,334** | **$20,334** | **$0** | **$20,334** | **$0** |
| **Executive Administration** | | | | | | | | |
| 2320 (310) | SAU Management Services | 08 | $244,658 | $270,261 | $291,758 | $0 | $291,758 | $0 |
| 2320-2399 | All Other Administration | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 2400-2499 | School Administration Service | 08 | $218,382 | $233,612 | $241,438 | $0 | $241,438 | $0 |
| 2500-2599 | Business | 08 | $0 | $500 | $500 | $0 | $500 | $0 |
| 2600-2699 | Plant Operations and Maintenance | 08 | $348,266 | $396,382 | $407,835 | $0 | $407,835 | $0 |
| 2700-2799 | Student Transportation | 08 | $154,970 | $219,484 | $236,749 | $0 | $236,749 | $0 |
| 2800-2999 | Support Service, Central and Other | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| | **Executive Administration Subtotal** | | **$966,276** | **$1,120,239** | **$1,178,280** | **$0** | **$1,178,280** | **$0** |

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## Appropriations

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Non-Instructional Services** | | | | | | | | |
| 3100 | Food Service Operations | 08 | $53,115 | $80,000 | $65,000 | $0 | $65,000 | $0 |
| 3200 | Enterprise Operations | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| | **Non-Instructional Services Subtotal** | | **$53,115** | **$80,000** | **$65,000** | **$0** | **$65,000** | **$0** |
| **Facilities Acquisition and Construction** | | | | | | | | |
| 4100 | Site Acquisition | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4200 | Site Improvement | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4300 | Architectural/Engineering | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4400 | Educational Specification Development | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4500 | Building Acquisition/Construction | | $0 | $40,700 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4600 | Building Improvement Services | 08 | $97,455 | $1 | $18,000 | $0 | $18,000 | $0 |
| 4900 | Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| | **Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal** | | **$97,455** | **$40,701** | **$18,000** | **$0** | **$18,000** | **$0** |
| **Other Outlays** | | | | | | | | |
| 5110 | Debt Service - Principal | 08 | $0 | $0 | $12,378 | $0 | $12,378 | $0 |
| 5120 | Debt Service - Interest | 08 | $0 | $0 | $4,043 | $0 | $4,043 | $0 |
| | **Other Outlays Subtotal** | | **$0** | **$0** | **$16,421** | **$0** | **$16,421** | **$0** |
| **Fund Transfers** | | | | | | | | |
| 5220-5221 | To Food Service | 08 | $21,410 | $23,001 | $15,001 | $0 | $15,001 | $0 |
| 5222-5229 | To Other Special Revenue | 08 | $47,059 | $1 | $1 | $0 | $1 | $0 |
| 5230-5239 | To Capital Projects | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5254 | To Agency Funds | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5300-5399 | Intergovernmental Agency Allocation | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 9990 | Supplemental Appropriation | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 9992 | Deficit Appropriation | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| | **Fund Transfers Subtotal** | | **$68,469** | **$23,002** | **$15,002** | **$0** | **$15,002** | **$0** |
| | **Total Operating Budget Appropriations** | | **$3,965,412** | **$4,359,627** | **$4,619,128** | **$0** | **$4,619,128** | **$0** |

## Special Warrant Articles

| Account | Purpose | Article | School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) | School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5251 | To Capital Reserve Fund | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5252 | To Expendable Trust Fund | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5253 | To Non-Expendable Trust Fund | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1100-1199 | Regular Programs | 03 | $53,490 | $0 | $53,490 | $0 |
| | | ***Purpose:*** *Technology Upgrades from Capital Reserve* | | | | |
| 4600 | Building Improvement Services | 02 | $92,800 | $0 | $92,800 | $0 |
| | | ***Purpose:*** *Building Improvements from Capital Reserve* | | | | |
| 5251 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 04 | $100,000 | $0 | $100,000 | $0 |
| | | ***Purpose:*** *Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund* | | | | |
| 5251 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 05 | $40,000 | $0 | $40,000 | $0 |
| | | ***Purpose:*** *Technology Capital Reserve Fund* | | | | |
| 5251 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 07 | $40,000 | $0 | $40,000 | $0 |
| | | ***Purpose:*** *Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve* | | | | |
| | **Total Proposed Special Articles** | | **$326,290** | **$0** | **$326,290** | **$0** |

## Individual Warrant Articles

| Account | Purpose | Article | School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) | School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1100-1199 | Regular Programs | 06 | $62,283 | $0 | $0 | $62,283 |
| | | ***Purpose:*** *Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement* | | | | |
| | **Total Proposed Individual Articles** | | **$62,283** | **$0** | **$0** | **$62,283** |

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## Revenues

| Account | Source | Article | Revised Revenues for period ending 6/30/2021 | School Board's Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2022 | Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Local Sources** | | | | | |
| 1300-1349 | Tuition | | $12,000 | $0 | $0 |
| 1400-1449 | Transportation Fees | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1500-1599 | Earnings on Investments | 08 | $100 | $100 | $100 |
| 1600-1699 | Food Service Sales | 08 | $29,900 | $29,900 | $29,900 |
| 1700-1799 | Student Activities | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1800-1899 | Community Service Activities | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 1900-1999 | Other Local Sources | 08 | $13,337 | $35,390 | $35,390 |
| | **Local Sources Subtotal** | | **$55,337** | **$65,390** | **$65,390** |
| **State Sources** | | | | | |
| 3210 | School Building Aid | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 3215 | Kindergarten Building Aid | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 3220 | Kindergarten Aid | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 3230 | Catastrophic Aid | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 3240-3249 | Vocational Aid | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 3250 | Adult Education | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 3260 | Child Nutrition | 08 | $1,100 | $1,100 | $1,100 |
| 3270 | Driver Education | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 3290-3299 | Other State Sources | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| | **State Sources Subtotal** | | **$1,100** | **$1,100** | **$1,100** |
| **Federal Sources** | | | | | |
| 4100-4539 | Federal Program Grants | 08 | $17,002 | $16,002 | $16,002 |
| 4540 | Vocational Education | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4550 | Adult Education | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4560 | Child Nutrition | 08 | $26,000 | $19,000 | $19,000 |
| 4570 | Disabilities Programs | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 4580 | Medicaid Distribution | 08 | $5,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 |
| 4590-4999 | Other Federal Sources (non-4810) | 08 | $20,317 | $20,000 | $20,000 |
| 4810 | Federal Forest Reserve | 08 | $0 | $300 | $300 |
| | **Federal Sources Subtotal** | | **$68,319** | **$65,302** | **$65,302** |
| **Other Financing Sources** | | | | | |
| 5110-5139 | Sale of Bonds or Notes | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5140 | Reimbursement Anticipation Notes | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5221 | Transfer from Food Service Special Revenue Fund | 08 | $23,000 | $15,000 | $15,000 |
| 5222 | Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5230 | Transfer from Capital Project Funds | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5251 | Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds | 03, 02 | $65,925 | $146,290 | $146,290 |
| 5252 | Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5253 | Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 5300-5699 | Other Financing Sources | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 9997 | Supplemental Appropriation (Contra) | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| 9998 | Amount Voted from Fund Balance | 07 | $0 | $40,000 | $40,000 |
| 9999 | Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes | | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| | **Other Financing Sources Subtotal** | | **$88,925** | **$201,290** | **$201,290** |
| | **Total Estimated Revenues and Credits** | | **$213,681** | **$333,082** | **$333,082** |

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## Budget Summary

| Item | School Board Period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) | Budget Committee Period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended) |
|---|---|---|
| Operating Budget Appropriations | $4,619,128 | $4,619,128 |
| Special Warrant Articles | $326,290 | $326,290 |
| Individual Warrant Articles | $62,283 | $0 |
| Total Appropriations | $5,007,701 | $4,945,418 |
| Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits | $333,082 | $333,082 |
| Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant | $0 | $0 |
| **Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised** | **$4,674,619** | **$4,612,336** |

## Supplemental Schedule

| | |
|---|---|
| **1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee** | **$4,945,418** |
| **Less Exclusions:** | |
| 2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes | $0 |
| 3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes | $0 |
| 4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes | $0 |
| 5. Mandatory Assessments | $0 |
| 6. Total Exclusions *(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)* | $0 |
| **7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions *(Line 1 less Line 6)*** | **$4,945,418** |
| 8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions *(Line 7 x 10%)* | $494,542 |
| **Collective Bargaining Cost Items:** | |
| 9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting) | $0 |
| 10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting) | $0 |
| 11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10) | $0 |
| **12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted** | **$0** |
| **Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting:** ***(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)*** | **$5,439,960** |

# MS-27 HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

## HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT
## BALANCE SHEET - 2019-2020

| | General | Food Service | All Other | Capital Projects | Trust/ Agency |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current Assets** | | | | | |
| Cash | 325,335.04 | (19,167.00) | (5,729.64) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Investments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 404,231.94 |
| Interfund Receivables | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Intergov Receivables | 799.08 | 19,167.00 | 5,777.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Receivables | 0.00 | 2,929.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 3,959.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Assets | 330,093.62 | 2,929.80 | 48.06 | 0.00 | 404,231.94 |
| **Current Liabilities** | | | | | |
| Interfund Payables | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Intergovernment Payables | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Payables | 6,710.55 | 0.00 | 114.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Accrued Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Payroll Deductions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Deferred Revenues | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 6,710.55 | 0.00 | 114.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Fund Equity** | | | | | |
| Res for Amounts Voted | 40,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Unassigned Fund Bal Ret. | 98,262.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Res for Special Purposes | 0.00 | 2,829.80 | (3,912.85) | 0.00 | 404,231.94 |
| Res for Encumbrances | 29,889.37 | 0.00 | 3,846.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Unreserved Fund Balance | 155,231.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Fund Equity | 323,383.07 | 2,829.80 | (66.25) | 0.00 | 404,231.94 |
| Total Liability & Fund Equity | 330,093.62 | 2,829.80 | 48.06 | 0.00 | 404,231.94 |

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This annual report provides an opportunity to share with you a brief overview of the accomplishments and happenings of our school community.

We hired two new administrators for the 2020-2021 school year.

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| Dana Andrews | Assistant Superintendent |
| Kara Levasseur | Technology Director |

They are both incredibly talented professionals and are a welcomed addition to our SAU 48 community.

The 2020/21 school year has certainly been a challenge for all of our students, staff, and families across SAU 48. Starting early in the summer of 2020, we developed school based plans which were consistent with goals of safety and academic success, as well as unique to each school and community. In order to accomplish these goals, we pulled together teams of over seventy-five people including administrators, teachers, parents, health care professionals, and safety officials to help us create our school re-entry plans. We utilized expertise from local professionals and guidance from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and New Hampshire Department of Education to complete these plans. We would like to thank all of those involved as well as our educators, students, and communities for trusting in this process.

In addition to planning for in-person schooling, we felt it was important to provide families with an option to continue with remote instruction. Due to individual circumstances and health concerns associated with Covid-19, we felt it was important to provide a remote learning option for families. Our administrators and teaching staff worked tirelessly to create remote learning experiences in order to make these both meaningful and relevant.

This fall we began our first year of implementation of a new K-8 mathematics program; Into Math. This program is grounded in the standards and provides teachers with the tools and instructional practices needed to help all of our SAU 48 students feel successful. Additionally, we began an independent study of our K-12 science curriculum in order to provide more consistency across the district. This process will continue into the summer with professional development and instructional planning.

In response to Covid-19, Congress set aside funding through the CARES Act for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) and the Supplemental Public School Response Fund (SPSRF). SAU 48 was awarded $542,085 in CARES ESSER funding and an additional $442,822 in funding through the SPSRF Fund. We utilized these funds to provide staffing and resources for both in-person and remote instruction.

As in the past, we remain incredibly grateful for the support and generosity afforded to our schools by the families, staff and community members of SAU 48. We know and appreciate the sacrifices homeowners make to support our schools. We hope we have met your expectations and we are proud to serve the communities in SAU 48. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or feedback anytime.

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| Kyla A. Welch | Pamela A. Martin | Dana L. Andrews |
| *Kyla A. Welch* | *Pamela A. Martin* | *Dana L. Andrews* |
| Superintendent of Schools | Assistant Superintendent | Assistant Superintendent |

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

As the Holderness Central School nurse, it is my responsibility to maintain and protect the health and well-being of the students and staff. This not only includes their physical well-being, but mental health as well. Students who are healthy are proven to be better learners. Staff who are healthy can help support your children on their learning pathway, regardless of any physical or mental challenges.

*2020 Statistical report for health office visits*:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Injury event: | 107 | Medication Administration: | 51 |
| Acute and Chronic Illness: | 79 | Treatments: | 479 |
| Wellness: Mind & Body: | 29 | Screenings: | 576 |
| Indirect Care/Management: | 27 | | |

Covid-19 has impacted the number of visits to the health office, comparing 2019 to 2020, visits were decreased by 800. On March 15, all K-12 schools closed, initially for 2 weeks, then for the rest of the year. Students became remote learners and parents became teachers. To say this was difficult for the students and staff would be an understatement. The opportunity to return to in person learning at the beginning of the 20-21 school year was met with great joy and its own set of obstacles. Social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing have limited the amount of days we've needed to go remote due to positive cases and exposure for close contacts. Prevention and limiting the spread of Covid-19 has been my main focus since acquiring this position.

In addition to preventing Covid-19, we were able to hold a flu clinic for staff and students. The flu vaccine was offered to all students and staff. A majority of the staff received their vaccination, as well as ½ of the student body.

Screenings continued this year, though limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. Screenings for height, weight, and vision were completed. Hearing screenings were completed only for students requiring them. Sports physicals for those students in 4$^{th}$ and 8$^{th}$ grade did not occur last spring because of quarantine. However, sports physicals are scheduled for this spring in May of 2021. Laurel Galvin, APRN, will be conducting them in the health office. Laurel is a member of the Plymouth Pediatrics practice.

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT (continued)

John Brule, ATC, returned to HCS before fall and winter sports to administer IMPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) testing. When a student suffers a concussion, the IMPACT test will determine when the student will be eligible to return to play.

Speare Memorial Hospital continues to sponsor the dental health clinic at HCS. Ruth Doane, RH, provides dental screenings, which includes sealants, fluoride varnish and cleanings. Cleanings weren't completed this fall because of Covid restrictions. These are done with parental permission. She will return this spring for the same screenings.

SAU #48 school nurses meet monthly to discuss policies and share information. School nurses for the SAU are employed by Speare Memorial Hospital.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have regarding your children's health. I am always available as a resource to students, parents as well as staff.

Respectfully submitted,

*Whitney Fish, RN, BSN*
Whitney Fish, RN, BSN
HCS School Nurse

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At Holderness Central School this year, through the lens of our school theme Learning, Kindness and Respect, our courageous staff and students have persevered through an incredibly challenging year both at home and in school. Staff have remained steadfast in their pursuit of student preparation for their future while ensuring HCS kids are well rounded citizens of our community.

This school year we have welcomed several new staff members to our ranks. From William White Consulting, we have welcomed Callie Morin, Jill Miller and Jamie Capaul to help support our students. We also hired two new 1:1 para professionals Deanna Hutchins and Emily Hogan. All of these wonderful additions come to us with years of experience and a true passion for supporting kids.

The same connection to our community we made when designing our school theme, we relied on for support through our challenging year. In mid-August, while school districts around the country were designing re-entry plans, the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) stepped forward to assist our HCS Task Force and raised $30,000.00 to enhance outdoor learning through local donations. HCS was able to purchase awnings to create weatherproof outdoor learning spaces and weatherproof outdoor mini desks to go over the stumps. We subsidized winter outerwear purchases for students and staff and secured new snowshoes for our HCS Winter Program.

This incredible support from our community helped guide our return plan for students to balance safety and normalcy at school and in remote learning. Our in-person learners are organized into cohort groups within grade levels and divided into three Pods (Kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd grade through 5th grade and 6th grade through 8th grade.) Each cohort within each grade level is determined by social distancing requirements. Cohorts stay within their classroom or outdoor classroom for the day and teachers rotate around the building to each cohort. Students have the opportunity to play with friends outside of their cohort and grade level at recess or during co-curricular activities after school, depending on grade. Kindergarten through Grade 3 utilizes a self-contained model for teaching and learning where each grade has one teacher for all subjects. Grades 4 and 5 have two teachers who rotate and teach two subjects each. Grade 6 through 8 students share four core teachers but stay within their cohort areas except for some specials. All teachers have adapted much of their curriculum to Google Classroom to support students when they are out on quarantine due to Covid-19 symptoms.

About 15% of our students have been participating in our remote learning model since August 2020. These students have a remote teacher who reaches out weekly to ensure that students are on pace with our remote learning curriculum. Each family has a customized program schedule intended to meet the needs of their individual family environment. As the school year progressed, we have remained in school longer than initially expected. Due to this progression, we have now expanded and have four certified educators who support our remote program with face-to-face classes and direct integration with peers in school.

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued)

Unified Arts looks a little different this year. In order to adhere to our re-entry guide, two to three Unified Arts teachers are assigned to a Pod for each trimester. Students in each Pod experience their Unified Arts classes multiple times a week! Cohorting has provided the opportunity for Unified Arts teachers to offer an intensive experience for kids where they teach their class multiple times a week instead of just once. Our remote learners follow this rotation too.

Last year we focused on streamlining our academic program and interventions by adopting Response to Intervention (RTI) building wide. A key to delivering interventions within the RTI model is organizing progress monitoring data collected throughout the year in such a way that teachers can use these measures to guide instruction in class and during Hawk Time in grade K-8. Teachers have the opportunity to meet kids where they are academically and provide small group interventions based on individualized performance data during these periods.

Due to the trauma associated with the last year we have implemented a school wide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program for all students who are remote and in school. Core teachers have scheduled SEL time into their core curriculum each week to ensure students have returned to school successfully, feel supported and have been provided strategies for processing difficult emotions. The curriculum has been made available to our remote learning families so that they can complete the assignments with their caregivers.

Despite the challenges of this year, our teachers have rallied together to create Covid-19 safe co-curricular programming for kids in order for them to continue to have a varied experience at HCS. We offered a Self E-STEAM club to 1st and 2nd graders with the goal of learning self-esteem building strategies through the lens of problem-solving STEAM projects together. We welcomed Senator Jean Shaheen and Governor Chris Sununu into virtual lessons. We have offered school sports for two seasons so far and we also offer Mountain Bike Club in the fall and spring to grades 3-8. In the coming weeks we will be offering a virtual version of Math Team and even reinvigorating the robotics team with a drone challenge! These and many more opportunities await our students this coming winter and spring. Boys and Girls Club is still operating out of HCS and has wonderful attendance each day.
This winter HCS students will again enjoy new winter sports opportunities through our HCS Winter Program. This year we will host the program at school for 6 weeks on Friday afternoon. Each Pod will rotate through Nordic Skiing, Snowshoeing and Winter STEAM activities. Three abutting land owners, the Squam TrailBusters Snowmobile Club and the Waterville Valley Adventure Center have come together to make this happen for us.

We look forward to continuing our trajectory through this year with the goals of remaining safe while providing rigorous study remaining at the forefront of our weekly routine. We humbly thank the community for their unending support for HCS during this unprecedented time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Sampson – Principal

# HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT
# MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2020

The annual School District meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Lisetta Silvestri. Tink Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator reviewed the ground rules for the District Meeting. Moderator Silvestri introduced members of the School Board, District Officers and School Principal. District Clerk Sara Weinberg read the School District voting results. A motion to waive the reading of the Warrant in its entirety was moved by Daniel Rossner and seconded by Fran Taylor.

**Article 01: Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer**
To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Moved by Dan Rossner, seconded by Larry Spencer. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 02: Building Improvements from Capital Reserve**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars ($40,700) for Replacement Windows and to authorize the withdrawal of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars ($40,700) from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. No amount to come from general taxation. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Anne Hunnewell, seconded by Fran Taylor. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 03: Technology Upgrades**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($25,225) for Technology Upgrades and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($25,225) from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by John Jenkins, seconded by Walter Johnson. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 04: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Walter Johnson, seconded by Fran Taylor. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 05: Technology Capital Reserve Fund**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars ($40,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Walter Johnson, seconded Fran Taylor. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 06: Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement**
To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School Board and the Holderness Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated Increase |
|---|---|
| 2020-2021 | $27,530 |
| 2021-2022 | $31,117 |
| 2022-2023 | $34,410 |
| 2023-2024 | $63,528 |

And further to raise and appropriate Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars ($27,530) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Anne Hunnewell, seconded by Larry Spencer. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 07: Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Missy Mason, seconded by Fran Taylor. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 08: Operating Budget**
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of Four Million Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars ($4,266,172) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this Article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by John Jenkins, seconded by Fran Taylor. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting.

School Board Chairperson Carolyn Mello recognized and thanked outgoing School Board member and past Chair Dr. Joseph Casey for his years of service. The voters recognized Dr. Casey with a round of applause.

Fran Taylor asked for information regarding adding solar panels on school grounds. Dan Rossner explained that the School is undergoing an energy audit and is considering efficient retrofit lighting and weatherization. There has been a discussion between the District and the Town about conducting a cost analysis on adding solar at the School. Dan Rossner added that no proposal has been made and no site at the School has been identified as a possible location.

Kay Hanson asked what precautions for Corona Virus are being implemented at the School. Assistant Superintendent Kyla Welch responded that the District is in daily contact with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and Speare Memorial Hospital. The District is also following the guidelines of the CDC by cleaning schools and buses with disinfectant. Field trips out of state may be suspended. Kyla Welch added that the situation is changing rapidly and daily communication will continue to keep students and the community safe. Updates are available on the Holderness Central School and Town of Holderness websites.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Walter Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Spencer. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Moderator Silvestri declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
*Sara Weinberg*
Sara Weinberg
School District Clerk, Holderness

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT

Holderness School District:
Special Education Actual Expenditures Report per RSA 32:11-a

| | Fiscal Year 2018-2019 | Fiscal Year 2019-2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures: | $ 669,168.00 | $ 628,999.00 |
| Revenues: | $ 101,282.00 | $ 111,162.00 |
| Net Expenditures: | $ 567,886.00 | $ 517,837.00 |
| $ increase/decrease | | $ -50,049.00 |
| % increase/decrease | | -8.81% |

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Select Board
Town of Holderness, New Hampshire

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

***Required Supplementary Information***

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

Melanson

Merrimack, New Hampshire
February 12, 2021

**Town of Holderness**

**Governmental Funds**

**Balance Sheet June 30, 2020**

| | General | Non-major Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | |
| Cash & Short-term Investments | 5,837,558 | 14,922 | 5,852,480 |
| Restricted Cash | 1,137,173 | | 1,137,173 |
| Receivables: | | | |
| Property Taxes | 996,704 | | 996,704 |
| Departmental | | | |
| Due from other funds | | 78,750 | 78,750 |
| Other Assets | 2,960 | | 2,960 |
| **Total Assets** | 7,974,395 | 93,672 | 8,068,067 |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 10,758 | | 10,758 |
| Due to School District | | | |
| Accrued Liabilities | 29,980 | | 29,980 |
| Due to Other Funds | 78,750 | | 78,750 |
| Other Liabilities | 38,076 | | 38,076 |
| **Total Liabilities** | 157,564 | - | 157,564 |
| **Deffered Inflows of Resources** | | | |
| Unavailable Revenues | 5,103,518 | | 5,103,518 |
| **Fund Balamces** | | | |
| Non-spendable | 2,960 | 4,750 | 7,710 |
| Restricted | | 88,922 | 88,922 |
| Committed | 1,137,173 | | 1,137,173 |
| Assigned | 20,663 | | 20,663 |
| Unassigned | 1,552,517 | | 1,552,517 |
| **Total Fund Blalnces** | 2,713,313 | 93,672 | 2,806,985 |

## CADY REPORT

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of Holderness for your support over the past year. Together we are preventing substance misuse and building possibilities, potential, and promise for our children.

Addiction is one of the most complex issue facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths continuing to steal the lives of too many of our young people. The ongoing mental health, substance misuse, and child protection crises our state is experiencing have taken a significant toll on New Hampshire's children and families, impacting all child-serving systems.

**Consequently, CADY believes local problems need local solutions; as such,** it is our collective responsibility to address these problems head on. The scary truth is we are seeing surges in childhood anxiety and clinical depression statewide and locally. In 2019, 341 children, ages 12-17, called the state's 24-hour crisis line with the number rising to 418 this year. This summer, a disturbing new trend emerged — 26 children were waiting for a bed in a treatment facility, in contrast to one child in 2017. Additionally, youth substance misuse in our local region has increased significantly. The 2019 Pemi-Baker Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicated our children are at higher rates than statewide averages in suicidal ideation, sadness, and feelings of hopelessness. Post COVID-19, these number are expected to grow, as so many of our children are struggling with the impact of social isolation and uncertainty. Emerging research shows that for youth to thrive, even amidst challenging life circumstances, what they need most is to be encircled by caring adults. This is the essence of CADY's vital work.

**The scarcity of treatment services for children makes prevention a crucial first step to addressing their growing needs. Knowing this, as an essential public health service, we kept our doors open during the pandemic.**

We thank our community partners for working tirelessly with CADY to build healthy environments that foster hope, growth, and resiliency. **We cannot do this critical work without you.** Thank you, Holderness, we are truly honored and grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Deb Naro,
Executive Director

## EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR REPORT




On January 6, 2020, I will complete my term as Executive Councilor. This District is comprised of over 100 towns and four cities and covers up to ½ of the land area from Tilton to Pittsburg. The five members of the Council each represent approximately 275,000 constituents. The Council meets approximately every two weeks and most of the meetings are held at the State House in Concord. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, from March until September, all of the Council meetings were held via telephone, and no meetings were held in each of the Councilors districts during the summer.

The Executive Council votes on all contracts with the state over $10,000 as well as appointments to Boards and Commissions. About fifty persons from District 1 were confirmed to various positions on State Boards and Commissions this year. The Council also votes on Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of State Agencies as well as confirms the appointment of judges to serve in New Hampshire District, Supreme and Superior Courts.

The function that I enjoy most is constituent service. Again, COVID-19 presented a whole new set of problems. First of all, it restricted traveling from town to town. Secondly, after the major health crisis, nothing was more impactful than the economic devastation to individuals and businesses. One glaring example was unemployment. The week prior to the pandemic, 500 people applied for unemployment assistance. The next four weeks, 119,000 filed for unemployment assistance. District 1, which is known for its restaurants, hotels, resorts and hospitality industry was hit the hardest with 44 towns seeing a 20-35% unemployment rate.

If you wish to serve on any Boards or Commissions, please submit your resume to Jonathan Melanson of the Governor's office. The Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications needed, can be reviewed at http://sos.nh.gov/GC2.aspx .

Please feel free to contact me if you feel I can be helpful. My contact information is mjcryans@hotmail.com or 603-443-1901 or PO Box 999, Hanover, NH 03755.

I have enjoyed serving you the last two years. It has truly been an honor.

Sincerely,
Michael Cryans, Executive Councilor-District One

## FRIENDS OF THE PEMI - LIVERMORE FALLS CHAPTER REPORT

Friends of the Pemi – Livermore Falls Chapter is pleased to report that our volunteer group, working with the state of New Hampshire, continues to be active in supporting, improving and celebrating this wonderful community asset called Livermore Falls.

With the hot and sunny summer of 2020, we saw near- record numbers of visitors to the beach in Holderness, even with the complications of the pandemic. If you have followed our progress during the last eight years, you have experienced our accomplishments. And you also know that we are not yet done with the to do list.

In 2020, the state staffed up and we have turned our full attention to the Campton side of the river. We reenergized our Chapter and began the planning process, culminating with a new visioning session held in December. Many ideas were discussed about how to make the mill site and best view of the falls a safe, historical and educational place for visitors. These visioning discussions will continue in early 2021 to obtain broad community interest and support for the anticipated improvements. We encourage your participation and are always looking for additional volunteers to assist with these efforts.

During the summer, our Chapter volunteers worked with the state to finalize interpretive signage that will be present eventually on both sides of the river. These interpretations explain the history of the falls including geology, human contact, commerce and community impact. A volunteer day was organized and signage was placed at the site of the community known as the “Hollows” in Holderness. When you visit next, you will be impressed about the importance of this place in the development of our communities. Now known mainly for its recreational beach and picnic possibilities, the place has much to offer on the educational and historical front.

As I have said many times before, with your participation and continued enthusiasm, the sky is the limit for making Livermore Falls the best asset our communities have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Evans
Evanmead139@gmail.com

## GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP's Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2019-20, 87 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center; 7 were assisted by ServiceLink. Prior to the onset of the COVID pandemic:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 438 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 1,848 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 3 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- Holderness residents participated in activities at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center on 249 occasions.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 15 visits with a trained outreach worker and 12 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 198 hours of volunteer service.

We continue to serve the residents of Holderness through our home-delivered and Grab & Go meals programs, delivery of shelf-stable foods and other essential items, and through our outreach and ServiceLink programs.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director

## HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT



| Officers | Directors |
|---|---|
| Linda Foerderer – President | Lynn Durham |
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| Missy Mason – Treasurer | Mary Elizabeth Nielsen |
| Cynthia Murray – Secretary | Patty Sue Salvador |
| | Tink Taylor |

The Holderness Historical Society thanks the town and our members for financial support. This year because of the pandemic, we were forced to cancel our planned programs, but hopefully next year we will be able to present them. We accommodated many people who visited our museum by providing private tours. We continue to maintain, upgrade and provide special exhibits.

**Programs:**

· In 2020 we partnered with the Holderness Library to present 4 programs sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, but canceled because of the pandemic. We are hoping to be able to present them in 2021.

**Museum Building:**

· No major projects this year, but we did improve the exhibit of our dugout canoe.

· The Concord, MA Historical Society donated four showcases to us.

· Maintained and updated a research/library area to allow people to do research.

**Historical Projects:**

· Produced biannual Newsletters with articles of local history

· Provided help with genealogy research on Holderness residents

· Sold books and old maps of Squam Lake ad Holderness

· Presented two special exhibits: *Art and Memorabilia of Helen Nicolay* (The paintings are on loan complements of Patty Sue Salvador.) and our *Dugout Canoe* discovered in Veerie Cove in 1939 (donated in 2018 by the Shelburne, VT. Museum)

· Expanded our collection with the donations of artifacts.

**Community:**

· Our large meeting room and kitchen are available at no cost to Holderness groups.

· Worked on Flowers on the Bridge. Thanks to Tom and Sally Daigneault at Squam Boat Livery who donated the cost of electricity for irrigation.

**Future:**

· We will continue to offer pubic programs and meetings May through October.

· School tours will continue to be available in May, June, September and October.

· We will continue cataloging books and pamphlets and plan to expand materials in our research/library area to make researching simpler.

· Next summer there will be a special exhibit in the museum.

**The Holderness Historical Society needs more volunteers to help preserve the history of our Town.**

## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT




The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary organization of 30 municipalities within a state-defined planning area established under NH RSA 36:45. Regional planning commissions strive to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a meaningful way, both locally and regionally, through communication, joint initiatives, and planning. LRPC's professional staff provide regional planning services and local technical assistance. Here are some highlights of our services and activities over the past fiscal year:

**Local Services, Holderness**

· Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection participation: Total households 23

· Delivery of 14 copies of the NH Planning & Land Use Regulation book for the Town at a savings of $79 per book.

· Met with board/committee members for each of the 5 Squam Lakes Watershed towns to include them in the watershed management planning process.

· Telephone conversation with Planning Board Chair regarding cell tower application; · Researched Developments of Regional Impact (DRI): cell tower applications and overlap with RSA 12-K requirements to notify neighboring municipalities.

· Updated Cell Phone Coverage maps upon request by the Planning Board and utilized a legend more suitable to color-blind readers.

· Responded to citizen request for Cell Phone Service Coverage maps of Holderness.

· Developed a Viewshed Analysis map for the Planning Board

**Regional Planning and Purchasing**

· Reviewed 6 Developments of Regional Impact, pursuant to NH RSA 36:54,

· Reviewed 8 project notices under the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement requiring public notification to regional planning commissions of all projects in the region intended to receive federal financial support.

**Solid Waste Management**

· Participated in Statewide HHW Coordinators' meeting focusing on impacts of COVID-19 on collections.

·Presented an online webinar on March 31 on Best Management Practices for Community Composting with Director Natasha Duarte of the Composting Association of Vermont. 230 people attended.

· Plymouth State University (PSU). Worked with the Fall/Spring Technical Communications class on determining recycling participation on campus and in nearby towns, and on composting and food waste reduction.

**Transportation**

· Supported LRPC's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which met six times during FY20 to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development.

· Drafted outline for the Regional Transportation Plan update. At the February TAC meeting, facilitated discussion of our corridor approach to updating the Plan and the next Ten-Year Plan process.

· Attended House Public Works & Highways hearing on HB2020 regarding the State Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2021-2030.

**Community Outreach & Education**

· Convened four Commission meetings with guest speakers Steve Taylor on transportation history with New Hampshire Roads Taken—Or Not; Russ Lanoie on septic issues with Best Practice Stories from the Field—Avoiding Mistakes Up Front Can Help You Later; and a joint Legislative Forum on Economic Development co-hosted with three local organizations at Lakes Region Community College.

· While the traditional annual meeting dinner was cancelled due to the pandemic, the full Commission met virtually on June 22 to adopt the FY21 budget and elect officers and Executive Board members for FY21-22.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Hayes, MRP
Executive Director

## PEMI-BAKER COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

**Pemi-Baker Community Health** (PBCH) is a non-profit offering a wide range of vital health services to residents of 22 Central NH towns. This past year PBCH provided almost 15,000 home visits delivering skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, hospice end of life care, palliative care, and social work to residents regardless of their ability to pay.

In the 54 years of Pemi-Baker Community Health's existence, we have never experienced such growth in our organization as we are seeing today. The demand for compassionate services in your community has risen steadily and thanks to community support, we have been able to meet the ongoing needs of every resident, in spite of the uncertain financial and regulatory climate in which we operate.

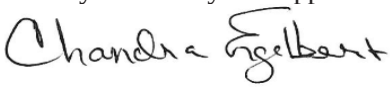
Rising health care costs and reductions in government funding have put needed health care out of reach for too many of our neighbors and friends. As healthcare delivery continues to evolve with the COVID-19 pandemic, advanced training and safety equipment is needed to continue delivery of services to our patients safely. We are following both the CDC and the NH Department of Health's safety recommendations to meet the needs of our homecare and hospice patients as well as those coming into our facility for physical, occupational and aquatic therapy.

Pemi-Baker will continue to provide care, regardless of ability to pay. Town funds are used to provide services to those with limited or no ability to pay, and to augment (as in Hospice care) the cost of services that are not covered through third party payers. Our agency is dependent upon charitable donations, town funds, and grants to provide services.

Health is not a moment in time, but an ongoing adventure. Decisions about being healthy happen from the day we are born until the day we die. PBCH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy, and with Hospice, we make the end-of-life journey one of hope and dignity, while putting the patient/family in the driver's seat. Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and many have been able to realize this possibility.

Pemi-Baker Community Health is interested in the complete health of the community. Our primary services are: Home Health, Hospice, Palliative Care and Facility-based Therapy

We are pleased to be part of your community and touching lives: yours, your family's, your neighbor's, in a partnership to improve health and lives.
Thank you for all your support!



Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

## PEMEGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is a member organization of appointed local representatives that oversees the Pemigewasset River corridor (one quarter mile on either side of the river) that traverses the municipalities of Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Franconia, Franklin, Hill, Holderness, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sanbornton, and Thornton. The members of PRLAC act on behalf of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to review and comment on state and local permits for activities impacting the corridor, and they communicate with municipalities and citizens regarding corridor management. The DES does not have adequate staff to visit most permit application sites in a timely fashion, and they have asked PRLAC to perform this task for them. Our site visits collect data, make observations and usually take photos of the sites of the proposed projects that will impact the Pemi corridor, and then we report our findings to DES and the property owner. Although we ourselves don't have the authority to approve or deny an application, our observations influence the action that DES takes.

As stated in previous annual reports (and is worthy of repetition), the Pemi is a Class B river, meaning that it has high aesthetic value and is acceptable for swimming and other recreational activities, fish habitat, and for use as a public water supply after treatment. Our mission is to do those things necessary to maintain the Pemi's Class B water quality status.

During the year, we responded to several inquiries from municipalities that included providing a response to Ashland's Wastewater Treatment Facility's energy audit. Another site visit was to Resource Management Incorporated (RMI) located in New Hampton. Our visit to RMI was precipitated on the concerns of several PRLAC members concerned about the contaminant PFAS in river water and waste water. More specifically, we sought to understand how PFAS might find its way into the river system through leachate and/or carried by feeder streams. We met with DES staff to determine how best to approach the problem of PFAS in our river, and then PRLAC members participated in an on-site visit of RMI to review how they are addressing the problem of PFAS in the waste stream.

The other visit that was not related to permit investigations was an onsite meeting of several PRLAC members at an Eversource Right of Way (ROW) maintenance site to observe how their vegetation control crews address foliage removal in their ROW's.

Another key role of PRLAC is its participation in DES's Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP), where PRLAC members tested water quality at 9 stations along the Pemigewasset and three tributaries that feed into the Pemi. Testing takes place from Bristol to Thornton, and runs from April into September. VRAP tests are conducted for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Turbidity, Specific Conductance, temperature and chloride; all key elements in assessing overall river health. The results of our annual testing are posted on the DES website: https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/river-and-lake-monitoring.

Our "Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan" can be found here: http://lakesrpc.org/PRLAC/files/PemiCorrMgmentPlan2013.final.pdf. Our river management plan is used to inform the general public and serve as a resource for anyone with a project in the Pemi River corridor. During 2020, we started the process of seeking funding to make updates to the management plan to accommodate changes, such as DES rules changes that affect responses to permit applicants. We are hoping that in 2021, we can work with DES to identify funds for this important update.

Although we had great intentions to start taking up some of the water quality issues focused on in our management plan, 2020 was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

PRLAC continues to benefit from the financial support we receive from the majority of the Pemi Corridor towns. For that, we are very thankful! PRLAC meets at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the months of January through November. We have been meeting remotely through Zoom, and may continue to do so for some time to come. The minutes of monthly PRLAC meetings are available on our link at: https://www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacmeetings.asp.

PRLAC continues to be a dedicated group of volunteers with a focus on keeping the Pemigewasset River healthy and cared for so that all of us can utilize its beauty and its natural resources.

William Bolton, Chair PRLAC

## SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Squam Lakes Association (SLA) is dedicated to conserving for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the watershed. In collaboration with local and state partners the SLA promotes the protection, careful use and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region.

Despite the pandemic, The SLA continued to powerfully deliver on our conservation mission throughout the year. The Lakes Region Conservation Corps, an AmeriCorp program designed and administered by the Squam Lakes Association, completed its second full year as a program under the Federal Corporation for National Community Service. This was the only AmeriCorps program in the state of New Hampshire that was able to operate uninterrupted during 2020. This was made possible through the tremendous generosity of Cottage Place and Sue Smith who quarantined incoming members and gave us housing to create work force bubbles in the spring, and to Betsy's Park and the O'Leary's who allowed us to operate through the summer in safe work bubbles. Without this assistance the SLA could not have operated our conservation programs.

**Conservation:**
In 2020 our dive crew was able to hold the line on milfoil. We were unable to certify new divers and the state's milfoil removal certification process is in transmission, but three of our staff stepped in as divers and along with LRCC members surveying, we were able to accomplish more than we expected.

**Education:**
Our education program was the hardest hit by the pandemic. We were forced to cancel our summer camp programs, and though we did run in-person education during the warm weather season when social distancing and the natural protection of the out of doors was a factor, much of our programming- all of it during the spring and fall- was done virtually either with live programming or recorded vignettes. We assisted the Holderness Central School raise funds to create outdoor classroom spaces to reduce the risk of Covid spread and help keep the kids in school.

**Trails and Access:**
We continue to manage 50 plus miles of trail across the watershed and to work closely with the Holderness Police Department to manage crowding at the Rattlesnake parking lot and the Old Bridle Path. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with

Chief Patridge and wish him well in retirement, and we are excited to continue the relationship with Chief DiFilippe.

In 2020 we committed 948 hours to the maintenance of the trails, 651 hours were spent maintaining trails in Holderness including trail maintenance at the Pilote Forest and the Town forest. The work we conducted included removing blowdowns, lopping the trail corridor, clearing drainage, and installing steps.
Rattlesnake trail remains a popular destination for tourist in the region. We counted over 10,000 hikers over 56 days at the trailhead from June through November, predominantly over the weekends. The no parking signs appear to be having some effect at reducing crowding and increasing safety.

**Outreach and Volunteerism:**
With a hold on in-person trainings, volunteer opportunities were difficult to create this year. However, we were still able to host 120 individual volunteers who contributed 837 hours to our conservation efforts in 2020. With an emphasis on social distancing and projects that could be completed individually, these volunteer experiences included water quality monitoring of Little and Big Squam Lake, the Weed Watchers program, terrestrial invasive plant removal, Trail Adopters, routine trail maintenance led by LRCC members, and trail building with the NCCC crew.

Respectfully Submitted,

EB James, Executive Director

## SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT

The Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) is a land trust dedicated to the protection of natural resources in the Squam watershed. We achieve the permanent protection of land by seeking, holding, and monitoring conservation easements and land ownership. Our activities are accomplished in cooperation with the Holderness Conservation Commission, other conservation organizations, government agencies, businesses, residents, landowners, and members.

SLCS was established in 1960, making it one of New Hampshire's oldest land trusts. With 157 completed projects and almost 10,000 acres of protected land in our care, SLCS plays an important role in our community and its future.

In Holderness, SLCS is responsible for the stewardship of 43 properties. Protected properties include the Holderness Town Beach, a significant portion of the Squam Range, and several properties in the West Rattlesnake area. Counting all conservation land, 35% of the land in Holderness is permanently protected (4,855 acres). In 2020, Meagan Fontaine and Gem Meeh donated a conservation easement protecting 18 acres of land on the former Longhaul Farm property off Route 113 in Holderness. SLCS completed five other projects in the Squam watershed, including the creation of the Dot Banks Nature Trail off Mill Bridge Road in Sandwich.

As "Squam's Land Trust," the Conservation Society is grateful to its members for making land conservation a priority. We continue to rely on volunteers to steward and monitor our protected properties, and will gladly provide training.

Looking forward, we continue to co-host forums and Science Pubs related to Climate Change. We are hopeful to celebrate our 61st year on August 14th at True Farm in Holderness. That evening, please extinguish all electric lights of the second annual "Night with the Stars." For more information, visit foreversquam.org, or call Roger Larochelle, Pete Helm, Sam Tracy, Ben Wymer, Doug Hill, or Sara Hixon at 968-7900.

## SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER REPORT

*The Science Center wishes to thank the Holderness community for its continued support.*



Like many other businesses, in March the Science Center paused public programs and asked all but essential employees to work from home.

The public trail season typically begins May 1 but was delayed until June 15 according to state guidelines. Science Center trails and Squam Lake Cruises opened to members only on June 15 and 16 and to the general public on June 17.

Safety protocols that were put in place for opening included capacity restrictions, one-way trail, pre-purchased timed entry tickets, mask requirement, physical distancing, some exhibit closures, cleaning exhibits and facilities every two hours, and other behind the scenes changes.

Celebrate Birds and the Raptor Exhibit were closed as scheduled in 2020 for new construction and renovation.

The Howling Coyote Gift Shop moved outdoors and was well received by visitors.

Education staff began virtual live animal programming for schools, libraries, and other groups.

All exhibit and programs animals continued to receive the highest level of care throughout 2020 and remained healthy.

The Science Center was very pleased to provide visitors with a safe outdoor experience.

# Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

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

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

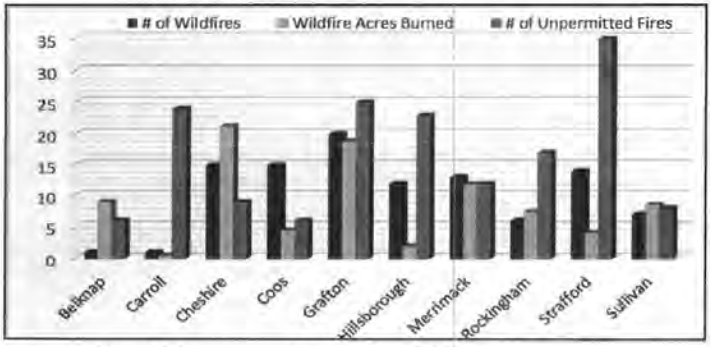
Between COVID-19 and the drought conditions, 2020 was a unique year. The drought conditions led to the need to have a Proclamation from the Governor, which banned much of the outdoor burning statewide. This, along with the vigilance of the public, helped to reduce the number of serious fires across New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

Scan here for Fire Permits

As we prepare for the 2021 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up to date information, follow us on Twitter: **@NHForestRangers**

## 2020 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2020)




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

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

**CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**
(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

| Arson | Debris Burning | Campfire | Children | Smoking | Railroad | Equipment | Lightning | Misc. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 22 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 44 |

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

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***Hours vary by season***

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