

# BEDFORD



# NEW HAMPSHIRE

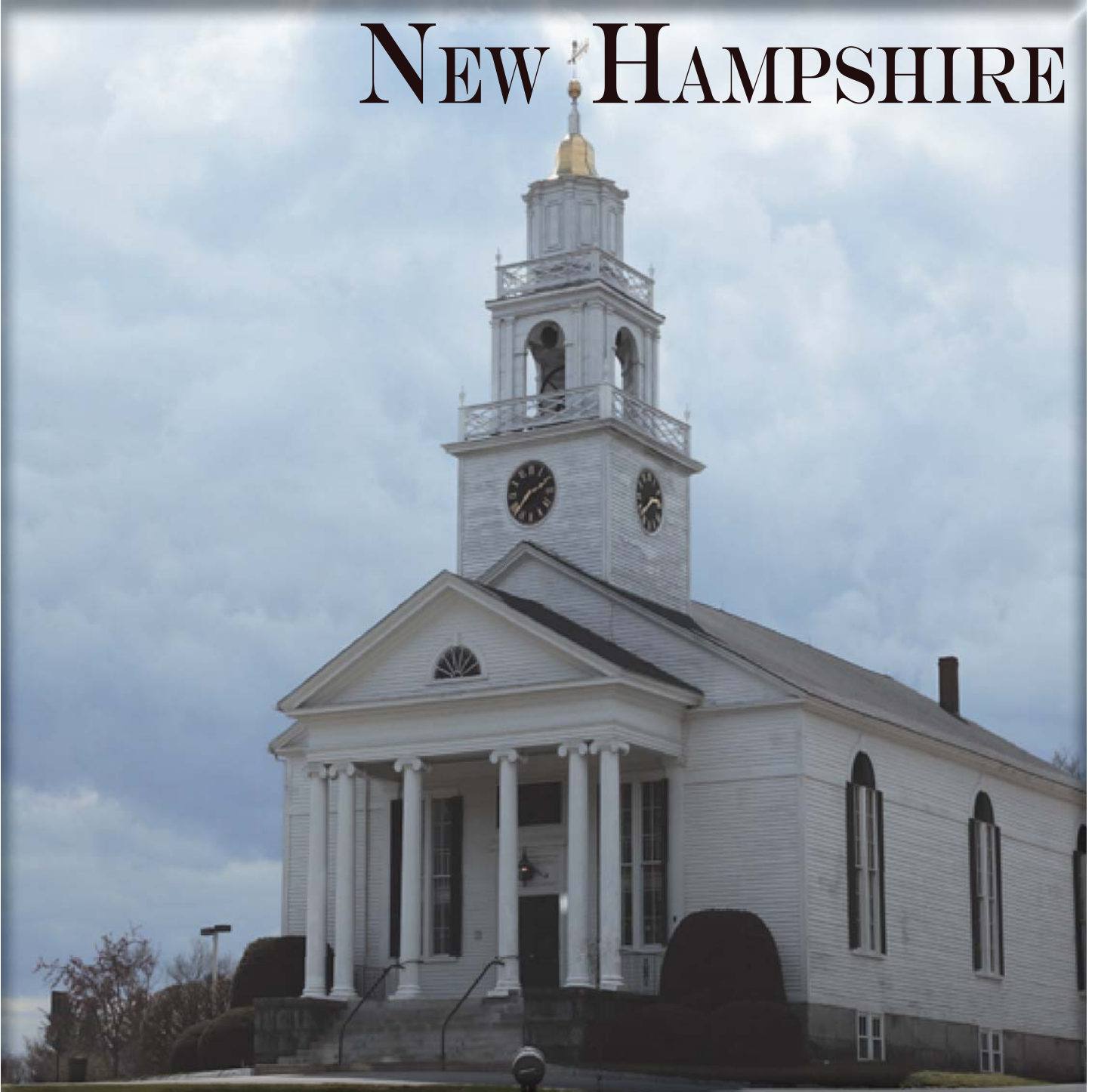


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# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110
www.bedfordnh.org
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Assessing, ..... 472-8104
Planning and Zoning ..... 472-5243
Auto/Dog/Voter Registration..... 472-3550
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates ..... 472-3550
Finance and Personnel ..... 472-9869
Parks and Recreation..... 472-5242
Public Works: Highway and Sewer ..... 472-3070
Tax Collector/Town Clerk ..... 472-3550
Town Manager’s Office ..... 472-5242

SAFETY COMPLEX

55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110
www.bedfordnh.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Building/Health Code Official/Inspector ..... 472-3838
Fire Department – Business Line ..... 472-3219
Police Department - Business Line ..... 472-5113
FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE..... 911

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03110
www.bedfordnhlibrary.org

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays.

Telephone ..... 472-2300

OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Town Pool, 20 County Road (summer only) ..... 472-7331
Transfer Station/Dump, Chubbuck Road..... 472-4563
Hours: Tuesday – 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
(Closed Sunday and Monday)
BCTV – Channels 16, 22 & 23, 10 Meetinghouse Road..... 472-8288



ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCILORS

Chris Bandazian, Chairman ..... 2017  
 Bill Jean, Vice Chairman ..... 2015  
 Mac McMahan ..... 2015  
 Normand Longval ..... 2015  
 Kelleigh Domaingue ..... 2016  
 Jim Scanlon ..... 2016  
 Jim Aguiar ..... 2017

TOWN CLERK

Lori Radke ..... 2017

MODERATOR

Brian Shaughnessy ..... 2016

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Joan McMahan, Chairperson ..... 2020  
 Ellen Bostwick ..... 2016  
 Susan Fahey ..... 2018

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ken Peterson, Chairman (appointed 2014) ..... 2015  
 Larry Cheetham (appointed 2014) ..... 2015  
 Jay Cadorette ..... 2016

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Edward Moran, Chairman ..... 2016  
 Walter Gallo ..... 2015  
 Anthony Frederick ..... 2017

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor ..... Maggie Hassan  
 US Senators ..... Kelly Ayotte  
 ..... Jeanne Shaheen  
 US Representatives ..... Ann Kuster  
 ..... Carol Shea-Porter  
 Executive Councilor ..... Christopher C. Pappas  
 State Senator ..... Andy Sanborn

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

John Cebrowski  
 John Graham  
 Kelleigh Domaingue  
 Dave Danielson  
 Keith Murphy  
 Maurice Villeneuve  
 Laurie Sanborn

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager ..... Steve Daly  
 Executive Assistant ..... Dawn Boufford  
 Assessor ..... William Ingalls  
 Building Code Official ..... Wayne Richardson  
 Environmental Coordinator ..... Steve Crean  
 Finance Director/Tax Collector ..... Crystal Dionne  
 Police Chief ..... John Bryfonski  
 Fire Chief ..... Scott Wiggin  
 Library Director ..... Mary Ann Senatro  
 Planning Director ..... Rick Sawyer  
 Public Works Director ..... Jim Stanford  
 BCTV Station Manager ..... Bill Jennings  
 Town Treasurer ..... Cyndi Livermore  
 Recreation Manager ..... Jane O'Brien



APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**PLANNING BOARD**

Paul Goldberg, Chairman.....	2016
Jon Levenstein, Vice Chairman .....	2015
Harold Newberry, Secretary .....	2017
Christopher Riley .....	2015
Karen McGinley.....	2017
Bill Dermody .....	2017

- Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works
- Steve Daly, Town Manager
- Chris Bandazian, Town Councilor
- Jim Scanlon, Town Councilor Alternate
- Rick Sawyer (Planning Director, Staff Liaison)
- Rebecca Hebert (Assistant Planning Director, Staff Liaison)
- Philip Cote, Alternate.....2017
- David Wall, Alternate .....
- 2015
- Lyn Healey, Alternate.....2016

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Eric Bernard, Chairman .....	2017
John Morin, Vice Chairman.....	2017
James O’Neil, .....	2015
Sharon Stirling .....	2016
Karin Elmer (Planner I, Staff Liaison)	
Bill Jean, Town Councilor	
Kelleigh Domaingue , Town Council Alternate	
Christopher Swiniarski, Alternate.....	2015
Terry Radke, Alternate.....	2016
Adrian Thomas, Althernate.....	2017

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Michelle Salvatore, Vice Chairman.....	2015
Mervyn Taub, Vice Chairman. ....	2017
Beth Evarts, Secretary.....	2015
James Drake.....	2015
Ken Peterson .....	2016
Karin Elmer (Planner I, Staff Liaison)	
Harold Newberry, (Planning Board Liaison)	
Mac McMahan, Town Councilor	
Normand Longval, Town Council Alternate	
Tracy McAllister .....	2015
Thomas Sauser, Alternate .....	2016
Lisa Kammer, Alternate.....	2017

**TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES**

Lori Radke, Chairman.....	2015
Bernard Otterson.....	2015
Betty HoSang, Secretary .....	2016

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Andrew Noyes, Chairman.....	2015
Erin Fisher.....	2016
Richard Polonsky .....	2016
Janet Tamulevich .....	2017
Rebecca Hebert (Assistant Planning Director, Staff Liaison)	
Philip Cote (Planning Board Liaison).....	2015
Mac McMahan, Town Councilor	
Normand Longval, Town Councilor Alternate	
John Bostwick, Alternate .....	2015

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Michelle Casale, Chairman .....	2016
Dennis Tokac, Vice Chairman.....	2017
Diane Phelps .....	2015
Dave Gilbert.....	2015
Jane O’Brien, Recreation Manager	
Normand Longval, Town Councilor	
Kelleigh Domaingue, Town Councilor Alternate	
Michael Charney, Alternate .....	2015
Dianne Kashiwabara, Alternate .....	2016
Shaun Oparowski, Alternate .....	2017

**BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION**

Richard Rawlings, Chairman.....	2016
Mike Sills, Vice Chairman.....	2016
Peter Macdonald .....	2015
Kathy Benuck.....	2016
Robert Thomas.....	2016
Bill Greiner .....	2017
David Watson.....	2017
Bill Foote, School Board Liaison	
Bill Jennings, Station Manager	
Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager	
Chris Bandazian, Town Councilor	
Jim Aguiar, Town Council Alternate	

**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Police Chief John Bryfonski, Chairman	
Fire Chief Scott Wiggin	
Madonna Lovett Repeta.....	2017
Tony Grande .....	2015
Gerry Gagne, Alternate.....	2015
Paul Hannan, Alternate .....	2016
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works	
Anne Wiggin, School Department	
Bill Jean, Town Councilor	
Jim Aguiar, Town Councilor Alternate	



**WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Paul Arnold, Chairman .....2017
- Paul Goldberg .....2017
- Richard Moore .....2015
- Bruce Thomas .....2016
- Steve Crean, Environmental Coordinator
- Rick Sawyer, Planning Director
- Bill Jean, Town Councilor
- Mac McMahan, Town Councilor Alternate

**ENERGY COMMISSION**

- Chris Bandazian, Chair ..... 2014
- Melinde Byrne ..... 2015
- Brian Simler ..... 2015
- Robert Grogan..... 2016
- Sanyukta Bansal..... 2016
- Andrew Gillis..... 2016
- Shana Potvin ..... 2017

**BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON COMMITTEE**

- Beverly Thomas, Chair
- Jeanene Procopis, Vice Chair
- Debra Sklar
- Dennis Tokac, Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison
- Mac McMahan, Town Councilor
- Jim Scanlon, Town Council Alternate





TOWN OF BEDFORD  
 BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING  
 March 12, 2014

The Bedford Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Bedford High School auditorium. Moderator Brian Shaughnessy opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Chris Bandazian (Chairman), Bill Jean (Vice Chairman), Steve Daly – Town Manager, Crystal Dionne – Finance Director, Lori Radke – Town Clerk, and Councilors Bill Dermody, Norm Longval, Jim Scanlon, Mac McMahan and Kel-leigh Domaingue.

Moderator Shaughnessy explained that there weren't going to be a lot of rules because he wanted fair and open conversation and civil debate, but there were a few rules in the State statute that he has to abide by. He mentioned that there were two articles that they would be voting on, the collective bargaining agreement for the Police union and the general budget. He is going to accept a motion on the budget as written then he was going to go down each line item. He explained that the colored card that each voter received designates them as a registered voter. When a vote is taken they will raise the yellow card.

Moderator Shaughnessy introduced those seated on the stage.

Moderator Shaughnessy explained that those who want to come to the microphone and speak do not need to state their name or address; they just need to show their yellow card.

MOTION by Chairman Bandazian to open the Budgetary Town Meeting 2014. Seconded by Councilor Jean.

Moderator Shaughnessy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 5 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police Department

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Council and the Bedford Police

Union, SEIU Local 1984 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase	Year	Estimated Increase
<b>2014</b>	<b>\$194,921</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>\$143,668</b>

MOTION by Chairman Bandazian that the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town Council and the Bedford Police Union SEIU Local 1984 which calls for the estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels as presented. Seconded by Councilor Jean.

Chairman Bandazian explained that after consultation with legal counsel and former town manager Jessie Levine, it came to light that the proper procedure for approving cost items for greater than one year in collective bargaining agreements under RSA 273-A is to bring it to the Legislative body, which according to the Charter is the voting public.

Vote taken – Motion passed.

Article 6 – Town Operating Budget

Moderator Shaughnessy explained that it's a bottom line budget. If anyone motions to add to or remove money from the budget, it doesn't mean that the Town Council has to add it or remove it for that specific purpose; it just gets added to or removed from the bottom line number. A motion to increase or decrease for a specific purpose is advisory only; it's not binding.

MOTION by Chairman Bandazian that the Town approve the 2014 municipal budget in the following amounts:

General Fund .....	\$24,111,350
Special Revenue Funds .....	48,000
Police Special Detail .....	434,587
Recreation Day Camp .....	99,025
Bedford Comm. TV .....	407,659



Sewer Fund .....	920,054
Total Appropriation .....	\$26,020,675

Seconded by Councilor Jean.

Moderator Shaughnessy read the line items for the municipal budget.

Faith Schuetz, 306 Joppa Hill Road, read a statement regarding the local road maintenance.

MOTION by Ms. Schuetz that the budget be amended to increase the line item for local road maintenance from \$1 million to \$1.4 million with the additional funds to be used on needed road repairs. Motion was Seconded.

Councilor Dermody explained that the \$1 million for maintenance was put in place to do annual maintenance. It is not meant to rebuild roads. The road bond that was passed enables the Town to go out and address about 150 roads that need repair. The Director of Public Works has told the Council that the \$1 million for annual maintenance has to be increased because there are more roads in Town and there is more complexity to the repairs in some cases. It has been the stated intention of the Department of Public Works and the support from the former town manager, Jessie Levine, that beginning next year, there would be an additional \$200,000 per year added to the \$1 million until they get to \$2 million a year in the budget for this line item for the annual road maintenance.

Kerry McCoolle wanted to know if the roads were put into any kind of cycle. If the Town had a life cycle of the roads, then they should have money proportioned to that to maintain the roads in that cycle. There are big numbers being thrown around, but he doesn't know if they are appropriate for what's being done.

Councilor Dermody explained that the intent of the annual \$1 million for road maintenance is to maintain the roads, after they have been repaired or completely replaced. There is a life cycle of roads; between 15 and 20 years is the nominal life expectancy of a road depending on how much they are travelled on. Councilor Dermody explained that the roads program began

in 2003. It was a necessity at that time because of a number of years prior, road maintenance was not done except to just patch the roads. They didn't tend to the underlying drainage reasons in the roads. Over the years the roads just progressed to failure. That's why they started the roads program. At that time, it was estimated that \$50 million would have fixed all of the roads. To fund the program, there were several road bonds; some of them passed and some of them didn't, so they had roads that continued to fail. The cost of labor and materials continued to go up. He was thankful for the 72% who came out to vote and supported the road bond.

Vote taken – Motion Failed.

A voting resident wanted an explanation of the enterprise funds. He wanted to know if they are neutral because there is revenue that offsets them, then why would the budget increase.

Chairman Bandazian explained that that they all work the same, but used BCTV as the example. BCTV is funded by franchise fees so it is neutral to the Town; it doesn't increase the tax rate. They receive revenues not from taxes, motor vehicle fees, etc., but dollar for dollar they receive revenue for the amount of the expenditure. BCTV gets franchise fees from Comcast, Police Detail – contractors pay for that, Camp – there are camp fees, and Sewer – sewer bills. The resident wanted to know where he could see that and Chairman Bandazian pointed him to the revenue page of the handout, page 11.

Vote taken on the motion to approve Article 6, Town Operating Budget, for \$26,020,675. Motion Passed.

Moderator Shaughnessy thanked the ballot clerks and Lori Radke for doing a terrific job in running the Election and to Bill Kline, Assistant Moderator. He also thanked the DPW and School Maintenance staff.

Vice Chairman Bill Jean explained that he would be the first to present what they instituted as an annual policy to recognize the additional efforts of the Town Council Chairman. He thanked Chris Bandazian for





his duties and his leadership and presented him with a plaque.

Chairman Bandazian stated that it was that last formal meeting with Bill Dermody as a Town Councilor. He was first appointed back in 2008. He was Chair in 2011 and 2012. During his tenure he spearheaded the formation of the Business Resource Group and was the driving force behind many other projects, one of which was keeping the improvements to Route 101 on track in the 10-year plan, and contributing this year to the revamping of the Capital Improvement Program. He proved to be a diligent Town Councilor, thoughtful, dedicated, and although opinionated and quick to express his opinions, a very good listener. One of the hallmarks of Bill's tenure was the compiling of policies and procedures so that institutional knowledge is not lost, so that procedures follow through with uniformity, fairness, and predictability, and to make sure that recognition is given where its due and given equally. Chairman Bandazian presented him with a plaque.

Councilor Dermody admitted that he had been argumentative at times at Council meetings, but always thought that a bit of discussion was always a positive tool so they got all sides of the issue. He thanked everyone who came out to the Budgetary Town Meeting. He also thanked all of the people who worked to get to 72% support vote on the road bond, especially Scott Trenchmontagne and Alice DeSouza on Old Farm Road. He congratulated Chris Bandazian on his Election for a 3rd term and Jim Aguiar to his first term. He was confident that the next Council would be a great governing body for the Town. He congratulated Steve Daly; he thought they found a great Town Manager. Lastly, he thanked his wife who very patiently for the past six years watched him leave for two Council meetings a month as well as other meetings and at times on weekends when he's had duties related to the Council. He wished the next Council the best of luck.

Moderator Shaughnessy recognized the new Town Councilor, Jim Aguiar. He recognized the hard work of other Elected officials; everyone who ran for office for being part of the process. He recognized

Bill Kassler who was elected as a new School Board member and thanked outgoing School Board member Don Graff. He thanked Councilor Jim Scanlon for putting together the joint meetings with the Council, School Board and State Legislators. He thought that a lot of people don't come out to the Budgetary Town Meeting, because they trust the people on the stage and thought they did a great job. He is proud to be a Bedford resident.

MOTION Ken Hawkins to adjourn at 7:52pm. Motion was seconded. Vote taken – Motion Passed.

Submitted by:

*Dawn Boufford, Executive Assistant*  
*Lori Radke, Town Clerk*



# RESULTS

**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 11, 2014**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

*L. Radke*  
TOWN CLERK

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

### ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICES

TOWN COUNCIL	TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS	TOWN MODERATOR
For Three Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than two (2)</span>	For Three Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one (1)</span>	For Two Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one (1)</span>
MATT PHILIPS 1,298 <input type="radio"/>	RYK BULLOCK 2,435 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	BARBARA CHAGNON 1,824 <input type="radio"/>
JIM AGUIAR 2,241 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	BRIAN SHAUGHNESSY <input checked="" type="radio"/>
CHRIS BANDAIZAN 3,570 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	2,426 <input type="radio"/>
DAVID COLES 680 <input type="radio"/>		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	For Three Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one (1)</span>	For Six Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one (1)</span>
ANTHONY J. FREDERICK, JR. 1,969 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	COURTNEY HODGDON 216 <input type="radio"/>	JOAN McMAHAN 3,332 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
BILL DUSCHATKO 1,426 <input type="radio"/>	DIANE O'NEIL 438 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	LORI RADKE 3,684 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

### ARTICLE 2- ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-92 Time limits on approvals by deleting the words shown in strike through and adding the words in bold:

Any variance, special exception, or administrative appeal granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be rendered null and void ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** years from the date of approval unless the applicant files a complete application for a building permit, site plan, or subdivision plan for the subject parcel at which point the Zoning Board of Adjustment approval will run with the administrative timeline of the building permit or Planning Board decision.

3,999  
**YES**   
NO   
453

[This amendment is intended to make Bedford's ordinance compliant with a 2013 state law change that requires Zoning Board approvals to last for at least two years before expiration.]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-32E Water and Sewerage Service, Subsection (1) by deleting the words shown in strike through and adding the words in bold:

Water system. All dwelling units shall be served by ~~the Manchester Water Works or similar~~ **a municipal water** system if access to such system is available within 1,000 feet of the tract, **except where preempted by State law**; otherwise, all units shall be served by a single or community water system or individual wells.

3,931  
**YES**   
NO   
493

[This amendment is intended to have Bedford's ordinance acknowledge RSA 362:4, V which preempts the local requirement for new cluster subdivisions to connect to municipal water if certain conditions are met.]

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**



**ARTICLE 2: ZONING AMENDMENTS CONTINUED**

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-73 Signs, General Provisions by adding the following new subsection Q:

In the Commercial, Commercial-2, Office, Service Industrial, Highway Commercial, Neighborhood Commercial and Performance zoning districts, in addition to other signage allowed by this ordinance or otherwise, businesses are permitted to display signage and flags signifying that a business is "Open" in the following manner:

- 1) One (1) "Open" sign on or within the building, not to exceed two and one half (2.5) square feet. This sign may be illuminated but must not be animated or flashing in any manner and must be turned off when the business is closed.
- 2) One (1) "Open" flag not to exceed fifteen (15) square feet. This flag may be displayed on or within the building, or on the site provided that it meets all the signage height and setback requirements for the zoning district. This flag must be removed when the business is closed.

3,794  
YES   
NO   
588

Open signs and flags are limited to identifying that the business is "Open" and shall not display the business name, hours of operation, or any other information. This section shall not apply to uses allowed under Article 275-21F(1) Home Occupations.

[This amendment is intended to allow businesses to display signs and flags to indicate that they are open.]

Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to delete Article 275-66 Minimum landscape requirements for signage in its entirety as shown in strikethrough below:

~~The required landscape area associated with any freestanding sign shall be equal to three times the actual measured sign area and shall be located immediately adjacent to the sign and/or sign base. This required landscaped area shall be planted with shrubs and/or ground cover which will enhance but not block the view of any sign or part thereof.~~

3,454  
YES   
NO   
771

[This amendment is intended as housekeeping as Article 275-63E(7) also governs landscaping around the base of signage.]

Amendment No. 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-22 Dimensional Regulations by adding new Subsection C Corner Sight Area as follows:

- (1) For the purposes of this subsection, Corner Sight Area means the portion of a corner lot lying within a triangle area formed by measuring twenty (20) feet from the corner of the lot along each property line adjacent to the intersecting street, and then connecting the two points.
- (2) No planting, wall, fence, sign, or other object that creates an obstruction to motorists' vision shall be planted, erected or maintained higher than one and one-half (1½) feet above the adjoining street grade within the Corner Sight Area. This does not apply to naturally accumulating snow or snow plowing activities conducted by a town or state agency.

3,664  
YES   
NO   
652

[This amendment is intended to restrict the placement of fences, plantings, structures, and alike within a 20 foot area adjacent to the intersection of two streets.]

Amendment No. 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-21B(4)(a)[1] Workforce housing, development criteria by deleting the words shown in strike through and adding the words in bold:

At least ~~4/3~~ **1/4** of the units in the development meet the affordability requirements for workforce housing in 275-6 of this chapter.

3,330  
YES   
NO   
929

[This amendment is intended to reduce the number of required workforce housing units from 1/3 to 1/4 of the total number of units within a project.]

**RESULTS**

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 11, 2014**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

*L. Radke*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLE 3. ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR ROADS  
& RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed thirty million, fifty thousand dollars (\$30,050,000) for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of town roads and other related infrastructure, such amount to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33 in the amount of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to come from interest earnings on the bond proceeds. In addition, authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto.  
*(This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)*

3,365  
**YES** ●  
**NO** ○  
1,302

**Explanation:** *The issuance of this long-term debt will address continuance of the Town road reconstruction and rehabilitation program, including engineering, inspection and repair of other Town infrastructure which includes bridges, culverts and drainage. (this long term debt does not include funding for construction of new sidewalks or bike and pedestrian path construction). Several factors are considered in regards to how to best structure the issuance(s) to maximize the benefit of bonding for these projects. Factors include bond issue costs, market interest rates, construction timetables and economies of scale, which could be realized from combining projects. It is the intent of the Town Council to consider these and other factors as well as assessing the impact on the tax rate to yield the greatest benefit to the community as the Town continues to address the infrastructure needs of Bedford.*

Article  
needed  
66% of the  
vote to  
pass

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

**ARTICLE 4. ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
SOUTH RIVER ROAD SAFETY SUBSTATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed three million eight-hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000) for the purpose of constructing a safety substation along the South River Road Corridor, such amount to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33. In addition, authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. *(This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)*

2,636  
**YES** ○  
**NO** ●  
2,011

**Explanation:** *The issuance of this long-term debt will provide funding to be used to construct a safety substation along the South River Road corridor including but not limited to, site selection, engineering, design, construction and initial equipment. Based on the parcel of land currently identified for location of this substation, the Town is requesting the authority to bond up to \$3,800,000. In the event that completion of this project is less than the requested amount, it is the Town's intent to issue only what is necessary. Any remaining funds from this authorization will be brought back to the voters to rescind ensuring that they cannot be used for any other purpose.*

Article  
needed  
66% of the  
vote to  
pass

*The need for this substation was identified more than 20 years ago. Since that time, the Town's population has continued to grow more than 69% and calls for service has increased more than 227%. Continued operation from a single station has compromised the ability to provide the expected level of service. The placement of this substation is intended to address the Town's highest call volume area (41% of total calls) thus allowing remaining resources to adequately respond to the rest of the community.*

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

# RESULTS

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**

Total Number Ballots Cast-4,740 --- 31%



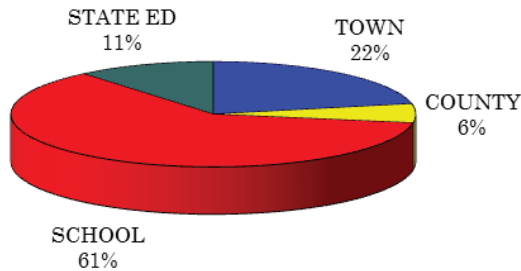
## 2014 TOWN POPULATION AND TAX RATE INFORMATION

### 2014 TOWN POPULATION AND TAX RATE INFORMATION

POPULATION – 21,496 (based on 2010 census)  
 2013 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$3,205,989,440

TOWN.....	\$4.91
COUNTY .....	\$1.31
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX.....	\$13.79
STATE EDUCATION TAX .....	\$2.49
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE.....	\$22.50

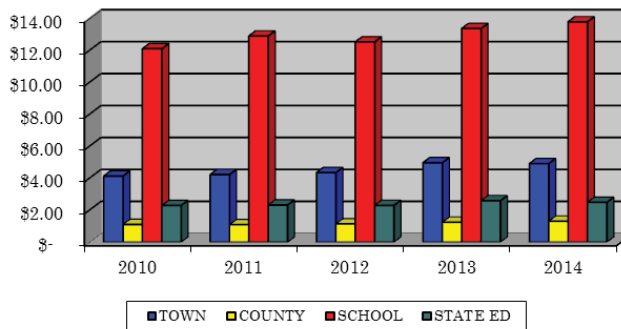
**Town of Bedford  
2014 Tax Rate Breakdown**



### Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2013 Tax Rate

TOWN .....	-1.20%
COUNTY .....	5.65%
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX.....	3.14%
STATE EDUCATION TAX .....	4.02%
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE.....	1.49%

**Town of Bedford  
Tax Rate History 2010 - 2014**







# Town Council



*CHRISTOPHER BANDAIZIAN,*  
*CHAIRMAN*

Juxtaposed with the 2013 grand opening of the Bedford Village Common, 2014 was much more of a blue collar, lunch bucket year. 2014 was marked by miles of repaved roads, ground breakings, and groundwork for the road ahead. Some of the results are already evident in infrastructure improvements and new commercial development, but much more of the progress achieved in 2014 will unfold in the years to come.

The Council began 2014 with a continuation of the cycle of change in the Town Manager's office, a process that members of the Council have grown all too familiar with since the fall of 2011, and have devoted considerable time and energy to. We said goodbye to Town Manager Jessie Levine after 14 months, continued with the process of recruitment of a new Town Manager, said hello and goodbye to Interim Town Manager Pat McQueen who capably filled in, and welcomed Town Manager Steve Daly, all in the space of two months which were also populated with finalization of the annual budget, road and emergency substation bond articles, and local elections. In Steve Daly, the Council believes we have found a leader who can provide our Town with experienced, steady and insightful guidance. Looking back on these years of change, working with many different Town Managers and Interim Town Managers, each with different strengths, perspectives and backgrounds, has been an educational experience that we can draw on in the future.

In March, voters approved a 30 million dollar road bond article that will finally allow the Town to comprehensively address local road improvements. Issuance of the road bonds will be timed to dovetail with the retirement of existing bonds, and at a time

of historically low interest rates. Also in March, after two terms on the Town Council where he served as both Chairman and Vice Chairman, Councilor Bill Dermody stepped down. We owe Bill a tremendous debt of gratitude for his service, and for his continued service now as a member of the Bedford Planning Board. Jim Aguiar was newly elected to the Council; and I was re-elected to my third term on the Council. We are both deeply honored and appreciate the confidence and trust that the voters have shown in us. Soon after the March election and the Council's organizational meeting, the Council convened for its annual retreat. The Council reviewed and established goals and priorities for 2014, and assigned leadership responsibility for each objective to either Council members or to the Town Manager. Retreat objectives included:

- ❖ To actively work with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in the Route 101 widening project, to evaluate the viability of a coordinated extension of public water and sewer service to the Route 101 commercial district, and to maintain Route 101 improvement as a top priority on the State Highway Plan.
- ❖ To reevaluate and revise the South River Road Emergency Substation plans from the 2014 plan that was approved by a majority of voters, but not the 2/3rds required for bonding.
- ❖ To perform a Town Charter review.
- ❖ To develop an IT Master Plan update.
- ❖ To create a schedule and define the content for continued joint meetings with School Board members and State Legislators which will maintain a dialog and action plan for State legislation that impacts the Town and School District, and will provide a forum for input, discussion and an exchange of ideas.
- ❖ To develop an economic development strategy.
- ❖ To reevaluate the criteria for elderly tax exemptions.
- ❖ To increase recycling and reduce solid waste costs.

The Council, Town Manager, and Department Heads have worked steadily over the course of 2014 on these objectives and a long list of lower profile retreat goals. 2014 saw continued progress towards improvement in the Route 3 and Route 101 corridors. The design of





South River Road improvements in the Tax Increment Financing District was finalized. With the increase in TIF District assessed values, TIF revenues reached a sufficient level to sustainably fund bond payments. In preparation for issuance of TIF District bonds, for the second year in a row, Bedford achieved a Moody's Aaa rating, the only government entity in the State of New Hampshire to achieve that level. As a result of our strong fiscal policies, competition was strong for the 4.1 million dollar 10 year bond issue, resulting in a very low interest rate of 1.59%, plus an \$88,000 premium payment from the winning bidder. The bond auction in August was followed by a groundbreaking in October; and work on TIF District road and drainage improvements is well underway. When completed in 2015, the public will enjoy a safer, smoother of flow of traffic, improved intersections, better access to businesses, sidewalks, and landscaping improvements, all of which will help spur quality economic development within the TIF District, including the pending major redevelopment of the 16 acre Wayfarer site.

The Town has worked closely with the State Department of Transportation and Route 101 business owners and abutting residents in planning Route 101 improvements from Wallace Road to Route 114. Plans include widening to four lanes, the addition of turning lanes, intersection improvements, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and landscaping. Councilor Jean has been instrumental in the process of maximizing the potential of the project in a challenging, narrow corridor, and balancing the interests of residential and commercial abutters. Over the next two years, preconstruction work will continue, the final design will be engineered, and construction work is expected to begin in 2017.

In 2014, the Council approved the Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Master Plan that was developed through the efforts of the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee, design consultants, Town staff members, elected and appointed Town officials, and countless members of the public who provided their input. With all of the upcoming road and highway improvements, consultation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Master Plan will ensure that public safety and recreational considerations will be

consistently and systematically taken into account. 2014 also saw significant improvements in backlogged building maintenance work. Bedford welcomed the hiring of Peter Barbuto as the Town's first Facilities Manager, and his short tenure has already produced impressive results. The long overdue reflooring of the Town Hall has been completed. HVAC overhauls for the Library and Public Works Garage are planned for 2015; and BCTV will receive a new, pitched roof designed to be architecturally compatible with the historic town center, and to be easier and less costly to maintain.

In 2014, the Town advanced major sustainable energy initiatives, and currently has grant applications pending for a geothermal HVAC system for the Library. If successful in securing funding, the efficiencies achieved and savings on electricity and heating fuel will offset the entire cost of the HVAC system early in its useful life. The Town also has pending solar photovoltaic projects slated to come on line in 2015 that will provide both revenue and reduced cost electricity to municipal buildings.

Planning for the Route 3 Emergency Substation was a yearlong focus of the Council. Limited ambulance service capacity, the increasing frequency of back to back calls, and increasing call volume, particularly in the Route 3 corridor, have been driving considerations. The scarcity of suitable locations for an Emergency Substation has been a critical concern of the Council. Fortunately, the Council was able to address this concern in 2014 with the acquisition of a parcel at 4 Sunset Lane that includes an adaptable commercial building. Since the parcel first became available in September 2014, considerable time and effort has been devoted to evaluating the suitability of the site, and then to designing alternative configurations for adaptation of the commercial building. Minimizing the impact on the tax rate of both construction costs and personnel costs have been chief concerns of the Council, and will be the subject of continuing work in the year to come.

In 2014, our first responders continued to demonstrate their leadership, organizing and hosting two large scale regional training exercises. In April, Bedford hosted a 500 year flood exercise with the participation



of federal, state and municipal agencies. This was followed by an active shooter training exercise, again involving multiple agencies. The capabilities gained through these exercises, though hopefully never called for on that scale, enhance the skills of our safety professionals in responding to the needs of the community.

In another 2014 success, the Federal Communications Commission awarded Bedford a low power FM radio license, an achievement that was approximately five years in the making. With thanks to BCTV Station Manager Bill Jennings for his steady efforts, the award of the LPFM license now allows the Town to provide residents and businesses with emergency broadcast information during weather events, power outages and other public emergencies, and also provides an opportunity for community radio programming. We look forward to our first live broadcast in 2015.

Although seldom impacting the public, 2014 was a challenging year in Information Services enterprise-wide. A shift to an outsourcing solution at the end of 2013 immediately proved to be overly costly. Faced with a backlog of workstations needing to be upgraded from Windows XP, Finance Director Crystal Dionne stepped in to oversee the transition and manage IT resources. In May, the baton was passed to Police Chief John Bryfonski who continues to temporarily oversee Information Services. In performing these functions in addition to their regular high level responsibilities, both Finance Director Dionne and Chief Bryfonski have kept operations on an even keel with few disruptions, and are recognized for their outstanding service to the Town. In spite of internal disruptions, Town employees have maintained their level of productivity that we have become accustomed to. Over the course of 2014, an IT subcommittee that included Councilors Aguiar and Scanlon updated the Town's IT Master Plan, with implementation to start in 2015. The plan includes the reestablishment of the IS Department and replacement of the obsolete, failing telephone system. In the ten years since the Town's first IT master plan in 2004, growth in demands has steadily exceeded resources. The new capabilities and capacities that will begin to be implemented in 2015 should ensure stability, efficiency, productivity and a high level of service to the public.

My thanks to my fellow Councilors, Vice Chairman Bill Jean, Norm Longval, Bill Dermody, Jim Scanlon, Mac McMahan, Kelleigh Domaingue Murphy, and Jim Aguiar for their service on the Council in 2014, an eventful and successful year. The Town Council thanks Town Manager, Steve Daly, Department Heads, Town employees, and all those who serve in Town government as elected officials and volunteers for their professionalism and productivity in 2014, a year of transition and achievement. The Town Council also thanks all civically engaged citizens, community organizations and businesses. Through your sustained efforts and participation, you are vital contributors to the quality and success of our community. With your continued support, 2015 looks to be a very promising year.

Last, but by no means least, in 2014 we said goodbye to two long time residents and unparalleled public servants, Paul Goldberg and Merv Taub. Both have resumes of public service to the Town of Bedford too long to do them justice here. They have both left enduring imprints on our Town, Paul on quality planning and development, and Merv on preservation of open space and natural resources. Bedford will continue to benefit from their work, and we owe them both an enormous debt of gratitude.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christopher Bandazian, Chairman*



# TOWN MANAGER

*STEPHEN J. DALY*



Bedford is a wonderful community - one to be proud of as a resident, as an employee for any of Bedford's businesses, and as a dedicated member of the staff that provides the public services that contribute to Bedford's standing as a high quality community.

I have held leadership roles in several local governments in my career, worked in the private sector and been an entrepreneur in both private and public settings. I have worked alongside and directed the work of innumerable dedicated and competent people. In Bedford, I have found a perspective among the town's staff that I have seen only once before. To the person, they are dedicated to providing the highest quality and most proficient services possible.

I have spent my first year as Bedford's Town Manager getting a sense of the community, the local government as a performance focused organization, and developing a relationship with and an understanding of the Town Council – its viewpoints on local and state-level matters, its manner of conducting Bedford's governmental affairs, its fiscal conservatism, its short term goals and its long range vision. I'm pleased to report that this first year has been an educational and rewarding experience and will serve as my stable launch pad for the years to come.

A major focus of mine and the Council's is the promotion of sound, well planned and sustainable economic development that will lessen the property tax burden on Bedford's residents. While Bedford has a professed and well known philosophy of doing more with less, as we know, costs never go down. Rather than continue to ask Bedford's residents to shoulder

the entire burden of rising costs, we want to maximize the tax revenue potential of new development and re-development in Bedford's business and commercial zones while preserving the rural suburban character of its residential neighborhoods.

Some of the projects receiving approval in 2014 had an impact in that direction. Principal among them is the redevelopment of the Sheraton Wayfarer site. Long derelict, it seemed that most would want to see "something done there". Yet, what will be done, will produce only 33% of the potential tax revenue of that site. We need to and can do better. Bedford's residents have made substantial investments in their homes and Bedford-based businesses. Those investments will be diminished by a tax rate that is unattractive to future residents.

In 2015, as follow through on a 2014 Council goal, I intend to work diligently with our planning staff, the development community and economic development professionals to attract high quality tax revenue generating growth to Bedford's commercial and business base. We will engage outside professional assistance to design a strategy and an implementation plan for growth, and then begin to invest in achieving defined goals as the New Hampshire and national economies rebound from the past several years of stagnation. Interest in Bedford has begun to come alive in recent months and I am committed to positioning Bedford to take advantage of the development opportunities to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stephen J. Daly, Town Manager*



# FINANCE, PERSONNEL, TAX COLLECTION

CRYSTAL A. DIONNE,  
CPA, DIRECTOR

During 2014, the Town portion of the tax rate decreased \$0.06, or 1.2% from \$4.97 to \$4.91 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The decrease in the tax rate is a result of excess revenues over budget realized in 2014, mainly in motor vehicle registrations, building permits and ambulance revenues.

It is important to note that property taxes are due each July 1st and December 1st. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to statutory interest charges of 12% APR on delinquencies and 18% APR on liens. Properties which remain delinquent after two years from the lien execution date are eligible to be deeded to the Town.

The Tax Collector's office is also responsible for all motor vehicle registrations. We are continuing with our online renewal process as a convenience to our residents. Motor vehicle registrations can be renewed online by visiting the town's website and clicking the E-Reg license plate. Not only can residents complete straight renewals online, but they can also receive instant quotes for motor vehicle state and town fees.

During 2014, we implemented one check processing for MV and revised our renewal notice mailings to include a unique PIN identifier for ease in processing online registrations. We will continue to explore additional options for acceptance of debit and credit cards as forms of payment for various Town charges.

For further information regarding tax collections and/or motor vehicle registrations, including frequently asked questions, please visit the Tax Collector/MV Reg page, listed under Town Offices on our website, [www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org).

## FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

The Finance Department prepared its tenth Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) during 2014 for the 2013 calendar year. This report continues to meet the strict reporting standards of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and as such has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for each year of compilation, 2004 through 2013.

During 2014 we continued with internal cross training for staff as a result of our previous department reorganization. In addition, we tested a new cloud hosted environment for our financial software and subsequently implemented a fully hosted solution toward the end of 2014. This new environment ensures continued stability and consistent updating of our financial software which is heavily relied upon by all departments of the Town. In the coming year, the department will be implementing a substantial upgrade to our financial reporting system.

On the Personnel side of the department, we implemented revised insurance plans for the Police Union as a result of contract negotiations and continue with our electronic filing of all personnel related documentation. A new collective bargaining agreement was reached with the Public Works Union during 2014 and although negotiations with the Fire Union continued through several months of 2014 and agreement had not yet been reached as of the close of the year.

The following schedules are preliminary based upon the information available at the time of report printing. Final schedules may be obtained in the Town's CAFR once our financial audit is complete in the spring of 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

*Crystal Dionne, CPA, Director*





The following schedules are preliminary based upon the information available at the time of report printing. Final schedules may be obtained in the Town's CAFR once our financial audit is complete in the spring of 2015.

**Tax Collector's Report - Unaudited**  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

<b>2014 Appropriations Budgeted</b>	
Town General Fund	\$24,111,350
Other Governments:	
Direct – Local School	52,088,167
Overlapping – County	4,211,774
<b>2014 Revenues Budgeted:</b>	
Town General Fund	\$24,111,350

*Escrow Accounts Various Depositors*

Balance January 1, 2014	\$2,130,656
Receipts/Deposits	505,157
Disbursements/Withdrawals	(591,891)
Interest Earned	210
<b>Balance December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$2,044,132</b>

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Uncollected Taxes, January 1, 2014:</b>		
Property Taxes	-	2,135,706
Current Use	-	-
Yield Taxes	-	504
Sewer Rents	-	305,633
<b>Taxes Committed, Fiscal Year 2014:</b>		
Property Taxes (net)	71,568,430	-
Current Use	97,400	-
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	1,260,761	-
Overpayments:	64,149	-
Interest/Penalties on Delinquent Taxes:	253,365	-
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$73,244,105</b>	<b>\$2,441,843</b>

<b>Collections During Fiscal Year 2014:</b>		
Property Taxes	69,778,640	1,558,694
Current Use	76,500	-
Yield Taxes	-	504
Sewer Rents	881,187	305,633
Interest/Penalties	253,365	-
Liens Executed	-	483,456
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	-	93,556
Sewer	-	-
<b>Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2014:</b>		
Property Taxes	1,853,939	-
Current Use	20,900	-
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	379,574	-
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$73,244,105</b>	<b>\$2,441,843</b>

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Unredeemed Liens				
January 1, 2014		392,745	300,147	4,579
Liens Executed				
In 2014	522,100			2,385
Collections During				
Fiscal Year 2014	232,067	237,814	285,424	
Deeds Executed				
Unredeemed Liens				
December 31, 2014	\$290,034	\$154,931	14,723	6,964



STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/14							
	Principal	Interest	Total		Principal	Interest	Total
<b>1995 Library Bond (2004 refinance)</b>				<b>2011 Infrastructure Bond (issued May 2013)</b>			
2015	110,000	6,119	116,119	2015	720,000	122,400	842,400
2016	110,000	2,062	112,062	2016	720,000	108,000	828,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 220,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,181</b>	<b>\$ 228,181</b>	2017	720,000	93,600	813,600
<b>1999 Landfill Closure Bond (2013 refinance)</b>				2018	720,000	79,200	799,200
2015	100,000	8,600	108,600	2019	720,000	64,800	784,800
2016	100,000	6,600	106,600	2020	720,000	50,400	770,400
2017	95,000	4,650	99,650	2021	720,000	36,000	756,000
2018	95,000	2,750	97,750	2022	720,000	21,600	741,600
2019	90,000	900	90,900	2023	720,000	7,200	727,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 480,000</b>	<b>\$ 23,500</b>	<b>\$ 503,500</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,480,000</b>	<b>\$ 583,200</b>	<b>7,063,200</b>
<b>2005 Road Reconstruction Bond (issued 2006)</b>				<b>2014 South River Road TIF (issued August 2014)</b>			
2015	1,200,000	96,000	1,296,000	2015	365,000	80,178	445,178
2016	1,200,000	48,000	1,248,000	2016	375,000	74,700	449,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,000</b>	<b>\$ 144,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,544,000</b>	2017	385,000	67,200	452,200
<b>2011 Infrastructure Bond (issued October 2011)</b>				2018	395,000	59,500	454,500
2015	670,000	88,994	758,994	2019	405,000	51,600	456,600
2016	665,000	75,644	740,644	2020	415,000	43,500	458,500
2017	665,000	62,344	727,344	2021	425,000	35,200	460,200
2018	665,000	49,043	714,043	2022	435,000	26,700	461,700
2019	665,000	35,744	700,744	2023	445,000	18,000	463,000
2020	665,000	22,028	687,028	2024	455,000	9,100	464,100
2021	665,000	7,481	672,481	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 465,678</b>	<b>4,565,678</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,660,000</b>	<b>\$ 341,278</b>	<b>\$ 5,001,278</b>	<b>Grand Total Bonded Debt:</b>			
					<b>\$ 18,340,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,565,837</b>	<b>\$ 19,905,837</b>





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Town Council  
Town of Bedford, New Hampshire

Additional Offices:  
Andover, MA  
Greenfield, MA  
Manchester, NH  
Ellsworth, ME

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, 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.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respec-



tive budgetary comparison for the general fund 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 and Schedule of Funding Progress 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.

##### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information appearing on pages 48 through 62 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The other information, such as the introductory and statistical sections, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 17, 2014 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Melanson Heath*

June 17, 2014



## TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2013

	General	Road Reconstruction Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 39,304,686	\$ 6,261,762	\$ 1,105,959	\$ 46,672,407
Investments	-	-	87,094	87,094
Receivables:				
Property taxes, net	2,775,340	-	-	2,775,340
Departmental and other	557,479	-	151,882	709,361
Intergovernmental	22,173	-	-	22,173
Due from other funds	17,673	-	251,749	269,422
Prepaid items	955,107	-	-	955,107
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 43,632,458</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,261,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,596,684</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 51,490,904</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 699,350	\$ 7,302	\$ 68,854	\$ 775,506
Tax refunds liability	61,012	-	-	61,012
Due to other funds	251,749	-	17,673	269,422
Due to other governments	24,199,457	-	96,780	24,296,237
Other liabilities	300	-	-	300
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>25,211,868</b>	<b>7,302</b>	<b>183,307</b>	<b>25,402,477</b>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,746,392	-	-	1,746,392
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	44,472	-	25,255	69,727
Restricted	-	6,254,460	980,103	7,234,563
Committed	4,469,468	-	408,019	4,877,487
Assigned	2,415,829	-	-	2,415,829
Unassigned	9,744,429	-	-	9,744,429
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>16,674,198</u></b>	<b><u>6,254,460</u></b>	<b><u>1,413,377</u></b>	<b><u>24,342,035</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 43,632,458</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,261,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,596,684</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 51,490,904</u></b>



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# IMPACT FEE REPORT



In accordance with RSA 674:21(1), the following report is being provided for both the Town’s recreation and school impact fees collected under the provisions of Town ordinance Section 275-20. A full detailed report of individual impact fees assessed and collected is available upon request.

**School Impact Fees:**

Balance as of January 1, 2014 .....	\$447,676.44
2014 Net Fees Billed .....	31,036.00
2014 Interest Earned.....	23.35
2014 Transfers Out (1).....	(300,000.00)

Balance as of December 31, 2014 .....	\$178,735.79
Accounts Uncollected at 12/31/14.....	(42,840.00)

*Bank Balance at December 31, 2014 .....* \$135,895.79

**Recreation Impact Fees:**

Balance as of January 1, 2014 .....	\$212,391.17
2014 Net Fees Billed .....	7,771.00
2014 Interest Earned.....	19.77

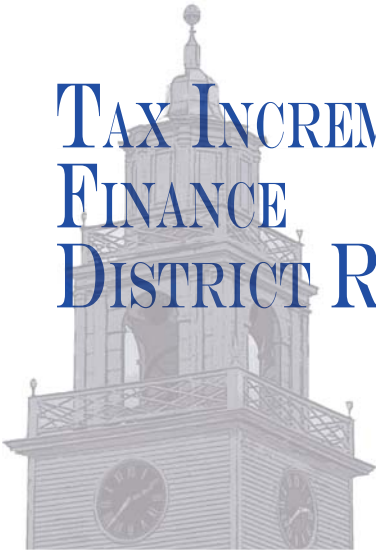
Balance as of December 31, 2014 .....	\$220,181.94
Accounts Uncollected at 12/31/14.....	(8,796.00)

*Bank Balance at December 31, 2014 .....* \$211,385.94

Notes: (1) Transfers of School Impact fees have been used for the purpose of paying the high/middle school bond principal according to the Bedford School District.



# TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT REPORT



**Tax Increment Financing: Overview** Tax increment financing is sometimes referred to as a financing tool and sometimes as an economic development tool. It is both. Other types of financing are available to municipalities for infrastructure improvements, but cutbacks in federal and state infrastructure aid over the last two decades have increased the popularity of tax increment financing.

Tax increment financing has been around since the 1950s as an economic development tool. The theory and practice is, on its face, simple: an area that has been blighted or is otherwise in need of an economic boost is analyzed for its development potential and then designated by a municipality as a tax increment financing district, which is then targeted for publicly financed infrastructure investment. The infrastructure improvements stimulate development or redevelopment to occur in the district, generating incremental tax revenues. Some or all of the indebtedness incurred by the municipality for the infrastructure improvements is repaid by redirecting all or some of the incremental tax revenues to the infrastructure debt service.

The taxable value of the district is frozen at the time of its creation, referred to as the original taxable value (OTV) or simply “base.” Tax revenues from the base value continue to go to the general fund tax base. As the TIF district matures and private sector development and redevelopment occurs because of the improvements, the Town retains the incremental tax revenues generated above the base. The annual “tax increment” is used to pay the public expenditures on improvements in the district.

Typically, public infrastructure investments include water supply, sewer expansion and repair, storm water drainage, street and sidewalk construction, street lighting, park improvements, and parking structures. These improvements are intended to encourage economic development by making the area more attractive for development and reducing infrastructure costs for private developers.

## ***South River Road TIF District***

In accordance with NH RSA 162-K, the Town of Bedford adopted the South River Road TIF District on 12/15/2010. The purpose of the District is to improve the safety, economic development, investment and revitalization rate, and public welfare for this area and for the community at large.

The associated objectives of the district include 1) widening Route 3 at certain key sections to allow safe transit, increased traffic and encourage increased investment into adjacent sites 2) public infrastructure improvements including repaving and sidewalk enhancements within the district and 3) other infrastructure improvements including lighting, landscaping, signage and transit stops.

## ***Current Year District Activity***

During 2014 the South River Road TIF District saw the completion of the 2,600 square foot Sterling Plastic Surgery center at the Bedford Medical Center (Washington Place). The Planning Board also approved a redevelopment plan for the former Wayfarer Hotel and Conference Center to be a mixed use development to with a Whole Foods supermarket, retail space, a bank, two restaurants, a spa/fitness center, and 73 market rate apartments. Work on the project is expected to begin in early 2015 and be completed in 2016. A plan for updating the Macy’s exterior was approved, but by the end of 2014 no work on the project had been initiated. Lastly the Planning Board reviewed a conceptual site plan for the redevelopment of the Sullivan land between Ridgewood Road and Kilton Road for a new complex that would include a fitness center, retail store and restaurant, but by the end of the year no final plans had been submitted.





Also, during 2014, we acquired easements and the Town Council approved final design and road layout as well as authorized eminent domain to acquire the remaining property for this layout. Utility companies began relocating poles and lines. Severino Trucking Company, Inc. was awarded the construction contract and began work on Colby Court.

# TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS



*KEN PETERSON,  
CHAIRMAN  
JAY CADORETTE,  
LAWRENCE CHEETHAM*

We, the Trustees of the Trust Funds, offer these comments about the 2014 annual report:

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town or School District in anticipation of specific capital projects, and (2) Trust Funds, which have been created to support on-going projects, such as scholarships, the library, and cemeteries. At the end of 2014 the Capital Reserve Funds made up the majority or 98% of the trust fund balances at \$3.74M, leaving \$60K or 2% attributable to the remaining Private Purpose Trust Funds.

During 2014 the Trustees were required to contend with the merger of the Centrix Bank where the majority of the CIP funds were held in an interest bearing single unified account called “Insured Cash Sweep” or ICS. The surviving entity was Eastern Bank, and Eastern chose not to continue offering the ICS account.

Mr. Peterson and Mr. Cheetham were appointed to fill vacancies that were created when two trustees resigned. Mr. Cadorette continued on as an elected Trustee. The Trustees held fifteen meetings in the last half of 2014/beginning of 2015, mostly to create organization and clarity in the Trustees work. They elected a chairperson and publicized all meetings; took and published minutes IAW NH RSA 93:A; created an on-line presence on the Town’s website; created an orientation guide for new members; wrote an operation manual; wrote an investment policy; created a standardized funds withdrawal request form; and established a two person signature requirement.

**South River Road TIF District**

General Information:			
Date of Declaration:	12/15/2010		
Base (OTV) Year:	2010		
Duration:	Until Debt Paid (maximum 30 years or 2/1/2041)		
Date of Initial Indebtedness:	n/a		
First Year of Increment Retained:	2012		
	<b>TIF</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>% of Town</b>
Acres	183	19,174	0.96%
Parcels	99	8,161	1.21%
Base Taxable Value (OTV)	112,500,800	3,355,937,627	3.352%

Value, Revenue Generation and Distribution:			
	2012	2013	2014
TIF District Taxable Value:	\$ 118,179,300	123,856,200	128,562,500
Total Incremental Valuation Generated:	5,678,500	11,355,400	16,061,700
Tax Rate for Ensuing Year:	\$ 20.32	\$ 22.17	\$ 22.50
Total Incremental Tax Revenue:	\$ 115,387	\$ 251,749	\$ 361,388
Debt Service:			
	Principal	Interest	Total to Date
GF Infra Bond Reallocated \$900k	900,000	90,900	990,900
GO Bond Issued 8/27/14 - 1.59%	4,100,000	465,678	4,565,678

Balance of Available Funds:			
	2012	2013 *	2014
<b>Revenues</b>			
Existing Developer Fair Share Funds	\$ 96,781	\$ -	\$ -
Fair Share Collections During FY	-	63,125	-
Developer TIF Payments	-	112,000	(112,000)
Incremental Tax Revenue (from above)	115,387	251,749	361,388
Bond Proceeds	-	-	4,100,000
Bond Premium - Net	-	-	88,415
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	1,024,840
Interest Earnings	-	39	163
<b>Subtotal District Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 212,168</b>	<b>\$ 426,913</b>	<b>\$ 5,462,806</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Surveying/Inspection/Engineering	20,625	113,656	529,257
Construction	-	-	718,060
Other District Expenses	-	-	80,643
Debt Service Principal	-	-	90,000
Debt Service Interest	-	-	18,000
<b>Subtotal District Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,625</b>	<b>\$ 113,656</b>	<b>\$ 1,435,960</b>
<b>Balance of Funds as of 12/31:</b>	<b>\$ 191,543</b>	<b>\$ 504,800</b>	<b>\$ 4,531,646</b>
* adjusted balance			



In a move to increase the return on investments to something greater than the 0.2% earned this year, the Trustees began interviewing wealth management firms to professionally manage the funds under the auspices of the Trustees. They expect to sign an agreement with a money management firm early in 2015. During 2015 the Trustees plan to improve their service to the Town by monitoring and evaluating the trust finds investment performance and continuing to improve the internal processes.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ken Peterson, Chairman*

Pool Building/Equipment	36,435.93
Field Development/Repairs	119,153.45
Parks Equipment	15,134.68
Ten Wheel Dump Truck	30,055.38
Sewer Systems Improvement	221,256.29
IT Software Licensing	24,068.52
Ambulance Replacment	46,037.05
Bulldozer	119.63
Jacobsen Mower Replacement	53,323.04
Kubota Tractor Replacement	47,694.32
Library Parking Lot	50,245.97
BCTV Digital to HD	25,143.26
Ladder Truck Replacement	226,235.23
Pick Up Truck Reserve	20,308.93
Front End Load Replacement	146,273.45
Document Imaging	30,124.92
PD Communication Network	30,055.38
PD Weapon Replacement	7,513.85
Pln Impact Fee Study	6,011.08
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Total Capital Reserves	\$4,231,334.76
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Trust and Capital Reserve Fund Totals for Year Ending December 31, 2014

Capital Reserve Funds (Principal and Accrued Interest)

School Building Fund	\$9,504.38
School Building Maintenance	2,316.28
School Tuition	154,501.37
School District Land Fund	315,723.60
Rte. 3 Improvements	10,643.46
Transfer Station Improvements	436,770.03
Conservation Commission	300,691.55
Town Office Building	70,100.45
Safety Complex	31,479.58
Sidewalk Reserve	13,918.13
Compressor Replacement	52,137.06
Land Reserve	38,209.61
Radio Reserve	15,027.69
Fire Engine Replacement	233,142.43
Loader/Backhoe	50,171.94
Building Addition	29,140.43
Fire Equipment Reserve	60,389.90
Sewer Enterprise Wastewater	641,690.64
All Purpose Tractor	17,532.30
Master Plan	106,079.84
Sweeper Replacement	386.72
Grader	244,433.77
Chipper	30,936.29
Roadside Mower	177.01
Library Septic System	31,597.67
Library Carpet Replacement	102.70
Commercial Revaluation	45,083.06
One Ton Trucks	91,653.37
Portable Police Radios	15,027.69
Solid Waste Backhoe	47,575.45

	<u>Trust Funds</u>	
Principal		59,955.00
Accrued Interest		5,646.83
Total Trust Funds		<hr/> \$65,601.83 <hr/>
	<u>Grand Total</u>	
Capital Reserve Funds		4,231,334.76
Trust Funds		65,601.83
Grand Total		<hr/> \$4,296,936.59 <hr/>



# PLANNING AND ZONING



*RICHARD SAWYER, AICP,  
DIRECTOR*

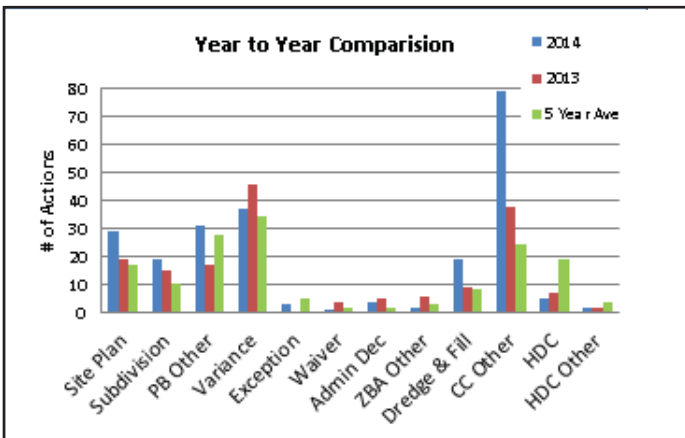
2014 proved to be a very busy year for the Department due to the return of significant commercial investment in the community with nearly 300,000 square feet of commercial space and 200 apartments being approved. The approval of the redevelopment of the Wayfarer Hotel and Convention Center site to be a mixed use development with a Whole Foods Market, two restaurants, a bank, retail space, a spa, and market rate and above apartments highlighted the strong activity this year. Other projects that were able to receive final approval and or start construction are outlined the Planning Board report. As can be seen in the adjoining table activity of the four major land use boards that we serve was generally up over 2013 and the five year average. The Planning Staff worked with the developers of the Convenient MD, The Primrose School, Washington Place Phase II medical office building, Sterling Plastic Surgery, Wholistic Pet, St. Elizabeth Seton Church and two subdivisions off of McAllister Road to see their projects through to completion.

In addition to managing the development process the Planning Staff completed The Pedestrian and Bicycle

Connectivity Master Plan that began in 2013 which was approved by the Planning Board and endorsed by the Town Council in early 2014. In September the plan was recognized as the 2014 Plan of the Year by the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association. Staff worked with the Conservation Commission to complete an inventory of town conservation land and completed monitoring of certain properties as required. We also assisted in the submission of grants for improvements to the Ash Bog Land, The Preserve, and the Heritage Trail.

2014 proved to be an important year in transportation planning for the community and the region as a whole with the State and the Town holding public meetings on improvements to Route 101 between NH 114 and Wallace Road. Although the State’s final report was not done by year’s end it is likely that work on the widening will be completed during 2017 and 2018 to bring much needed relief to the morning and evening congestion. After exhaustive study the Town Council has determined not to move forward with water and sewer extensions as part of the roadway work.

2014 again brought significant change within the Planning and Zoning Department when Colleen Mailloux, AICP, Planner II left in June to become the Director of Community Development for the Town of Amherst. Colleen primarily served the Planning Board and Historic District Commission for her three years in Bedford. Colleen was extremely well respected by all of the boards as well as the development community and significantly improved our department’s outreach to the community through the creation of Google Maps with the applications, maps, and staff reports for all the requests pending before our boards and commissions. Colleen is a consummate professional and we wish her all the best. Rebecca Hebert was hired in September to be our first Assistant Planning Director and comes back to Bedford after growing up here with fourteen years of professional planning experience with the last 8 years being with the City of Concord, NH. Becky has worked diligently to learn all of our regulations and practices and is quickly becoming a valuable member of the department.





I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Boards and Commissions who dedicate their time to making Bedford a great place to live and work. I would also like to thank the planning staff for their dedication and support; together the staff was responsible for assisting our land use boards and committees with approximately 50 public meetings and 115 applications this year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard Sawyer, AICP, Director*

# PLANNING BOARD



*JON LEVENSTEIN, CHAIRMAN*

2014 proved to be a strong year for commercial investment rebounding nicely from the slight decline seen in 2013.

Single-family residential growth remained limited with only 19 new lots being approved, however three multi-family projects were approved that will bring 194 apartments to the market. Several significant projects were approved in the South River Road Corridor and Performance

Zone including the redevelopment of the former Wayfarer site with a mixed use development to include a Whole Foods supermarket, retail space, a bank, two restaurants, a spa/fitness center, and 73 market rate apartments. A 66 unit assisted living facility was approved on



Hawthorne Drive. A mixed use development with 116 units of age restricted (62+) apartments and three retail buildings was approved on the Dwire parcel between South River Road and Technology Drive. Haig-Farr broke ground on phase 1 of a new office and manufacturing facility on Harvey Road that will be completed in 2015. A new 2-story office building was approved behind Sullivan Construction on South River Road. Elsewhere in town, the Bedford Village Inn had a site plan approved for a new luxury 55 room hotel which is anticipated to be built in 2015. Manchester Christian Church gained approval for a nearly





900 seat sanctuary and construction will be complete in early 2015. Lastly a new bank was approved to be built at the Route 101 Plaza.

2014 was a busy year for construction throughout Town. Convenient MD built a new urgent care facility at the intersection of Route 101 and Nashua Road. The Primrose School was completed and work began on four apartment buildings at the Bedford Hills site. At Bedford Medical Center (Washington Place) construction was completed on the Phase II building and another building was approved and constructed for Sterling Plastic Surgery. Two office buildings were completed at the Daniel Webster Office Park, which was damaged by fire and at the end of 2013. Wholistic Pet completed their new retail and office building on Route 101. St. Elizabeth Seton Church completed additions to the sanctuary and activity center. Sites on both sides of the Mini Cooper dealership were being graded for potential projects not yet known. Two subdivisions off of McAllister Road were approved and roadways installed.

The Planning Board heard a total of 63 applications in 2014, many of which were site plan amendments, sign waivers, lot line adjustments, or residential subdivisions of one lot into two. The Board reviewed a conceptual site plan for the redevelopment of the Sullivan land between Ridgewood Road and Kilton Road for a new complex that would include a fitness center, retail store and restaurant, but by the end of the year no final plans had been submitted. Given the number of projects approved this year construction projects will ongoing all over town in 2015.

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Master Plan that began in 2013 was completed and approved by the Board and endorsed by the Town Council. Thank you to the members of the Committee who dedicated their time and expertise to the development of this plan: Councilor Bill Dermody, Deb Sklar (Planning Board), Glenn Boston (Conservation Commission), and especially citizen members, Linda Gould, Amy Huelle and Kathy Shartzer. In September the plan was recognized as the 2014 Plan of the Year by the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association.

In 2014, the Board recommended six changes to the Zoning Ordinance which were all approved by the voters at the March town meeting:

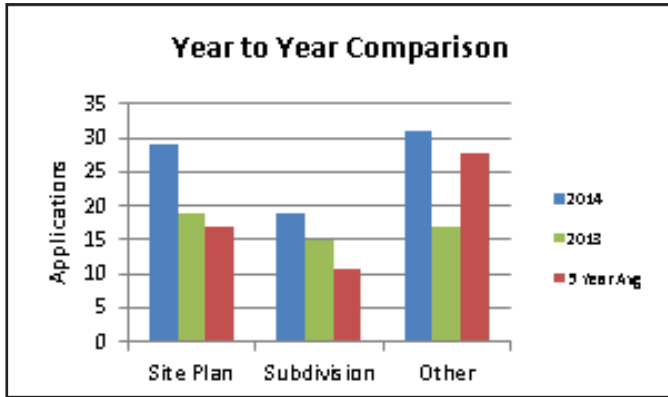
1. Zoning Board decisions now last for two years without action prior to expiring to be consistent with a 2013 state law change.
2. Cluster subdivisions adjacent to municipal water lines now have the option of utilizing well water to be consistent with state law.
3. Businesses are now allowed to display open signs and flags.
4. Landscaping provisions around ground signs in the Performance Zone were clarified.
5. A provision was added to restrict the placement of fencing and landscaping adjacent to intersections to ensure driver visibility.
6. The percentage of required workforce housing units in multi-family developments was reduced from 33 to 25.

Membership on the Board saw a significant change this year with long time members Deb Sklar and Paul Goldberg (Chairman) stepping down. I would like to thank both Deb and Paul for the countless hours they have dedicated to making Bedford a better place, they will be missed. Following his departure, Mr. Goldberg was honored by the Town Council as Citizen Volunteer of the Year. Also stepping down this year was Lyn Healy (alternate) after three years on the Board. The Planning Board welcomed Melissa Stevens (alternate), Jim Scanlon (Council Representative) and Steve Daly, Town Manager (ex-officio) as new members of the Board. Bill Dermody stayed on with the Board in March as a regular member after previously being a Town Council representative. Philip Cote was appointed a full member after being an alternate for several years.

In May, the Planning Board re-elected Paul Goldberg as Chairman, Jon Levenstein as Vice-Chairman and Hal Newbury as Secretary. With the departure of Chairman Goldberg in September, Mr. Levenstein and Mr. Newbury filled out the remainder of the year as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Planning Board who dedicate their time to attend the meet-





ings, visit the sites, review the materials and keep up with changes in the laws; they provide a great service to the community and help to keep Bedford as a great place to live, work and raise a family.

**Statistics for 2014: (63 applications):**

- 15 Site Plans for a total approximately 291,300 square feet of commercial space & 194 apartments
- 16 Site Plan Amendments (including modification of conditions of approval, minor site plan amendments)
- 8 residential subdivisions creating 19 new building lots
- 2 Lot Line Adjustments (5 residential, 1 performance zone)
- 6 Conceptual Reviews
- 7 Performance Zone Sign Waiver Requests
- 1 Site Plan Applications for Town and School projects for review and comment
- 6 Other requests

**Major Developments reviewed or approved included:**

- Residential Subdivisions – 2 Final subdivision approvals on McAllister Road one with 8 lots and the other with 5.
- Preserve at West Bedford – 5 units of detached elderly housing.
- Wholistic Pet – Final site plan to demolish/reconstruct 4,800 square feet of office/retail.
- Convenient MD – Final site plan for a 5,100 square foot urgent care facility at Route 101 & Nashua Road.
- Washington Place – Final site plan for a 2,616 square foot medical office building for Sterling Plastic Surgery.

- LCB Senior Living – Final site plan for a 57,936 square foot, 66-unit assisted living facility on Hawthorne Drive.
- Bedford Grand – Final site plan for a 46,659 square foot, 55-room hotel at the Bedford Village Inn.
- Manchester Christian Church – Final site plan to construct an 18,500 square foot 867 seat sanctuary.
- Macy’s – Final site plan to modernize the exterior of the building.
- Haig-Farr – Final site plan for a 40,000 square foot office and manufacturing building on Harvey Road in two phases.
- Route 101 Plaza, Primary Bank – Final site plan for a 2-story, 5,660 square foot bank being developed as a new locally owned bank.
- Wayfarer – Final site plan for the construction of a 48,800 square foot retail plaza that will have Whole Foods as the primary anchor, 2 restaurants, a bank, 7,564 square feet of spa/personal training space, and 73 multifamily apartments.
- Sullivan Construction – Final site plan for a 2-story, 22,568 square foot office building behind their existing building on South River Road.
- Calamar, Inc. – Final site plan for a 3-story, 116 unit elderly housing building on Technology Drive and three commercial buildings on South River Road totaling 15,825 square feet.
- Kilton & Ridgewood Concept – Conceptual review of a 2-story, 37,000 square foot health club, a 26,170 square foot retail building, and a 6,000 square foot restaurant.

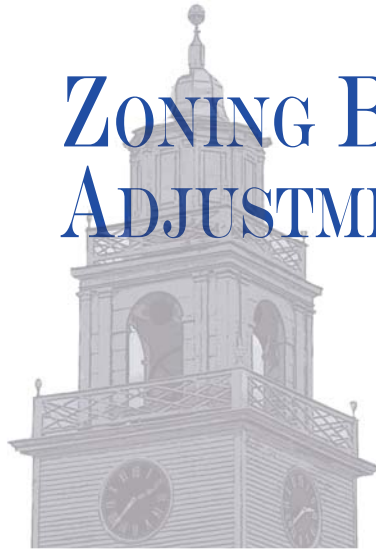
Respectfully submitted,

*Jon Levenstein, Chairman*



# ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

*ERIC BERNARD, CHAIRMAN*



The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducts hearings on applications for relief from land use regulations. The most common applications for relief are:

1. Variances from use or dimensional requirements;
2. Special Exceptions;
3. Equitable Waivers from dimensional requirements; and
4. Appeals from decisions of Administrative Officials.

Where there are unique or extenuating circumstances, the Board of Adjustment provides an avenue for relief from restrictions and for local resolution of land use issues. The Board of Adjustment can grant an application if the legal requirements for relief are met. The Board of Adjustment cannot grant relief, however, if it would be the equivalent of re-zoning or amending a zoning ordinance. After hearing evidence for and against an application, the Board of Adjustment deliberates and votes on all requests in public session.

In 2014, the Board of Adjustment heard 31 applications for variances, 3 applications for special exceptions, 2 requests for Equitable Waivers, 3 appeals of administrative decisions, and 1 request for rehearing. The majority of the applications filed in 2014 were for variances seeking relief from building and wetland setbacks, lot size and frontage requirements. The distribution of applications is reflective of the maturing status of development in Bedford. The number of applications and requests for rehearing presented to the ZBA in 2014 decreased by 23% compared to 2013. Factoring out requests for rehearing, the decrease was 17%. The reason for the decrease in applications is not apparent.

Of the applications decided in 2014, 30 were approved in whole, or in part, 7 were denied or denied in part, and 3 were withdrawn. The lone 2014 request for rehearing, resulted in the Board's initial denial order being suspended for a period not to exceed 180 days to allow the applicant to explore whatever options it may have with the Planning Board.

Members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Town Council. The Board of Adjustment is comprised of 5 regular members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council, and 3 alternate members with one member of the Town Council serving as an alternate member of the Board. Karin Elmer, Planner I, of the Planning Department, attends all ZBA meetings and provides background and other information to the Board.

Applications to request a Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing and the meeting schedule of the Board (usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month) are available at the Town Offices and also are available online at the Town website, [www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org). Completed applications are due no later than 18 days prior to the desired hearing date. The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquiries regarding zoning questions and assists individuals with application procedures.

I would like to express my thanks to all of the members of the Town Council, my fellow Zoning Board members and members of the other boards that serve the Town of Bedford for volunteering their time and talent to improve our community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric Bernard, Chairman*



Ribbon Cutting at the new Conveneint MD located at Nashua Road

TITLE LXIV  
PLANNING AND ZONING - CHAPTER 674  
LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND  
REGULATORY POWERS

Regulation of Subdivision of Land

Section 674:39-aa

674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots. I. In this section:

- (a) "Involuntary merger" and "involuntarily merged" mean lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes without the consent of the owner.
- (b) "Owner" means the person or entity that holds legal title to the lots in question, even if such person or entity did not hold legal title at the time of the involuntary merger.
- (c) "Voluntary merger" and "voluntarily merged" mean a merger under RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.

II. Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

- (a) The request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.
- (b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.

III. All decisions of the governing body may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676.

IV. Any municipality may adopt local ordinances, including ordinances enacted prior to the effective date of this section, to restore previously merged properties that are less restrictive than the provisions in paragraph I and II.

V. The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

VI. Municipalities shall post a notice informing residents that any involuntarily merged lots may be restored to premerger status upon the owner's request. Such notice shall be posted in a public place no later than January 1, 2012 and shall remain posted through December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

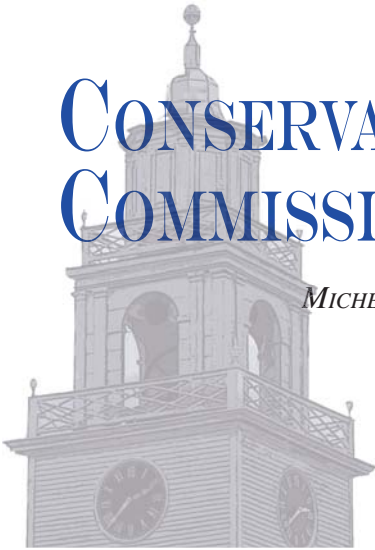
Source. 2011, 206:4, eff. July 24, 2011.





# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*MICHELLE SALVATORE, CHAIRMAN*



I would like to first start by thanking all the members of the Conservation

Commission (past and present) for volunteering their time not only to attend the meetings but conduct easement monitoring, preparation of reports, grants and other necessary actions to continue with the goal of protecting open spaces within the Town of Bedford. The members of the Conservation Commission in 2014 include Beth Evarts (Vice-Chair), James Drake, Lisa Kammer, Norm Longval (TC), Tracy McAllister, Mac McMahan (TC), Hal Newberry (Planning Board), Ken Peterson, and Tom Sauser. Lisa Kammer was appointed as the liaison to the Pulpit Rock Subcommittee. This year we also said goodbye to two long standing members of the Commission Glenn Boston and Merv Taub, their knowledge and guidance

is missed and their contributions over the years so greatly appreciated.



Merv Taub  
Served 16 years on the Conservation Commission

## DREDGE AND FILL APPLICATIONS

The Conservation Commission reviewed 17 dredge and fill applications, which accounted for slightly more than one (1) acre of land. The majority of the applications that we reviewed were related to driveway, culvert and roadway improvements.

The commission was actively involved with the review of the wetland impact project proposed at the intersection of Back River Road and South River Road, unfortunately the Town was not successful in receiving a compensatory in lieu mitigation project. This truly highlights the need for the Town to identify mitigation projects that would qualify (and be prepared) for these types of projects in the future.

The commission was also involved in review and recommendations for the redevelopment of the former Wayfarer Inn property on South River Road. The recommendations ensured that the John Goffe Mill site was recognized and the existing dams would be preserved.

## PROJECTS

In January Eagle Scout Matthew Williams of Troop 414 presented his project which included the construction and installation of several bird and bat houses within Legacy Park.

Beth Evarts with the assistance of Karin Elmer created a preliminary inventory of all the conservation lands within Bedford our goal is to establish needs and priorities to continue to enhance these lands and promote their existence within the Town. A work group from the commission was developed and additional work on this project is anticipated in 2015. As former Chairman Merv Taub stated: “you can’t be in the business of protecting land if you don’t know what you’re protecting”.

During easement monitoring several locations were noted to have had encroachments by neighbors. The commission and the Town still need to determine a process by which to correct the encroachments. With that being said we are also recommending an effort to post signage at the property boundary lines of the conservation lands, currently there is minimal



indicators of the property lines for conservation lands and feel added signage may prevent these types of incidents.

Haying at the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill was undertaken with the selection of farmer to maintain the fields and provide hay to the farm. The commission is a staunch supporter of the farm continuing on with its agricultural roots.

One of the most significant projects completed in 2014 was the construction of a pedestrian bridge that at the newly acquired conservation property off Scott Road. The bridge and part of the price of the acquisition was done through a grant the Conservation Commission received through the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED). This bridge allows access off Scott Road to trails that ultimately connect with the Ash Bog property. This project was truly a team effort headed up by Tom Sauser. Brian Harjula (trail administrator for the Merrimack Valley Trail Rides) volunteered and provided invaluable consulting on the design and construction of this bridge. Silas Johnson (Troop 414) used this project for his final Eagle Scout project and recruited several of his friends and family to assist with the construction. Lastly the preliminary site prep work was completed generously by Anthony Clark. I encourage the Town to go out take a look at this beautiful new piece of conservation land.

Finally in 2014 the Conservation Commission submitted a grant application to the NH DRED for improvements to the Heritage Trail. I want to extend another thank you to James Drake for all his hard work submitting grants on behalf of the Town.

### **NEW ACQUISITIONS**

We had no new acquisitions in 2014. We anticipate the donation of a small 5-acre parcel of land that abuts existing Town conservation land.

As always we continue to encourage the public's assistance with acquiring additional lands to support the goal of protecting open spaces within the Town.

### **UPCOMING REGULATORY CHANGES**

The NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands program has stated that they will be coming out with new rulemaking which may modify the permitting process. It may also re-define wetland setbacks and buffer zones and require the implementation of Best Management Practices.

Finally, I would like to thank the Town Council, the Planning Department for their support of the Conservation Commission in 2014 and all the time and effort Karin Elmer puts in for the commission.

### ***Pulpit Rock Subcommittee Report***

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission invites you to visit your wonderful conservation area. It is a great choice when you are looking for a hike that is close to home and that has more than 4 miles of moderate to difficult trails. If you are looking for an even longer hike, you can take the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area trails to connecting Amherst trails that lead back into Bedford farther south at Bedford's town-owned Joppa Hill Farm.

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee is charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. Subcommittee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Clark Gott, Doug Pryce, Eric Soederberg, Lisa Kammer, representative from the Conservation Commission and Anthony Clark. Activities of the subcommittee include, for example, our annual workday. After decades of volunteering on the subcommittee and at Pulpit Rock, Ray Landry and his wife, Stella, moved out of town to live closer to their family. Thank you, Ray, for your many years of service to our community!

Additionally, in 2014, the Bedford Land Trust (BLT) began its responsibility of monitoring the property for infractions of the conservation easement that the BLT now holds on the property. Several years ago, the Town of Bedford and the Bedford Land Trust worked together to unite the numerous land parcels of the conservation area into one and to establish a conservation easement over the entire property. This





was done to ensure that the property will remain a natural asset for us all to enjoy. A memorial bench for Ruth Tolf Ansell has been placed by the BLT near the entrance to the conservation area. This was done in recognition of Ruth's considerable efforts to protect Pulpit Rock Conservation Area and Bedford's open space.

Plans for the upcoming year include a spring work day in late April or early May. Please check the Bedford newspapers in April for the date. Our thanks are extended to those who have helped out at the Pulpit in past years on our annual workdays. We always welcome your help.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Salvatore, Chairman*



Gage's Sawmill at Pulpit Rock Conservation Area

# HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

*ANDREW NOYES, CHAIRMAN*



The Historic District Commission administers Article VII of the Bedford Zoning Ordinance, and

adopts and amends regulations for the administration of the Historic District. The Commission regularly reviews applications for property owners who want to make improvements within the Historic District, which includes Bedford Center Road, Church Road, Bell Hill Road, Chandler Road, and portions of North Amherst Road, Ministerial Road, Liberty Hill Road and Meetinghouse Road. Residential properties along Route 101 between Bedford Center Road and Wallace Road are also part of the Historic District.

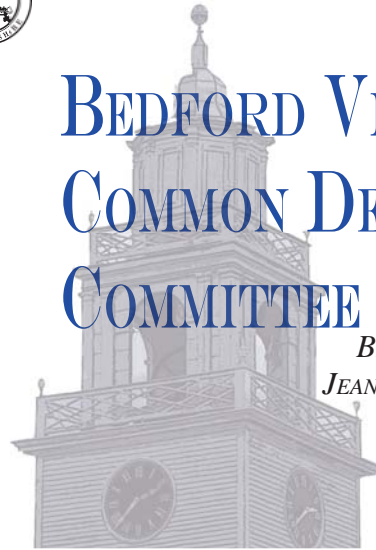
The purpose of the Historic District is to ensure that new construction and significant building and property renovations are in keeping with the character of the District and preserve the Town's cultural, economic and architectural history. At the same time, the Historic District Commission strives to balance residents' concerns and protect the historic character of the Town center, keeping in mind that Commission decisions have an impact on property owners in the District. Throughout 2014, the Historic District Commission worked to ensure that the District is not only a nice place to drive through, but is also a pleasant place to live.

The Historic District Commission met four times during 2014 for regularly scheduled meetings to review applications. A total of four residential applications were reviewed and approved in 2014, including one application for the construction of a 14 foot by 24 foot addition; one application for the construction of a 20 foot by 26 foot deck and aboveground pool; one application for the installation of an antenna and the cutting of dead trees; and one



# BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*BEVERLY THOMAS, CHAIRMAN  
JEANENE PROCOPIIS, VICE-CHAIR*



application for the installation of solar panels on the roof of a residence. The Commission also discussed proposed draft regulation amendments to clarify that dead trees can be removed and that antennas under a certain size can be installed by right. The public hearing for the proposed amendments will be held in early 2015.

2014 saw the closing of our enforcement action at 111 Route 101 that was first initiated in 2010 for the illegal cutting of trees, grading, and other site changes within the Historic District without approval. In 2012 the new owners of the property obtained approval to rehabilitate the property and their work was completed in late 2013. In December the town received \$38,000 in legal fees, costs, and fines and our lien on the property was released.

At the May 6 meeting, Andrew Noyes was elected Chairman and Richard Polonsky was elected Vice Chairman of the Historic District Commission. In May, Janet Tamulevich joined the Historic District Commission as a regular member. Phil Cote was re-appointed as the Planning Board Liaison in May. After his term as a member on the Commission expired in March, Brian Driscoll stepped down from the Commission. The Town is grateful for Mr. Driscoll's contributions to the Historic District Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Noyes Historic District Commission Chairman*

After 5 ½ years of effort dedicated to creating a

centrally-located community park in the town's historic center, the Bedford Village Common Development Committee was sunsetted by the Town Council at the Council's November 19, 2014 meeting. In April 2009, the Council appointed the committee to raise the necessary construction funds and to oversee the development of the new park, located at Bell Hill Road and Route 101. With a majority of the park elements in place and the park open to the public as of June 2013, the BVCDC ended its service with a fund balance of \$71,115.

Generous donations and support from the community made the Bedford Village Common a reality for all to enjoy. A brief summary of the fundraising efforts includes:

Cash donations .....	\$222,248
Town Appropriations .....	95,275
Recreation Impact Fees.....	132,000
In-kind donations/Services.....	306,261
<b>Total Donations.....</b>	<b>\$755,784</b>

During the past year, the committee concentrated its efforts on beautifying the Veterans Memorial at the park's entrance on Bell Hill Road. A new garden of low growing evergreens was created at the head of the memorial along the stone wall. To add a historical element to the Common, two birdhouses were created by a New Hampshire craftsman based on designs of Bedford's Town Hall and nearby Craftworkers Guild buildings. The birdhouses and a checkers/chess game table will be installed at the Common in the spring.



Although a majority of the elements of the park are in place, there are several construction plan projects still to be completed. These include improved access to the pond, removal of scrub vegetation and installation of lilac bushes along the southern property line near the Veterans Memorial, and an electrical box enhancement. A complete punch list was presented to the Town Council at the “sunset meeting.” There are sufficient funds in the BVC account for the Town Council to complete the punch list.

Since the formal opening of the Common on June 9, 2013, the operation and maintenance of the park has been the responsibility of the Bedford Recreation Department and the Department of Public Works. However, the Bedford Garden Club will maintain the pergola garden since it is the club’s policy to maintain gardens that it installs. Until further notice, the Town of Bedford will continue to run the brick fundraising campaign and accept donations for commemorative bricks for both the bandstand and Veterans Memorial areas.

Committee members serving in 2014 were: Beverly Thomas, Chair; Jeanene Procopis, Vice-Chr; Deb Sklar; and Dennis Tokac, Parks & Recreation Commission. Town representatives were: Mac McMahan, Town Council; and Jim Scanlon, Town Council Alternate. Anne Cruess of TF Moran, Inc. donated her consulting services to the committee.

The Bedford Village Common Development Committee has enjoyed this opportunity to assist the Town Council in creating the Common for the benefit of our community, and it is pleased to have seen it become a popular site for the summer concert series, ice skating, weddings, peaceful walks and quiet reflection.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beverly Thomas, Chairman*

*Jeanene Procopis, Vice Chairman*



Veteran’s Memorial located at the entrance of the Bedford Village Common.





# SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to

help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission’s staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively to a specific community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers annual training workshops for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.

Services performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year are as follows. Hours listed represent work for the Town only; in projects involving multiple municipalities the total hours spent by SNHPC staff is higher. For example, 1,406 hours were spent by SNHPC staff working on the Granite State Future project for the 15 municipalities in the region; equally dividing the total hours results in 94 hours of benefits that can be attributed to the Town.

No.	Hours	Project Description
1.	94	Updated the SNHPC 2010 Regional Comprehensive Plan as part of a Statewide initiative to develop a vision and determine how SNHPC should plan for the future. The SNHPC Granite State Future program is referred to as Moving Southern New Hampshire Forward 2015 to 2035 and involved facilitation of both statewide and regional public visioning workshops and public outreach events to obtain public input and participation to shape the vision and plan developed for the region. A regional Advisory Committee guided the development of Moving Southern New Hampshire Forward program and consists of local community organizations, business leaders and private institutions, as well as municipal representatives.
2.	98	Conducted traffic counts at 20 locations, including 8 locations requested by the town, and forwarded the data to the town;
3.	52	Conducted surveys; prepared broadband maps showing available broadband technologies and services existing in the region and within each municipality; developed Regional Broadband Plan and adopted on March 25, 2014, including facilitating Advisory Committee meetings made up of representatives and Information Technology staff from each of the 15 municipalities in the region. The regional plan included objectives and recommendations for the region. This project was funded through a grant awarded to the University of New Hampshire. GIS staff also worked with a contact in each town to verify broadband service availability data, as well as continuously made updates to the Regional Community Anchor Institutions maps;



No. Hours Project Description

4.	60	Facilitated and drafted the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2014 per FEMA plan update requirements;
5.	21	Developed the region's peak hour travel demand model with highway capacity and local traffic estimates;
6.	20	Compiled building permit data and certificate of occupancy permit records to record dwelling unit totals from all municipalities in the region and prepared a summary Land Use Report;
7.	7	Organized and facilitated regional economic development forums on the effectiveness of property tax incentives, establishing Public-Private Partnerships for economic development, and tapping into/marketing tourism in communities;
8.	6	Facilitated Advisory Committee meetings made up of representatives from each of the 15 municipalities in the region to identify and develop mutually beneficial service models to share municipal resources and pursue group purchasing to save costs. This project was funded through a grant awarded by the NH Charitable Foundation;
9.	21	Coordinated and facilitated a region wide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Advisory Committee consisting of economic development representatives from the municipalities of Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, New Boston and Weare with similar representatives from all the communities located within the Central Regional Planning Commission area to develop a joint strategy and economic development plan for the region;
10.	10	Completed a signal warrant study the intersection of New Boston Road and McAllister Road. The study includes traffic data collection, analysis, and report preparation;
11.	10	Provided monthly information to the Planning Board regarding upcoming meetings, project and grant updates, webinars and other training opportunities through the planning commission's quarterly Newsletters, monthly Media Blasts and periodic E-Bulletins;
12.	12	Provided staff support to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council; provided meeting notes, finalized strategic plan, assisted with continued logo development/marketing;
13.	8	Continued coordination on NHDOT Project Wilton-Bedford-Amherst-Milford 13692;
14.	8	Assisted the New Hampshire Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests in developing an interconnecting greenways and trails plan for the towns of Auburn, Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry and the City of Manchester, NH;
15.	6	Assisted in review of development of Regional Impact;
16.	17	Represented the interests of the Town on the Region 8 Regional Coordinating Council for the Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services Project;
17.	6	Created interactive maps displaying traffic count locations and traffic volumes for the Town of Bedford. Maps are now available on the SNHPC.org website;
18.	1	Continued participation on the Southern New Hampshire Region Community Preparedness Program and provided plan updates and public service announcements for member communities;
19.	4	Provided staff assistance to Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC);
20.	3	Extended assistance to the community in promoting regional economic development, including developing and presenting the new "ReadySetGo!" certified site program to the Planning Board to promote economic growth and development in the community;
21.	3	Participated on two subcommittees of the NH BPTAC (Bike-Ped Transportation Advisory





No. Hours Project Description

		Committee) – Outreach/Marketing and Counting, formed in October;
22.	3	Updated base maps for the Town of Bedford. Updates included using GPS for any new roads to add them to the base maps;
23.	2	Attended a public hearing on the Bedford 13953 project to widen NH 101 between NH 114 and Wallace Road;
24.	2	Attended a NHDOT traffic impact study scoping session for a commercial development on NH 101;
25.	4	Organized and facilitated a Legislative outreach event for communities of the region which took place on December 2, 2014. The changing demographics of the State of New Hampshire and its impacts on transportation, infrastructure, labor, and housing were the topics of discussion
26.	3	Organized and facilitated Municipal Planners’ Roundtable and Natural Resource Advisory Committee meetings for Planning Department staff and planning board members on solar energy and culvert assessments;

Town of Bedford Representatives to the Commission

David J. Danielson

William Duschatko

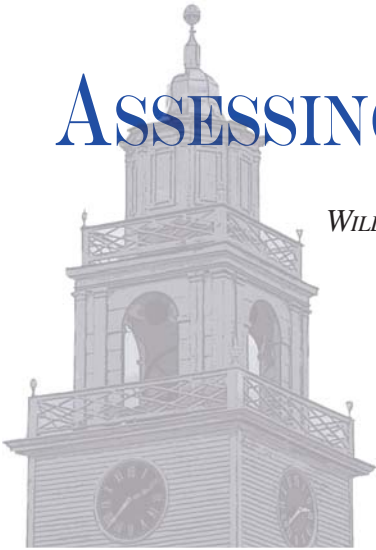
Barbara Salvatore, Alternate

Executive Committee Member: Karen McGinley - Vice Chair





# ASSESSING



*WILLIAM H. INGALLS, ASSESSOR*

Assessed value totals as of April 1, 2014 are as follows:

Residential.....	\$2,534,115,603
Comm/Ind .....	\$641,190,000
Utilities.....	\$43,315,900
Exempt .....	\$141,993,401
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,360,614,904</b>

When the 2014 assessed value totals are compared to the 2013 totals that resulted from the 2013 revaluation, it appears the overall value in Bedford increased \$18,313,269 or .55% over 2013. While this is a modest increase, it is an increase nonetheless and perhaps a positive indicator for the next several years to come. Values that contributed toward the total valuation of Bedford include the following: construction finished in 2014 that began in 2013 or before, projects begun in 2014 partially completed as of April 1, 2014, physical changes to properties noted during 2014 data collection efforts, and any other changes to value determined during the year. Projects approved during 2014 but not started until after April 1, 2014 are not included in any calculations, as they will be included in the numbers for 2015. Total assessed values reflect the state of completion and physical condition of all property as of April 1, 2014.

Property tax exemptions totaled \$12,632,063 while property tax credits of all kinds totaled \$524,000 for a grand total of \$13,156,063 in tax exemptions and credits. In Bedford the tax credits include the Standard Veteran’s Tax Credit at \$500, the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit (surviving spouse of anyone who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces) at \$2000, and the Service Connected Total and

Permanent Disability Credit at \$2000; it can be noted that Bedford provides the highest veteran’s credit amounts allowed by law in New Hampshire. Property tax exemptions include the 65-74 Senior Property Tax Exemption at \$76,350, the 75-79 Senior Property Tax Exemption at \$81,350, and the 80+ Senior Property Tax Exemption at \$120,000. Bedford also provides a Blind Property Tax Exemption of \$35,000, a Deaf Property Tax Exemption of \$35,000, a Disabled Property Tax Exemption of \$52,000, and exemptions for Wind Powered, Solar Powered, and Wood Heated Energy Systems.

Information about the qualifications for property tax credits and exemptions can be found at the Assessing Department area of the town website at [www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org), and on Bedford Public Television (BCTV) beginning the second week of February.

I am sure many of us have been watching the economic new over the past year. As in 2013, while overall the economy is shown to be improving it is still truly another mixed bag of results depending on what industry you are involved with, where you live, where your investment are ( oil v. gold/silver v. real estate v. stocks v. bonds, etc.) and on and on. The 2015 CB Richard Ellis New Hampshire I-93/Route 3 Corridor Office Market Forecast indicates “The Southern New Hampshire Office market will remain steady in 2015 as the office employment continues to stabilize.” Here in Bedford since April 1, 2013 the real estate market has seen slow but pretty steady increases after an initial burst, through 2014 especially in the residential sector. We also consistently maintain the lowest retail vacancy rates in the entire corridor; we have a lot of retail space and most of it is rented out as has been the case for many years therefore we remain optimistic. In addition we have several projects just beginning and more in the planning stages so over the next several years we should see substantial development. As always, we maintain that we really are fortunate to live in New Hampshire; a state that has maintained lower unemployment rates than most of the country throughout this entire situation the last several years. It is also important to note that Bedford continues to out perform neighboring communities; for example in



2014 there were only 16 deeded foreclosures or .2% of the total number of properties in town over the past year. It continues to be true that Bedford, like any other community, is not perfect but there are many highlights including our school system, our access to every corner of the state via the highways, and our “AAA” bond rating.

As of April 1, 2014 the majority of the projects begun in 2013 were completed, including the Phase II medical office building at 5 Washington Place, the Manchester Country Club renovation, the new Dunkin Donuts and NH State Liquor Store over at Bedford Hills at 101 and 114, the new Famous Footwear and Sally Beauty Supply next to Staples at the Bedford Mall, and most of the rebuilt properties 265 and 288 South River Road. Looking forward to 2015 there is a lot of activity; a new medical office facility at 2 Washington Place and the Primrose School at Bedford Hills have been completed, two more tenants joined the main Bedford Mall building, and Optima Bank joined the Starbucks and Chipotle building also at the Bedford Mall, all completed as of April 1, 2015. The demolition of the Wayfarer buildings is scheduled to begin soon, the first of several apartment buildings at Bedford Hills is being constructed, a commercial bank is being built at the Harvest Market site, there are plans for another credit union at Bedford Center Road, and more to come.

As of December 31, 2014, the classifications of specific property types in town are as follows:

Single Family Residence.....	6311
Residential Multi Family .....	39
Residential Vacant Lots.....	435
Residential Mobile Home .....	3
Residential Condominiums .....	625
Commercial/Industrial Improved.....	546
Commercial/Industrial Vacant Lots .....	43
Utililites.....	28
Exempt .....	266
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>8296</b>

To satisfy the state constitution it is necessary to value anew all property in Bedford at least once every five years; and unless something occurs in the market that requires an update earlier, the next update is scheduled for 2018. Data collection for the next update will begin in 2015, and continue in earnest through 2016 and 2017.

A public access computer terminal is available in the assessing lobby downstairs at the Town Offices along with tax maps for property research; while we strive to keep the on line information current the public access terminal will always be the most up to date. Assessment information can be seen on line at [www.vgsi.com](http://www.vgsi.com), and maps/abutters lists for individual lots are available at [www.mapsonline.net](http://www.mapsonline.net). Assessing office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM.

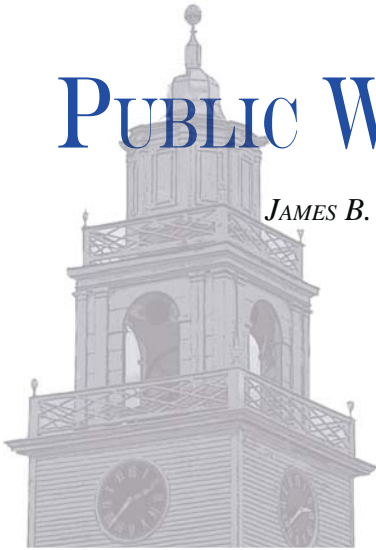
Respectfully submitted,

*William H. Ingalls, Assessor*



# PUBLIC WORKS

*JAMES B. STANFORD, P.E., DIRECTOR*



Bedford Public Works has six divisions: Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Field Maintenance, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 29 Full Time and 4

seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including solid waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year, in part, with funding from the \$13.2 million dollar Infrastructure bond appropriation approved in 2011. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of Town roads. In total, just less than nine (9) miles of Town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. We replaced several culverts and rehabilitated a portion of Joppa Hill Road and Old Farm Road. In addition to the Roads Program, we began construction on Colby Court as part of the South River Road TIF District.

Public Works continued field and pool maintenance responsibilities for the Recreation Department. We completed several projects including contracted turf maintenance and fertilization on all of the playing fields.

In August, Peter Barbuto joined our staff as the Town's Facility Manager. In addition to overseeing replacement and refinishing of the Town Hall wood floors, Peter assisted with the options analysis for the complete replacement of the Library's HVAC System.

Respectfully submitted,

*James B. Stanford, P.E. Director*

# HIGHWAY DIVISION

*PAUL BELANGER  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR*

During the 2014 winter seasons there were 25 snow and/or ice events. The early winter months yielded above average snow totals, but we did not have any significant snowfall in the late winter months until the last week of the year. Overall for the year the amount of storms/snowfall totals were about average. On Thanksgiving Day, the Town and the region was hit with a significant storm with high winds and significant rainfall resulting in numerous tree/limb damage and widespread power outages.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road maintenance, brush clearing and drainage system construction. As part of the roads program, crews made numerous drainage system improvements to several areas throughout town. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased one (2) 6-wheel dump trucks, a vacuum sweeper and a roadside mower.

# WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE DIVISIONS

*STEPHEN R. CREAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR*

In 2014 we completed the annual update of the Capacity Management Operation Maintenance (CMOM) project as part of our EPA permit obligations and satisfied NHDES requirements for the Nashua Road sewer main. We completed design and options analysis for sewer extension along Route 101 as part of NHDOT's widening project scheduled for 2017.

We continued to offer single stream recycling at the transfer station. The recycling program enables residents to combine all recyclables and dispose of them in the same container. The value of recyclables decreased during the year, but the overall cost is still substantially less than disposal of ordinary municipal solid waste.



### 2014 ROADS PROGRAM

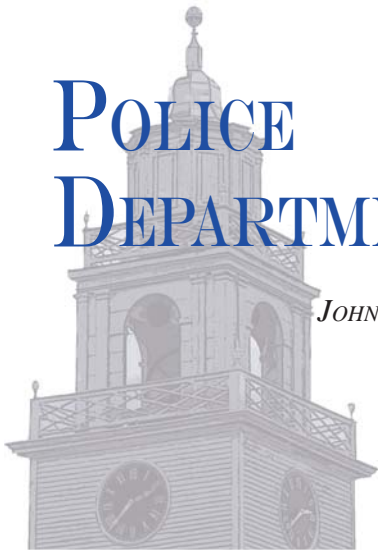
TREATMENT	ROAD NAME	FROM	TO
Rehabilitation	Joppa Hill Road	Old Evergreen Road	North Amherst Road
	Colby Court (TIF Project)	South River Road	End
Reclaim/Overlay	Birkdale Road	Joppa Hill Road	Essex Road
	Boxwood Road	McAllister Road	Old Farm Road
	Cambridge Road	Wallace Road	Essex Road
	Chickadee Court	Sparrow Lane	End
	Darby Lane	Joppa Hill Road	Rosewell Road
	Essex Street	Cambridge Road	End
	Golden Drive	Joppa Hill Road	Campbell Road
	New Castle Lane	Golden Drive	End
	Normand Circle	Parker Lane	End
	Old Farm Road	Ministerial Road	Wildwood Drive
	Tollford Hill Road	Birkdale Road	End
	Whitney Court	Campbell Road	End
	York Road	Birkdale Road	Campbell Road
Culvert Projects	Wallace Road		





# POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOHN BRYFONSKI, POLICE CHIEF



In reviewing the accomplishments and achievements of the Bedford Police Department during 2014, I am pleased to note the outstanding and impressive improvement in citizen safety and the sense of security for our residents and visitors.

From the 47% reduction in residential burglaries, Bedford's most serious felony crime, to the 27% reduction in criminal mischief, 5% reduction in thefts from motor vehicles and 22% decline in disorderly conduct complaints; the empirical evidence that Bedford was a much more safe community in 2014 is compelling. Yet, despite these impressive achievements, the women and men of the Department, sworn and civilian alike, will continue to seek ways to improve safety, security and the reduction in harm through progressive and innovative problem solving solutions and preventative measures.

Our mission is to assure the safety and security of Bedford to make it the best place in New Hampshire to live, work, conduct business and enjoy life. As our community sits astride the largest city in the state and at the crossroads of major interstate and connector routes, we are challenged in many ways to achieve this goal. From increased traffic congestion and commuter travel to spill-over crime, we are cognizant that these issues impact the quality of life and so we are aggressively addressing these concerns in a multi-layered, all-hazards approach that relies on statistics and data to guide us in the surgical application of the resources at our disposal.

## *Patrol Division:*

The Bedford Police Department's Patrol Division, the largest component of the agency and the primary operational element for the delivery of police services, was the focus of significant organizational change in 2014. The programs implemented in 2014 focused on preventative and deterrent patrol strategies and programs to stop crime before it occurs.

During 2014, the Patrol Division deployed the next layer of performance programs designed to use data derived from the Department's computerized statistical performance program (COMP/Stat) to drive specialized patrol activity. The Department's new Patrol Operations Planning Program requires field supervisors to use COMP/Stat data to develop and implement specific plans to address existing and emergent crime and traffic related problems in a proactive strategic plan. Results are continually analyzed by the Patrol Division Commander to determine the effectiveness of the strategies and plans on a monthly basis. Emergent crime trends as well as internal and external information and intelligence is fused to ensure Patrol Division supervisors and management are continually apprised of the latest developments that can be used to modify existing plans as new issues and problems surface.

While much effort was focused on the reduction of crime, the Patrol Division also developed and implemented a new program designed to address the ever-increasing traffic problem in Bedford. While our perception of Bedford is an idyllic residential community our major Town thoroughfares, principally Route 101 and South River Road, carry the combined equivalent volume of the Everett Turnpike. Congestion and "cut-through" traffic on our Town secondary roads and streets significantly impacts the quality of life and safety in Bedford.

To address these issues, the Patrol Division, again using data-driven analytics, introduced traffic "hot-spot" bulletins designed to drive the implementation of directed traffic patrols. The "hot-spot" bulletins and directed patrols are designed to place Patrol Division resources at critical intersections and along specific roads/streets at specific times when and where motor



vehicle accidents statistically occur. In this fashion, we maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of our traffic patrols, which are often diverted to answer higher priority calls-for-service from residents/visitors.

Despite the implementation of “hot-spot” bulletins and directed traffic patrols, the number of motor vehicle accidents increased in 2014. The incidence of speeding and flagrant violations of traffic signals as well as driver inattention and congestion continue to plague Bedford. The Department will continue to review data and develop new programs to focus on these issues that are so important to our residents and visitors as well as seek ways to reduce violations, accidents and the attendant harm they cause.

During the balance of 2014, the Patrol Division poured over five-years of data as part of our effort to overhaul the deployment of Patrol Division resources throughout the Town of Bedford. This keystone effort was the result of the need to improve the way Patrol Division resources were geographically deployed to assure maximum patrol coverage throughout the entire Town, to address emergent crime and traffic problems and to improve our response to priority calls-for-service, making sure the most important calls for service were answered first. Ancillary objectives were to effectively “load-balance” our calls amongst our officers and to maximize deterrent and pro-active patrols. As a result, in November 2014, the Department implemented a new Patrol Operations Procedure that combined a series of significant changes to both Patrol Division and Communications Division policies and procedures. New geographic patrol sectors were implemented along with new rules governing the assignment of prioritized calls-for-service to achieve our stated goals and objectives. We expect further revisions to this program in 2015 as we seek continual quality improvements in the delivery of public safety services.

The changes introduced in the Patrol Division during 2014 produced dramatic reductions in our most serious property crime categories that significantly exceeded national and regional decline in those same categories. The division will continue to use

performance metrics to drive decisions and solutions to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of police and public safety services.

### ***Community Policing:***

Despite challenges due to the reduction in staffing experienced during the balance of 2014, the Department continued to deliver high quality, safety related, community policing programs designed to reach every segment of our community; seniors, children/young adults, business/retail and our residential neighborhoods.

New for 2014 was the deployment of Bedford’s version of a national program called, “Coffee with a Cop.” Our twist and localized version featured crime prevention/safety related programs directed primarily toward our seniors. This program, which continually grew in popularity since its introduction, also provides a forum for residents to interact with our Community Policing Officers and discuss a full range of issues, problems and topics of interest. Information and feedback from our residents is a key function of our mission to continually adjust and respond to the concerns of our residents and this program along with our monthly “Meet the Chief” program provides the forums to enable this important exchange of information to occur.

From crime prevention seminars and our “Are You OK?” program designed for seniors to after-school sports, our annual bicycle rodeo and story time activities for youth and young adults to additional neighborhoods coming on-board the Department’s Neighborhood Watch Program to workplace violence and loss prevention seminars for our business and retail community; the Department’s Community Policing Program continued to deliver a balanced suite of the very best in crime prevention and safety programs to all segments of Bedford’s population.

New to 2014 was the introduction of the Department’s revised Citizen Police Academy designed to provide residents of Bedford with a “hands-on” comprehensive perspective of the Department’s police services from the inside. This program also provides a more in depth understanding of the art and science of policing



in the 21st century and the challenges facing law enforcement officers. Graduates of the Bedford Police Department's Citizen Academy have a better understanding of the training, legal, physical and technical aspects of the delivery of public safety services by their police department as well as a greater understanding and awareness of the daily challenges faced by our officers and the work they do on your behalf. During the 10-week Academy participants were exposed to virtually every aspect of police work including patrol operations; criminal investigations including forensic and crime scene investigative techniques, accident reconstruction as well as tactical patrol operations and much more. Our revised program was a resounding success based upon your feedback and we plan another citizen's academy in 2015.

Our Civilian Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers continued to serve a vital role in assisting both the Bedford Police and Fire Departments during 2014. From assisting at major traffic accidents and fire events to providing information on preparedness and community outreach services, the Bedford CERT continues to bridge a critical gap in public safety services. In 2015, CERT will be finalizing plans and preparations to be able to open a Red-Cross certified shelter in Bedford if ever the need arose.

During 2014 the Department administered internships to several area college students seeking law enforcement careers. This important program for both the student and our Department provided invaluable "hands-on" criminal justice experience for the students and provided the Department with analytical assistance. Some of the Department's former interns found successful careers in law enforcement, some right here in Bedford while others were hired by area Departments.

Also in 2014, the Police Department purchased and implemented an enhanced version of its popular social media advisory platform, Nixle-360. The enhanced platform provides anonymous text to tip messaging, a two-way text "conversation" between the "tipper" and the Department that protects the anonymity of the tipper. Our enhanced Nixle-360 platform also

provides for group specific text messaging that will enable the Department to send important information to our neighborhood watch groups. The platform also provides a geo-spatial "reverse-911" feature that will enable the Department to send voice messages to the residents of a specific area of Town. To receive important alert, community and advisory information from the Bedford Police and other Town Departments, please subscribe to Nixle at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). It's free!

Sign Up Today at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) for free BPD information and alerts

Remember – Keep an Eye on Bedford -

***“See Something –Say Something”.***

#### ***Detective Division:***

The Detective Division was especially successful in solving a number of burglaries in 2014, and achieved a clearance rate that far surpassed the national average. Assisting the division in this effort was the implementation of a new information sharing platform, I-Leads, which enabled our detectives to track, locate and recover items stolen during residential burglaries and to arrest those responsible.

Our detectives also solved and arrested those responsible for two of the four robberies committed in Bedford in 2014 (Patrol Division officers solved and arrested those responsible for the two remaining robberies). In addition to solving robberies and burglaries, detectives also handed a burglary/arson investigation and led a multi-agency investigation into the bomb threat at the Bedford Middle School/High School.

Most importantly, the hard work and tireless dedication toward solving the 2012 home invasion case led to the conviction and sentencing of the first of two subjects charged in connection with this brutal crime. The remaining suspect awaits extradition and trial in New Hampshire.

During 2014, the Detective Division took the lead in paving the way for a permanent prescription drug drop-box program to be implemented at the Bedford Public Safety Complex. The Detective Division



sought and obtained approval from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the NH Attorney General's Office for this program. Now, residents of Bedford will have a safe, secure and environmentally friendly way of disposing of unused and unwanted prescription drugs 24/7 right here in Bedford and need not wait for the semi-annual DEA sponsored prescription drug take-back events.

In doing its part for Community Policing, the Detective Division took on the responsibility for the revision and implementation of the Department's Citizen Academy Program and our annual Open House event.

During 2014, the Detective Division, which is responsible for the Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) program, revised the memorandum of understanding between the Bedford School Administrative Unit (SAU) and the Bedford Police Department, incorporating many changes to enhance and improve the safety of our students and staff. In addition, the division established a new and closer working arrangement with the SAU to ensure both departments take a pro-active approach to ensure the safety of our students.

#### ***Communications and Records Division:***

The Bedford Police Department's Communications Center, now a state-of-the-art 21st century facility, serves as the information and intelligence hub for the Town of Bedford and specifically for all first-responders (Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)). During 2014, the division developed and implemented an entirely new policy and procedure manual for Communications. This extensive project, the work of many months by virtually all members of the division, produced a comprehensive set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that codified all aspects of the services provided to the public and our first-responders by our Communications Specialists, taking full advantage of the technological advancements instituted when the Communications Center was overhauled in 2013.

In addition to the publication of the Communications Center Manual, the division also developed and implemented a new communications training manual

that provides the foundation, guidance, oversight and evaluation of training provided to new as well as in-service employees.

The implementation and success of the Patrol Division's new Patrol Operations Procedure hinged on complimentary changes in the way the Communications Center prioritized and handled all calls-for-service. As a result, significant revisions and changes were made to communications center procedures and its computer aided dispatch software application. These changes also brought forth the need to revise the methodology and language used to communicate with Patrol Division officers. As a result, the implementation of the new Patrol Operations Procedure and Communications Center Procedures was seamless. Under the center's new program, all calls-for-service are prioritized and dispatched to specific sector patrols to ensure the most important calls are handled first and less important calls are placed in queue according to the predetermined scheme developed and implemented by the Department. As a result, we have better data to determine the timeliness and quality of calls dispatched from the center. Using COMP/Stat, we are now able to measure the performance of the communications center with a specific focus on call-to-dispatch time and priority call response times.

Further enhancement to the Department's land-mobile-radio network that serves both Police and Fire Departments was implemented during 2014, with the addition of a new tower site to improve radio communications in the northwest quadrant of the Town.

The Communications Division was also leading the way toward the identification and development of a new telephone system for all Town departments, which is expected to be deployed in early 2015. This important project will leverage technology in making all town employees more efficient and effective by improving voice and data communications across the spectrum of desktop and mobile platforms and devices.



**Administration:**

The Department continued its multi-year plan to bring staffing up to both national and regional standards during 2014, with the addition of two police officer positions funded as of July 1, 2014. The new additions brought full-time sworn staffing of the Department to 36 members (2-fewer than the average for New England (38) and 3-less than the national average for communities the size of Bedford (39) as per the Federal Bureau of Investigation's most recent data).

Additional staffing up to the national average will positively affect the Department's capacity to meet the increased demand for public safety services while continuing to provide high quality community policing, crime prevention and other law enforcement services to our residents.

The Department faced additional staffing challenges in 2014, with two officers leaving to take higher-paid positions with the Manchester Police Department and one officer who decided to return to his former employer. As a result, our shortfall in patrol staffing was acute during the balance of 2014 and placed additional burden on existing staff responsible for recruitment, testing and field training operations. In order to overcome these staffing deficiencies, officers and detectives as well as supervisors worked especially hard to maintain the quality of service provided by the Department and at the same time continue to develop, implement and improve programs.

Despite these challenges, the Department hired five new employees in 2014, two of whom were previously certified law enforcement officers in NH and one who was certified in another state. In preparation for hiring and training new officers, the Department completely overhauled its Standard Operating Procedures for Training Programs including its Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. The changes to our training programs codified prior improvements as well as a range of new requirements that governs how recruit as well as in-service training is conducted by the Department.

The focus of all Department training has and must continue to be citizen and officer life-safety. Toward this goal, in 2014 the Department completed Phases

II and III of its three phase active shooter training program. This multi-year effort culminated in April 2014 with a multi-agency full-scale active shooter training exercise at the Bedford Middle School and High School complex that involved more than 60 first-responders from Bedford and surrounding agencies. The exercise was fully funded by the NH Department of Safety and included an evaluation of the Department's response to the active shooter scenario as well as our new policies, procedures and operations plan for handling an active shooter or similar event.

In addition to active shooter training, the Department also expanded our scenario-based-training (SBT) through the establishment of our own core unit of instructors who developed and deployed a challenging training program that places our officers in near-real-life scenarios. In this fashion, our instructors are able to test officers under stress to improve their tactics and response to critical and potential life threatening situations. The results of this training were observed in a positive way during the full-scale active shooter training exercise when Bedford Patrol Division officers were able to effectively isolate and neutralize a very challenging tactical situation.

The fruits of our training are consumed when our officers are better able to immediately respond to life-threatening situations in a way that assures the safety of our citizens and those involved. It means our Department and its officers are trained and equipped with the tools necessary to provide the highest level of safety and security available to our residents within minutes.

During 2014, the Department's command staff and supervisors attended critical incident management training at the University of New Hampshire. This program is being brought back to the Department to assure our operational response to critical incidents of any nature, either man-made or natural, is consistent with best practices and nationally recognized standards and procedures.

We also enrolled and trained select staff in a regional peer-to-peer counseling program that will provide





sworn and civilian staff with support and assistance in managing the aftermath of stressful situations arising from their employment.

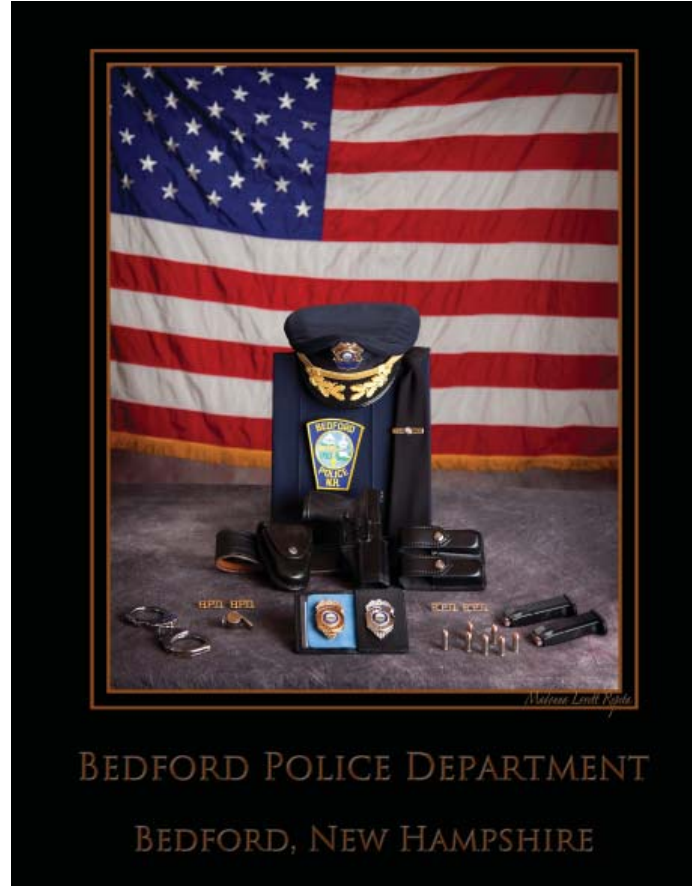
To ensure the Department is continually advancing toward total quality and organizational improvement, we continued to develop and deploy enhancements to our data systems and the manner and methods by which we accumulate and extract data. These revisions, imbedded in the many changes to our Standard Operating Procedures, are designed to improve our ability to obtain data to use in our performance evaluation program (COMP/Stat) as well as measure the efficiency and effectiveness of our programs. Moreover, using performance metrics for each division tied to strategic goals the Department continues to reach to higher levels of performance, efficiency and effectiveness.

We are proud to serve our residents in keeping with our tradition of BPD.

**B**ravery **P**rofessionalism **D**edication

Respectfully submitted,

*John Bryfonski, Police Chief*



Certificate of Appreciation to Non-Sworn Member(s)



Police Department Awards Program 2014



## Bedford Police Department 2014 Annual Statistics

Note: Values in RED Indicates a Reduction in any Category

Note: Some categories reflecting increases or reductions are immune to influence by law enforcement activity.

Note: Calls-For-Service represent requests for police service/resources from external entities wherein Bedford Police

	2013	2014	Difference	Pct +/-
Category:	YTD	YTD		
Calls for Service	8715	8573	-142	-1.6
Self-Initiated Calls	17899	17779	-120	-0.6
Total Incident Reports	26612	26352	-260	-0.9
Total Calls handled by CC	29891	30051	160	0.5
<b>Crime Stats:</b>				
Arrests:				
Adult	540	525	-15	-2.7
Juvenile	64	50	-14	-21.8
<b>Assaults:</b>				
Simple	59	58	-1	-1.6
Domestic Calls	135	134	-1	-0.7
Sexual Assaults	9	8	-1	-11.1
Other Assault	3	1	-2	-66
<b>Burglaries:</b>				
Residential	34	18	-16	-47
Commercial	4	9	5	125
Attempted	6	7	1	16.6
<b>Thefts:</b>				
Willful concealment	81	130	49	60
Theft from a motor vehicle	62	59	-3	-4.8
Theft all other	131	146	15	11.4
<b>Misc. Crimes:</b>				
Criminal Mischief	121	88	-33	-27
Disorderly Conduct	251	197	-54	-22
Drug Violations	57	51	-6	-10.5
Fraud/Counterfeit	85	90	5	5.8
Harassment	59	36	-23	-38
Internet Crime	10	9	-1	-10
Sex Offender Registration	19	19	0	0
Robberies	4	4	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0
<b>Highway Safety:</b>				
Accidents	611	682	71	11.6
Fatal	0	1	1	100
Property Damage	503	569	66	13.1
Injury	105	108	3	2.8
Pedestrian	5	5	0	0

<b>Motor Vehicle Activity:</b>				
MV Summons Issued	1455	1446	-9	-0.6
MV Warnings Issued	4880	4572	-308	-6.3
Parking Tickets Issued	81	45	-36	-44
MV Complaints	713	615	-98	-13.7
DWT's	63	47	-16	-25
<b>Community Policing:</b>				
Business	79	120	41	51.8
Senior Citizens	6	26	20	333
Juvenile	61	49	-12	-19.6
Neighborhood	14	10	-4	-28.5
Other	13	15	2	15.3
Safe School	127	164	37	29
<b>Misc. Calls for Service:</b>				
Civil/Civil Stand-by	81	98	17	20.9
Death Investigation	16	13	-3	-18.7
Found Property	99	73	-26	-26.2
Highway Conditions	377	381	4	1
Juvenile Complaints	19	18	-1	-5.2
Littering Complaints	21	16	-5	-23.8
Lost Property	55	44	-11	-20
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1316	1128	-188	-14.2
<b>Assists:</b>				
Assist Rescue	649	753	104	16
Assist Fire	108	109	1	0.9
Assist Citizen	580	447	-133	-22
Assist Other PD	492	235	-257	-52
Assist Utilities	37	43	6	16.2
<b>Alarms:</b>				
	1957	1663	-294	-15
<b>Animal Control:</b>				
Animal Complaints	368	411	43	11.6
Dog Complaints	393	423	30	7.6
Dog Summonses	23	64	41	182
Dog Warnings	19	60	41	215



### 2014 Bedford Police Citizen Academy



Citizen Academy Students learning the finer points of latent fingerprints.



Citizen Academy Class of 2014 - Graduation

### Police Department Open House – 2014







# FIRE DEPARTMENT

SCOTT A. WIGGIN, FIRE CHIEF



We were very fortunate to have a large contingent of Bedford Firefighters who traveled to

Emmitsburg, Maryland to the 33rd Annual National Fallen Firefighters Weekend in October. This was to honor and memorialize Lt. James Clark and his family. Lt. James Clark passed away from a line of duty incident in April 2013.

I would like to recognize the promotion of Fire Inspector Scott Hunter to Captain of Fire Prevention and Administration. Also I would like to recognize the hiring of Thatcher Plante as the fire department's new Fire Inspector.

This past year the department received a FEMA Grant in the amount of \$86,000 for a Major Swift-water Exercise. This exercise was conducted on the Merrimack River with the support of local, regional, state and federal agencies. It was designed to simulate a 100 year flood with major devastation.

This year the Department received a new International ambulance and also received a new Ford chassis for an existing ambulance box. We have two new Fire Engines on order that should be delivered in the first quarter of 2015.

Fire activity has shown to be very consistent with 2014. We were very fortunate that we had only one 2nd Alarm event in single family residence.

Emergency Medical calls were up from the previous year by 6%. This increase is due to higher demand for services and newer medical care facilities that have been built in the community in the last couple of years. We maintain a Full-Time Paramedic Service

24/7, which provides the community with the highest level of pre-hospital care available. We also support some of our neighboring communities in their time of need with a Paramedic Intercept Service for Advance Life Support. Our current shift staffing remains at six personnel on duty 24/7 when we are at full staff. We also have one daytime person four days a week. All four shifts have been actively performing public and life safety inspections of all businesses and public places of assembly.

I would like to acknowledge many members of the fire department.

Deputy Chief Mark Klose obtained his Fire Marshal Designation from The Center for Public Safety Excellence

FF/ EMT-P

Ben Selleck obtained Ice Rescue Technician

FF/EMT-P

David Sherwood obtained Fire Officer I

Deputy Chief Mark Klose obtained Rescue Boat Operators Certification

FF/EMT-P

Ryan O'Hara obtained Rescue Boat Operators Certification

FF/EMT-P

Ryan O'Hara obtained Rescue Technician Level II

FF/EMT-P

Stephen Brady received his Car Seat Technician

LT/EMT-I

Keith Folsom obtained Trench Rescue Technician

FF/A-EMT

Eric Dubowik obtained Trench Rescue Technician

FF/EMT-I

Sue Marden obtained Trench Rescue Technician

FF/EMT-P

Erik Thomas obtained Fire & EMS Instructor I

FF/A-EMT

Thatcher Plante obtained Fire & EMS Instructor I





A reminder to all citizens that the law requires a written fire permit anytime the ground is not covered with snow. Also, any portable fireplaces, such as chimineas, steel fire pits, and any devices designed to burn permissible combustible materials other than gas or charcoal are required to have a written permit. The fire department will conduct a site visit and assess the installation and use, and if deemed appropriate, a seasonal permit may be issued.

appliance, or portable fireplaces, please contact the Bedford Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Bureau.

I would like to thank the general public for all of their support through donations and letters of appreciation that we have received over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Scott A. Wiggin, Fire Chief*

Homeowners need to maintain annual inspections on heating appliances and maintain adequate clearances to all combustible materials; along with having all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors checked for proper operation. Homeowners need to properly discard ashes in metal covered containers outside and away from any combustible materials. If any citizen has a question or concern regarding the installation and or operation of Smoke or CO detectors, heating

	<b>YTD 2013</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>
<b>FIRE CALLS</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>656</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>1706</b>	<b>1818</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Service Calls	104	129
Field Inspections	528	331
Plan Review	54	62
Burning Permits	796	899
Blasting Permits	6	5
<b>SUB TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>1426</b>
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDED</b>	<b>3824</b>	<b>3900</b>



## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a 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. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help 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.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org).

This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when

the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!



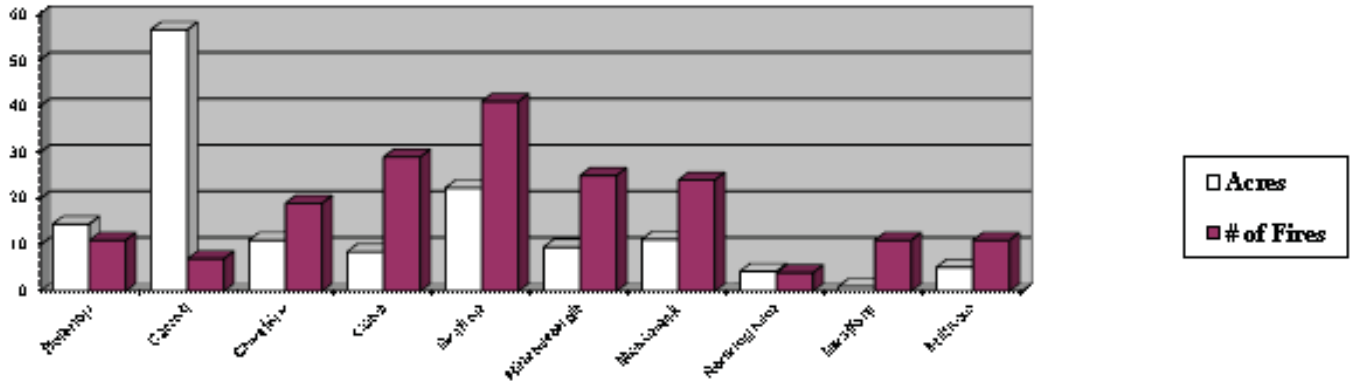
2014 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2014)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.1	5
Carroll	24	4
Cheshire	6.8	7
Coos	5.3	18
Grafton	8.2	32
Hillsborough	6.1	20
Merrimack	15.5	11
Rockingham	1.1	8
Strafford	0.4	5
Sullivan	1.5	2



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2014	72
Debris	52	2013	144
Campfire	10	2012	206
Children	2	2011	42
Smoking	5	2010	145
Railroad	0		
Equipment	5		
Lightning	1		
Misc.	*35(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

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# BUILDING AND HEALTH

WAYNE RICHARDSON, CBO CODE HEALTH OFFICIAL  
TERRY CARTER, CODE/HEALTH INSPECTOR  
GARY PARISEAU, HEALTH INSPECTOR

In 2014 the health department performed 82 septic plan reviews, 146 food service inspections, 30 public pool & spa inspections, and issued 107 food service licenses. Only one new food service location was opened last year: Bee Bee Yogurt in the Colby Plaza off Colby Court. Other new licenses were issued at locations of former operations: Wicked Good Butcher and The Whining Butcher. The former Bugaboo Creek location is going to be opening as Canoe Restaurant.

The town food licensing & public pool programs continue to operate utilizing best management practices. All of the public bathing facilities have met the “certified pool operator” requirement of the public health ordinance. The benefits of having a Certified Pool Operator maintaining the public pools and spas include: understanding water chemistry and how to keep the water chemistry balanced according to the town rules. Ensure that the filter equipment is working correctly, and when the facilities need to close due to a deficiency. In 2015 the Bedford Health Department will continue initial opening inspections for outside facilities and compliance inspections for inside and outside facilities throughout the pool season. Food service compliance program continues to improve and attendance of town sponsored education programs for food service establishments remains excellent. The focus of the 2015 Food Service Establishment training we will be returning to food safety basics.

Mosquito borne illnesses continues to be a concern for residents of the state. Our research has led us to conclude the most effective type of protection is the use of individual insect repellent wipes for a specific time and location. The Health Department contin-

ues to advise all residents your best defense against contracting these diseases is by self-protection and following guidelines to help reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home. These guidelines can be found by following the links on the Health Department page on the Town of Bedford web site. Permanent advisory signage at town recreation fields and parks were installed this past year.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2014 activity continued the trend from 2013 with regards to an expanding commercial base. The Building Department issued Certificate of Occupancies for Primrose School on Cooper Lane, the renovated and expanded site at 265 South River Road, Sterling Medical Center, Convenient Med walk in care facility. There was completion on several commercial remodels this past year. Some of those were the remaining vacant spaces in the Staples building at the Bedford Mall.

The construction on the four (4) apartment buildings at the mixed use site has started with an anticipated completion in late 2015. Other projects we anticipate with a 2015 start are the revitalization of the Sheraton Wayfarer site, the new 66 unit assisted living facility on Hawthorne Drive, the BVI hotel on Old Bedford Way. & the 116 unit elderly housing project on Technology drive. Projects that have received Planning Board approval but as of today we have not seen any indication of imminent starts are the Riley Project on Constitution Dr., the Sullivan Project on South River Rd as well as the Levasuer project on South River Rd.

The Department had a major staff change in 2014. Wayne Moore who had been with the town for 15 years retired at the end of July. We have hired Terry Carter to take over his position. - Terry is originally from Massachusetts’s and received his Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Maine. Prior to becoming interested in Building Code enforcement he was a private sector contractor. In 2007 he went to work in Claremont, NH as Code Official and stayed until 2011 when he left due to community budget cuts. He returned to construction as a private contractor while seeking employment in the field of Code Enforcement. Between 2007 and 2014 he





received his certifications from ICC as: Plans Examiner; Commercial building, plumbing, mechanical, & electrical inspector; Residential Building & Electrical inspector. The town is very fortunate to be able to secure an individual with Terry’s background and level of expertise in these times where there is lack of qualified individuals in the building inspection profession.

The Building Department continues to encourage residents, contractors, and developers to visit our web pages for the information contained there. We continually make improvements and add new items of interest for everyone. The single most important page on our web site is the web link to view the current building codes online, located on the resources page. This link allows everyone to view the building codes at no charge and you may do so anonymously if you wish thereby reducing the risk of being inundated by advertisements from ICC. If you haven’t

been to the new website please visit it. Take a tour and let us know what you like or don’t like. If you know of other links with information that may be helpful to others please let us know. There are direct emails links to the staff so you are able contact us directly.

If you have questions about permits, when and if they are required or questions about food service establishments please visit the department web pages on the town web site or give us a call at 472-3838 with your questions or e-mail them directly to the person you wish to contact:  
 wrichardson@bedfordnh.org  
 tcarter@bedfordnh.org  
 gpariseau@bedfordnh.org

Respectfully submitted,

*Wayne Richardson, CBO Code Health Official*

COMPARISON OF VALUE* OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR									
	2011		2012		2013		2014		
COMMERCIAL ADDITION	\$0	<i>0</i>	\$130,000	<i>1</i>	\$1,150,000	<i>2</i>	\$5,086,620	<i>4</i>	
COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$5,738,231	<i>51</i>	\$11,143,383	<i>60</i>	\$3,836,141	<i>56</i>	\$6,485,715	<i>70</i>	
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$36,251,370	<i>11</i>	\$16,642,029	<i>11</i>	\$2,418,132	<i>8</i>	\$18,654,360	<i>10</i>	
NEW DWELLING	\$4,804,800	<i>18</i>	\$8,294,900	<i>25</i>	\$13,898,484	<i>40</i>	\$9,756,000	<i>23</i>	
NEW RESIDENTIAL	\$1,643,100	<i>14</i>	\$306,779	<i>9</i>	\$321,500	<i>10</i>	\$683,000	<i>11</i>	
RESIDENTIAL ADDITION	\$2,396,233	<i>89</i>	\$2,949,110	<i>83</i>	\$3,842,849	<i>110</i>	\$2,743,659	<i>86</i>	
RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$1,890,687	<i>48</i>	\$2,276,727	<i>63</i>	\$2,189,492	<i>88</i>	\$1,138,297	<i>48</i>	
SEPTIC	\$320,750	<i>34</i>	\$415,300	<i>47</i>	\$419,400	<i>51</i>	\$430,500	<i>48</i>	
SIGNS	\$203,340	<i>37</i>	\$166,820	<i>30</i>	\$88,056	<i>29</i>	\$192,159	<i>34</i>	
SHEDS	\$205,383	<i>47</i>	\$151,498	<i>41</i>	\$87,476	<i>21</i>	\$162,650	<i>35</i>	
SWIMMING POOLS	\$713,445	<i>28</i>	\$985,856	<i>41</i>	\$625,650	<i>27</i>	\$1,227,750	<i>31</i>	
	\$54,167,339	<i>377</i>	\$43,462,402	<i>411</i>	\$28,877,180	<i>442</i>	\$46,560,710	<i>400</i>	

Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure

Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating

New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings)

Figures in italics are the number of projects permitted to generate the values in the table.

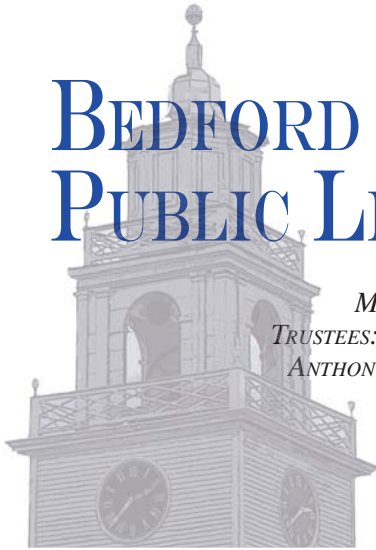
\* = VALUES ARE BASED UPON FIGURES GIVEN ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS

TOWN OF BEDFORD							
Certificates of Occupancy							
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Single	43	26	22	33	20	20	29
Duplex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-family	12	5	4	11	1	0	0
Apartmts	0	85	0	0	0	167	0
TOTAL	55	116	26	44	21	187	29



# BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARY ANN SENATRO, DIRECTOR  
TRUSTEES: EDWARD MORAN, CHAIRMAN  
ANTHONY FREDERICK, WALTER GALLO



The Bedford Public Library strives to serve the community with a diverse selection of resources. We offer a range of high quality and thoughtfully chosen materials to appeal to all members of the community of all ages. Patrons will find resources and programs to improve their lives through learning, discovery, enrichment and entertainment. We strive to offer opportunities for patrons to improve their lives and contribute to the vitality of the Bedford community.

In 2014, the library continued to diversify our collection of materials with a whole variety of formats to support lifelong learning and suit multiple patron preferences. We have books available in print, large print, downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, audiobooks on CD, and Playaways. We offer a wide range of music CDs, DVDs and Blu-Ray DVDs including foreign films and children's films. We have print magazines and databases of electronic journals. Our general magazine resource, MasterFILE Premier, includes full text articles such as Consumer Reports. On our website we offer remote access to online computer training courses through Atomic Training, language learning through Transparent Languages, the Encyclopedia Britannica, the Union Leader index with full text online and much, much more. We even have Nook and Kindle e-Readers to check out and four telescopes!

The library's newly redesigned website is: [www.bedfordnhlibrary.org](http://www.bedfordnhlibrary.org). Access to our online catalog is prominently featured, the calendar of upcoming events, access to research through our databases A-Z, as well as a new feature, the Library Blog. To access "My Account", log in using your library barcode

and PIN number. Call us at 472-2300 if you need assistance. Items can be renewed online. Our many E-Sources can be accessed with your barcode. We have so much to offer; and we want you to know about it, use it and use it often. Check out our website and Facebook page, pick up a newsletter in the library or subscribe to the online newsletter by following the link on the bottom of our website homepage.

In 2014, we extended our evening hours to 8:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. We offer full library service; and the meeting rooms are open until 8:30 p.m. We average 100 meetings per month, and have about 138,500 visitors per year at the library. An average of 400 people come through our doors each day! We are open 7 days a week from September through June, 63 hours per week. When we are not open, many of our E-resources are available through our website 24/7.

The Children's Summer Reading Program, "Fizz, Boom, READ", had 930 children enrolled from pre-school age up. The children read, or had read to them, a total of 17,669 books! Highlights of the Summer Reading Program included performances such as: Bubbleology, Alex the Jester, Gary Sredzienski on accordion, and the finale at the Market Basket Bandstand with Rock-it Science Sing-Along. Other events included the family Build-a-Bot Contest and the popular Touch-a-Truck event with trucks from Bedford Fire, Police, DPW, and this year, the L.L. Bean Bootmobile.

Story times are offered throughout the year for young children and a mid-grade book club for grades 4-6. This year local resident, Carol Botsford, brought her therapy dog, Maddy, to the library for the children to read to in the Paws to Read program.

Other programming this year included a "6 Book Reading Challenge" for the Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program, NH Humanities Council program on Sherlock Holmes, Money Smart Week, Blind Date with a Book, "It's Not About the Hike", an evening Sky Watch with the NH Astronomical Society and the popular Bedford Boomers Train show. We also had a Knit Day which will be followed up by a Knitting Fashion show in the spring of 2015.



The Friends of the Library had another successful year of Sunday Concerts with a great selection of talent playing to capacity crowds. The Library Foundation sponsored the Leen Lecture Series with presenter Gil Shattuck of the Hillsborough Historical Society speaking about NH photographs. The public was delighted at the fall Gala with theatre KAPOW's performance of three short Chekhov plays.

Brynn Rehnborg and Virginia Penrod retired this year after 20 plus years of service to the library. Jan Conover retired and relocated. Karla Kittler moved on to a position at an academic library and David Basora took a full-time position in Manchester. We thank all of them and wish them well in their new endeavors. New library clerks were welcomed to the staff: Patricia Kline-Millard, Carla Ferreira, and Deb Delahunty. Allyson Glazier started at the end of the year as a library technician. Caitlin Spencer was promoted to part-time reference librarian and Martha Cronin to part-time library technician.

We are grateful to the volunteers that assist the staff behind the scenes at the library. Many thanks to our volunteers this year: Laurie Heinz, Gene Holley, Jean McGiffin and Barbara Potter. They help sort book donations, organize the book sale room, cover new books, stamp book pockets, clean DVDs, help out on Old Town Day and much more.

We are so thankful for the enduring support throughout the year of our patrons, staff, donors, Friends of the Bedford Library and Bedford Library Foundation Board. This support ensures a relevant, vibrant library that the community can be proud of. The Rotary Club of Bedford assisted with funding for performers for the Summer Reading Program and supplies, the Bedford PTG sponsored the Museum of Science pass and the Bedford Women's Club sponsored the NE Aquarium pass. The Bedford Garden Club supplied the pass to the Fells at Lake Sunapee and ensured that the library entryways were graced with flowers or wreaths every season. The Library Foundation raises funds during National Library week each year to purchase items for the library. In 2014, some of the items they funded were: iPads for the children's room and a wall-mounted TV, Blu-Ray DVDs, audiobooks,

many museum passes, eReaders and eBooks and more. Additional books are purchased each year in honor of community members or in memory of a loved one. A floor standing globe for the upper level was purchased this year in memory of long-time resident, Jerry Dumas. We are grateful to all of the local groups that donate to the library and appreciate their continued support.

In the coming year we are looking forward to offering downloadable music and videos through Hoopla Digital, continuing to support learning and innovation at the library and, as always, encouraging reading. Get the word out about the rich resources offered at your public library. Visit the Bedford Public Library and access the library remotely at: [www.bedfordnhlibrary.org](http://www.bedfordnhlibrary.org).

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Senatro, Director*



Bedford children using an iPad



Fire truck and Lemonade at the Library





**Library Statistics 2014**

**Library Statistics**

Books on accession (12/31/2013) .....	69,605
Books purchased: .....	4,181
Books donated:.....	258
Sub-total:.....	74,044
Books withdrawn: .....	4,130
Books on accession (12/31/2014) .....	69,914
Number of registered borrowers .....	9,522

**Library holdings (12/31/2014)**

Books .....	69,914
Magazines .....	3,129
Audio books .....	2,510
Videos/DVDs .....	4,959
Compact discs .....	2,667
Total .....	83,179

**Subscriptions**

Magazines (titles).....	118
Newspapers (titles).....	13
Microfiche (titles).....	29
Microfilm (1 title) .....	39 rolls

**2014 Circulation Statistics**

Books .....	188,582
Ebooks.....	11,881
Magazines .....	9,595
Compact Discs .....	9,884
Videos/DVDs .....	58,682
Audio Books .....	16,270
Museum Passes .....	1,205
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>296,099</b>
Electronic Resources Usage.....	203,876

**Bedford Public Library  
Special Account**

Cash on hand 1/1/14.....	33,539.53
<b>Income:</b>	
Book Sale .....	3,384.32
Copies/Fax/Printing .....	2,940.25
Gifts.....	8,000.31
Fines.....	13,277.81
Non-Resident Fees .....	600.00
Replacements .....	2,528.17
Interest.....	41.06
Grants .....	250.00

**Total Income:..... 31,021.92**

**Disbursements:**

Books and Media .....	6,608.71
Copiers/Printers.....	3,314.55
Library Enhancements .....	3,833.49
Miscellaneous .....	2,549.98
Programs .....	1,727.00

**Total disbursements:..... 18,033.73**

Cash on hand 12/31/14..... 46,527.72

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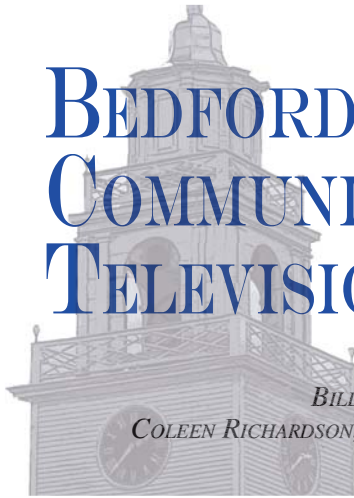
Paws to Read Program

Popular books of 2014





# BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION



*DICK RAWLINGS, CHAIRMAN  
BILL JENNINGS, STATION MANAGER  
COLEEN RICHARDSON, ASSISTANT STATION MANAGER*

## CHANNELS 16, 22 AND 23

BCTV would like to dedicate this annual report to Kathy Benuck, a long time BCTV volunteer host and board member. Kathy passed away this past July after a lengthy illness.

Kathy was the host of “Tell it like it is”, a show that addressed all types of topics and created a large viewer following. She will be sorely missed by all of us here at BCTV.



Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town’s local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV has three channels. Channel 16 is for public programming; Channel 22 is for government programming and Channel 23 is for school education and information programming. Community television stations are referred to as “PEG Access” stations, which is an acronym for Public, Education, Government programming

BCTV is a department of the town of Bedford and is also governed by a Board of Overseers which is made up of town residents and one representative from the town council and school board. The board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the station. The station’s mission is to provide

a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information.

As stated, BCTV has three non-commercial broadcast channels. In addition the station also has video on demand and live streaming programming capability which can be accessed through the BCTV website at [www.bedfordtv.com](http://www.bedfordtv.com)

Channel 16, the public channel is for general programs that entertain, inform and cover topics of interest that are produced by residents and non-profit organizations in the community. Programs produced by other communities in the state as well as throughout the country are also incorporated into the schedule.

Channel 22 is dedicated to government programming. All town government meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22. All government meetings are rebroadcast on an average of twice a day. The live meetings are streamed simultaneously on the station website and are also available for later viewing through the station’s video on demand feature.

Channel 23, the education channel, broadcasts all Bedford school district related programming. School Board meetings are broadcast live on the channel and then scheduled for rebroadcast on Channel 23. School sports, concerts, non copyright plays, talent shows, classroom activities, graduations as well as educational lectures are broadcast on the channel. Live broadcasting capability exists at the high school field press box, theater, and gym.

All government and school board meetings are rebroadcast through BCTV’s video on demand feature. The meetings are also indexed so viewers can go to an agenda item for quick video access. This chapter marking feature has become very popular with town and school board video on demand viewers.

BCTV also runs a community bulletin board for public service announcements. Any non-profit organization can have their notices posted. BCTV is a non-commercial station.



To submit a PSA go to the BCTV website and click on “Submit a PSA”. PSA’s can be both graphic slides and video public service announcements. The station’s expanded capability to quickly produce video PSA’s with the station’s teleprompter and green screen setting makes it much more comfortable for non-profit organizations and government personnel to get their video messages out to the community quickly. The station’s digital signage system remains very popular for those wishing to use the traditional graphic bulletin board to announce upcoming events or provide safety information.

In 2014 BCTV programming continued to expand as new local shows made their way on to the BCTV channels. Programming was also expanded to include shows from other New Hampshire community television stations using the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media video file sharing system. This also allows us to upload our volunteer producer’s shows so that their program can be watched in other cities and towns as well. The BCTV weekly schedule can be found on the BCTV website at [www.bedfordtv.com](http://www.bedfordtv.com)

In 2014 BCTV continued to work closely with the town’s safety services; police and fire. Video PSA’s as well as regular half hour programs were produced to help educate residents on fire safety and criminal protection. Services available to residents from both police and fire were also highlighted in the shows.

Completion of the Emergency Management Operations Center, which will allow for live broadcasts during times of emergency, was completed in 2014. The EMO will have the capability to override all three channels in time of emergencies providing the community with live broadcast updates.

2014 was a huge election year and BCTV was right in the middle of it all. Candidates running for office at the national, state and local levels found their way to BCTV during the primaries as well as the general election. BCTV works closely with the respective town party chairs to help coordinate this large effort so that each and every candidate has a fair opportunity to participate in the station’s half hour “Candidates Corner” show. BCTV produced over 40 candidate

shows for both elections. Many volunteers helped in this effort, acting as hosts as well as providing technical support.

BCTV continues to upgrade its equipment to improve broadcast quality. HD production equipment has been added for higher quality field productions. In 2014, the station upgraded both the BCTV Town Meeting Room and the station’s studio to HD equipment as part of the station’s five year HD upgrade plan. The school board meeting room and the station’s control room are scheduled for HD upgrade in 2015.

In October of 2014, the FCC notified the Town of Bedford that their application for a low power FM radio station was approved. BCTV spearheaded this effort over a four year period. The radio station will be a 100 watt station with the call letters WBNH-LPFM. You will be able to find the station on 105.1 FM when it is officially launched.

The mission of the radio station is primarily for “Public Safety Radio Service” but general programming of all types will be included in the daily schedule. BCTV will manage the operation as well as provide the funding. No tax dollars are involved in the construction or operational costs. This was a major BCTV goal that was established to help create a true community media center. The town has up to 18 months to complete construction of the radio station.

How is BCTV Funded? Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast, fund the operation of the station. Equipment purchases and all operational costs are paid for with franchise fees. Franchise fees are also used to cover all costs for the town meeting room where all government meetings are held. This includes computers, video/audio equipment, lighting and room maintenance. Fees are also used to cover all building costs to include general repair maintenance both inside and outside of the building; heating and electrical costs, and all property repairs. Any major repairs or additions to the building are covered by these fees as well. No tax dollars are used to support the station or the town meeting room facility.

The agreement between Comcast and the town of



Bedford does not preclude other cable providers from offering their services to the town and competing for the business. In fact it is encouraged. However, no other cable provider has shown interest. The new extension expires December 1st, 2018.

The station offers a wide variety of programming and encourages residents to volunteer to help cover events in town or simply to be a host or to learn how use the television equipment to produce your own show. Training is free and the staff is always here to help you get started quickly.

To learn more about BCTV and how you can get involved, contact either Bill Jennings or Coleen Richardson by calling 472-8288 or emailing us at [bctv@bedfordtv.com](mailto:bctv@bedfordtv.com).

### **BCTV**

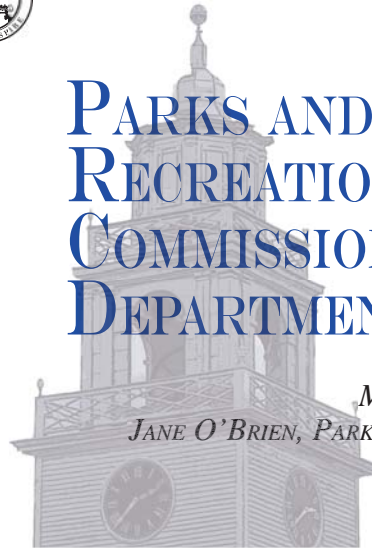
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Bedford, New Hampshire 03110  
603-472-8288

[www.bedfordtv.com](http://www.bedfordtv.com) [facebook.com/bedfordtv.com](https://www.facebook.com/bedfordtv.com)

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Jennings, Station Manager*

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION/ DEPARTMENT



*MICHELLE CASALE, CHAIRMAN*  
*JANE O'BRIEN, PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER*

The purpose of this report is to summarize the activities and accomplishments of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Recreation Department during 2014. This summary informs the public and Town officials as well as providing a historic record.

The Commission is comprised of Bedford residents who volunteer their time to help aid the Department in fostering a sense of community for the Bedford residents. Through their efforts, all aspects of the Department's services, including passive and active recreation, are improved. A thank you goes out to all the members including: Chairman Michelle Casale, Dennis Tokac, Diane Phelps, Dave Gilbert, Shaun Oparowski, Michael Charney, Dianne Kashiwabara as well as our Council liaisons' Norm Longval and Kelleigh Domaingue.

As our Town continues to grow, the Bedford Parks and Recreation Department is leading the way in health, wellness and recreational opportunities. We added some new and exciting programs during this past year including, "Laughter Yoga", "Meditation" and "Art on Wheels". The Department continues to offer monthly contests open to residents of all ages to participate in as a family or individually for example our "Family Snowman Building Challenge" which was won by the Ellis Family, the "St. Patrick's Day Word Search Contest" as well as "Mother-Daughter Look-A-Like Photo Contests" and "Holiday Coloring Contest". This past year the Recreation Department hosted two "Art Recycling Contests" programs one in July and another in December.





During the summer months the Department does not slow down and 2014 was no different this year we offered two summer concert series one on Tuesday nights at the Performance stage by the pool complex where residents were able to enjoy family performances from Judy Pancoast, Ben Rudnick and Friends along with T-Bone's. On Thursday nights at the Market Basket Bandstand at the Bedford Village Common Park we were musically entertained by groups like the Windham Swing Band, Sylvan Roots Trio and 60's Invasion.

We are thankful to our residents and partners who understand the value and importance of parks and recreation. You are invited to come and experience what the Town of Bedford Parks and Recreation Department has to offer for 2015 visit our website [www.BedfordRecOnline.com](http://www.BedfordRecOnline.com).

The Parks Department under the supervision of Jim Stanford, Director Public Works Department provides routine parks maintenance, playground maintenance, athletic facilities maintenance and pool maintenance along with the support for special Town-wide events. A special thank you goes out to our Park's employees Kevin Hodgdon, Parks Foreman, Mike Fortier, Nick Moss and Ken Bergeron for an excellent job maintaining the Town's park facilities this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane O'Brien, Parks and Recreation Manager*



Windham Swing Band "Market Basket Bandstand" at the Bedford Village Common Park

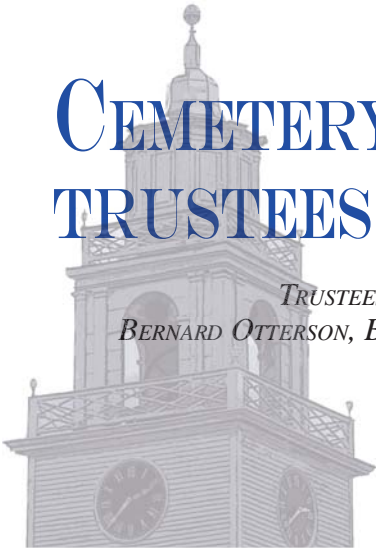


Ellis Family 2014 Winner "Family Snowman Challenge"





# CEMETERY TRUSTEES



TRUSTEES: LORI RADKE, CHAIRMAN  
BERNARD OTTERSON, BETTY HOSANG, SECRETARY

The Board of Trustees, Lori Radke, Chairman, Elizabeth Ho Sang and Bernard Otterson, held five regularly scheduled

meetings during 2014.

There were nine lots sold in total for 2014, seven 2-grave lots and two single lots, and the sales of lots totaled \$12,000.

There were sixteen burials for 2014, seven cremation burials and nine full burials.

One trustee attended the 2014 Municipal Trustees Seminar for Cemetery Trustees by the Charitable Trusts Unit of the New Hampshire Attorney General, and all three trustees attended the April meeting of the New Hampshire Cemetery Association.

Some of the accomplishments throughout the year include:

- ❖ Continuation of tree and brush removal from the cemetery borders as part of our maintenance plan;
- ❖ Continuation of maintenance to irrigation;
- ❖ Continuation of reseeded of damaged turf;
- ❖ New maintenance contract with expanded duties.

Already proposed for next year will be continued reseeded of damaged turf. The trustees would like to thank PJ Flower Shop, Bedford Garden Club, Friends of the Bedford Cemeteries, Jim Stanford, Paul Belanger and the Department of Public Works for all the assistance they have provided to the town

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty HoSang, Secretary*

## LOTS SOLD

Anderson .....	2 place .....	\$1500
Bachhuber .....	2 place .....	\$1500
Hersey .....	2 place .....	\$1500
Leone.....	2 place .....	\$1500
Martin.....	2 place .....	\$1500
Publow .....	2 place .....	\$1500
Publow .....	2 place .....	\$1500
Shakra .....	1 place .....	\$750
Spatao.....	1 place .....	\$750
Total .....		\$12000

## LOTS RETURNED

None

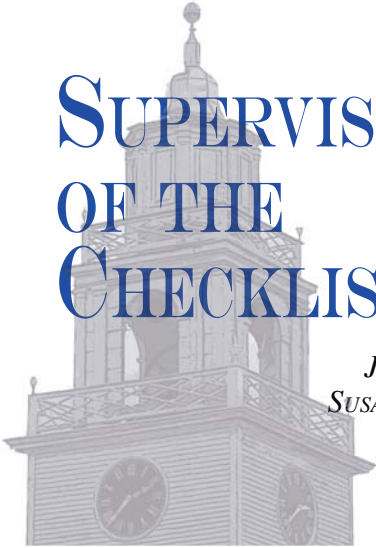
8 Cremations and 9 Full Burials



Veterans Memorial wreath donated by PJ's Flowers & Antiques.



# SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST



*JOAN McMAHAN, CHAIRMAN  
SUSAN FAHEY, ELLEN BOSTWICK*

As of December, 2014, the Checklist recorded the following:

3,048 Democrats  
7,244 Republicans  
5,030 Undeclared

For a total of 15,322 Registered Voters

Current checklists are available at the Library and in the lobby of the Town Offices.

Supervisors of the Checklist hold evening and Saturday sessions for voter registration applications and corrections to the checklist prior to each election. These sessions are posted in the Town Office, the Library, on the Town website ([www.bedfordnh.org](http://www.bedfordnh.org)), on BCTV, the Bedford Patch and in compliance with state law, advertised in a local newspaper. Residents are welcome to apply for voter registration and make name, address and party changes at the Town Offices during regular business hours. Bedford residents may register and vote at the Polls on Election Day.

For further information regarding the duties of the Supervisors of the Checklist please visit the Town website, contact the Supervisors through e-mail at [checklist@bedfordnh.org](mailto:checklist@bedfordnh.org) or call 603 792-1329.

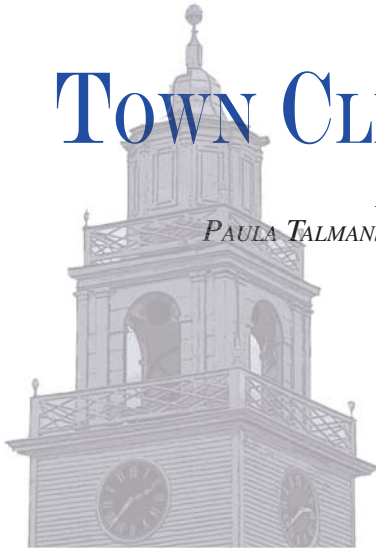
The Supervisors would like to thank the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Clerks for their assistance in the registration application process throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan Mc Mahan, Chairman  
Susan Fahey  
Ellen Bostwick*



# TOWN CLERK



LORI RADKE, TOWN CLERK  
PAULA TALMANSON, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

It has been my pleasure serving as your Town Clerk and I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lori Radke, Town Clerk*

## TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS

Debits:

UCC Filings.....	5,040.00
Certified Copies.....	7,635.00
Marriage Licenses.....	4,005.00
Dredge & Fill/Pole Licenses .....	80.00
Articles of Agreement .....	5.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,292.16
<b>Total Debits .....</b>	<b>\$19,057.16</b>

**Credits Remitted to Treasurer .....**\$19,057.16

## DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

Debits:

Licenses Issued.....	22,008.50
License Penalties.....	754.00
Dog Violations.....	4,275.00
<b>Total Debits .....</b>	<b>\$27,037.50</b>

Credits Remitted to Treasurer .....

**Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer .....**\$46,094.66

## ELECTION RESULTS

### Annual Town Meeting-March 12, 2013

Registered Voters .....	15,084
Total Ballots Cast.....	4,729
Absentee Voters .....	235
New Registrants.....	184

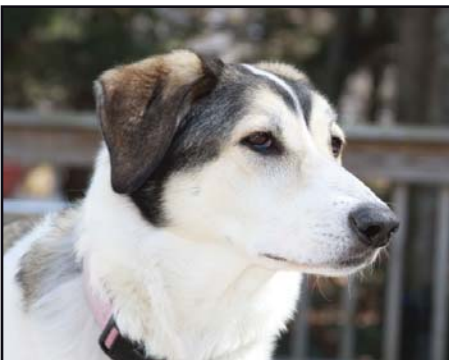
### State Primary-September 9, 2014

Registered Voters .....	15,017
Total Ballots Cast.....	3,676
Absentee Voters .....	263
New Registrants.....	11

### State General-November 4, 2014

Registered Voters .....	15,490
Total Ballots Cast.....	9,637
Absentee Voters .....	1,071
New Registrants.....	421

In 2014 we licensed 3618 dogs and conducted one town/school election. The office administered 531 vital records and 89 marriage licenses.



### **“DARCY” 2014 Top Dog**

Darcy was voted in as TOP DOG for 2014. She did a fantastic job representing the town. On April 12th we held our 5th Annual Bow Wow Bedford Rabies Clinic at the Animal Rescue League. It was a huge success. The towns Mont Vernon and Goffstown was also in attendance. I would like to thank Steve Paul, Animal Control Officer, Karen Fischer, Debra Zemaitis and Melanie Wallace, Jeanette Vinton, window clerks, for all their help in licensing dogs and educating the public.

I would like to thank Brian Shaughnessy, Town Moderator, Bill Klein, School District Moderator, all the Assistant Moderators, Ballot Clerks, Supervisors of the Checklist, Bedford Police and Public Works Departments, and School Custodians for all their hard work in making our state, town and school elections run smoothly and without incident.

Finally, I would to thank Paula Talmanson, Deputy Town Clerk, Steve Daly, Town Manager, the Bedford Town Council and Dawn Boufford, Executive Assistant, for their assistance throughout the year.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
WOITKOWSKI, NATASHA LOUISE	01/05/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	WOITKOWSKI, CHRISTIAN	WOITKOWSKI, REBECCA
BORBA, ISABEL ROSE	01/16/2014	CONCORD, NH	BORBA, VALDIR	BORBA, KRYS'TAL
JOHNSON, DYLAN JOSEPH	01/16/2014	NASHUA, NH	JOHNSON, DOUGLAS	JOHNSON, KELLEY
GRANDE, KYLE STEVEN	01/30/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	GRANDE JR, DARRELL	GRANDE, LESLEY
ALMEIDA, JULIANNA ELIZABETH LYNN	02/03/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	ALMEIDA, PAULO	ALMEIDA, LINDSEY
SACINO, HANNAH SOPHIA	02/15/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	SACINO, TIMOTHY	SACINO, BRENDA
SHARMA, ANIKA	03/04/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	SHARMA, AJIT	SHARMA, SHRUTI
LAWSON, OSCAR DAMIAN	03/14/2014	MANCHESTER, NH		LAWSON, ANNIE
EMERY, JACKSON DEVLIN	04/04/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	EMERY, JOHN	EMERY, HEATHER
HUNTER, MADISON EMILEE	04/13/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	HUNTER, JOHN	HUNTER, KATHRYN
SKELTON, COLIN BRADLEY	04/17/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	SKELTON, MICHAEL	SKELTON, EMILY
LEWIS, CORA MARIE	05/06/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	LEWIS, SEAN	LEWIS, DAWN
BOND, IVY FAITH	05/09/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	BOND, CHRISTOPHER	BOND, HEATHER
WEBB, CARSON MCHENRY	05/20/2014	LEBANON, NH	WEBB, BRENNER	WEBB, MARY
PORTER, JARED DANA	05/27/2014	NASHUA, NH	PORTER, JASON	PORTER, JENNIFER
FAWSON, THOMAS WALTER	05/29/2014	MILFORD, NH	FAWSON, JAMES	FAWSON, MICHELLE
DOHERTY, KEIRA THERESE	06/03/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	DOHERTY, SEAN	DOHERTY, KAREN
ALMODOVAR ORTIZ, EMILIA PATRICIA	06/07/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	ALMODOVAR SUAREZ, JORGE	ORTIZ CUEVAS, LAURA
MURPHY, HANNAH VIRGINIA	06/16/2014	NASHUA, NH	MURPHY, HUGH	MURPHY, MARYELLEN
LICCIARDI, RAPHAEL JOSEPH	07/03/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	LICCIARDI, JEFFREY	LICCIARDI, KIMBERLY
DURRELL, FINLEY JAMES	08/04/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	DURRELL, JAMES	DURRELL, REBECCA
BRISSON, CAMERON ROBERT	08/08/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	BRISSON JR, THOMAS	BRISSON, SAMANTHA
WINSLOW, SCARLETT ELIZABETH	08/08/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	WINSLOW, ROBERT	WINSLOW, CARON
LI, LEO	08/08/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	LI, KE	HU, JUAN
BROOKS, SAMANTHA EVELYN	08/09/2014	MANCHESTER, NH		CROTEAU, CANDICE
VISTO, FINN ELLIOTT	08/12/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	VISTO, COREY	VISTO, EMILY
SEROLL, ASHLEY EVELYN	08/12/2014	NASHUA, NH	SEROLL, SCOTT	SEROLL, VANESSA
GUILLET, L YLA JACQUELINE	08/21/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	GUILLET, SEAN	PAGANELLI, CATHERINE
LEEDS, LANDON BRYCE	08/26/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	LEEDS, DAVID	LEEDS, DEANNA
MURPHY, FINIAN ANDREW	08/26/2014	NASHUA, NH	MURPHY, KEITH	MURPHY, KELLEIGH
WU, BONNIE CHEN	08/29/2014	NASHUA, NH	WU, MELIN	CHEN, YINGYING
HAWKES, MACKENZIE MAY	09/07/2014	NASHUA, NH	HAWKES, SPENCER	HAWKES, LISA
ROPER, AVERY ELLIE	09/20/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	ROPER, JEFFREY	ROPER, KAYLEIGH
HALEY, BENJAMIN JAMES	09/22/2014	MILFORD, NH	HALEY, DENNIS	HALEY, DAPHNE
MCCORMICK, PARKER SAMUEL	09/22/2014	MANCHESTER, NH	MCCORMICK, MICHAEL	MCCORMICK, KELLY

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Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
STONE, ANDREW CHRISTOPHER	09/27/2014	MANCHESTER,NH	STONE, AARON	STONE, SARAH
CORREIA, ALICE CATHERINE	10/04/2014	MANCHESTER,NH	CORREIA, JOSHUA	CORREIA, COLLEEN
CSENDES, NICHOLAS COLE	10/19/2014	CONCORD,NH	CSENDES, ROBERT	CSENDES, JORDAN
MESSINA, LILY PIPER	10/27/2014	MANCHESTER,NH	MESSINA, TIMOTHY	MESSINA, LAUREN
KINNANE, EMILY EILEEN	10/27/2014	MANCHESTER,NH	KINNANE, CHRISTOPHER	KINNANE, KATHLEEN
KIERCE, RONIN PATRICK	11/05/2014	MANCHESTER,NH	KIERCE, KEVIN	KIERCE, ERIN
WEEKS, PHILIP GEORGE	11/13/2014	MANCHESTER,NH	WEEKS, NATHANIEL	WEEKS, CATHERIN
LIBBY, ARDEN ANN	11/23/2014	NASHUA,NH	LIBBY, DOUGLAS	LIBBY, ALISON
SHARIF, MUHAMMAD AHMAD	12/27/2014	LEBANON,NH	SHARIF, AMIR	NAZ, NAZ
KRAMER, QUINN ANNE	12/31/2014	MANCHESTER,NH	KRAMER, TODD	KRAMER, MARGOT

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Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
FALCON, BEVERLY L NORTH CHELMSFORD, MA	DAIGLE, DAVID R BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/01/2014
RIVIEZZO, MICHAEL A BEDFORD, NH	LEVESQUE, PAMELA A LONDONDERRY, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/06/2014
KEPLIN JR, ROBERT J BEDFORD, NH	BROWN, DANIELLE E BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/07/2014
PARTS, PETR BEDFORD, NH	HORDIYCHUK, IRYNA BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/19/2014
GILSON, PATRICIA A BEDFORD, NH	POWERS, BRIAN J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/21/2014
SILVA, MARCIO A BRAintree, MA	HAI DUKEVICH, ALIAKSANDRA BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/23/2014
ZWICKAU, OLAF BEDFORD, NH	PEIRSON, BRENDA N BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/16/2014
IQBAL, CHAUDHARY A BEDFORD, NH	HAQUE, HINA BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/28/2014
ROBERTS, BRIAN H BEDFORD, NH	MADEJ, JOYCELINE M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/23/2014
DRISCOLL, STEPHANIE L BEDFORD, NH	CHAMBERLAND, RYAN R BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	SANDOWN	04/26/2014
DOMINGUE, ASHLEY R BEDFORD, NH	BERTOLAMI, BRYAN R BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/26/2014





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SILANO, JILL E BEDFORD, NH	DAY-LEWIS, IAN W BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	05/02/2014
LARISON, GWENDOLYN A BEDFORD, NH	SANTOS, IVALTE J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/16/2014
SENAT, VICKTOR G BEDFORD, NH	MAYLONE, WENDY L BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	SANBORNTON	05/17/2014
MILES, JOHN C BEDFORD, NH	SNYDER, WANETA K BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/27/2014
CING-MARS, DONALD R BEDFORD, NH	TANG, YUAN BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/07/2014
DENONCOURT, GREGORY M BEDFORD, NH	LUCA, IRENE M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/11/2014
MOSES, RICHARD A BEDFORD, NH	CASTANINO, CLAIRE J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MOULTONBOROUGH	06/14/2014
DEWEY, SARA V BEDFORD, NH	WALKER, NOAH W OAKLAND, CA	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/14/2014
CRONIN, JOCELYN A MANCHESTER, NH	MONNIE, WILLIAM M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/21/2014
LANDRY, JENNIFER L BEDFORD, NH	BERMAN, JACOB J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/24/2014
NOLAN, ALEXANDER F BEDFORD, NH	STARR, AMY L BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/28/2014

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LITTLE, AARON W BEDFORD, NH	PANNETON, BONNIE L BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HENNIKER	06/28/2014
LAVIGNE, MATTHEW J BEDFORD, NH	FOLLENSBEE, NICOLE H BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/02/2014
PARADISE, JEFFREY W TEMPLE, NH	GUIMOND, NAOMI C BEDFORD, NH	MILFORD	BROOKLINE	07/05/2014
DOUGLASS, MEGAN E BEDFORD, NH	LANCOT, STEPHEN J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/06/2014
WILLIAMS, PAULA J BEDFORD, NH	FAY, DANIEL S AMHERST, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/11/2014
COLLINS, LESLIE R BEDFORD, NH	LORD, JEAN B BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	SANBORNTON	07/12/2014
BELLEFEUILLE, KENNETH W BEDFORD, NH	BORASE, VIRGINIA E BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HAMPSTEAD	07/12/2014
COMEAU, GENEVIEVE A BEDFORD, NH	WILLIAMSON, LUCAS M CANTERBURY, CT	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/12/2014
HOTTEL, LARKIN E BEDFORD, NH	SAWYER, CHARLES H BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	AMHERST	07/12/2014
MACPHERSON, TROY A AUBURN, NH	DALY, PEGGY M BEDFORD, NH	AUBURN	AUBURN	07/19/2014
LEONARD, CELIA K BEDFORD, NH	SERGE, MATTHEW R BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WEARE	07/19/2014

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CREAGH, MEAGHAN C BEDFORD, NH	LAPOINTE, CHRISTOPHER D BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	PORTSMOUTH	07/19/2014
COLLINS, CARRIE W NORTH ANDOVER, MA	GAGNON, JEFFREY S BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/26/2014
CARTER II, LYNN BEDFORD, NH	BUZZELL, PAMELA W BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/28/2014
HRINCHUK, ALISON A BOW, NH	DUBE, DANIEL W BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/02/2014
YANG, YAN HONG BEDFORD, NH	KING, DENNIS J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MERRIMACK	08/02/2014
ITALIA, CHERYL L BEDFORD, NH	MURPHY, STEPHANIE M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/15/2014
PERKINS, CYNTHIA A BEDFORD, NH	PERKINS, ARTHUR J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/21/2014
DUCHESNE, MICHELE M BEDFORD, NH	O'MEARA, KEVIN D BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	JACKSON	08/22/2014
LUCIER, MICHAEL R BEDFORD, NH	STONEY, MICHELLE H BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WHITEFIELD	08/23/2014
DOUGHTY, DANIEL J BEDFORD, NH	MAXWELL, DANIKA J NEW BOSTON, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/05/2014
MATTHEWS, ELIZABETH M BEDFORD, NH	QUICK, TIMOTHY W BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/06/2014



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Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
VIGNEAULT, WILFRED	01/02/2014	BEDFORD	VIGNEAULT, ANTONIO	GENEST, JULIA	Y
CULLEN, ROBERT	01/15/2014	BEDFORD	CULLEN, JOSEPH	TALFORD, MAY	Y
BREEN, EDWARD	01/15/2014	BEDFORD	BREEN, GEORGE	HADLEY, BEATRICE	N
CALVIN, LUCIA	01/17/2014	MANCHESTER	NOYES, WILLIAM	KNOWLES, ELIZABETH	N
KONNER, ALLAN	01/18/2014	BEDFORD	KONNER, HERMAN	GLOBERMAN, EDITH	Y
BOYD, DENNIS	01/21/2014	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	Y
GANGLER JR., JOSEPH	01/23/2014	BEDFORD	GANGLER SR, JOSEPH	SCHULTES, MARY	Y
ADAMS, HARRY	01/24/2014	BEDFORD	ADAMS, WILLIAM	KNIGHTS, MARION	Y
WOODBURY JR, ALFRED	01/27/2014	BEDFORD	WOODBURY SR, ALFRED	FREDETTE, JOSEPHINE	Y
WATT, CHRISTOPHER	01/28/2014	BEDFORD	WATT, RICHARD	STURMER, LORE	Y
GREENOUGH, KAY	01/29/2014	BEDFORD	GREENOUGH, RICHARD	SAPOWICZ, MAGDELINE	Y
SHAW, LOLA	02/01/2014	BEDFORD	MATHEWS, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, LEONA	N
GRIFFIN, LOUISE	02/02/2014	BEDFORD	WEDGE, SYLVAIN	HINDS, NELLIE	N
PUTT, BEATRICE	02/03/2014	BEDFORD	ROBINSON, LOUIS	LEUICE, JENNIE	N
HEROD, KIMBERLY	02/07/2014	BEDFORD	HEROD, FRANKLYN	WIETECHA, MARLENE	N
COLEMAN, EDWARD	02/14/2014	BEDFORD	COLEMAN, DENNIS	QUINN, MARY	Y
LUSSIER, CLAIRE	02/17/2014	MERRIMACK	SAWYER, LIONEL	HOUDE, IRENE	N
TUTTLE, TIMOTHY	02/20/2014	MANCHESTER	TUTTLE, STANLEY	POLINSKI, MARY	Y



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FELTON, SHIRLEY	02/21/2014	BEDFORD	MCDOWELL, JAMES	CLOUGH, ELEANOR	N
HICKEY, PHYLLIS	02/27/2014	BEDFORD	LIOTTA, PETER	GALUPPO, PHYLLIS	N
GARABEDIAN, MARY	03/04/2014	MANCHESTER	SHAPASIAN, NISHAN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
KRISHNAN, VIJAYALAKSHMI	03/14/2014	MANCHESTER	DURASWAMY, RANGASWAMY	RANGASWAMY, ANDAL	N
BLETHEN, SHIRLEY	03/16/2014	BEDFORD	MOORE, JAMES	LEE, MARGARET	N
FOLSOM, BETTY	03/16/2014	MANCHESTER	CURRIER, LLOYD	COOK, BEATRICE	N
JACKMAN, MARY	03/17/2014	MANCHESTER	IMBERT, EDWARD	CORBETT, MILDRED	N
GOLDMAN, SONIA	03/19/2014	BEDFORD	WOLOZIN, JULIUS	HIRSHBERG, IDA	N
HALEY, CATHERINE	03/28/2014	BEDFORD	POSKIS, JOSEPH	MALASINSKI, ROSEMARY	N
MACKAY, WILLIAM	03/30/2014	MERRIMACK	MACKAY, ERNEST	FORSEY, CHARLOTTE	Y
RIVARD, JACQUELINE	03/30/2014	MANCHESTER	MONTY, ALBERT	SANSTERRE, FLORENCE	N
GAUTHIER, MADELEINE	04/03/2014	BEDFORD	DEVOST, JOSEPH	ST PIERRE, GEORGIANNA	N
GROSS, ROBERTA	04/03/2014	BEDFORD	GROSS, PAUL	BRZOWSKY, RUTH	N
GARLAND, JOSIE	04/04/2014	MANCHESTER	SUSALKA, JOHN	PALCZEWSKI, AMELIA	N
AGUIAR, JOSEPH	04/06/2014	MERRIMACK	AGUIAR, JOSE	ORNELAS, MARIA	Y
HOFFMAN, HAROLD	04/13/2014	MANCHESTER	HOFFMANN, FREDERICK	MUDRACK, FANNY	Y
BOONE, MILDRED	04/15/2014	MERRIMACK	MAZNEK, JOHN	PASKOLKA, KLIMKA	N
SINGER, ROBERT	04/15/2014	BEDFORD	SINGER, MEYER	SELTZER, LIBBY	N



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HALE, RICHARD	04/16/2014	MANCHESTER	HALE, ROLAND	GIFFORD, JEAN	N
PLUNKETT, MARY	04/17/2014	BEDFORD	GRACE, RALPH	MCCARTHY, RUTH	N
LEAMY, DAVID	04/18/2014	BEDFORD	LEAMY, THOMAS	ARIEL, ELEANOR	Y
COURCHENE, MURIEL	04/20/2014	BEDFORD	LASCELLE, HERVE	PARENTEAU, BLANCHE	N
GARON, GERALD	04/21/2014	BEDFORD	GARON, ROGER	DERELLO, EDITH	N
RJAIS, SIMONE	04/22/2014	MANCHESTER	LALIBERTE, JOSEPH	GAGNON, HERMELINE	N
CHIN, CAROL	04/22/2014	NASHUA	CHIN, TEWES	BUCKLEY, VERONICA	N
CROCKER JR, GEORGE	04/23/2014	BEDFORD	CROCKER SR, GEORGE	STONE, ELLA	Y
BRIAND, RENEE	04/24/2014	BEDFORD	BRIAND, RENE	DYKE, MARLENE	N
HUGHES, CLIFFORD	04/26/2014	BEDFORD	HUGHES, CLIFFORD	BOEGLER, EMILIA	Y
HOSKINS, EUGENE	04/28/2014	BEDFORD	HOSKINS, WILLAIM	LOVELACE, RUBY	N
LAPOINTE, MURIAL	04/29/2014	BEDFORD	WALLACE, ROYAL	ORNSBY, CELIA	N
KAMINSKI, DONALD	05/01/2014	BEDFORD	KAMINSKI, JOSEPH	LIPRIS, ADELLE	Y
BOIVIN, FRANCIS	05/02/2014	BEDFORD	BOIVIN, ALBERT	DALEY, MARY	Y
SALEM, ADAM	05/03/2014	MANCHESTER	SALEM, FAEZ	SERGIE, HALA	N
SYKES, IRENE	05/04/2014	BEDFORD	PARIS, ALFRED	BEAUDET, ALICE	N
HUMPHREY, DEBORAH	05/04/2014	BEDFORD	GRAVES, ALAN	STENNES, CAROLE	N
VOISINE, ANNA	05/07/2014	MERRIMACK	BEAULIEU, FRED	SAUCIER, PAULINE	N







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JEAN, JOSEPH	05/07/2014	BEDFORD	JEAN, ERNEST	MICHAUD, ALEXINA	Y
HAMER, MARY	05/11/2014	MANCHESTER	GYDER SR, CHARLES	SIMCOX, MAXINE	N
BISSON, VIOLET	05/14/2014	BEDFORD	CHARLAND, LEUDE	NADEAU, ROSE ANNA	N
CORMIER, DORIS	05/15/2014	BEDFORD	CLOMIER, CLOVIS	CORMIER, HELENE	N
OSADA, MARY	05/19/2014	MANCHESTER	BERCIER, GEORGE	GALLAGHER, MARY	N
GUILLEMETTE, HELEN	05/25/2014	BEDFORD	COUSENS, HAROLD	SOUCY, ERNESTINE	N
ECKHARDT, JEAN	05/28/2014	BEDFORD	MCKAY, JOHN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
MILLER SR, GEORGE	05/29/2014	BEDFORD	MILLER, CHESTER	JUSKIEWICZ, ANNA	Y
BORAWSKI, HELEN	05/30/2014	BEDFORD	STANEK, IGNACY	KORAB, MARY ANNA	N
PALMERI SR, JAMES	06/05/2014	BEDFORD	PALMERI, LOUIS	UNKNOWN, TERESE	Y
CHAPMAN, CAROLYN	06/11/2014	MANCHESTER	CLAYTON, KENNETH	BRAITHEWAITE, NEL	N
CAPUTO, ROSE	06/11/2014	BEDFORD	CAPUTO, MICHAEL	CAGGIANO, EDNA	N
HEALD, LUCILLE	06/15/2014	BEDFORD	JEAN, AURELE	THIBAULT, MARIE	N
ECKMAN, GWENDOLYN	06/16/2014	MANCHESTER	SANDLER, JOHN	SILVERMAN, REBECCA	N
LEVESQUE, KENNETH	06/26/2014	MANCHESTER	LEVESQUE SR, THOMAS	BROOKS, EMILY	N
DUBREE, EVELYN	07/09/2014	BEDFORD	SPIES, GEORGE	NOVOTNY, ANN	N
WHITNEY-HALL, DOROTHY	07/09/2014	MANCHESTER	MERCHANT, AMOS	PERKINS, BERTHA	N
LENGYEL, MARY	07/11/2014	BEDFORD	GERY, JOHN	LISKA, MARY	N





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RILEY, EDWARD	07/13/2014	BEDFORD	RILEY, HARRY	FOURNIER, FLORENCE	N
MAHON, JAMES	07/16/2014	MANCHESTER	MAHON, JAMES	MOLUMBY, ANNA	Y
DIXON, JANET	07/18/2014	BEDFORD	HENAULT, ERNEST	BAZINET, ROSE	N
GUERIN, YVONNE	07/31/2014	BEDFORD	BEAUREGARD, ALFRED	LAROCHE, VALEDA	N
BRUIST, EDMOND	08/02/2014	BEDFORD	AUGUST, FREDERIK	NEVEN, BEATRIX	N
COTA, RAYMOND	08/03/2014	BEDFORD	COTA, REUBEN	RICKER, ALICE	Y
MCAULIFFE, ELIZABETH	08/18/2014	BEDFORD	MARTINI, ALPHONSO	MULLER, ELSIE	N
LAMARCHE, STELLA	08/25/2014	BEDFORD	WILUSZ, JOSEPH	UNKNOWN, MARY	N
LEBLANC, IMELDA	08/26/2014	BEDFORD	LAPORTE, ARCHIE	GAMACHE, YVONNE	N
RAICHE, ROGER	08/27/2014	BEDFORD	RAICHE, ALBERT	RICHARDS, NORA	Y
LACHANCE, DORA	08/28/2014	BEDFORD	LACHANCE, JOSEPH	MORIA, ALIDA	N
GIVENS, VIVIAN	08/29/2014	SUGAR HILL	VALENTINE, ERICK	SJOBORG, JUDITH	N
DEA, OLGA	08/29/2014	BEDFORD	KUCZUN, JOHN	UNKNOWN, ANTONIA	N
WALLRAPP, YUSTIN	08/29/2014	BEDFORD	WALLRAPP, JOHN	SIRUTIS, EVA	Y
THEODOULOU, ANNA	08/31/2014	BEDFORD	MORETTI, DENNIS	TSARLAMBA, DORINA	N
PANE, EDWARD	09/01/2014	MERRIMACK	PANE SR, ROBERT	KNAIT, FRANCES	N
FREEDLAND, ROBERTA	09/04/2014	MANCHESTER	DELANO, EDWARD	DELANO, GERTRUDE	N
SOWA, PATRICIA	09/05/2014	MERRIMACK	MALONEY, JAMES	SEIFERT, FREIDA	N





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## RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

--BEDFORD, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
PREVIE, JEANNETTE	09/05/2014	MANCHESTER	GELINAS, ALFRED	GRENIER, HENRIETTE	N
TOSH, SHIRLEY	09/09/2014	MANCHESTER	FRYE, CLARENCE	ADAMS, LOUISA	N
PRIVE, RUSSELL	09/13/2014	GOFFSTOWN	PRIVE, HERMAN	HALL, EVELYN	Y
HARTMANN, MAEVE	09/16/2014	BEDFORD	CARMODY, TIMOTHY	FLANAGAN, MARGARET	N
GRIFFIN, PATRICIA	09/22/2014	BEDFORD	NAGLE, PATRICK	SULLIVAN, ELIZABETH	N
LEVESQUE, CHARLES	09/26/2014	MANCHESTER	LEVESQUE, ROLAND	DURAND, EVA	N
DUNFEY, AUDREY	09/27/2014	BEDFORD	ALBERT, MAURICE	DUGAS, VERONICA	N
OLIPHANT, GEORGE	09/29/2014	BEDFORD	OLIPHANT, JOHN	FRENCH, JULIA	Y
LACROIX, CLAIRE	09/30/2014	BEDFORD	THIBEAULT, PHILLIPPE	BARRY, EVA	N
ALBERTI, RICHARD	09/30/2014	MANCHESTER	ALBERTI, NICHOLAS	SAWYER, BERYL	N
CROCKETT, WILLIAM	10/02/2014	BEDFORD	CROCKETT, E FRANCIS	GEROW, HELEN	Y
SOLLOWAY, JOHN	10/04/2014	GOFFSTOWN	SOLLOWAY, JOHN	COTE, LILLIAN	Y
JOHNSTON, CAROLYN	10/08/2014	MANCHESTER	WILSON, J R	BARTHOLOMEW, LILLIAN	N
HASTINGS SR, CALVIN	10/12/2014	BEDFORD	HASTINGS, FRED	HARVEY, ADAH	Y
CHANDONNET, MICHAEL	10/15/2014	MERRIMACK	CHANDONNET, GERARD	SUFAT, FRANCES	N
DALEY, EDMUND	10/15/2014	MANCHESTER	DALEY, EDMUND	MCCONNELL, SARA	N
BUXTON, CARY	10/18/2014	MANCHESTER	BUXTON, HARRY	BISSON, RITA	N
CARDER, THOMAS	10/18/2014	BEDFORD	CARDER, JACK	SWETT, JOYCE	N





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RIVIEZZO, MICHAEL	10/20/2014	MANCHESTER	RIVIEZZO, ANTHONY	RICHARD, JEANETTE	N
DESROSIERS, BRIDGET	10/25/2014	BEDFORD	LACOURSIERE, OSCAR	LAPIERRE, CECILE	N
AIKEN, MARILYN	10/26/2014	MANCHESTER	BANKS, HERBERT	PIPER, MARGARET	N
JONES, MADELEINE	10/27/2014	BEDFORD	DESMARAIS, CLOVIS	ROCHE, SUZIE	N
ISELIN, GEORGE	10/28/2014	BEDFORD	ISELIN, EDWARD	DEWSON, ADA	N
BEEZ, LORRAINE	10/29/2014	BEDFORD	COTE, ALFRED	GAUDREAU, ROSE	N
GAGNE, CONSTANCE	11/01/2014	MANCHESTER	PICHETTE, HENRI	TESSIER, JEANNE	N
DESISTO, MELISSA	11/03/2014	BEDFORD	SUMNER, JAMES	WILLIAMS, PATRICIA	U
RIGNEY, BEVERLY	11/03/2014	BEDFORD	BORLAND, DAVID	EWING, EDITH	N
RUSSELL, JAMES	11/06/2014	BEDFORD	RUSSELL, FREDERICK	WHITE, BARBARA	N
SEVIER, JANET	11/11/2014	BEDFORD	LONG, DUDLEY	DIXON, EILEEN	N
BERKEY, RONALD	11/15/2014	BEDFORD	BERKEY, RUSSELL	BARNHART, FANNIE	Y
KRIKSCIUN, DOROTHY	11/19/2014	GOFFSTOWN	MCCAUGHEY, JAMES	TOMLINSON, LILLIAN	N
SHANTELER, BARBARA	11/28/2014	BEDFORD	PALYS, FREDERICK	TYZBIR, JULIA	N
LEE, WINIFRED	11/29/2014	BEDFORD	LALLY, HUGH	CAREY, WINIFRED	N
PAQUETTE, CORINNE	12/01/2014	BEDFORD	PAQUETTE, ALBERT	TURCOTTE, BERNADETTE	N
SMITH SR, EDWARD	12/07/2014	MANCHESTER	SMITH, DANIEL	ROBERTS, ETTA	N
RINALDI, VIRGINIA	12/12/2014	MERRIMACK	CORCORAN, EDWARD	MORRISON, MARGARET	N





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GOVONI KING, MARY	12/16/2014	BEDFORD	ELLARD, GEORGE	PAINTON, AGNES	N
BROOKS, DAVID	12/17/2014	BEDFORD	BROOKS, GEORGE	CLARK, HELEN	Y
PLUMMER, MARTHA	12/17/2014	BEDFORD	DAY, JOSEPH	CONNELLY, MARY	N
TREMBLAY, YVETTE	12/24/2014	BEDFORD	CROTEAU, EMILE	LAFRENIERE, LUCINDA	N
HARPLE, EUGENE	12/27/2014	GOFFSTOWN	HARPLE, AUSTIN	KING, PAULINE	Y
WATERMAN, ANNA	12/28/2014	BEDFORD	NYLUND, KARL	ANDERSON, ANNA	N
COLLINS, ROBERT	12/28/2014	MANCHESTER	COLLINS, JOHN	LEBLOND, EVA	Y
SURBAUGH, JUDITH	12/30/2014	BEDFORD	WEASE, RUSSELL	WEBSTER, EVELYN	N
LEVANDOWSKI, PETER	12/31/2014	MANCHESTER	LEVANDOWSKI, PAUL	MADREIKO, SOPHIA	Y

Total number of records 135







# TOWN OF BEDFORD

## 2015 MUNICIPAL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bedford Middle/High School on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1 through 4. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Articles 5 and 6 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bedford Middle/High School (47 Nashua Road).

### **Article 1. Election of Town Officers**

To elect 3 Town Councilors for three-year terms, 1 Library Trustee for a three-year term, 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three-year term, 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a two-year term.

### **Article 2. Zoning Amendments Proposed by the Planning Board**

#### ***Amendment No. 1***

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-73 Signs, General Provisions by adding the following new paragraphs A & B, and renumbering existing paragraphs A-Q as needed:

#### **A. Purposes**

- (1) Encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication;
- (2) Prevent hazards to vehicular and pedestrian safety by regulating the type, number, location, size and illumination of signs;
- (3) Protect the public from hazardous and distracting displays;
- (4) Maintain and enhance the aesthetic character and scenic quality of the Town's residential and commercial neighborhoods and limit visual clutter along corridors;
- (5) Minimize potential adverse effects of signs on nearby public and private property;

- (6) Support businesses and community vitality by informing the public of goods, services and activities; and
- (7) Enable fair and consistent enforcement of the sign regulations.

#### **B. Conditional Use Permit**

- (1) The Planning Board may grant a Conditional Use Permit to modify the requirements of Article IX-Signs, provided the Planning Board finds that all of the following criteria are met:
  - (a) The modification complies with the Purposes of the sign regulations as noted in Article 275-73 A;
  - (b) The applicant's particular situation, taking into account the overall site plan, including, but not limited to, the use on the property, existing signs, and visibility of the businesses, justifies a modification to the requirements;
  - (c) The site is suitable for the proposed modifications;
  - (d) The modification will not alter the essential character of the locality;
  - (e) The modifications will complement the design of the building or site where the sign is located;
  - (f) The modification will not materially impair traffic or pedestrian safety;
  - (g) The aesthetic character of the site and the surrounding area will not be adversely affected; and
  - (h) The modification will be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and Town of Bedford Master Plan.
- (2) An application for a Conditional Use Permit shall provide adequate documentation in order for the Planning Board to make a finding that the modification meets the criteria listed above. The Planning Board may, in its discretion, decline to grant a Conditional Use Permit, if the Board determines such permit is not justified or warranted.



(3) This Section shall not apply to signs in the Performance Zone, under Article 275-68 and that are subject to the waiver provisions in Article 275-56.

(4) This provision is adopted as an innovative land use control pursuant to RSA 674:21 and the Planning Board is vested with the sole authority to administer and grant the Conditional Use Permit. Any decision made by the Planning Board under this innovative land use control ordinance may be appealed directly to Superior Court in the same manner provided by statute for appeals from the Planning Board, as set forth in RSA 676:5 III and RSA 677:15.

*[This amendment is intended to allow the Planning Board to grant relief to the signage ordinance provided the Conditional Use Criteria are met. Currently the Zoning Board of Adjustment grants relief to the signage ordinance through the variance process.]*

**Amendment No. 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-6 Definitions by adding the words in bold:

“Structure” – A combination of materials for occupancy or use, such as a building, bridge, trestle, tower, framework, an above ground tank or group of tanks exceeding 500 gallons, tunnel, tent, stadium, platform, shelter, pier, wharf, bin, sign, fences and retaining walls over six feet (6’) in height, swimming pools, sports courts **with fences over six feet (6’) in height, or the like.**

*[This amendment is intended to allow sports courts with fences six feet (6’) in height or less, or no fence to be exempt from the minimum structure setback requirements.]*

**Amendment No. 3**

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

To amend Article 275-21 Use Regulations, Table 2,

by adding Footnote 32 to the permitted use “Retail Sales Establishments” within the Performance Zone with the following language:

Excluding the sale of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles, trailers, tractors, commercial construction equipment, mobile homes, camping vehicles, and similar types of vehicles.

To amend Article 275-61 Performance Zone Permitted Uses, by adding the words shown in bold to Subsection E, as follows:

Retail, wholesale and rental trades, commercial service, and repair facilities, **subject to Footnote 32 in Table 2, Table of Uses.**

*[This amendment is intended to restrict the establishment of additional automobile and other dealerships within the Performance Zone.]*

**Article 3. Proposed Charter Amendments by the Town Council**

**Amendment No. 1**

**§C3-15 Inquiries and investigations.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

**By an affirmative vote of five councilors,** the Council may make investigation into the affairs of the Town and into the conduct of any Town agency or department and for this purpose may administer oaths and require the production of evidence.

**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment requires an affirmative vote of 5 councilors, rather than a simple majority vote, to initiate investigations as set forth in the section.*

**Amendment No. 2**

**§C5-4 Final date for budget adoption.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

The budget shall be brought before the Town Meeting **in March, on a date fixed by the Council.**

**§C9-2 Annual Budgetary Town Meeting.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

**Each year on a date in March fixed by the Council,** the Council shall summon the voters of the Town to hear reports of the previous year’s activities and of proposals for the current year and to vote on the Town budget for the coming year.



**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment reflects current state law and affects both Charter sections.*

*Amendment No. 3*

**§C5-12 Purchasing procedure.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

**A. Definition.** The acquisition of any and all equipment, materials, supplies and services using funds of the Town or in the fiduciary custody of the Town shall be deemed “Public Procurements”.

**B. Procurement Policy.** The Council shall adopt a Procurement Policy which shall establish purchasing and contracting procedures that shall apply to all departments. The policy shall ensure prudent use of Town resources, foster fair competition among providers and encourage cooperative purchasing among departments and with other governmental entities.

**C. Purchasing Agent.** The Town Manager shall be the purchasing agent of the Town and shall ensure compliance with the Procurement Policy adopted by the Council. He or his designee shall approve all procurements, purchase orders and contracts in a manner consistent with the Policy.

**D. Policy Waivers.** The Council may, by affirmative vote of five (5) of its members, waive any requirements of the Procurement Policy it deems appropriate to special circumstances, provided it publicly states and documents the circumstances warranting waiver and its reasons therefore.

**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment instructs the council to establish a procurement policy within the parameters set out in this section rather than specifying the details of a procedure in the charter. It affords the Council flexibility to adapt to contemporary practices and waive policy via a super-majority vote when warranted. It also designates the Town Manager as purchasing and contracting agent for the Town.*

*Amendment No. 4*

**§C6-3 Compensation.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

A. Elected and appointed officials ~~and department heads~~. The compensation of all elected and appointed officials ~~and department heads~~ shall be established and modified **by an affirmative vote of five councilors.**

**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment provides for an affirmative vote of 5 councilors to set or modify compensation of elected and appointed officials and removes department head compensation from council authority, placing it under authority of the town manager as with all other town employees.*

*Amendment No. 5*

**§C7-2 Conflicts of interest.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

Editor’s Note: See Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Conflicts of Interest.

C. **Any conflict recognized under New Hampshire state law is deemed a conflict under this section.**

**PURPOSE:** *The purpose of this Amendment is to add a provision making any conflict of interest under State law a conflict of interest under the Charter.*

*Amendment No. 6*

**§C7-4 Private use of Town property and personnel.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

No elected or appointed officer or employee shall devote any Town property or labor to private use **except through an affirmative vote of five councilors, after a public hearing.**

**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment establishes a procedure for use of town property and/or labor and further requires the affirmative vote of five councilors.*

*Amendment No. 7*

**§C8-6 Recall of officeholders.**

**PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

Any individual elected official who has completed at least six months of his term of office or has more than six months of his term remaining may be recalled therefrom by the voters as follows:



- A. Two hundred fifty or more voters may file a request for a recall petition with the Town Clerk. This request shall include the name of the officer and the grounds for which the recall is sought, together with the signature and a legible name and address of each voter **as verified by the supervisors of the checklist.**
- B. The Town Clerk shall **certify** the names of the voters and promptly issue blank petitions for recall. Each petition shall be addressed to the Council, be dated, include the grounds for recall as stated in the request, the name of the voter to whom it is issued, the signature of the Town Clerk, and the Town Seal. The recall petitions bearing the signatures and legible names and addresses of at least 750 voters shall be returned to the Town Clerk within 20 days. The Town Clerk shall promptly certify the number of voters who signed the petitions.

**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment correctly states the process currently in effect for the recall of officeholders.*

#### *Amendment No. 8*

##### **§C11-1 Administrative committees.**

##### **PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

##### C. Recreation Commission.

- (1) Membership. There shall be a Recreation Commission consisting of five members. The five appointed by the Town Council shall have terms of three years, such terms to be staggered.
- (2) Responsibilities **and Town Council representative.** The Recreation Commission shall make recommendations to the Town Council as to the acquisition, holding, and disposition of real and personal property pursuant to appropriations authorized by the Budgetary Town Meeting and may enter into any contract only with Council approval. It shall recommend to the Town Council all rules and regulations regarding the operation of recreation facilities. It shall recommend employment of full- or part-time employees to the Town Manager. **The Town Council shall appoint one of its members as a representative to the Recreation Commission annually at its first meeting. A Town Councilor**

##### **alternate shall also be appointed.**

- (3) Terms of alternates. Two alternate members shall be appointed, each serving three-year terms, staggered.

**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment reflects the current membership of the Recreation Commission.*

#### *Amendment No. 9*

##### **§C11-1 Administrative committees.**

##### **PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)**

##### D. Historic District Commission.

- (1) Membership. There shall be an Historic District Commission consisting of four members, appointed by the Town Council. These members shall have terms of three years, such terms to be staggered in a manner determined by the Council.
- (2) **Town Council Representative. The Town Council shall appoint one of its members as a representative to the Historic District Commission annually at its first meeting. A Town Councilor alternate shall also be appointed.**
- (3) Vacancies in office. The Council shall fill any vacancy for the period of the unexpired term.
- (4) Powers. The Historic District Commission shall have all the powers granted to historic district commissions by state law. Editor's Note: See RSA 674:45 et seq.
- (5) Terms of alternates. Three alternate members shall be appointed, each serving three-year terms, staggered.

**PURPOSE:** *This Amendment reflects the current membership of the Historic District Commission.*

#### *Amendment No. 10*

The Town Council proposes to strike the charter provisions listed below, as they solely applied to town government in the year after the original adoption of the charter, and are therefore no longer applicable or timely.

##### **§C12-1 Continuation of government.**

##### **§C12-2 Continuation and compensation of personnel.**

##### **§C12-3 Transfer of records and property.**

##### **§C12-4 Effect on obligations, taxes and other legal acts.**





- §C12-5 Effective date and interim budget.
- §C12-6 Abolition of certain boards.
- §C12-7 Council, Town Clerk-Tax Collector, and Moderator.
- §C12-8 Expiration of terms of office of continued boards.
- §C12-9 First election.

Year	Estimated Increase
<b>2015</b>	\$46,778
<b>2016</b>	\$47,815
<b>2017</b>	\$49,799

**Article 4. Submitted By Initiative Petition**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the NH House, the NH Senate President, the NH District One U.S. Congressman, and the two US Senators from New Hampshire.

Resolved, that the people of Bedford, NH stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the effects of unregulated spending to influence elections by corporate, labor and special interest groups.

Resolved, that the United States Constitution should be amended to establish that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, labor unions or special interest organizations are endowed with first amendment rights in the area of political speech, and
2. The federal and state governments may regulate political contributions and spending made to influence elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the people of Bedford, NH, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

**Article 5. – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Public Works Department**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Council and the Bedford Public Works Union, Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

NOTE: This article does not raise additional appropriations in the 2015 budget. Adequate funding has been included in the recommended budget as a result of estimates made during the budget preparation process and based on the proposal assumptions made by management during the negotiation process.

**Article 6. - Town Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$24,959,684
Special Revenue Funds	38,000
Police Special Detail	402,725
Recreation Day Camp	95,225
Bedford Comm. TV	561,075
Sewer Fund	1,247,872

**Total Appropriations                      \$27,304,581**

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February 2015

*Chris Sandazian, Chairman*  
*Bill Jean, Vice Chairman*





## 2015 Town Meeting Warrant – ARTICLE 5

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#### **PURPOSE OF TOWN MEETING VOTE:**

In accordance with NH RSA 273-A, the financial terms of the agreement, referred to as 'cost items' in the RSA, must be submitted to the legislative body for approval in the case of multi-year agreements. While Town Meeting raises and appropriates funds for the ensuing year, this special warrant article essentially creates a promise to appropriate funds in a future year which becomes binding on the Town.

The agreement reached between the Town and the Union is a three year agreement (2015 – 2017) with wage and insurance provisions specified for years 2015 through 2017.

#### **CONTRACT COST ITEMS:**

Item:	Previous Contract	Current Proposal
WAGES	2.0% increase for 2012 and 2013 2.5% increase for 2014	2.5% increase (2015, 2016 & 2017)
HEALTH INSURANCE	NNEBT through Teamsters	No change in plans. CBA calls for members to pay increase above what Town currently pays for non-union HMO plan.
OTHER INSURANCES	Dental, Life, STD/LTD	Same: Dental, Life, STD/LTD
BOOT ALLOWANCE	\$150/year	\$250/year
LONGEVITY	\$100 for each completed year (ex. \$1,000 for 10 years of service)	No change in this benefit

Article 5 - Information Sheet



## 2015 Town Meeting Warrant – ARTICLE 6 OPERATING BUDGET

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### 2015 Town Council - Proposed Budget Summary

The estimated Town portion of the tax rate is **\$5.06 per \$1,000**. It reflects a **\$0.15** increase from 2014 to 2015, a **3.0% increase**, which would be a **\$60.00** per year increase in Town taxes for the average \$400,000 home in Bedford.

Highlighted below are the more significant projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that differ from the prior year budget:

- The **Town Manager** budget includes an increase of \$25k to hire a consultant to assist with the development of an economic development strategy.
- The **Information Technology** budget includes funding of \$148k for reinstatement of 2 full time positions, IT Manager and IT Technician, to replace the third party vendor that was trialed in 2014. This budget also includes \$30k for a website update and \$10k for capital reserve deposit for document imaging.
- The **Assessing** budget includes \$45k deposit to the capital reserve for revaluation work to begin in 2016.
- The **Legal** budget includes \$100k for general legal, \$20k for assessing appeals and \$10k for labor negotiations with the Fire Union.
- The **Planning Department** budget includes \$23,500 deposit to the capital reserve for a Town-wide master plan next scheduled for 2020 (work begins in 2018) and an impact fee study for 2018.
- The **Building Maintenance** budget includes \$40k of reserve deposits for general repairs (\$5k), PW building (\$10k), library parking lot (\$10k) and library septic system (\$15k). This budget also includes \$390k for a potential geothermal project at the library contingent upon full grant funding; \$54k for a contribution towards the replacement of the roof at BCTV/meeting room (total project \$134k, \$80k funded by BCTV reserves) and \$260k for installation of a ventilation system at the highway garage.



## 2015 Town Council - Proposed Budget Summary – continued

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- The **Police Administration** budget includes contractual merit of 3.5% for police union members, \$200k in potential grant expenses (\$70k COPs, \$80k Highway Safety and \$50k Homeland security for telephone system). These items are offset by grant revenue therefore there is no tax impact. Expenses are not incurred unless grant revenue is realized.
  - The **Police Communications** budget includes \$45k for capital reserve accounts for the dispatch radio console and communications network.
  - The **Police Patrol** budget includes \$66,579 for a new Patrol Sergeant position for 6 months. Funding for this position for a full year in future budgets will be at an additional cost of \$68k. This budget also includes an additional \$21k for increased overtime costs and \$35k for capital reserve deposits (\$15k mobile radios and \$20k for weapons replacement).
  - The **Fire Administration** budget includes an increase of \$240k for anticipated homeland security grants. Expenses are not incurred unless grant revenue is realized.
  - The **Fire Operations** budget includes a reduction of \$595k for ambulance #2/engine #3 replacements from 2014. This budget also includes \$50k to purchase 33 SCBA bottles and \$300k for capital reserve deposits for an ambulance (\$55k), engine (\$75k) and ladder truck (\$150k).
  - The **Public Works Local Road Maintenance** budget includes \$1,000,000 for local road maintenance. The Town's road rehabilitation program will be supplemented by approximately \$5 million in bond proceeds from the 2014 authorization of \$30 million.
  - The **Public Works Highway** budget includes a reduction of \$165k for vehicles purchased in 2014, and \$372k for a sweeper and roadside mower also purchased in 2014. This budget includes \$215k for deposits to various capital reserve accounts (details on page 11).
  - The **Public Works Winter Maintenance** budget includes an increase of approximately \$60k for additional expenses related to snow removal.
  - The **Transfer Station** budget includes a \$30k for capital reserve deposit for replacement of the solid waste backhoe.
  - The **Recreation Field** budget includes \$50k for a survey and design to rehabilitate Sportsman's field which is offset in full with a capital reserve withdrawal.
  - The **Library** budget includes an increase of approximately \$50k for various expenses including an increase in part time hours and anticipated increases in utilities.
  - The **Conservation Commission** budget includes \$300,691 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available and \$42.5k for a second attempt at the NHDRED grant (\$85k project – town matching through reserve funds) for Pulpit Rock that was not awarded in 2014.
  - The **Debt Service** budget includes all debt service principal and interest payments of the general fund including Safety Complex, Local Road Maintenance, Infrastructure, Landfill Closure and the Library (details on the bottom of page 8).
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**2015 Town Council - Proposed Budget Summary – continued**

<b>Tax Effect of Budget Increases/(Decreases):</b>					
<b>\$ Change to Budget</b>	<b>\$ Tax Impact</b>	<b>Additional \$ Cost to Taxpayer with:</b>			
		<b>\$300k</b>	<b>\$400k</b>	<b>\$500k</b>	
25,000	0.008	2.32	3.10	3.87	
50,000	0.015	4.65	6.20	7.75	
75,000	0.023	6.97	9.30	11.62	
100,000	0.031	9.30	12.40	15.50	
250,000	0.077	23.25	31.00	38.75	
500,000	0.155	46.50	62.00	77.50	
750,000	0.232	69.75	92.99	116.24	
1,000,000	0.310	92.99	123.99	154.99	

**BREAKDOWN OF YOUR TAX DOLLAR**



**Total School – 72%**

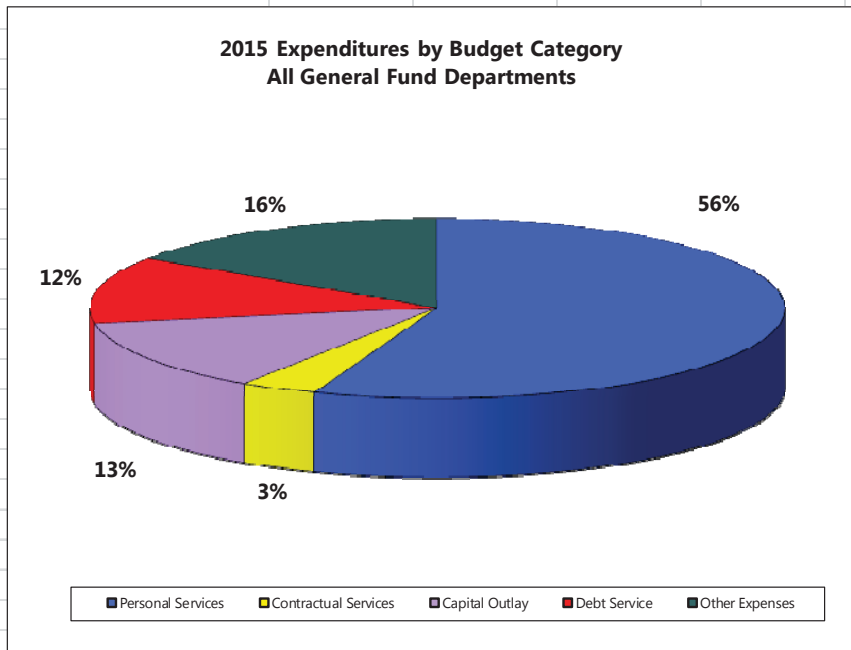
**County – 6%**

**Municipal– 22%**

**Municipal – 22%**  
Portion of your tax dollar being decided upon at Town Meeting.



Town of Bedford, New Hampshire					
2015 Municipal Budget					
ALL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS					
Appropriations by Function					
Description	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Recommended	Dollar Change	% Change
<b>General Fund</b>					
Administration	916,991	911,023	972,570	61,547	6.76%
Town Clerk & Elections	90,648	115,611	114,365	(1,246)	-1.08%
Financial Administration	3,138,465	3,345,870	3,398,882	53,012	1.58%
Buildings & Grounds	670,194	832,791	1,567,448	734,657	88.22%
Planning & Zoning	441,669	635,036	754,268	119,232	18.78%
Police	3,960,272	4,540,325	4,918,391	378,066	8.33%
Fire	4,256,279	4,059,202	3,991,092	(68,110)	-1.68%
Public Works	5,119,510	5,221,248	4,921,585	(299,663)	-5.74%
Recreation	205,430	204,946	218,541	13,595	6.63%
Library	1,021,917	1,038,620	1,085,729	47,109	4.54%
Debt Service	3,352,198	3,206,678	3,016,813	(189,865)	-5.92%
<b>Total for Division</b>	<b>\$ 23,173,572</b>	<b>\$ 24,111,350</b>	<b>\$ 24,959,684</b>	<b>\$ 848,334</b>	<b>3.52%</b>
Appropriations by Budget Category					
Description	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Recommended	Dollar Change	% Change
Personal Services	12,619,733	13,377,345	13,917,102	539,757	4.03%
Contractual Services	905,296	751,416	893,230	141,814	18.87%
Capital Outlay	2,623,505	3,140,167	3,219,619	79,452	2.53%
Debt Service	3,352,198	3,206,678	3,016,813	(189,865)	-5.92%
Other Expenses	3,672,842	3,635,744	3,912,920	277,176	7.62%
<b>Total Department - All GF</b>	<b>\$ 23,173,572</b>	<b>\$ 24,111,350</b>	<b>\$ 24,959,684</b>	<b>\$ 848,334</b>	<b>3.52%</b>







**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
2015 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS**

DEPARTMENT	2014 WORKING BUDGET	2014 * EXPENDED <i>Unaudited</i>	2015 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2015 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
TOWN COUNCIL	15,851	38,220	15,851	15,827
TOWN MANAGER	251,777	223,503	308,880	308,806
VOTER REGISTRATION	13,553	8,305	7,691	7,637
ELECTION	6,823	8,746	7,142	7,088
TOWN CLERK	95,235	95,666	96,696	99,511
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	464,637	518,517	494,679	494,679
TAX COLLECTOR	157,902	152,782	160,094	159,986
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	389,844	388,448	385,817	385,688
ASSESSING	313,827	311,748	321,077	320,285
LEGAL EXPENSE	135,000	110,092	137,000	132,000
PLANNING BOARD	19,000	17,714	19,400	19,400
ZONING BOARD	5,557	4,027	5,567	5,565
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	1,240	281	1,141	1,141
PLANNING/ZONING	331,199	305,342	339,331	338,081
TOWN HALL	25,411	26,163	29,434	29,434
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	400,737	391,129	403,103	1,106,935
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	132,443	210,486	218,571	168,537
CEMETERIES	28,200	20,017	28,200	28,200
INSURANCE	2,450,153	2,285,476	2,537,229	2,485,730
NH MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	21,160	21,106	21,160	21,160
SOUTHERN NH PLANNING	13,654	13,653	13,663	13,663
FUND BALANCE RESERVE	-	-	-	-
UNALLOCATED RESERVE	25,000	-	50,000	50,000
<b>POLICE</b>				
Administration	669,292	500,976	801,799	801,440
Communications	704,262	726,102	727,323	727,195
Patrol	2,397,933	2,329,899	2,594,293	2,591,181
Detectives	723,334	712,552	745,127	744,445
Animal Control	48,658	47,443	49,849	49,802
<b>Subtotal Police</b>	<b>\$ 4,543,479</b>	<b>\$ 4,316,973</b>	<b>\$ 4,918,391</b>	<b>\$ 4,914,063</b>
<b>FIRE</b>				
Administration	280,282	297,452	397,867	537,569
Operations	3,298,182	3,245,071	3,050,793	2,970,718
Building Inspection	174,663	176,416	163,186	162,702
Health Department	25,597	25,571	26,246	26,141
Hydrant Rental	284,000	277,209	288,000	288,000
<b>Subtotal Fire</b>	<b>\$ 4,062,724</b>	<b>\$ 4,021,720</b>	<b>\$ 3,926,092</b>	<b>\$ 3,985,130</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Administration	414,511	411,324	432,488	432,065
Local Road Maintenance	1,000,000	1,013,657	1,200,000	1,000,000
Highway	2,238,021	2,214,525	1,908,724	1,844,566
Winter Maintenance	468,808	548,377	538,903	538,420
Traffic Control	89,500	94,911	94,500	94,500
Solid Waste	1,013,483	947,629	1,046,970	1,006,442
<b>Subtotal Public Works</b>	<b>\$ 5,224,323</b>	<b>\$ 5,230,424</b>	<b>\$ 5,221,585</b>	<b>\$ 4,915,993</b>



**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
2015 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>2014 WORKING BUDGET</b>	<b>2014 * EXPENDED <i>Unaudited</i></b>	<b>2015 MANAGER RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>2015 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>				
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	15,000	1,084	15,000	15,000
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Administration	101,309	101,130	102,717	102,708
Programs	33,783	26,137	36,000	36,000
Pool	69,562	64,513	81,824	75,809
Fields	246,000	232,075	234,200	234,200
<b>Subtotal Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 450,654</b>	<b>\$ 423,855</b>	<b>\$ 454,741</b>	<b>\$ 448,717</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	1,041,058	1,008,643	1,075,895	1,085,449
<b>TOWN EVENTS</b>	2,000	1,400	4,000	4,000
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	267,231	5,939	310,580	375,166
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	3,206,678	3,206,679	3,016,813	3,016,813
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 24,111,350</b>	<b>\$ 23,368,140</b>	<b>\$ 24,544,823</b>	<b>\$ 24,959,684</b>
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>				
Police Special Detail	434,587	242,148	402,725	402,725
Recreation Day Camp	99,025	56,566	95,225	95,225
Bedford Community Television	407,659	392,421	481,075	561,075
Sewer Fund	920,054	833,472	1,247,872	1,247,872
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	48,000	48,000	38,000	38,000
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 26,020,675</b>	<b>\$ 24,940,746</b>	<b>\$ 26,809,720</b>	<b>\$ 27,304,581</b>
<i>* Preliminary/Unaudited</i>				

**Debt Service Payments** (*principal and interest*) are included in the above proposed budget in the following departments:

Landfill Closure: \$108,600

Infrastructure: \$1,496,094 (1)

Road Resurfacing: \$1,296,000

Library: \$116,119

**Total GF: \$3,016,813**

(1) The total debt service for infrastructure bonds (issued in 2011 and 2013) amounts to \$1,601,394 for 2015. In 2013, the Town Council approved an allocation of \$900,000 (12.5%) of the 2013 infrastructure bond proceeds to help fund the SRR TIF project, therefore that portion of debt service, \$105,300 for 2015, is to be paid by the SRR TIF increment revenue.



**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
2015 PROPOSED REVENUES**

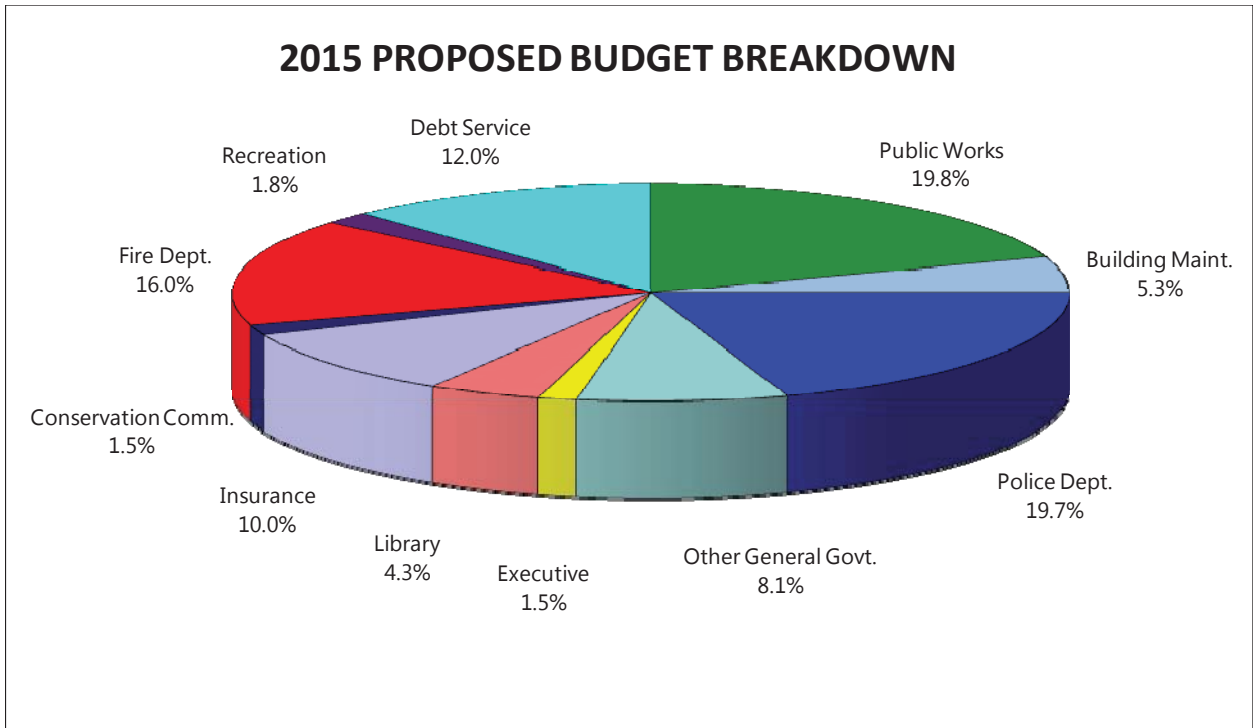
DEPARTMENT	2014 APPROVED BUDGET	2014 * REVENUES <i>Unaudited</i>	2015 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2015 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
TOWN COUNCIL	-	-	-	-
TOWN MANAGER	1,500	2,515	1,500	1,500
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION	-	-	-	-
TAX COLLECTOR	4,649,500	5,183,399	4,912,200	4,912,200
Property Taxes	15,275,686	14,837,084	15,910,035	15,570,168
TOWN CLERK	40,000	47,082	42,250	42,250
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	1,063,582	1,266,866	1,007,690	1,176,918
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	-	-	-	-
ASSESSING	-	-	-	-
PLANNING BOARD	40,000	40,000	30,000	30,000
ZONING BOARD	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
PLANNING	-	4,825	56,392	84,764
TOWN HALL	2,000	1,565	2,000	2,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	80,006	80,007	36,000	24,000
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	110,000	144,910	110,760	110,760
CEMETERIES	5,000	12,000	7,500	7,500
POLICE				
Administration	185,000	126,122	256,250	256,250
Patrol	89,092	89,091	89,092	89,092
<b>Subtotal Police</b>	<b>\$ 274,092</b>	<b>\$ 215,213</b>	<b>\$ 345,342</b>	<b>\$ 345,342</b>
FIRE				
Administration	993,885	1,228,701	813,787	953,787
Operations	-	-	-	-
Building/Health Inspection	191,000	306,446	192,300	192,300
<b>Subtotal Fire</b>	<b>\$ 1,184,885</b>	<b>\$ 1,535,147</b>	<b>\$ 1,006,087</b>	<b>\$ 1,146,087</b>
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	537,754	610,889	538,610	931,524
Highway	350,492	350,346	-	-
Transfer Station	134,676	132,493	133,980	133,980
<b>Subtotal Public Works</b>	<b>\$ 1,022,922</b>	<b>\$ 1,093,728</b>	<b>\$ 672,590</b>	<b>\$ 1,065,504</b>
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	-	-	-	-
RECREATION				
Administration	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Programs	25,000	23,789	22,000	22,000
Fields	1,500	1,550	51,500	51,500
Pool	48,200	42,336	43,500	43,500
<b>Subtotal Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 89,700</b>	<b>\$ 82,675</b>	<b>\$ 132,000</b>	<b>\$ 132,000</b>
LIBRARY	-	67	-	-
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	264,477	-	264,477	300,691
<b>TOTAL 2015 GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 24,111,350</b>	<b>\$ 24,555,082</b>	<b>\$ 24,544,823</b>	<b>\$ 24,959,684</b>



**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
2015 PROPOSED REVENUES**

DEPARTMENT		2014 APPROVED BUDGET	2014 * REVENUES <i>Unaudited</i>	2015 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2015 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>					
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	Recreation Day Camp	99,025	84,780	95,225	95,225
	Bedford Community Television	407,659	427,063	481,075	561,075
	Sewer Fund	920,054	1,305,876	1,247,872	1,247,872
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>					
	Other Special Revenue Funds	48,000	48,000	38,000	38,000
<b>TOTAL 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 26,020,675</b>	<b>\$ 26,619,438</b>	<b>\$ 26,809,720</b>	<b>\$ 27,304,581</b>

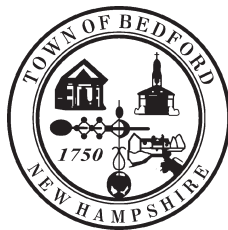
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TOWN OF BEDFORD					
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					
ANTICIPATED ACTIVITY FOR 2015 - <b>COUNCIL RECOMMENDED</b>					
Reserve Account	Ref. #	Est. 2014 Balance	2015 Deposits	2015 Withdrawals	Est. 2015 Balance
Conservation Commission		300,691			300,691
Town Office Restoration	I.A.	69,971	5,000		74,971
Land Reserve	I.D.	38,139			38,139
Commercial Reassessment	I.F.	45,000	45,000		90,000
MS Open Licensing	I.I.	24,097	-		24,097
Document Imaging	I.J.	30,069	10,000		40,069
Safety Complex	II.C.	31,422	5,000		36,422
Police Portable Radios	II.B.	15,000	15,000		30,000
Police Communications Network	II. C.	15,000	15,000		30,000
Police Communications Infrastructure		30,000	30,000		60,000
Police Weapon Replacement	II.D.	7,500	7,500		15,000
Police Taser Replacement		-	12,500		12,500
Fire - Ambulance Replacement	III.A.	45,952	75,000		120,952
Fire - SCBA/Equipment Rplc	III.B.	60,279			60,279
Fire Engine Replacement	III.C.	232,713	75,000		307,713
Fire - Ladder Truck Replacement	III. G.	225,818	150,000		375,818
Rec - Vehicles/Equipment	IV. A.	15,107			15,107
Rec - Field Development & Repairs	IV.F.	118,934		(50,000)	68,934
Rec - Pool Building/Equip	IV.G.	36,369	5,000		41,369
Rec - Heavy Equipment	IV.H.	100,831	12,000		112,831
Library Septic System	V.G.	31,539	15,000		46,539
Library Parking Lot Construction	V.I.	50,153	10,000		60,153
Planning - Master Plan	VI.A.	105,844	17,500		123,344
Planning - Route 3 Improvements	VI.B.	10,624			10,624
Planning - Impact Fee Update	VI.C.	6,000	6,000		12,000
PW - Solid Waste Backhoe	VII.A.	47,488	30,000		77,488
PW - Transfer Station Improvements	VII.C.	435,951			435,951
PW - Traffic Signal Improvements	VIII.C.	-	5,000		5,000
PW - Pick Up Truck Reserve	VIII.D.	20,272	20,000		40,272
PW - One-Ton Trucks	VIII.E.	91,485	-		91,485
PW - Six Wheel Dump	VIII.F.	-	75,000		75,000
PW - Ten Wheel Dump Truck	VIII.G.	30,000	25,000		55,000
PW - All Purpose Tractor	VIII.H.	17,500	15,000		32,500
PW - Front End Loader Replacement	VIII.I.	146,004	25,000		171,004
PW - Loader/Backhoe Replacement	VIII.J.	50,080	15,000		65,080
PW - Sweeper Replacement	VIII.K.	386	25,000		25,386
PW - Roadside Mower	VIII.L.	177	15,000		15,177
PW - Compressor Replacement	VIII.O.	52,041			52,041
PW - Chipper	VIII.P.	30,879			30,879
PW - Grader	VIII.R.	243,983			243,983
Sidewalk/Pedestrian Reserve	VIII.T.	13,892		(13,892)	-
Building Addition	VIII.U.	29,087	10,000		39,087
BCTV Digital to HD	IX.E.	25,097		(25,000)	97
<b>Total Town Capital Reserves</b>		<b>\$ 2,881,374</b>	<b>\$ 770,500</b>	<b>\$ (88,892)</b>	<b>\$ 3,562,982</b>





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