

Annual Report
of Town Officials, Departments,
and Committees

Town of Alstead
New Hampshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022



TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

DEDICATION



2023 marks the first time in 84 years that Alstead residents will be without the presence of Joanne (Pitcher) and Francis "Sonny" Stevens.

Born and raised in Alstead, Joanne and Sonny attended Alstead schools and graduated from Vilas High School. As adults, they chose to remain in Alstead, among family and friends, where they raised their family and dedicated their lives to enjoying a quiet rural life and participating in and bettering their community.

Several decades prior, Sonny and Joanne's own parents and grandparents settled in Alstead and set a good example of service to community. Joanne's grandparents, Earl and Vera (Comstock) Pitcher, lived on Mechanic Street; Earl served as town road agent in the 1940s. Joanne's parents, Maurice and Lilla (Simino) Pitcher, lived on Main and Pleasant Streets before settling down in their newly built house on River Street in 1957. Maurice owned and operated the iconic general store in the building that once stood in the town center at the corner by the bridge. Lilla was a cook in the kitchens of Alstead schools and the Roman's boys' school in East Alstead. Sonny's folks, Ray and Irene (Covey) Stevens, lived on

Drewsville Road and, before moving into the house where Sonny and Joanne lived prior to their passing, operated the Stevens Dairy Farm across the road. Irene also served as Alstead's town librarian for many years and was a long-serving member of The Grange.

Following the example of their parents, Joanne and Sonny worked hard and immersed themselves in their community and in the Third Congregational Church on River Street, where they were married, had their four children baptized, and remained steadfast members until their passings in 2022. Both maintained life-long friendships with those they knew and/or met along the way and were always ready to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. Anyone who has resided in Alstead for any length of time may remember Joanne's homemade bread, dubbed "Jo Dough," which she sold at the Alstead Village Store on Mechanic Street. She also clerked there for a while before becoming Alstead's reporter for several local newspapers. Unless he was relaxing on his screen porch, Sonny couldn't sit still for long. In his more healthy days, he could be spotted out and about, assisting a fellow resident, transporting someone to church or a doctor's appointment, or making the weekly trash run at the church. Both Sonny and Joanne served non-stop within the church and its many committees until they were no longer physically able to do so. Each of them was social and welcoming. Many might describe them as Alstead "fixtures."

Just as their predecessors set good examples for them, Sonny and Joanne served as wonderful examples to those who will carry on in their absence. Make them proud. In their memory, say "yes," when asked to serve or, better yet, volunteer and get involved before being asked! Every individual has the power to make a difference in their community. Joanne and Sonny knew this and were living examples of it.

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TOWN INFORMATION

www.alsteadnh.org

SELECT BOARD

603-835-2986 Fax: 603-835-2178
Mary Schoppmeyer, Admin Email: alsteadadmin@alsteadnh.org
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

MEETINGS: Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted (check website)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

603-835-2242 Fax: 603-835-2178
Julie Bacon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Sharon Iozzo
Email: jbacon@alsteadnh.org alsteaddeputy@alsteadnh.org
Monday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

HIGHWAY GARAGE

603-835-2428 Cell 603-209-3899
Prescott Trafton, Road Agent Email: prescotttrafton@comcast.net

TRANSFER STATION

603-835-2425
Wednesday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AMBULANCE/RESCUE SQUAD

Non-emergency 603-852-4144
Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief Email: alsteadambulance1ac1@gmail.com

MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency 603-835-6088
Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief

MEETINGS: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency 603-835-6277 Fax: 603-835-5546
Stephen Murrell, Police Chief www.alsteadpolice.com

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven Reynolds 603-313-3846
Deputy Director: Darren Perlongo 770-883--2734

HEALTH OFFICER

Michael Jasmin 603-209-4068
Assistant HO: Randall Rhoades 603-835-9018 evenings

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETINGS: First Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Offices

PLANNING BOARD

Melanie Marsden, Administrator 603-209-6846 Email: alstead.pb-zba@comcast.net
MEETINGS: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Melanie Marsden, Administrator (see Planning Board)
MEETINGS: First Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bruce Bellows 603-835-6751

SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

603-835-6661
Alyson Montgomery, Librarian Email: librarian@sheddporter.org www.sheddporter.org
Tuesday 2:00–5:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 - Noon

EMERGENCY: Police, Ambulance and Fire – 911; 24-hour dispatch 355-2000

TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

<http://www.alsteadnh.org>

Select Board

Joseph Levesque	Term Ends 2023
Joel McCarty	Term Ends 2024
Matthew Saxton	Term Ends 2025

Elections

Susan Norlander	Moderator	Term Ends 2024
David Miller	Assistant Moderator	Term Ends 2024
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of the Checklist	Term Ends 2023
Erin Heidorn	Supervisor of the Checklist	Term Ends 2024
Penny Gendron	Supervisor of the Checklist	Term Ends 2028

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Julie Bacon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term Ends 2024
Sharon Iozzo	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term Ends 2024

Treasurer

Hans Waldmann	Term Ends 2023
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Department Heads

Prescott Trafton	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Steve Murrell	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Steven Reynolds	Emergency Management Director	Appointed
Darren Perlongo	Assistant Director, Emergency Mgmt.	Appointed
Jesse Moore	Ambulance Chief	Appointed
Alyson Montgomery	Librarian	Appointed
Matthew Saxton	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Michael Jasmin	Health Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Asst. Health Officer	Appointed

Trustees of Trust Funds

Ellen Chase	Term Ends 2023
Bruce Bellows	Term Ends 2024
Jodi Kercewich	Term Ends 2025

Shedd Porter Memorial Library

Matthew Saxton, Chair	Term Ends 2025
Carol Reller, Clerk	Term Ends 2025
Karn McShane, Treasurer	Term Ends 2023
Kathy Torrey	Term Ends 2023
Joseph Levesque, Alternate	Term Ends 2023
Susan Norlander, Asst. Chair	Term Ends 2024

TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES - CONTINUED

Inspectors of Elections - Terms End 2024

Ellen Chase	Michael Jasmin
Holly Gay	Mark Mastrocinque
Chris Hanson	Marge Noonan
Laurence Howard	Joanne Wildes

Planning Board

Gordon Kemp	Ex-Officio Member
Peter Rhoades, Chair	Term Ends 2023
Chris Reitmann	Term Ends 2023
Joyce Cull, Alternate	Term Ends 2024
David Konesko	Term Ends 2025
Ellen Chase	Term Ends 2025
Justin Falango	Term Ends 2025

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Joseph Cartwright, Alternate	Term Ends 2024
Kevin Clark	Term Ends 2024
David Konesko	Term Ends 2024
Dennis Molesky, Chair	Term Ends 2025
Michael Rau	Term Ends 2025
Joseph Levesque	Term Ends 2025

Conservation Commission

Nancy Montgomery, Alternate	Term Ends 2023
David Moody	Term Ends 2023
Sarah Webb, Chair	Term Ends 2024
Donna Sabin	Term Ends 2024
Joyce Cull, Alternate	Term Ends 2024
John Mann, Alternate	Term Ends 2024
Joyce Campbell-Counts	Term Ends 2025

Cemetery Commission

Ellen Chase	Term Ends 2023
Bruce Bellows	Term Ends 2024
Jodi Kercewich	Term Ends 2025

FMRSD School Board - Alstead Representative

Joseph Levesque	Term Ends 2024
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The sample ballots on pages 7 - 11 are the outcome of the Deliberative Session. The Warrant and the MS-636 on pages 12 - 25 are inputs to the Deliberative Session. Significant changes were made to the Warrant and the budget during the Deliberative Session; these changes are reflected on the ballots. This document attempts to reflect the entire process.

**2023 SAMPLE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN BALLOT
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">SELECT BOARD (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</p> <p><u>William Jordan Cannon</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Gordon Kemp</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Michael Rau</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TREASURER (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</p> <p><u>Hans Waldmann</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</p> <p><u>Allan Kauders</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> write-in</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2</p> <p><u>Kathy Torrey</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Karn McShane</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST (6 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</p> <p><u>Bobbie Wilson</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</p> <p><u>Allan Kauders</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> write-in</p>

2023 SAMPLE BALLOT (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

TO VOTE, completely fill in OVAL to the right of your choice(s) like this: 

ARTICLES

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,739,260. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,732,234 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$6.19 per 1000)

Yes No

Article 03 Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$418,575 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsun Mine Rd with up to \$403,575 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and up to \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 04

New 10-Wheel Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new 10-wheel dump truck, with up to \$180,000 to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 38 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 05 Purchase & Equip a Used Ambulance Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used ambulance vehicle, with \$180,000 to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 06 Road Striping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the purpose of striping roads, \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (1-2). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

2023 SAMPLE BALLOT (CONTINUED)

Article 07 Dust Control

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of Dust Control, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required)
(Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 08 Add to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,033 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$45,033 to come from the Alstead Special One-Time Bridge Payment. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 09 Add to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$8,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 4 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 10 Add to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 11 Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 12 Add to the Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 13 Add to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (0-3). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

2023 SAMPLE BALLOT (CONTINUED)

Article 14 Add to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 39 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 15 Add to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 34 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 16 Repair and Preserve the Historical Society Steeple

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$40,000 for the purpose of repairing, painting, and preserving the Historical Society Steeple, with \$30,000 to be raised by taxation and \$10,000 to be donated by Alstead Historical Society. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the contractor completes the work in 2024. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 16 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 17 Purchase Main Street Property (M11 L2)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$0 for the purpose of purchasing the Main Street property next to the Town Hall (M11 L2), with \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (1-2). (Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 18 Repair Fire Engine 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 3, with \$30,000 to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 19 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA equipment for the Fire Department, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 10 cents per 1000)

Yes No

2023 SAMPLE BALLOT (CONTINUED)

Article 20 Authorize Library Trustees to Manage Unanticipated Funds

Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required).

Yes No

Article 21 Adopt a 4% Tax Cap per RSA 32:5-b

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.) (3/5 Vote Required.)

Yes No

Article 22 Rescind the 3% tax cap

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Town in Warrant Article #21 on March 11, 2014, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.) (3/5 Vote Required.)

Yes No

Article 23 Re-adopt Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28, II)

Shall the Town READOPT the VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit of three hundred dollars (\$300) on residential property? (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 24 Re-adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b)

Shall the Town RE-ADOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, which was originally adopted in 2022? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be three hundred dollars (\$300), which is the same amount as the standard veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Yes No



2023
WARRANT

Alstead

The inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: February 4, 2023
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Town Hall, 9 Main Street
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 14, 2023
Time: 8 AM – 7 PM
Location: Town Hall, 9 Main Street
Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 30, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Offices, and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Joseph Levesque	Select Board Chair	
Joel McCarty	Select Board	
Matthew Saxton	Select Board	



Article 01 Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,692,584. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,732,234 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$8.72 per 1000)

Article 03 Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$418,575 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsum Mine Rd with up to \$403,575 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and up to \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Article 04 New 10-Wheel Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new 10-wheel dump truck, with up to \$180,000 to come from Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 38 cents per 1000)

Article 05 Purchase & Equip a Used Ambulance Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used ambulance vehicle, with \$180,000 to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Article 06 Road Striping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the purpose of striping roads, \$11,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 5 cents per 1000)



Article 07 Dust Control

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of Dust Control, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 7 cents per 1000)

Article 08 Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,033 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$45,033 to be come from the Alstead Special One-Time Bridge Payment. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Article 09 Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$8,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 4 cents per 1000)

Article 10 Add to Shedd-Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$25,00 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Article 11 Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$25,000 is to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Article 12 Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Article 13 Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$5,000 is to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 2.5 cents per 1000)



Article 14 Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 39 cents per 1000)

Article 15 Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 34 cents per 1000)

Article 16 Repair and Preserve the Historical Society Steeple

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$40,000 for the purpose of repairing and preserving the Historical Society Steeple, with \$40,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the contractor completes the work in 2024. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 21 cents per 1000)

Article 17 Purchase Main Street Property (M11 L2)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing the Main Street property next to the Town Hall (M11 L2), with \$35,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 18 cents per 1000)

Article 18 Repair Fire Engine 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 3, with \$30,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 15 cents per 1000)

Article 19 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA equipment for the Fire Department, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 10 cents per 1000)

Article 20 Authorize Library Trustees to Manage Unanticipated

Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required).



Article 21 Adopt a 5% Tax Cap per RSA 23:5-b

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 5%? Public Hearing Required. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (3/5 Vote Required.)

Article 22 Rescind the 3% tax cap

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Town in Warrant Article #21 on March 11, 2014, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.) (3/5 Vote Required.)

Article 23 Re-adopt Optional Veteran's Tax Credit (72:28,II)

Shall the Town READOPT the VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit of three hundred dollars (\$300) on residential property? (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Article 24 Re-adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b)

Shall the Town RE-ADOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, which was originally adopted in 2022? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a cred under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be three hundred dollars (\$300), which is the same amount as the standard veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130-4139	Executive	02	\$95,042	\$105,523	\$86,976	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$47,474	\$58,756	\$51,806	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	02	\$39,611	\$43,091	\$43,369	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	02	\$29,274	\$30,500	\$31,500	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$14,086	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	02	\$176,566	\$171,164	\$207,155	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	02	\$9,991	\$9,130	\$10,828	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$151,040	\$164,516	\$151,038	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$29,277	\$29,222	\$28,223	\$0
4196	Insurance	02	\$21,567	\$18,135	\$25,110	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	02	\$3,702	\$3,667	\$3,679	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$617,630	\$641,204	\$649,684	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	02	\$187,602	\$191,349	\$196,620	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	02	\$52,757	\$43,792	\$55,303	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	02	\$58,787	\$69,193	\$55,986	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	02	\$29,031	\$29,138	\$29,639	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$328,177	\$333,473	\$337,549	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	02	\$77,175	\$77,006	\$79,213	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$354,921	\$684,772	\$358,015	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$6,383	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$438,479	\$1,017,778	\$443,728	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending 12/31/2022	for period ending 12/31/2022	ending 12/31/2023	ending 12/31/2023
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	02	\$75,580	\$78,512	\$76,146	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$119,917	\$85,284	\$102,092	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$195,497	\$163,796	\$178,238	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	02	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	02	\$18,653	\$16,400	\$17,257	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$16,653	\$17,400	\$18,257	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	02	\$1,530	\$10,330	\$10,330	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$1,530	\$10,330	\$10,330	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	02	\$8,601	\$8,544	\$7,845	\$0
4550-4559	Library	02	\$56,311	\$47,488	\$45,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$275	\$501	\$376	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$65,187	\$56,534	\$53,222	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	02	\$1,134	\$1,026	\$1,076	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$1,134	\$1,026	\$1,076	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$153,902	\$214,000	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$153,902	\$214,000	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$1,692,584	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4194	General Government Buildings	16 <i>Purpose: Repair and Preserve the Historical Society Steeple</i>	\$40,000	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03 <i>Purpose: Paving</i>	\$418,575	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04 <i>Purpose: New 10-Wheel Dump Truck</i>	\$225,000	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	05 <i>Purpose: Purchase & Equip a Used Ambulance Vehicle</i>	\$180,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08 <i>Purpose: Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$45,033	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09 <i>Purpose: Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$8,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10 <i>Purpose: Add to Shedd-Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11 <i>Purpose: Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12 <i>Purpose: Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13 <i>Purpose: Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14 <i>Purpose: Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$75,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15 <i>Purpose: Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$65,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$1,126,608	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4220-4229	Fire	19 <i>Purpose: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus</i>	\$20,000	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	18 <i>Purpose: Repair Fire Engine 3</i>	\$30,000	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06 <i>Purpose: Road Striping</i>	\$11,000	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	07 <i>Purpose: Dust Control</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4901	Land	17 <i>Purpose: Purchase Main Street Property (M11 L2)</i>	\$35,000	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$111,000	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	02	\$34,986	\$30,000	\$25,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$11,892	\$20,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$1,302	\$1,300	\$800
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$31,284	\$5,000	\$5,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$79,464	\$56,300	\$45,800
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$355,294	\$380,000	\$380,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$938	\$900	\$900
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$12,225	\$10,500	\$10,500
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$368,457	\$391,400	\$391,400
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$163,372	\$144,500	\$144,500
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$76,663	\$93,000	\$93,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$2	\$2	\$2
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	08	\$0	\$0	\$45,033
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$240,037	\$237,502	\$282,535
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$139,823	\$100,000	\$117,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$139,823	\$100,000	\$117,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$19,680	\$18,000	\$18,000
3503-3509	Other	02	\$116,204	\$117,400	\$117,400
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$135,884	\$140,400	\$140,400



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	05, 04	\$110,000	\$385,000	\$360,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$110,000	\$385,000	\$360,000
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	03	\$0	\$0	\$403,575
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$403,575
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,073,665	\$1,310,602	\$1,740,710



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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2023
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,692,584
Special Warrant Articles	\$1,126,608
Individual Warrant Articles	\$111,000
Total Appropriations	\$2,930,192
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,740,710
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,189,482



Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Alstead

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the estimated revenues used computing the tax rate.

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Taxes				
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
3180	Resident Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal	\$56,300	\$0	\$56,300
Licenses, Permits, and Fees				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$380,000	\$0	\$380,000
3230	Building Permits	\$900	\$0	\$900
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$10,500	\$0	\$10,500
3311-3319	From Federal Government	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal	\$391,400	\$0	\$391,400
State Sources				
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$144,500	\$18,872	\$163,372
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$93,000	\$2,378	\$95,378
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$2	\$0	\$2
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$0	\$2,657	\$2,657
3379	From Other Governments	\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal	\$237,502	\$23,907	\$261,409
Charges for Services				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000



Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Miscellaneous Revenues				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
3502	Interest on Investments	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
3503-3509	Other	\$117,400	\$0	\$117,400
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$140,400	\$0	\$140,400
Interfund Operating Transfers In				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$385,000	\$0	\$385,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$385,000	\$0	\$385,000
Other Financing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revised Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$1,310,602	\$23,907	\$1,334,509



Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

	Estimated	Change Amount	State Adjusted
Subtotal of Revenues	\$1,310,602	\$23,907	\$1,334,509
Unassigned Fund Balance (Unreserved)	\$0	\$811,320	\$811,320
(Less) Emergency Appropriations (RSA 32:11)	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Less) Voted from Fund Balance	\$332,500	(\$8,750)	\$323,750
(Less) Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance Retained	(\$332,500)	\$820,070	\$487,570
Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,643,102	\$15,157	\$1,658,259
Requested Overlay	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000

Assessment Overview

Total Appropriations	\$2,778,541
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,658,259
Net Assessment	\$1,120,282

Explanation of Adjustments

Account	Reason for Adjustment	Warrant Number
3352	=STATE REVENUE	02
3353	=STATE REVENUE	02
3359	RETIREMENT	

2022 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

Moderator Susan Norlander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The Moderator discussed the procedures and the rules of conduct. The Moderator also introduced the officials that were present and announced the date and time of the town election.

Article 01: Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,657,689. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,623,522 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion:

Motion to reconsider: Allan Kauders

Second: Michael Rau

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot. as written

Article 03: Additional Cost-of-Living Adjustment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,352 for the purpose of providing an additional cost-of-living adjustment for employees. This amount will continue as part of the base salary. The sum of \$12,352 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Allan Kauders

To place funds back in operating budget and change wording "to see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to use funds in the operating budget to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for employees"

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 04: Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up \$300,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsum Mine Rd with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Joseph Levesque

to add "to" after the word "up"

Amended by majority vote

Motion to accept the amendment: Jerome Blake

Second: Glenn Elsesser

Further discussion:

Glenn Elsesser explained that the paving would begin where it left off last year and extend towards Gilsum. The road also needs drainage. He pointed out that the cost has increased and has fallen behind due to inflation of supplies.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 05: New International CV 6-Wheel Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new International CV 6-wheel truck to replace the 2012 Dodge truck with \$110,000 to come from Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$44,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joseph Levesque

No Discussion

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

2022 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Article 06: Road Sweeping and Striping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of sweeping and striping roads, \$22,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser
to change amount to \$11,000

Second: Gordon Kemp

Amended by majority vote

Motion to accept the amendment-Richard Nalevanko

Second: Gordon Kemp

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 07: Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Bobbie Wilson, Mary Ann Wolf, Glenn Elsesser-Total existing funds in Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund=\$250,756.16

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 08: Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, \$130,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Glenn Elsesser-Total existing funds in Highway Capital Reserve Fund=\$265,750.48

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 09: Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

to change amount to \$40,000

Total existing funds in Bridge Capital Reserve Fund=\$463,068.70

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 10: Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$3,750 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$3,750 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Jean Kelly spoke on safety and upkeep that needs to be done

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

to change wording "with \$7,500 to be raised by taxation" not from unassigned fund balance

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 11: Add to Shedd-Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$12,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$12,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

2022 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Richard Nalevanko

“to reduce amount to \$12,500 to come from unassigned fund balance; may qualify for grant instead of using funds raised by taxation”

Further discussion:

Matthew Saxton-need to get updated quote to replace the copper roof

Total existing funds in Library Capital Reserve Fund=\$28,320.65

Motion withdrawn: Gordon Kemp

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

to change amount to \$15,000 to come from taxation

Further discussion:

Joseph Levesque talked about Lchip for grant. Assessment would need to be done.

Mary Ann Wolf, Richard Nalevanko

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Richard Nalevanko

“to change amount to \$25,000 to come from taxation”

Vote on amendment: in favor=14, opposed=22

Amendment failed

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 12: Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$30,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion: Allan Kauders, Mary Ann Wolf-existing ambulance is used and will need to upgrade

Total existing funds in Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund=\$177,453.15

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 13: Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$7,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$7,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Allan Kauders, Joel McCarty

Total existing funds in Police Capital Reserve Fund=\$29,706.76

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 14: New Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and equipment with \$25,000 to come from Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011 and up to \$35,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the cruiser is purchased or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Allan Kauders, Erin Heidorn

Q: Priscilla Sawa-what is non-lapsing?

A: Joel McCarty-Supply chain and vehicle availability

Gordon Kemp-asked questions about getting upgraded vehicle due to ground clearance. Stephen Murrell-validated that the current cruisers have low clearance. Next vehicle will be a Tahoe

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 15: Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$10,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

2022 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend-Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

to change "the sum of \$10,000 is to come from Vilas Pool funds held by the town treasurer"

Further discussion:

Matthew Saxton, Bobbie Wilson, Charlotte Comeau, Mary Ann Wolf, Joseph Levesque

Total amount in Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund=0

Vote on amendment: in favor=19, oppose=14

Amendment failed

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 16: Paint Historical Society Steeple

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$32,000 for the purpose of painting the Historical Society Steeple with \$8,750 to come from unassigned fund balance and up to \$23,250 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend-Gordon Kemp

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

to change to \$0 and wait another year

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 17: Ground Penetrating Radar Survey

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of conducting a ground penetrating radar survey for Rust and Slade Cemeteries, this is a one-time expense. The sum of \$7,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joseph Levesque

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

to change to \$0

Further discussion:

Q: Gordon Kemp-is this process necessary to use the cemeteries?

A: Joel McCarty-yes

Vote on amendment: in favor=17, Opposed=17

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 18: Bridge Design and Consulting Services

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$250,000 for the purposes of analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and estimating the cost of the replacement or repair of six bridges in Town. Hill Road (2), Drews Ville Road (1), Comstock Road (1), North Road (1), Thayer Brook Road (1). The entire sum to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 21, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

to reduce to \$150,000, strike the Thayer Brook Rd (it is a box culvert not a bridge) and change "six" to "five"

Vote on amendment: in favor=15, opposed=16

Further discussion:

Joseph Levesque suggested to amend striking Thayer Brook Rd and change "six" to "five"

Joel McCarty, David Therrien, Glenn Elsesser, Allan Kauders

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: David Therrien

to strike Thayer Brook and change "six" to "five"

Amended by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

2022 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Article 19: Adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$300.00, the same amount as the standard veterans' tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Julie Bacon

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

No Discussion

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 20: Estimated Tax Impact

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. This is recommended by the Select Board (3-0) (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Joel McCarty

Discussion:

Gordon Kemp, Joel McCarty, Joseph Levesque, Mary Ann Wolf, Matthew Saxton

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 21: Public Meetings of the Select Board (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt that all public meetings of the Alstead Select Board are to begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Jerome Blake

Second: Richard Nalevanko

No Discussion

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 22: Change Woods Road off of Chartier Lane from Class VI to a Private Road (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue absolutely, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the Class VI portion of Woods Road, so-called and noted on Maps 51 & 56, Lots 51-5C, 51-5D (Lisa A Therrien Revocable Trust) from its intersection with Class VI Road known as Chartier Lane in a southeast direction to a point in line with the property line of Map 56, Lot 1 (currently owned by Timber Owners of New England) (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: David Therrien

Second: Lisa Therrien

Discussion:

David Therrien, Matthew Saxton, Richard Nalevanko, Joel McCarty, Stephen Murrell, Kiim Kercewich

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 02: Operating Budget

Motion to reconsider the action on Article 02: Allan Kauders

Second: Michael Rau

To place funds from Article 03 into operating budget

Discussion:

Richard Nalevanko, Mary Ann Wolf, Joseph Levesque, Bobbie Wilson, Allan Kauders, David Therrien

Motion to amend: Jean Kelly

Second: David Therrien

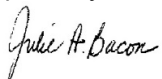
Motion to accept article 02 as amended

Amended by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

The meeting ended at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A Bacon

Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2022 ELECTION RESULTS

Article 01 Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year

Select Board – One person for three-year term

Matthew Saxton	197
Gordon Kemp	175
Henry B Moncrief	25
Michael Rau	23

Moderator – One person for two-year term

Susan Norlander	371
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Trustee of Trust Funds – One person for three-year term

Jodi Kercewich	376
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Library Trustee – Two people for three-year term

Carol Reller	299
Matthew Saxton	249

Supervisor of the Checklist – One person for six-year term

Penny Gendron	388
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Cemetery Commission – One person for three-year term

Jodi Kercewich	388
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Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,670,041. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,623,522 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

YES	311	NO	105
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Article 03 Additional Cost-of-Living Adjustment

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to use funds in the operating budget to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for employees. (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

YES	304	NO	111
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Article 04 Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$300,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsum Mine Rd with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES	325	NO	90
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2022 ELECTION RESULTS, CONTINUED

Article 05 New International CV 6-Wheel Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new International CV 6-wheel truck to replace the 2012 Dodge truck with \$110,000 to come from Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$44,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 279 NO 138

Article 06 Road Sweeping and Striping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the purpose of sweeping and striping roads, with \$11,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 266 NO 151

Article 07 Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 266 NO 151

Article 08 Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, \$130,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 231 NO 137

Article 09 Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$40,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 260 NO 108

Article 10 Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$7,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 244 NO 123

Article 11 Add to Shedd-Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$12,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$12,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 241 NO 127

2022 ELECTION RESULTS, CONTINUED

Article 12 Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$30,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority vote required)

YES 248 NO 119

Article 13 Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$7,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$7,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 237 NO 131

Article 14 New Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and equipment with \$25,000 to come from Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011 and up to \$35,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the cruiser is purchased or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 194 NO 174

Article 15 Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$10,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 221 NO 146

Article 16 Paint Historical Society Steeple

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$0 for the purpose of painting the Historical Society Steeple. This article is recommended by the Select Board (1-2). (Majority Vote Required)

YES n/a NO n/a

Article 17 Ground Penetrating Radar Survey

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of conducting a ground penetrating radar survey for Rust and Slade Cemeteries, this is a one-time expense. The sum of \$7,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 142 NO 217

Article 18 Bridge Design and Consulting Services

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$250,000 for the purposes of analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and estimating the cost of the replacement or repair of five bridges in Town. Hill Road (2), Drewsville Road (1), Comstock Road (1), North Road (1). The entire sum to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 21, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 245 NO 114

2022 ELECTION RESULTS, CONTINUED

Article 19 Adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$300.00, the same amount as the standard veterans' tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 295 NO 67

Article 20 Estimated Tax Impact

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. This is recommended by the Select. Board (3-0) (Majority vote required)

YES 307 NO 52

Article 21 Public Meetings of the Select Board (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt that all public meetings of the Alstead Select Board are to begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 191 NO 164

Article 22 Change Woods Road off of Chartier Lane from Class VI to a Private Road (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue absolutely, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the Class VI portion of Woods Road, so-called and noted on Maps 51 & 56, Lots 51-5C, 51-5D (Lisa A Therrien Revocable Trust) from its intersection with Class VI Road known as Chartier Lane in a southeast direction to a point in line with the property line of Map 56, Lot 1 (currently owned by Timber Owners of New England) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 177 NO 166

2022 SELECT BOARD REPORT

2022 welcomed Matt Saxton back to the Select Board. Matt previously served on the Select Board for 15 years. We also welcomed Mary Schoppmeyer as the new Town Offices / Select Board Administrator.

The Select Board continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall (behind the Village Fire/Ambulance Station). All are encouraged to attend, either in person or remotely. Instructions to participate by conference call or Goggle Meet are on the town website (alsteadnh.org).

The Select Board wishes to thank those who regularly attend and participate in Select Board meetings: Capital Improvement Plan author Glenn Elsesser, Transfer Station Manager Ben Hoy, Broadband Committee Chair Gordon Kemp, Mark Mastrocinque, Ambulance Chief Jesse Moore, Police Chief Stephen Murrell, Rich Nalavanko, Marge Noonan, Road Agent Prescott Trafton, Barbara Viegner, Jude Willis, and Supervisor of the Checklist Bobbie Wilson.

The year presented a very broad range of issues in the general running of our Town. The complete detailed minutes of every meeting can be found at alsteadnh.org.

We were glad to have department head updates almost every week at our Tuesday meetings.

Their attendance made possible the close attention we paid to developing trends: fuel prices rising, increased numbers of police and ambulance calls, and inflation of prices everywhere.

You all know what we're talking about. Demographically, our Town is getting older, and emergency service calls reflect that.

Alstead is fortunate to have a talented and fully staffed ambulance squad, which will include licensed paramedics beginning in February of 2023. Dial 911 for immediate service.

The highway crew received accolades from residents for the excellent job they did maintaining the town roads, even with less material and equipment, due to increased prices.

We did not pave the Gilsum Mine Road. Oil prices figure largely in the price of asphalt. The \$300,000 raised last year for the purpose was not enough to do the job we wanted at the summer prices. Hopefully, this year's Warrant article to pave Gilsum Mine Road will be adequate. Better luck to us this time!

Nice things are happening at our Transfer Station. We hired Ben Hoy as consultant last summer. He brings really good ideas. You have already noticed some changes. More efficiency is to come. The revenue from the Transfer Station is rising! Be sure to read Ben's report in this booklet.

Thanks to the work of Select Board Vice Chair Joel McCarty, the Well Hill Cooperative has been able to expand the number of families living at the co-op by three. That's three fewer local families who might have been facing a homeless winter thanks to Joel's hard work!

Thanks to the work of Select Board Member Matt Saxton, information about where to get help, if your heating bills and/or electric bills are becoming too much for your budget, has been mailed to every resident in Alstead. We are relieved that the winter, so far, has been mild. Be careful out there!

Select Board Chair Joe Levesque worked with members of the Lake Warren Association, along with Lisa Murphy of the Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) on the Lake Warren Watershed BMP Project. This project, funded by a grant procured by the SWRPC, is an effort to keep less sediment from running into Lake Warren when it rains.

The entire Select Board worked with the NH Department of Environmental Services on the Cold River in-flow stream project to ensure that in the event of a severe drought, some amount of water could be released from Lake Warren to ensure the survival of the last six miles of the Cold River aquifer.

2022 SELECT BOARD REPORT, CONTINUED

The Select Board was contacted by the NH department of Transportation, informing us that two bridges in town were selected for repair/replacement, and that the state of New Hampshire will pay 80% of the engineering costs and 100% of the construction costs to repair/replace the two bridges! Therefore, the Select Board and the meeting's audience listened to presentations from four companies about repairing and/or replacing the Comstock Road bridge over Darby Brook and the upper Bell Hill bridge on Hill Road over Darby Brook. The state has strict guidelines about how to choose and evaluate each company for each job, which the Select Board, with the valuable help and guidance of Bill Blaiklock, followed to the letter. Two companies were chosen, one to do the engineering of both bridges, and the other to do the construction of both bridges. The condition that the Select Board set was that at no time during this process will both bridges be closed to traffic at the same time. Our emergency responders can get to any address in town in a timely manner as long as one of these two bridges is open to traffic.

We had a few Five Town Select Board meetings. It is good to get together with the other boards occasionally to share experiences, and ideas for solutions to shared problems. The five towns are the towns of the Fall Mountain School District.

We had many, many budget meetings in this season of 9.1% inflation (the Consumer Price Index for 2022). The purpose of the meetings was to build an Operating Budget for 2023 that is in compliance with our 3% Budget Cap. The Select Board is grateful for the input from the department heads and the interested townsfolk who brought their ideas and energy.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Levesque
Joel McCarty
Matt Saxton

2022 TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

I would like to take the opportunity to list some of the services that the Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office provides.

We are responsible for collecting property taxes. **For those unable to pay all their taxes at once please note that any payment, even if not the full amount due, will reduce the interest to be paid.**

We register and title motor vehicles and boats, and process dog licenses. We utilize a scanner to scan your old registrations and speed up entry time. **Please note that bringing in your old registration is required by state law.** We complete marriage license applications and process birth, marriage, divorce, and death certificates. We also file wetland permit applications and pole licenses. As election officials, we accept registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Our office also provides Notary Public services.

We accept credit card and debit card payments for auto registrations and dog licenses in the office. Please note that there will be a third-party processing fee associated with card payments.

There is the option of renewing your registration and/or dog license on our website, www.alsteadnh.org. Property Taxes are also payable on-line by either ACH or Credit Card. To do this, go to the Town Clerk section on the website, scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to **either** make out your check to the Town of Alstead for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation **or** pay the Town by ACH or Credit Card. If paying by check, mail the confirmation in with your check and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. Registrations can be renewed up to four months in advance.

As always, if you do wish to renew your vehicle or pay your taxes in person, we are here for you!

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2023 (2022 licenses will expire on April 30th). Beginning June 1st, a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed. **Please note that Dog Licensing is required by State Law.**

Please visit our website www.alsteadnh.org and go to the Town Clerk section for more detailed information as well as various printable forms.

In February, I attended a training session at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

My office is now an Off Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Registration Agent.

This enables us to register snowmobiles, ATV's/UTV's and dirt bikes.

Please bring in your vehicle information when you come in to register your OHRV. You must also present a valid driver's license or non-driver photo ID issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles. We accept cash or checks as payment for these registrations.

The office hours are Monday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. unless posted otherwise. If we close the office during these hours, we will post this information ahead of time at the town office and on the Town Clerk section of the website.

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather; if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at (603) 835-2242, or check the web site for announcements.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Julie A. Bacon'.

Julie A Bacon
Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2022 TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

		2022 TOWN CLERK FIGURES
<u>MOTOR VEHICLES</u>		
	<i>Vehicles Registered:</i>	2897
Vehicle Registrations		\$344,506.95
Town Clerk Fee		\$5,578.00
Town Title Fee		\$884.00
Town Transfer Fee		\$550.00
Municipal Agent Fee		\$8,478.00
E-Log Fee		\$184.00
Returned Check Fee		\$50.00
		\$360,230.95
<u>BOATS</u>		
	<i>Boats Registered:</i>	105
Boat Agent Fee		\$515.00
Boat Town Clerk Fee		\$63.00
Boat Local Fee		\$924.36
		\$1,502.36
<u>OHRV Sales</u>		
	<i>Registrations</i>	29
Town Fee		\$116.00
<u>DOGS</u>		
	<i>Licenses Issued:</i>	481
Town Fees		\$1,803.50
State Fees		\$928.00
Late Fees		\$244.00
Civil Forfeiture/Fines		
E-Log Fee		\$51.00
		\$3,026.50
<u>MARRIAGES</u>		
	<i>Licenses Issued:</i>	15
Town Fees		\$105.00
State Fees		\$645.00
		\$750.00
<u>FILING FEES</u>		
	<i>Vital Record Copies:</i>	94
Town Fees		\$573.00
State Fees		\$637.00
E-Log Fee		\$7.00
UCC		\$705.00
		\$1,922.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
NH Statewide Checklist		\$350.00
Pole Licenses		\$10.00
Misc Fees		\$52.00
(research, copies, voter cklist, declaration of candidacy)		\$412.00
<u>STATE ACH</u>		
State Motor Vehicles		\$134,204.81
Boat State Fee		\$4,591.00
		\$138,795.81
<u>OHRV Sales</u>		
New Hampshire Fish and Game		\$2,226.00
		\$508,981.62
<u>Total Collected</u>		\$508,981.62

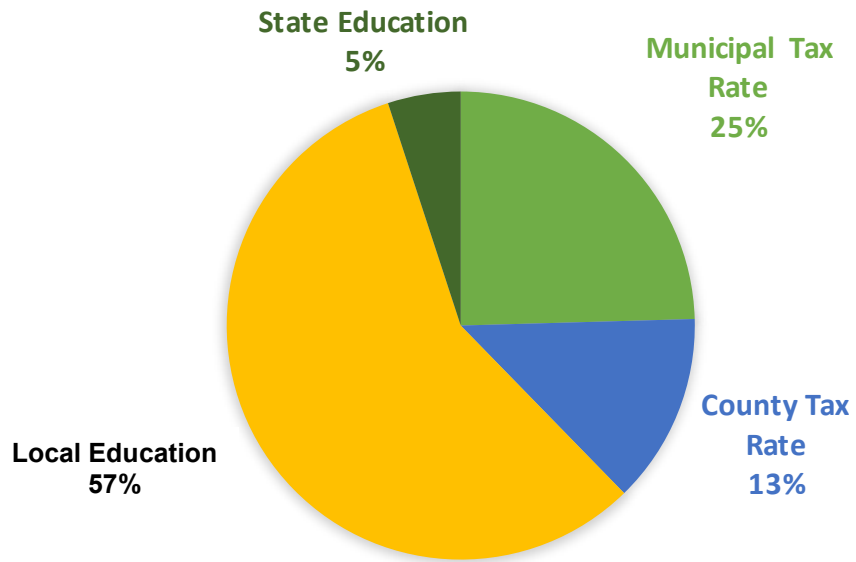
2022 TAX BALANCES AS OF 12/31/22

	<u>Invoice Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2022 Property Tax Issue 1		\$52,514.84
2022 Property Tax Issue 2		\$942,013.26
2022 Land Use Change Tax		\$4,900.00
	Total 2022 Taxes Unpaid	\$999,428.10
Tax Lien Levy of 2012		\$325.78
Tax Lien Levy of 2013		\$410.73
Tax Lien Levy of 2014		\$483.97
Tax Lien Levy of 2015		\$435.61
Tax Lien Levy of 2016		\$341.43
Tax Lien Levy of 2017		\$338.01
Tax Lien Levy of 2018		\$509.30
Tax Lien Levy of 2019		\$486.60
Tax Lien Levy of 2020		\$2,363.64
Tax Lien Levy of 2021		\$24,635.00
Tax Lien Levy of 2022		\$45,342.21
	Total Tax Liens Unpaid	\$75,672.28
Total Outstanding Balance Due as of 12/31/2022		\$1,075,100.38

2022 TAX BREAKOUT BY PERCENTAGE

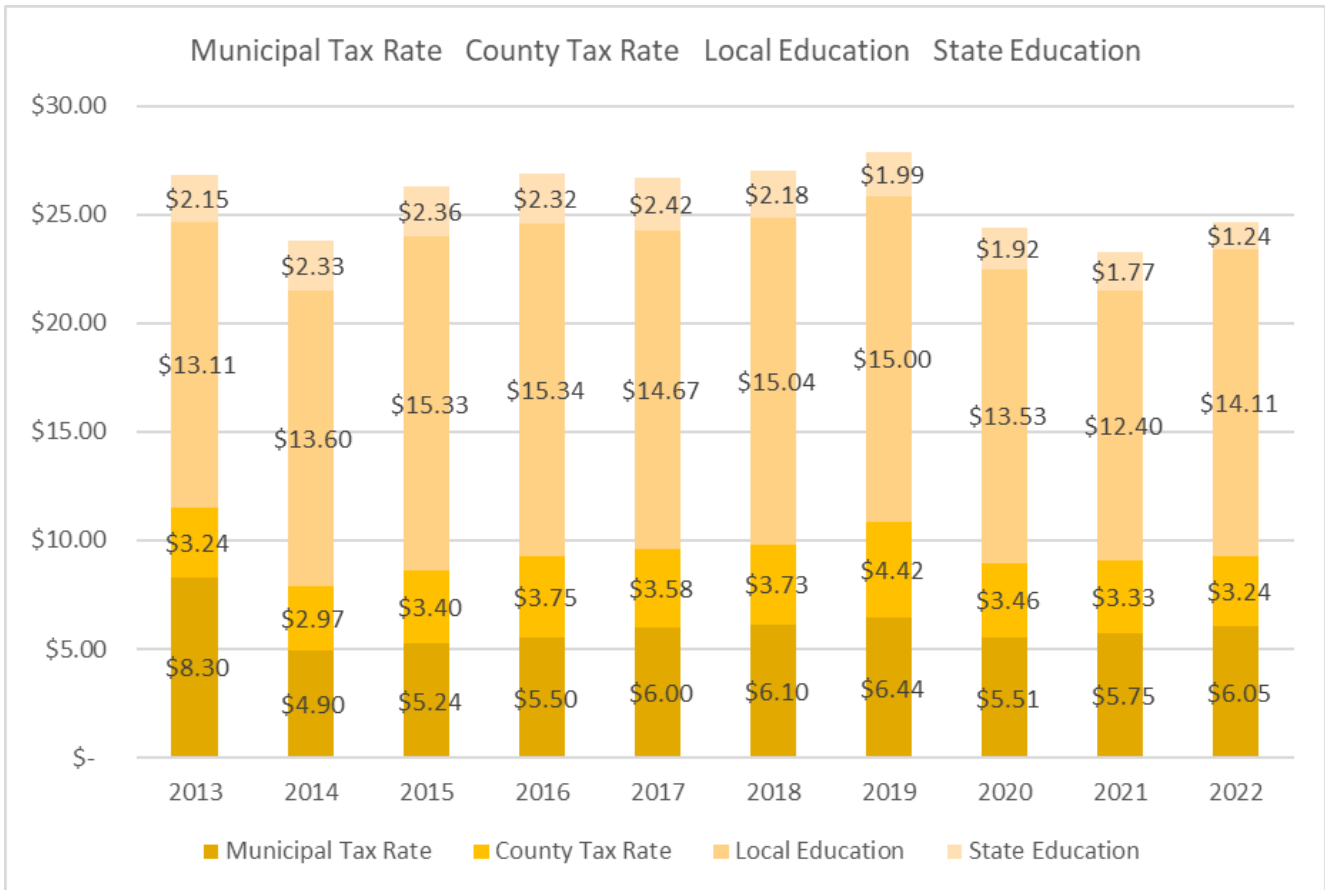
Year	2022
Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 6.05
County Tax Rate	\$ 3.24
Local Education	\$ 14.11
State Education	\$ 1.24
Total Tax Rate	\$ 24.64

2022 PERCENT OF TOTAL TAX



2022 TAX RATE COMPARISON

Year	Municipal Tax Rate	County Tax Rate	Local Education	State Education	Total Tax Rate
2013	\$ 8.30	\$ 3.24	\$ 13.11	\$ 2.15	\$ 26.80
2014	\$ 4.90	\$ 2.97	\$ 13.60	\$ 2.33	\$ 23.80
2015	\$ 5.24	\$ 3.40	\$ 15.33	\$ 2.36	\$ 26.33
2016	\$ 5.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 15.34	\$ 2.32	\$ 26.91
2017	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.58	\$ 14.67	\$ 2.42	\$ 26.67
2018	\$ 6.10	\$ 3.73	\$ 15.04	\$ 2.18	\$ 27.05
2019	\$ 6.44	\$ 4.42	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.99	\$ 27.85
2020	\$ 5.51	\$ 3.46	\$ 13.53	\$ 1.92	\$ 24.42
2021	\$ 5.75	\$ 3.33	\$ 12.40	\$ 1.77	\$ 23.25
2022	\$ 6.05	\$ 3.24	\$ 14.11	\$ 1.24	\$ 24.64



2022 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

MS-61

Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

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- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name
Street No. Street Name Phone Number
Email (optional)



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019	
Property Taxes	3110		\$209,367.28			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185		\$4,783.54			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$8,360.89)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2021	
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,752,718.98		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$39,886.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$7,159.57		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$1,302.70		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	3110	\$7,085.36			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,706.99	\$8,076.66		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$4,801,498.71	\$222,227.48	\$0.00	\$0.00



Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$3,753,185.51	\$116,769.06		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$34,986.00			
Yield Taxes	\$6,338.25	\$4,783.54		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,656.99	\$6,397.16		
Penalties	\$50.00	\$1,679.50		
Excavation Tax	\$1,302.70			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$92,598.22		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$6,033.51			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$821.32			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded	\$683.00			



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$994,528.10			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$4,900.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$2,966.67)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$4,801,498.71	\$222,227.48	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$996,441.43
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$75,672.28




Tax Rate Breakdown Alstead

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,173,177	\$194,089,614	\$6.05
County	\$629,522	\$194,089,614	\$3.24
Local Education	\$2,739,078	\$194,089,614	\$14.11
State Education	\$234,355	\$189,061,114	\$1.24
Total	\$4,776,132		\$24.64

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$4,776,132
War Service Credits	(\$29,600)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,746,532

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	12/6/2022
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TAX RATE BREAKDOWN - CONTINUED

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$2,778,541	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,334,509)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$323,750)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$29,600	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$23,295	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$1,173,177	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$629,522	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$629,522	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$4,497,521	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,524,088)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$234,355)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$2,739,078	
State Education Tax	\$234,355	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$234,355	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$194,089,614	\$194,314,820
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$189,061,114	\$188,922,220
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$194,089,614	\$194,314,820

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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TAX RATE BREAKDOWN - CONTINUED

Tax Commitment Verification

2022 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,746,532
1/2% Amount	\$23,733
Acceptable High	\$4,770,265
Acceptable Low	\$4,722,799

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2022 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:	Date:
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Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Alstead	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2022 Tax Rate	\$24.64	\$12.32

Associated Villages

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN - CONTINUED

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$0
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$6,381,496
Final Overlay	\$23,295

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.

[2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2015), *Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund.*

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance.*

2022 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Alstead	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (7.64%)	\$487,570
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$1,084,854
10% Retained	\$638,150
8% Retained	\$510,520
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$319,075

2022 MODERATOR'S REPORT

There was little drama in the 2022 Alstead polling place, and that is as it should be. We were calm, steady, accurate and determined to maintain the American democratic process.

The year 2022 gave Alstead residents four opportunities to make choices in government: the town's Deliberative Session February 5, the Town and School Voting March 8, the State Primary on September 13 and the General Election on November 10.

About 45 people attended the Deliberative Session held in the Town Hall, which interestingly was about the same number as attended our famous sunny-and-cold-outdoor deliberative session in February 2021. These 45 people on February 5 set the town ballot for the March 8 Town/School voting, and during that March voting 426 people cast ballots.

At the State Primary in September, 229 Democratic ballots and 185 Republican ballots were cast (total 414). At the General Election in November, 939 ballots were cast. By the conclusion of the November 2022 General Election, Alstead registered 1322 names on the Checklist: 341 Republican, 395 Democratic and 586 Undeclared voters.

The Inspectors of Elections are a vital part of every voting event that you, the voter, attend. They greet you, identify you as an Alstead voter, mark your name on the checklist, and give you your ballots. Alstead has eight Inspectors of Elections equally divided between the two major parties. Our current team includes Ellen Chase, Holly Gay, M. Christian Hansen, Laurence Howard, Michael Jasmin, Mark Mastrocinque, Marge Noonan and Joanne Wildes. Inspectors serve a two-year term and work primarily as ballot clerks, performing other work as needed at voting sessions. (Michael Jasmin has shoveled much snow during our March voting, for example!) I am very grateful for the dedicated, careful and cheerful attitudes exhibited by these people.

For many years Matt Saxton has served as Assistant Moderator. When Matt was elected to the position of Selectboard Member in 2022 he became ineligible to serve in that role, and David C. Miller agreed to step in. I thank Matt for working with me over the years and am pleased to have David working with me now.

Our elections would not be complete without our dedicated Election Counters, who arrive as the polls are closing and then stay until every ballot has been counted and recorded. At any one event we have between 20 – 30 citizens who work carefully to ensure that every vote is counted. While they are eligible for a small stipend, many decline payment. Whether paid or not, all are committed to the effort. Voters are welcome to observe the process that we follow and stay for the announcement of final results.

If you, as an Alstead Voter, are interested in helping with elections please leave your name, email and phone number with the Town Clerk, who will forward the information to me. I'd be happy to discuss the process with you.

Completing our Alstead elections organization are the elected positions of Town Clerk and Supervisors of the Checklist. The care and accuracy of their record keeping help maintain the integrity of voter registration and documentation and reporting at the local and state level. Together with the Moderator, they work to ensure the integrity of elections and to respect every citizen's right to vote.

We citizens of New Hampshire are very fortunate to have the ready support of the NH Secretary of State, the NH Attorney General and the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA). The Secretary of State's Office provides training sessions before State and Federal elections and answers questions that arise in any situation. The Attorney General sends inspectors on field visits during voting day to ensure that procedures and practices are being followed and to answer questions. (The AG consistently reports back to the Alstead Election Officials "Parking was difficult and limited. Please ensure adequate access to parking at polling place.") The NHMA offers training and also individual legal guidance to Moderators (and town government). Together these three entities provide all of us who work with elections the knowledge that we are part of a large, statewide effort to provide elections of integrity and accuracy. Small towns, middle sized towns, big towns all will have questions, and all can expect to receive answers from the legal experts.

In 2023 we will have one voting day: March 14, Town and School Voting. Your vote matters in determining the operation of the Fall Mountain Regional School District and the working and spirit of the Town of Alstead.

Susan E. Norlander
Moderator

2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

2022 Alstead Treasurer's Report						
Alstead's Accounts	Starting Bal Jan. 1, 2022	Include Transfers from ICS ICS Transfers Actuals Rcd & Spent	To ckg. Less transfers	Out of Ckg. Less transfers	Interest income	Ending Bal. Dec. 31, 2022
** Town Ckg.	\$111,885.62	Include Transfers	\$8,736,706.21	\$7,781,526.93		\$1,067,064.90
* "ICS" Account	\$1,839,836.66	ICS Transfers	\$3,165,500.00	\$2,337,000.00	\$4,086.97	\$1,015,423.63
Total	\$1,951,722.28	Actuals Rcd & Spent	\$5,571,206.21	\$5,444,526.93		\$2,082,488.53
Vilas Pool			IN	OUT		
*** MM	\$70,095.24		\$40,945.01	\$79,493.41	\$27.34	\$31,574.18
CD	\$53,595.24		\$64.27	\$0.00		\$53,659.51
Ckg.	\$4,480.54	Transfer IN from MM	\$57,000.00	\$52,695.93		\$8,784.61
Totals	\$128,171.02					\$94,018.30
Alstead Police Dept.	\$4,917.62		\$5,645.00	\$0.00		\$10,562.62
Conservation Comm.	\$28,870.43		\$279.54	\$10,337.15		\$18,812.82
Cemetery Donation	\$5,420.00			\$250.00		\$5,170.00

* The ICS account is used to "secure" all funds above \$250,000.00, and to maximize interest income.
 Transfers are made between the ICS and checking accounts as needed.

** Major receipts are from Tax Collections, Town Clerk operations, and a combination of other income.

*** Vilas Pool Money Market, Major receipts from original investments. Funds transferred from MM to Ckg as needed.

2022 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

It was another busy year for the Highway Department. In the spring the town purchased 7,600 yards of bank run gravel from Garland Sand and Gravel. This was down 1,000 yards from previous years due to the rising cost of fuel. From the bank run gravel, Fuzzy Brothers processed 4,000 yards of crushed gravel, 3,000 yards of crushed sand and 600 yards of crushed stone. This practice keeps costs down and helps to keep tax dollars local. Another advantage is that we can keep a stockpile at Garland's pit until it's needed. This is very helpful due to the lack of storage at the highway garage.

Grading was one of the first tasks the Highway Department tackled, along with getting the roads back into shape after winter. A total of 3,000 yards of gravel was added to Pratt, Bley, Cobb Hill, MacLean, Homestead, Barnett, and Newell Pond Roads, leaving 1,000 yards of crushed gravel to start the new year.

Once summer rolled around the highway crew was busy putting in new culverts on Cobb Hill, South Woods, Bley, Newell Pond, Homestead, and Rogers Roads for a total of 280 feet of new pipe. The good news...the town was able to get a stockpile of new culverts using ARPA funds, most of which will be used in 2023.

Newell Pond Road was ditched, and the shoulder of the road reinforced with Rip-Rap (stone). This will help in the springtime with water run-off and will also provide a place to push the snow.

Fog lines were painted on the tar roads by Poirier Guidelines for a total of 146,666 feet of white lines. Their truck broke down due to a problem with the automation system. The good news is that we were able to get them up and running again and for that they took a little over \$700 off the bill, bringing the amount down to \$10,999.95.

The town did very little in dust control this past year, using what little Safe Bind we had left. The Safe Bind that is used for dust control not only controls the dust, but also helps stabilize trouble spots like McLean corner, Corbin bypass, and reduces wash-boarding on the steep hills on Settlers Road and Cobb Hill.

Roadside mowing was put on hold in 2022 to help offset the rising cost of fuel for the equipment. The town budgeted \$49,000 out of the projected \$65,000 that would be needed for fuel. At the time of this writing, fuel costs for the year totaled \$61,396.37.

Gilsum Mine Road was also not paved due to the high costs of fuel. The project was put on hold because of the uncertainty of reclaiming a mile of road, and then not knowing if we would be able to get that portion of road repaved properly in its entire length. This was a hard choice to make. My hope is to finish Gilsum Mine Road to the Gilsum town line this coming year.

The new International CV 515 arrived at S.G. Reeds in Claremont the end of October. It was then sent to H.P. Fairfield's in Hopkinton to be outfitted with the plow and sander body. As soon as the truck was checked over and released to the Highway Department it was put into service. We started using it on December 14th and so far, we are very pleased with it.

This past year came with a mountain of paperwork for the Highway Department. We continue to provide FEMA with requested documents pertaining to the July 2021 flooding. It's been a bit of a nightmare with submitting and resubmitting paperwork due to them losing it and the frequent changing of personnel. At this time, we are still trying to get reimbursed for the money that the town used from fund balance to make the roads safe and passable.

As I'm sure many have noticed, the town has acquired two led sign trailers. The Police Department and Highway Department now have another tool to get information out to the traveling public. I would like to thank the Police Department and the Select Board for getting the sign trailers. The Highway Department is now able to get out advanced notice about a road closure due to culvert repair or washout. This has been very helpful for the people who don't check the town web site or use Facebook.

In closing, I would like to thank all who worked for the Highway Department in 2022, and to the voters that continue to support the Highway Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prescott Trafton
Road Agent

2020 AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Alstead Ambulance had its busiest year on record, responding to 168 calls for service. This reflects a 17% increase over the previous year, the highest percentage of increase ever, with the norm being 8-10%. Fortunately, we are well staffed, being fortunate to add another paramedic, Jason Antos to our Ambulance family. We also welcome back Jennifer Murphy after a brief absence.

Due to our increase in calls, we had to rely on some assistance throughout the year and I would like to thank the Alstead Fire Department, Walpole Fire and EMS and DiLuzio Ambulance Services for providing help when needed. A special recognition goes out to Gilsum Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for their selfless and timely support.

We are currently in the paramedic licensing process with the State of NH and Cheshire Medical Center. Obtaining this license means that our responders will no longer have to wait for a paramedic from Keene; when needed calls will have a paramedic on board, thus speeding up advanced life support procedures. The expectation is that this process will be completed in 2023.

Alstead Ambulance is asking for your support on our warrant article this year when you vote. Due to our unprecedented increase in calls (with no anticipation that they will decrease in the future), our ability to fully staff calls, and our imminent paramedic licensure, having a second ambulance will allow us to better serve our community. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this warrant article and thank you in advance.

Some notes of importance for our community to enable EMS to do their jobs most effectively and to serve you and your family better:

- Have house numbers clearly visible from the road.
- Make a separate list of each family member's current medications and supplements and attach them to the refrigerator; this saves precious time on scene.
- Ambulance Department is offering FREE CPR and AED classes to the public throughout the year; please contact a member of the ambulance crew or come see us at our monthly meeting.

Thank you to the Select Board and community members for your support throughout this past year, we look forward to continuing to support you in 2023. Please feel free to contact us for more information on how you can help serve the town of Alstead as a member of the department by attending one of our meetings, we meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Village Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Moore
Ambulance Chief

2022 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Department had its busiest year on record with 862 calls for service. This is even with our department down to only one officer for four and a half months near the beginning of the year. Previously, our highest number was in 2018 with 707 calls for service. Some members of our community have unfortunately experienced several tragedies this year, including multiple suicides and two shootings. One of the shootings resulted in two deaths and the other is still in the system.

Often, our officers are able to intervene and get people the help they need in the most difficult of circumstances. In one particular case Corporal Underwood, due to her training and experience, was able to provide help to a barricaded person who wanted to self-harm. Over the course of several hours, she spoke with the subject on the phone and in person to peacefully resolve this critical incident.

The Department would like to thank the Alstead community and greater Southwestern NH for the support and outreach that families of these local heartbreaks received. If you, a family member, friend, or coworker are struggling and need to talk to someone please call or give them the number 988 which is the State of NH's suicide prevention hotline.

Our top 22 categories for calls for service (CFS) for 2022 are as follows:

Suspicious Incidents	59	Motor Vehicle Crashes	19
Follow Up to a CFS or Incident	58	Welfare Checks	19
Walk-in and Phone Assist	54	Found Property	19
Assist other Agencies	43	Alstead School Assist	18
Animal Complaints	40	Manner of Operation	18
Mental Health Assist	37	Fingerprint Service	17
Emergency Medical Assist	29	VIN Verification	17
Neighbor Disputes	27	Civil Standby	14
Record Requests	25	Domestic Disturbance	13
Civil Issues	25	Juvenile Issues	12
Scams and Fraudulent Activity	21	Serving No Trespass Orders	10

Some of these calls for service take only a few minutes, but many of them take hours, days, weeks, or months to come to conclusion, including some that require time in court. In addition to our 862 calls for service, our department also initiated 173 Motor Vehicle Stops.

Throughout this past year our Office Administrator, Penny Gendron, and Corporal Underwood participated in and/or sponsored multiple Community Outreach programs. Some of these include the bi-annual Drug Takeback Day, Trunk or Treat (attended by approximately 200 children and their families), and the Christmas Tree lighting (with all the accompanying activities). The Police Department continues to strive to be a positive presence in our community.

The Alstead Police Department has had some personnel changes this year. Part-time Officer Dean Wright fully retired from law enforcement and has been enjoying that retirement. We thank him for his service to our community! In June, we welcomed Officer Jonah Merkle, who signed on with us part-time. Simultaneously, Officer Merkle transferred from Winchester to Walpole as a full-time officer. Whenever possible Officer Merkle is working shifts outside of Corporal Wendy Underwood and myself to help maximize local coverage.

The Select Board approved a joint purchase between the Police Department and the Highway Department using a State Grant. The purchase was for two Message/Speed trailers. You may have observed these trailers deployed in several locations around town this past summer. Already they have proved to be an excellent tool helping to keep our Highway crews safe while working on the town roads, as public information for upcoming town events, and as a speed deterrent.

Corporal Underwood and I participated in multiple training sessions this year. Both of us took the course Officer Decision Making: Qualified Immunity and all the mandatory courses from the Attorney General's Office and Police Standards and Training. Corporal Underwood took Spotting a Lie and Child Passenger Safety Certification, which she participated in as a joint training with the Fire Department. She is now certified to perform child car seat checks and an appointment can be made by calling 603-835-6277 to have your seats checked for safety and proper installation. She also attended Sexual Assault Resource Team (SALT) training from the AG's Office. I renewed my Firearms Instructor Certification and participated in a joint training with the Marlow Police, Fire and Ambulance, and Walpole Police at the Marlow Elementary School for an EMS in the "Warmzone; Awareness and Operational" level courses.

Additionally, I worked with our Emergency Management Director, Steven Reynolds, and the Ambulance and Fire Departments as we met with Homeland Security at all three schools in Alstead. The purpose of these meetings was to perform a security assessment of the buildings and grounds and to make recommendations at each school for what could be done to help keep our children safer. All three schools were doing very well since the last assessment in 2017 and continue to keep our children's safety a top priority.

It is important to thank all the people and departments that work together and support each other all year. A huge thank you to our Select Board, Highway Department, Ambulance and Fire Departments, our mutual aid towns; Walpole and Marlow, and the NH State Police who cover Alstead when we are not available.

I simply cannot possibly say it enough, THANK YOU to our amazing team: Office Administrator Gendron, Corporal Underwood, and Officer Merkle for all your hard work this past year. Our town is fortunate to have you all working here! Many towns in NH and across the country are extremely short-staffed when it comes to police officers and the State Police is no exception. The NHSP does an excellent job and we do our best to have them cover as little as we can. In that regard, we are planning to apply for a COPS grant to try and get another full-time officer. It is a difficult and dangerous career, with less respect and understanding shown to the police each year. We are, as always thankful to our residents for your unending support. We could not continue to provide our exceptional level of service without you.

Many of our calls stem from disrespectful or discriminating treatment of members of our community toward each other. Please be courteous and understanding of differences of opinion, politics, religion, sports, or if they prefer an Android or an iPhone! (We all know which is better!) We are all the same and want to be treated the same. Be good to each other.

Respectfully,

Stephen D. Murrell
Chief of Police

2022 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year of 2022 saw a slight reduction in calls for the year, coming in at a total of 82 calls. Training is still being impacted by the COVID-19 virus, but is slowly starting to open back up. This year, we saw 2 structure fires in town, including a building neighboring the village fire station. Weather was our main impact this year, with multiple tree-on-wires calls and deep burning brush fires. Members attended the bi-annual CATSHOCK detail at Fall Mountain Regional High School, as well as warden and deputy warden training hosted by the state of New Hampshire, and forestry training hosted by the town of Stoddard. We had one member attend car seat technician training. On the downside, we did have three calls where no Alstead fire fighters were available to respond.

The department responded to the following calls this year:

Trees and wires	18	Illegal Burn	2
Mutual Aid calls	15	Vehicle Fire	1
MVA	13	ATV Accident	1
Automatic Fire Alarms	10	DART Landing Zone	1
Ambulance Assist	8	Vehicle through Ice	1
Brush Fire	5	Deep Mud	1
Structure Fire	2	C/O Alarm	1
Chimney Fire	2		

2022 Training Events

Our members participated in the following training events in 2022:

Monthly Meeting	13
In House Drill	10
CATSHOCK	3
Work Detail	2
Warden/Deputy Warden	1
Forestry Training	1
Car Seat Technician	1

Alstead Fire Department Apparatus

Department vehicles are listed here, along with where each one is housed:

Engine 1 - Manufactured in 2016 - HME Ahrens-Fox. This unit carries 1000 gallons of water with a 1500 gallons-per-minute pump, as well as all of our extrication equipment. It is housed at the Village Station.

Engine 3 - Manufactured in 2000 - Peirce. Carries 1000 gallons of water with a 1250 gallons-per-minute pump, as well as hand tools, hose, and equipment. This unit is currently out of service since 10/31/2022, awaiting repairs to the pump. It is housed at the East Station.

Tanker 1 - Manufactured in 2007 - International chassis, body by Valley Fire Equipment. This unit carries 3000 gallons of water, with a 500 gallons-per-minute pump. It is housed in the East Station.

Brush 1 - Manufactured in 1967 - Kaiser Jeep M715 (military 5/4 pickup). This unit carries 200 gallons of water, assorted forestry hand tools, back pack pumps, and 2 back pack leaf blowers. This unit also pulls a trailer, complete with a portable pump and extra hose. Brush 1 is on loan from the State of New Hampshire, Division of Forest and Lands under the FEPP program. It is insured and maintained by the town, and registered to the state. This truck is housed in the East Station.

UTV 1 - Manufactured in 2019 - Polaris Ranger 900, complete with a forestry/rescue slide in unit. This unit is equipped with 70 gallons of water and a portable pump, as well as the potential to carry a stokes for an off-road rescue. We have outfitted this unit with tracks for winter time use. This apparatus is housed at the East Station.

We would like to once again remind residents to have house numbers, visible from the road. The lack of visible numbers results in a delay of response in an emergency. If we cannot find your house, we cannot find you.

Permits are required, by law, when burning with no snow cover (100' radius). Burning treated (painted or stained) wood, construction debris, wood larger than 5" in diameter, plywood, particle board, household trash, shingles, tires, etc., is unlawful and may result in fines and or jail time. To obtain a free permit, or ask questions about burning, please contact:

Kim Kercewich:	603-835-2928
Michael Kercewich:	603-499-5650
Richard Beringer:	413-464-5456

You can also purchase a permit online at www.nhfirepermit.com for \$5.50 per permit.

As always, I would like to publicly thank all of the dedicated members of the Alstead Fire Department for their continued service to the Town of Alstead's citizens. We are always looking for new members. Anyone wishing to join the department may contact any current member, or stop at the Alstead Municipal Office for information and an application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kercewich, Chief
Alstead Fire Department

2022 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

This year found the Town's Emergency Services dealing with a multitude of extreme calls for service. These calls highlighted we are not immune to incidents that one typically would expect in an urban environment. We are very fortunate to have the level of professionals ready at the call to help us in our times of need. NH Homeland and this office worked in tandem after these incidents checking with First Responders offering critical incident debriefing assistance if needed.

Alternative backup communications were completed and are up and running. I would like to publicly recognize Lt. George Moore and Jeff Mungoven, who provided time, training, and expertise to get the needed equipment purchased and installed. George and Jeff working with Deputy Emergency Management Director Darren Perlongo, and Ambulance Chief Jesse Moore provided training and testing resulting in almost a dozen new HAM radio operators and a new civilian radio technology, General Radio Mobile System, (GMRS), becoming licensed.

In collaboration with the Alstead Police, Ambulance, Fire Departments, and the School District, the FEMA required Threat Assessments were conducted. The assessments indicated the professionals charged with educating and ensuring your children are in the safest environment possible, are indeed performing well above satisfactory. A couple of minor communication issues were identified and quickly resolved.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan required updating this year. Grant funding was secured through Southwest Planning Commission, (SWPC), and is almost complete at the time of this report.

Grant funding opportunities and resources have been one of the priorities of this office and the other Town Departments. Radios are approaching 20 years old. Other equipment is at the end of life expectancy, particularly the breathing apparatus used by the Fire Department to conduct interior firefighting, or during search and rescue at a HAZMAT incident such as Carbon Monoxide alarm activations in our homes. Federal Grant Funding has been sought for three years now without success. We strongly recommending engaging the services of a professional grant writer.

We hosted a meeting of the Emergency Management Directors from the area in conjunction with our NH Homeland Security representative. There is strong interest in pursuing regional grant funding opportunities. Also, the Fire Chief, Kim Kercewich, Select Board member Joe Levesque, and I attended FEMA grant funding training relative to fire department equipment funding.

NH Homeland and FEMA were contacted during mud season to seek funding to assist the DPW with the roads that suffer chronic issues during mud season. Solutions continue to be sought through our mitigation plan efforts. While the status of preparedness remains good, our concerns are being focused on extreme weather conditions we may experience. Severe winter and summer storms, along with extreme cold or hot weather periods, are being examined. Discussions about how to better prepare our emergency and highway services for these likely events continue. Alstead is so fortunate to have the quality of dedicated professionals serving the townsfolk.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven P. Reynolds
Emergency Management Director

2022 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The annual maintenance of Alstead's seven (7) cemeteries consists of spring clean-up of fallen branches and leaves, mowing grass, trimming around approximately 2,000 stones and monuments, and trimming shrubs and cutting brush during the summer followed by clean-up of leaves and other debris during the fall.

As you can imagine, this takes many hours to accomplish. As always, Jodi Kercewich and Shaena Hakey do a great job maintaining all of our cemeteries. Thank you for your service!

This year (2022) the following things were also accomplished:

- Trees around the perimeter of North Cemetery were trimmed.
- A large, leaning monument in Alstead Center Cemetery was restored. The monument was removed and a new base was poured, upon which the monument was then reset.
- Dead trees along front wall of Alstead Center Cemetery were removed.
- A broken stone was repaired in West Cemetery.
- Straightening or re-setting of leaning and fallen stones continued in North Cemetery.

With the closing of Fall Mountain Small Engines in Langdon, the general maintenance of cemetery equipment is being performed by the cemetery department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Bellows

Ellen Chase

Jodi Kercewich

Cemetery Commission

2022 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Alstead is blessed with extensive forests and abundant wetlands. These two valuable and important natural resources have been in the forefront of the Alstead Conservation Commission's (ACC's) focus and action for 2022.

Areas of ACC concern in 2022 include logging, prime wetlands, scholarships, road cleanup, easements, and trees.

Logging: A large tract of land between Pratt Road and Route 12A is being logged beginning Spring of 2022 and concluding in Spring 2023. The Commission has responded to complaints from abutters and from concerned parties by looking into possible best practices violations.

As in the previous year, the Cheshire County Fire Warden was called in to work with the forester on site to remedy excessive runoff. This year's cut was in violation of logging best practices and required a temporary cease and desist by DES (Department of Environmental Services).

There are landowners in Alstead who own and manage large and small tracts of timber in a knowledgeable and responsible way. We found this out in our effort to introduce the "Prime Wetland" designation to selected abutters and the town.

Prime Wetlands: The Conservation Commission, with all good intentions, wanted to add protective measures to selected wetlands based on water storage capability, wildlife habitat, and flood control. We used the proper process as outlined by the Department of Environmental Services, combined with the data provided by the 2021 Alstead Wetlands Comparative Evaluation report, to select wetlands for the "prime" designation.

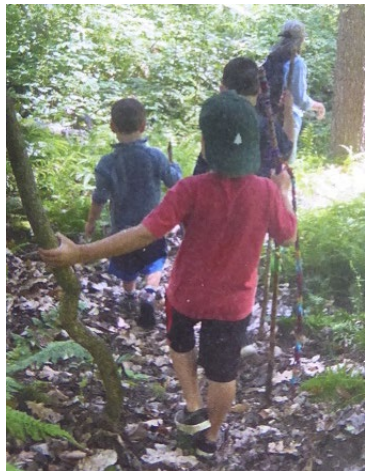
The process included education:

- Alstead Wetlands event held July 9, 2022 on Millot Green
- Outreach to abutters to selected wetlands
- Public notice
- Public Hearing in the Town Hall, held November 17, 2022

The public hearing was attended by about 20 people who mostly had concerns about how the designation "prime" would affect their land and, in some cases, would impact forest management on their land.

The commissioners and presenters from Moosewood Ecological Ltd. listened carefully and concluded that the extra provisions (protections fees and permitting) would be a burden to landowners who already have some protection in the form of current use, best practices management, and overall good land stewardship.

Ultimately, the Conservation Commission at first provided a way for landowners to opt out of the prime wetland designation. Finally, it was decided to discontinue the prime wetland effort altogether and to notify all abutters of that decision.



Scholarships: The Conservation Commission has continued serving the town. We again provided scholarships to two Alstead children for the Orchard School Summer Camp. This excerpt is from the thank you note one of the scholarship recipients wrote: "I am very grateful for the Alstead Conservation Commission for supporting me with a scholarship. I had a really great time at camp last week."

Earth Day Road Cleanup: Several roads and roadsides were cleared of mostly drink containers and fast food wrappers, and an occasional large item. Each year gets better and better! Roads cleared included part of Forest Road at Inlet Cove Road and corner of Cobb Hill, Pine Cliff Road, Alstead Center Road from Route 123 to Hill Road, most of Hill Road, Pine Grove Road, and Beryl Mountain Road. The total is 6-plus miles.

Thank you all who helped out and to Alstead's road crew!

Conservation Easements -- The Conservation Commission is responsible for monitoring three easements: Wellman Pond and two others created by private landowners. Commissioners monitored and reported to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) for the two private easements. The Gardener Easement (Wellman

Pond) was monitored in May by commissioners and a representative from Conservation Land Stewardship. A copy of their Field Visit Report was given to the Commission.

The Commission's collaboration with Kroka and the Monadnock Conservancy was completed this summer. Kroka's farm fields are now in conservation easement.

Trees -- Forester Peter Renzelman created a Hazard Risk Assessment for the Alstead Center Town Common, which will be presented to the Selectboard in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Webb, Chair

Joyce Campbell-Counts

David Moody

Donna Sabin

Joyce Curll - Alternate

John Mann – Alternate

Nan Montgomery – Alternate

Alstead Conservation Commission

2022 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Alstead Planning Board had twelve meetings this past year. The Board continued to be busy, especially with questions from potential Applicants and landowners. The option for a Google Meet will continue with a prior request. The Board received three Subdivision and one Boundary Line Adjustment requests, all of which passed. It also received one request for a Site Plan Review, which also passed.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the second Monday of each month at the Alstead Municipal Building at 7:00PM. Work meetings are scheduled, as needed, on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

The Board is in need of additional Members – there is one opening for a Full Member, and two openings for an Alternate Member. Come sit in on a meeting to see what it is all about! If interested, please contact any Member of the Planning Board or Select Board for more information. We welcome your participation and input!

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

Peter Rhoades, Chairman

David Konesko, Member

Gordon Kemp, ex officio Member

Chris Rietmann, Member

Justin Falango, Member

Ellen Chase, Member

Joyce Curll, Alternate Member

Alstead Planning Board

2022 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) had a relatively busy year. The Board met in person, with the option for a Google Meet with a prior request.

The Zoning Board had thirteen meetings, which included three Public Hearings for a Special Exception, one of which was denied - a Motion for Rehearing was received for that, and was approved when re-heard; the Board also had a Public Hearing for a Variance request, which was approved.

We are in need of one more Alternate Member. Your participation is truly needed! Please consider getting involved!!!! Come sit in on a meeting to see what it is all about. Any citizen interested in becoming a member is encouraged to contact any member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment or Select Board, or the Town Clerk.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

Dennis Molesky, Chairman

Kevin Clark, Member

Joe Levesque, Member

Mike Rau, Member

Max Zurmuhlen, Member

David Konesko, Alternate Member

Joseph Cartwright, Alternate Member

Alstead Zoning Board of Adjustment

2022 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS REPORT

The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Trust Funds handled by the Trustee of Trust Funds realized an income of \$3,810.07 during 2022.

The income from Cemetery Trust Funds used to help defray the expenses of cemetery maintenance was \$15, 521.52 in 2022.

New Cemetery Trust Funds established during 2022:

03/16/2022	Bruce Monroe	\$400.00	West Cemetery
05/18/2022	Mitchell Wasserman	\$400.00	West Cemetery
06/09/2022	Ernest Descoteaux	\$400.00	West Cemetery
08/04/2022	Bruce Tillison	\$400.00	West Cemetery
09/2022	Hillary Colt	\$800.00	Alstead Ctr. Cemetery

Cemetery lots may be acquired by contacting Jodi Kercewich at 603-400-2517 or any member of the cemetery committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Bellows

Ellen Chase

Jodi Kercewich

Trustees of Trust Funds

2022 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT

MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD FOR THE PERIOD 12/01/2022 THRU 12/31/2022

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				PRINCIPAL				INCOME			TOTAL		MARKET VALUE			
Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/-Losses	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
TOWN																
Capital Reserves																
2009	Alstead Elementary School	Capital Improvements	Common CRF	1.83	24,486.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,486.00	680.00	61.04	0.00	741.04	25,229.04	-306.57	24,920.47
1992	Ambulance	Equipment	Common CRF	14.10	188,701.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	188,701.61	5,080.23	469.98	0.00	5,550.21	194,251.82	-2,375.86	191,875.96
2012	Bridge Fund	Repair & Replacement	Common CRF	34.01	443,205.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	443,205.93	24,195.16	1,133.57	0.00	25,328.73	468,534.66	-5,730.56	462,804.10
1991	Fire Department	Equipment	Common CRF	21.57	268,601.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	268,601.77	7,830.93	718.93	0.00	8,549.86	297,151.63	-3,634.41	293,517.22
1988	Highway Department	Heavy Equipment	Common CRF	19.32	258,755.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	258,755.93	6,828.61	644.12	0.00	7,472.73	266,228.66	-3,256.19	262,972.47
2010	Library Building Needs	Building Fund	Common CRF	3.72	49,750.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	49,750.18	1,384.35	124.02	0.00	1,508.37	51,258.55	-626.93	50,631.62
1997	Parks & Conservation	Land Purchase	Common CRF	0.14	235.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	235.07	1,687.14	4.66	0.00	1,691.80	1,927.67	-23.58	1,904.29
2011	Police Department	Equipment	Common CRF	3.09	40,881.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,881.16	1,534.84	102.87	0.00	1,637.71	42,518.87	-620.04	41,898.83
2015	Transfer Station	Capital Improvements	Common CRF	1.50	19,450.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,450.73	1,173.24	50.02	0.00	1,223.26	20,673.99	-252.66	20,421.13
2020	Vilas Pool Park	Repairs & Maintenance	Common CRF	0.73	9,928.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,928.48	69.42	24.25	0.00	93.67	10,022.15	-122.58	9,899.57
Total Capital Reserves																
Total Town																
GRAND TOTAL: CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS																
GRAND TOTAL: ALSTEAD																

2022 SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

I am happy to report on a vibrant year at the library! All are welcome at Shedd-Porter Memorial Library. 2022 was a robust year:

- Over 10,000 patrons visited the library.
- 309 patrons utilized our computers, while many more made use of our free Wi-Fi.
- As a community, we shared many resources with other libraries in New Hampshire. The NH Inter-Library Loan system delivered 797 items to us, while we lent 822 items to other libraries in the state.
- We welcomed 50 new patrons to the library.
- We added 1,200 new items to our shelves.
- 17,495 items were circulated throughout the community.
- By using the library instead of purchasing materials, town residents saved over \$112,000.

It was a busy year of programming at Shedd-Porter! We were delighted to be able to return to indoor programming, even as we tried to continue outdoor programming when we were able. For our area children, we hosted 37 Storytime sessions at the library. This fun, engaging gathering is held on Fridays at 3:30. All young children and their caregivers are welcome. The library also led 25 Storytime sessions at Alstead Primary School and Sarah Porter School throughout the year, sharing many books with the students.

The highlight of our youth programming was the Marion Holmes Summer Reading Club and the Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities. We were delighted to have over 50 children sign up! In 2022, we offered eight programs over 6 weeks: we learned yoga, made jellyfish and other wonderful crafts, and of course, we read! Some of our programs included:

- We started the summer with the ever-popular Wildlife Encounters! Over 60 people joined us to engage with and learn about some furry, and not so furry friends. The alligator was the crowd favorite!
- Our River Walk was an opportunity to learn about and experience The Cold River. Thank you to Sarah Webb for joining us and introducing some of the birds that make their home on the river. We explored, cooled off, and had a great time!
- Thanks to a Summer Readers Grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation, illustrator John Steven Gurney came to talk to us. He taught us about illustrating as well as shared some how-tos. We are so grateful to CLiF - each attendee received 2 free books to keep. Thank you CLiF!
- Prizes were awarded to all our great readers at our final party as we celebrated everything we accomplished! We are especially grateful to the Alstead Area Masons who provided our grand prizes: 2 bicycles! Thank you to the Masons for creating such excitement and buzz amongst our readers!

Summer Reading is fun, exciting, and busy! All children PreK-8th grade are welcome to join the Reading Club, and all our programs are free to the public. Our theme in 2023 is "All Together Now." We invite all area youth to join us.

The library hosted many other programs throughout the year:

- Civil Conversation meets every 3rd Saturday from 9:30 to 11am. This is an opportunity for stimulating, moderated discussion about politics and the events of the day. All are welcome. Thank you to Joel McCarty for being a great host!
- Cinnamon Bun Saturday is a community favorite on the last Saturday of the month. Please join us at this fun gathering and opportunity to connect with neighbors! Karn McShane's delicious cinnamon buns are not to be missed.

- We began a new Facebook “Book Fan Club” called The SPML Page Turners. This group talks about books, makes recommendations, challenges everyone with group goals, and generally celebrates reading! The group is now over 70 members strong. If you would like to join, please contact the library.
- We collaborated with Chase’s Mill to promote it’s “Celebrate Water” lecture series during the summer. We were excited to be a part of these fascinating talks!
- Page Turners began an in-person book group at the library. This group meets monthly, and anyone (Page Turner or not) may join in. Please contact the library to find out what we are reading - we always have lots of copies of the book to share with the community.
- This fall, a new Needlecraft Group began at the library. The group meets twice monthly to knit, crochet, quilt, and connect. Anyone working on a hand needlecraft project is welcome to join.
- Our Adult Coloring Group meets on Thursday evenings twice a month. All are welcome!
- This fall, Shedd-Porter attended the Langdon Fall Festival, reading to children and sharing many books for children to keep. I look forward to 2023!
- Over 50 people attended our Annual Scarecrow Party; much fun was had! We were able to decorate pumpkins thanks to a generous donation from Pete’s Farmstand in Walpole. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped the library look extra festive this fall.

In 2022, we began developing our Strategic Plan for the next five years. We will soon be asking for community feedback - look out for our survey and upcoming community conversations. Your input is valuable.

I am so very grateful for the many ways community members helped the library this year: through time, talent, and treasure. In particular,

- Thanks to a generous and anonymous donor, our front doors were refinished this year. They are beautiful!
- I am grateful to the Holmes Family for their continued financial support of The Marion Holmes Summer Reading Club.
- We are planning a remodel of the bathroom in the basement of the Library. Many thanks to the donors who have supported this effort. We continue to welcome donations for this project.
- I am thankful to our loyal volunteers Joanne Wildes and Rylie Porter who help to keep the library humming along.
- Lindsey and Janet Warren brought new puppies to the library this summer to delight our young patrons. Thank you both! Lindsey’s Saturday Storytimes this summer were a treat - thank you Lindsey!
- The students in the Job Experience Program at Fall Mountain Regional High School help to keep the Children’s Room organized and tidy. Thank you!
- Kisha Chambers graciously donated her time and talent helping us to organize, clean out, and generally declutter our storage spaces. Thank you, Kisha!

In November, our Children’s Assistant Kat Stiles left to pursue another opportunity. Thank you, Kat, for your service to Shedd-Porter; we all wish you the best. A familiar face at the library, Lindsey Elsesser, has expanded her role to include our Friday Storytimes. Thank you, Lindsey! I really cannot say enough about the staff at the library. Gaale Klein and Lindsey Elsesser, I so enjoy working with you both! Thank you for being a great team. Laura LaMears takes wonderful care of our building - thank you so much Laura!

I am especially grateful to the Library Trustees: Matt Saxton, Susan Norlander, Karn McShane, Carol Reller, Kathy Torrey and alternate Joe Levesque. They all devote countless hours to the library, ensuring through their stewardship that this treasured resource will continue well into the future. Thank you so very much.

As always, I am happy to help patrons find a book of interest to them or to make reading suggestions. Please never

hesitate to ask! I'm also always happy to provide technology help with Libby (our ebooks and audiobooks) over the phone, email, or in-person. Feel free to check out our website - www.sheddporter.org and Like us on Facebook and Instagram.

I look forward to seeing you all in the library in 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

Alyson Montgomery

Director

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library

SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2022 Financial Report of the Library Trustees for the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2022

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01/01/22</u>	<u>NetGain</u> <u>(Loss)</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/22</u>
<u>Private Trusts</u>			
*John & Mary Shedd Trust	\$110,813.93	\$1,228.55	\$112,042.48
<u>Book Funds</u>			
Holmes Summer Reading Fund	5,745.68	63.69	5,809.37
Maxine Craig Fund	2,231.52	24.74	2,256.26
Mr. & Mrs. Pitcher Fund	23,968.43	265.75	24,234.18
Ruth Gleason Lufkin Fund	<u>17,591.44</u>	<u>195.01</u>	<u>17,786.45</u>
Total Book Fund	49,537.07	549.19	50,086.26
<u>Operating Accounts</u>			
Reed Family Foundation	35,598.39	394.68	35,993.07
Savings ADA Fund	00.00	5000.78**	5,000.78
Savings Account-Fidelity	18,684.40	207.15	18,891.55
Savings Account-Local	42,004.18	15,011.28**	57,015.46
Checking Account	<u>11,779.83</u>	<u>00.00</u>	<u>9,450.22</u>
Total Operating Accounts	108,066.80	20,613.89	126,351.08
Grand Totals	268,417.80	22,391.63	288,479.82

*The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is restricted to receiving only earnings from this fund and cannot draw on the principal.

**Values include principal contributions and accrued interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karn McShane, Treasurer
Shedd-Porter Memorial Library

Thank you to our excellent Road Crew



Many thanks to Master Mason Mike Given



SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Report

We Trustees began the year grateful to be in what was looking like a post-pandemic time.

Inasmuch as our beautiful library is needing continual monitoring for old building problems, we decided to form a Maintenance Committee, in the persons of Susan Norlander, Kathy Torrey, Alyson Montgomery, and retired contractor Bob McGuire. The committee will meet with contractors and gather suggestions and advice on projects set forth by the Trustees.

The first project tackled was the stabilization and refinishing of the mahogany entry doors. This project was funded by an anonymous donor. The work was done by Terry Cox of Cox Woodworking. We are grateful for this donor's interest in our Library, and for their gift!

We also took up a project to make the downstairs restroom less scary for the tykes who are obliged to use it. After lots of discussion, a brilliant plan was formed which honors the architecture of our Library. We hope this work can be completed in 2023. We are glad for the donations we have received so far for this work, and will be glad for more.

An occasion came up that generated lots of discussion about the library's mission. It is always a good thing to step back from the detail level to focus on the big picture: how best to serve our communities of Alstead and Langdon.

The New Hampshire State Library began offering training in strategic planning for the future of New Hampshire town libraries. Alyson is attending the sessions, and reports that they are valuable.

At Shedd-Porter, we are glad to see that the number of total checkouts is growing, and that the special programs are drawing pre-pandemic numbers of enthusiastic participants!

We note with interest how the percentage of hard cover book take-outs at Shedd-Porter is changing as compared to the percentage of other modern options offered by the library, such as New Hampshire Downloadable Books and Interlibrary Loan. This is just one of the changes already happening. No doubt more changes are coming, and we'd like to be ready. Later in this process we will be soliciting ideas from our Alstead/Langdon community.

Another project on our list is painting the exterior trim of the windows. We have learned about the elusiveness of contractors in these times of supply chain problems, and more projects in the area than there are contractors to accept them. For this project, we are 'on the list'.

In March we elected the officers of the Board of Trustees. The existing officers were all re-elected. We have: Matt Saxton, chair; Susan Norlander, vice-chair; Karn McShane, treasurer; and Carol Reller, secretary.

We were glad, in March, to welcome Civil Conversation and Cinnamon Buns Saturday back into the library! We gave our Library Director Alyson authority to decide whether events would be held in, or out, of the library, and whether masks be required, or not. It all worked well enough. Civil Conversation is the third Saturday of every month, and Cinnamon Buns Saturday is the last Saturday of the month. Come join us!

Matt met in the summer with two roofing contractors (on the roof) to get estimates on a new roof. One estimate was subsequently received. Thank you, Keith Hanatow! The Selectboard has since contracted with Melanson of Keene to clean the roof gutters twice a year, keep the drains open, and generally keep an eye on things up there. The latest information is that the main problem with the roof is at the edges, where the copper meets the stone. We await proposals on how to proceed.

The pruning of the front lawn's Liberty Elm tree in 2021 made it look much more like an elm tree. But in 2022 Dutch Elm Disease did its worst, and it was removed. So, all three Liberty Elm trees (genetically engineered to resist Dutch Elm Disease) planted at the library years ago are now gone. We have decided not to try again.

In June, Road Agent (and all-around guy) Prescott Trafton changed all the light bulbs in the reading rooms, and the improvement was amazing! Thanks Prescott!

We Trustees are very grateful for the Town's continuing support. It is important, and something we can all be proud of.

The library's operations are partially supported by donations, large and small, and continuing.

We Trustees are thankful for the continuing interest of the Shedd-Porter community, writ large.

We understand that Shedd-Porter wouldn't be the place it is without our much-valued and loved Director, Alyson Montgomery. She and her staff - Gaale Klein, Lindsey Elsesser, Kat Stiles, and the volunteers - kept the place humming and happy. Thank you, guys!

Thanks again for all the help, and participation. Our Library has much to offer, and something for everyone!

Matt Saxton, Chair, on behalf of:

Susan Norlander, Vice Chair

Carol Reller, Secretary

Karn McShane, Treasurer

Kathy Torrey, Vice Treasurer

Joe Levesque, Alternate

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Board of Trustees

2022 ALSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

As April, 2022 approached and the weather warmed, we resumed our work building and organizing exhibits on the 2nd floor of the museum. By Memorial Day week-end we were ready for our Open House. To our delight, we had 85 visitors tour the museum during the 2-day Open House. A total of 206 visitors toured the museum during 2022. Along with local folks, people came from 10 states and 21 New Hampshire towns.

Folks continue to donate items to the Historical Society that we file in our archives or integrate into museum exhibits.

If you have not visited your museum, please take an hour or two this year to stop by and view what has been done to preserve items from Alstead's past for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

In 2022, we were finally able to resume visits to the museum by 3rd and 4th grade students from the Alstead Primary School. This program had ceased with the retirement of Alstead Primary teacher, Judy Checchi. It has now been reinstated by teachers, Katie Hanatow and Amanda Miller.

In August, Melanson Roofing surveyed the slate roof of the museum building and replaced broken and missing slate. Hopefully this will prevent any leaks for many years to come.

In September, the Historical Society received a grant of \$2,500.00 from Ellen Simons to be used (in area of greatest need.) The trustees voted to purchase a new Apple Computer and printer to replace our very old and outdated PC.

Gayle Bellows has joined Margaret Perry in our historical office in the Municipal Office Building on Thursdays between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. Gayle is very literate in the technology world and will use this new equipment to bring the society into the 21st century. A big thank you to Ellen for this grant. We are also extremely happy that Margaret Perry has returned back to the historical office on Thursday afternoons.

Our intent was to publish four Vintage Times Newsletters per year. Due to several reasons, covid, illness, etc., we have only published two issues each for the past two years. If anyone would like to write an article for this newsletter, please call Peg Sutcliffe at 603-835-7943. We are always looking for interesting historical articles.

The Board of Trustees of the Alstead Historical Society are in need of new Trustees. If you have an interest in preserving Alstead's History and would like to become a Trustee, please contact Heather Gendron at 603-835-2237 or Gayle Bellows at 603-499-5560.

Thank you to all our members and folks of Alstead for your support of the Alstead Historical Society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Bellows

Alstead Historical Society President

2022 BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 saw our committee transition from information gathering and brainstorming to information distribution and advocacy.

The biggest news to report is that there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel and it's not an oncoming train! While details and approvals are not yet final, we should be able to make an announcement in February about a solution to extend broadband to everyone in Alstead.

We have been able to leverage all of the work from the past several years to put Alstead in a very good position to benefit from upcoming state and federal broadband projects. Our detailed data about unserved and underserved households along with our priorities about where to build first has been sent to several providers and the Office of Broadband Initiatives within the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA). This has resulted in Alstead being included in at least 2 out of the 3 proposals sent to the State as part of the "Statewide Broadband Build for Unserved and Underserved Communities RFP - Round 2."

<https://www.nheconomy.com/about-us/office-of-broadband-initiatives/request-for-proposals>

This year we've adopted the phrase "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." Persistent contact with providers and officials by phone, email, and in person meetings seems to be paying off. Allan Kauders and I were even able to travel to the capital and join other towns in making our voices heard in an important legislative committee hearing. I did get a parking ticket while there, but it's a small price to pay (especially since Allan paid the ticket).

I want to thank the committee members who have attended weekly meetings and volunteered countless hours for this endeavor over the last few years.

I'd also like to thank Executive Councilor Cinde Warmington who has made sure our town is included in the conversations taking place in Concord regarding broadband expansion.

Finally, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. If you'd like to receive updates about this issue, send me an email and I'll add you to our list.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Kemp, Chair
AlsteadBroadbandChair@gmail.com
Joe Levesque, Vice Chair
Hollie Kemp, Secretary
James Howard
Allan Kauders
JoAnn Lemieux
Alstead Broadband Committee

2022 RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION REPORT

My name is Ben Hoy, consultant at the Alstead/Langdon transfer station. I couldn't be happier with the quality of people on our current staff at the transfer station. The varying talents and work ethic of our recycling crew is what has been shaping "the dump" into a well-managed recycling center. Mark, Peter, Kelly, Ernie, Jeremy, and Shaena have all helped the public with your waste and recycling, and will put a smile on many of you and your dogs' faces. Volunteers Jude Willis and Mary Ann Wolf put a "Picasso-esque" paint job on our transfer station hippo - seen on the front cover - and set the stage for an Alstead transfer station renaissance throughout our site.

We re-purposed concrete blocks on site to develop a new loading dock, and I was granted two separate hardpack donations from Cold River Materials to help shape up our new dock, new scale house, and new glass bottle trailer area. We were able to put a fresh coat of paint on the train car, brought in new book depository boxes (blue boxes), and developed a new area for our used oil collection close to our used oil tank. I received the final state certification for our new scale that Langdon volunteer Matt Benoit and his staff helped me set in the scale house (along with his donation of the windows in the scale house, trimmed with locally harvested birch trees). The station will begin weighing all Construction & Demolition debris at \$0.20 per pound in 2023.

I watched the aluminum prices closely this year, and held the aluminum until the price hit \$1.08 per pound. Upon shipment, our first load of baled aluminum generated over \$8,000.00 back to the town of Alstead. We baled over 25,000 pounds of plastic this year. By baling plastic, we only have to ship it two times per year. Baling recyclables saves Alstead/Langdon money on inflated trucking costs. We opted out of a contract with NRRRA this October to go directly with local Joe Ruggiero trucking. Ruggiero trucking is now locked in at \$200 per trip; NRRRA wanted to charge \$325 per trip. With all of the trucking that we have to do, that deal alone saved the town over \$15,000.00 in trucking through next year. However, trucking and tipping fees are still a problem - for us, and for everyone in NH. Our tipping fees went from \$85 per ton to \$100 per ton this October.

To date, the Transfer Station has been putting all plastic together into bales (co-mingled). I shipped 45 bales of (co-mingled) plastic and received a disappointing \$245 for the effort. On the plus side, we didn't lose money on trucking by shipping it loose. The payment for co-mingled plastic bales is only \$0.01 per pound. If Alstead's plastic is simply separated and baled into the proper categories of plastic that they belong in (PETE, HDPE #2, natural #2, #5 polypropylene), the value of the load goes up over \$10,000.00 per shipment. Unfortunately, the Transfer Station has only one baler, and cannot currently separate all of its plastic to fetch the larger financial return that our towns deserve. **If only we could have some baler deal fall out of the sky and land in the laps of Alstead/ Langdon to generate maximum financial return for our recyclables...** To this end, we're working on a cooperative relationship with Hubbard Farms and Trex® to help us obtain, install, and maintain a second baler so that we can bale 500 pounds of plastic film weekly. Hubbard needs a way to recycle plastic film, and Trex uses plastic film to create their decking products. A second baler would allow the Transfer Station to increase its recycling revenues by separating its plastics instead of mingling them, and the plastic film sent to Trex would help pay for the baler. Stay tuned for updates as we work to make this a reality!

Keep recycling, Alstead & Langdon!

Ben Hoy

Alstead/Langdon Transfer Station

2022 VILAS POOL REPORT

2022 was a season of restoration, success, and growth at Vilas Pool Park!

On February 2 the park was added to the NH State Register of Historic Places. Thanks to everyone involved in working on and supporting this effort.

Before opening, we focused on restoring the park after the damaging floods that shut us down in 2021. Committee member Gordon Kemp led the restoration efforts, working closely with the State of New Hampshire and our contractor Hubner Brothers Excavating LLC to rebuild the park's shoreline, playground, and picnic area. Member Steve Blake, with some tools from NH Fish and Game was able to persuade a family of geese to stop using the playground as their restroom. We also welcomed back our Fall Mountain JROTC cadets, who were a great help with preseason cleanup.

The park opened on Wednesday June 1st for the 2022 season. We added two more days a week with hours of 11am to 7pm Wed to Sun until closing on Labor Day. Our Park Host was Louis Lemay. Our Park Attendants were Carter Ruczko, Brent Neily, and Alexis Barratt.

The Committee was able to purchase a new dock this year, and installed it with the help of our hardworking staff. One fun moment was watching Gordon and Louis Lemay paddle the dock sections across the Pool. This equipment is a crowd favorite, with kids jumping off of it only minutes after the install was done. Along with being a great platform for jumping and diving into the Pool, it's also an excellent place to help people in and out of our paddle boats.

Speaking of paddle boats, in late June, we welcomed Noel the swan home to Vilas Pool. For decades the original Swan Boats were a staple at the Pool. Over the years, the original boats were lost to effects of time and weather. After searching for years, member Bobbie Wilson found Noel online. Gordon and our employee Carter Ruczko drove to Rhode Island and brought her home in a U-Haul truck. She is a big hit at the park and while she's not the original, she's a fun and functional nod to our past.



Another longtime vision of Bobbie's was realized when she oversaw a refresh of the Women's Room in the Pavilion. Thanks to her for design choices and to Bellows Construction for their quality work.

In 2022 we wanted to reignite people's passion for the park. The park once again became a place where people came to recreate, socialize, and celebrate the beautiful gift that is Vilas Pool. Each Sunday, we offered our new "Vilas Pool Sunday Parties." These events, organized by member Hollie Kemp, featured entertainment, learning opportunities, food, and good old-fashioned fun! The events were free to attend, and donations were encouraged to support future events. We saw hundreds of families and visitors at these events. Steve particularly enjoyed the task of handing out tickets for free ice cream to eager guests. We had many folks return week after week and some who had discovered the park for the first time. These events were a massive success for the park and we hope to continue them for years to come.

During the 2022 season, Vilas Pool was honored to be the host of several special events. Bobbie does an excellent job booking these weddings, reunions, school events, and other large group events for the park. Bobbie and Steve are always on site making sure everything goes well. The attendees were thrilled with their events and the service they received, and these events provided needed revenue for the operations of the park.



Last but not least, we are excited to announce that Vilas Pool Park was chosen to receive a Conservation and Heritage Number Plate (Moose Plate) Grant! This award from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources will be used to fix extensive water damage on the front of the Pavilion. The \$20,000 grant will cover most, if not all, of the project cost. Thanks to Gordon for jumping through the hoops and doing the paperwork that led to our success in this year's competitive grant process. Thanks also to Executive Councilor Cinde Warmington who has been a steadfast advocate for the park ever since her visit in the spring of 2021. We encourage everyone to get a Moose Plate the next time you register or renew your vehicles in order to support this wonderful, voluntary program.

In summary, the Committee truly cares about the future and sustainability of Vilas Pool Park. We will continue to strive not only to provide excellence now but to leave a lasting legacy for residents and visitors for many years. We thank you for your support and our staff for their hard work that created a successful 2022 season.

See you at the park!

Bobbie Wilson
Steve Blake
Gordon Kemp
Hollie Kemp
Vilas Pool Park Committee



Conservation & Heritage License Plate Program

2022 ALSTEAD VITAL STATISTICS

Alstead Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2022

<u>Person A's Name</u>	<u>Person B's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Lezcano, Adrian D	Roche, Megan L	Jackson	01/08
Beaudoin, Roger P	Adams, Maureen F	Alstead	02/05
Schuster Sr, Jeffrey B	Eastman, Tiffany E	Franklin	03/14
Shannon, Mary E	Hatch, Christopher E	Alstead	06/17
Cobb, Joseph T	Pickinpaugh, Ashley E	Alstead	10/13
McGuire, Robert J	McShane, Karen A	Alstead	12/21
Reida, Austin W	Borden, Kayla G	Alstead	12/26/22

Alstead Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2022

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Merkle, Owen Ezra	01/11	Keene	Merkle, Jonah Lucius-Merkle, Mariah
Sears, Emma Rose	04/09	Keene	Sears, Kenneth Martin, Breana
Worrell, Jameson Jack	05/13	Manchester	Worrell, Brandon Bettelon, Stacy
Hofer, Sage Louise	05/24	Alstead	Gardner, Raina Hofer-Fay, Stefan
Dugray, Esmerelda Bernadette	05/26	Lebanon	Dugray, Wade Malony, Kelly
Forrestall, Escher William	06/12	Keene	Forrestall, Joseph Forrestall, Margaret
Cheney, Landon Ryan	06/28	Lebanon	Cheney, Nathan Cheney, Kristin
Gendreau, Remington Patrick	07/05	Alstead	Macri, Johanna Gendreau,
Sund, Miles John	07/11	Keene	Sund, Jeremiah Sund, Erin
Hatch, Charlotte Evelyn	08/02	Keene	Hatch, Christopher Hatch, Mary
Riley, Charlotte Magee	10/03	Keene	Riley, Bradley Riiley, Erica
Elliston, Simone	10/22	Alstead	Elliston, Ronja Elliston, Matthias
Bletz, Aubree Joan	10/27	Keene	Bletz, Tyler Smith-Bletz, Kaylee
Hogan, Martin Athanasius	11/08	Manchester	Hogan, Thomas Hogan, Brigid

2022 ALSTEAD VITAL STATISTICS, CONTINUED

Alstead Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2022

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Schneider, Lisa	Charlestown	01/06
Shand, Michael	Alstead	01/23
Descoteaux, Lynda	East Alstead	02/15
Rawling Jr, Raymond	Alstead	02/19
Towle, Alexandra	Alstead	03/03
Wilson, Gene	Keene	03/16
Langlois, Pierre	Westmoreland	05/13
Iozzo, Sharon	Alstead	05/22
Jahos, Evan	Alstead	05/24
Marron, Thomas	Alstead	05/28
Ward, Marion	Keene	06/27
Lawlor, Alicia	Alstead	07/07
Lawlor Sr, Steven	Alstead	07/07
Stevens, Francis	Keene	08/17
Hicks, Patricia	Langdon	08/23
Knically, Michael	Swanzey	08/24
Normand, Matthew	Sullivan	09/07
Batchelder, Madeline	Alstead	09/18
Walker, David	Alstead	09/24
Babneau, Clarence	Alstead	10/05
Kirby, Elaine	Keene	10/07
Wilder, Jessica	Alstead	11/29
Kwasniewski, Diane	Alstead	12/06
Stevens, Joanne	Keene	12/07
Mousley, Gayle	Peterborough	12/26



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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	18,742.54	\$1,380,365	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	570.19	\$35,647	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	4,371.03	\$66,440,300	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	68.22	\$1,019,600	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	23,751.98	\$68,875,912	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	480.13	\$2,915,200	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$114,193,682	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$2,541,200	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$3,845,800	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	1	\$17,820	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$120,598,502	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$5,790,000	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$5,028,500	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$194,502,914	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$194,502,914	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	0	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	4	\$237,500
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	19	\$175,800
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$413,300
21A	Net Valuation			\$194,089,614
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$194,089,614
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$194,089,614
22	Less Utilities			\$5,028,500
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$189,061,114
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$189,061,114



Utility Value Appraiser

Brian Fogg

The municipality DOES NOT use DRA utility values. The municipality IS NOT equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP	\$4,387,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,387,400
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY	\$0	\$360,000	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$281,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$281,100
	\$4,668,500	\$360,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,028,500



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$300	64	\$19,200
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	2	\$1,400
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$1,400	6	\$8,400
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$300	2	\$600
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		74	\$29,600

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report			
Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0
Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report						
First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year		Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted				
Age	Number	Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	0	65-74	1	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
75-79	0	75-79	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
80+	0	80+	2	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$162,500
			4		\$275,000	\$237,500
Income Limits		Asset Limits				
Single	\$20,000	Single		\$50,000		
Married	\$27,000	Married		\$50,000		

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)		Properties:	
Granted/Adopted?	No		
Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)		Properties:	
Granted/Adopted?	No		
Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)		Structures:	
Granted/Adopted?	No		
Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)		Properties:	
Granted/Adopted?	No		
Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)		Properties:	
Granted/Adopted?	No		
Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)		Properties:	
Granted/Adopted?	No		
Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:			
Total Exemption Granted:			
Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)		Properties: 1	
Granted/Adopted?	Yes	Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:	1,373,400
		Current Assessed Value:	\$830,200



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	1,289.79	\$298,745
Forest Land	10,577.63	\$791,306
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,132.50	\$274,321
Unproductive Land	314.32	\$6,747
Wet Land	428.30	\$9,246
	18,742.54	\$1,380,365

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	4,474.17
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	41.74
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	305
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	451

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year			\$0
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 0.00%	Dollar Amount:	\$2,000
Monies to Conservation Fund			\$0
Monies to General Fund			\$0

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	10.70	\$3,220
Forest Land	417.24	\$26,294
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	123.80	\$5,728
Unproductive Land	18.20	\$400
Wet Land	0.25	\$5
	570.19	\$35,647

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	84.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	0.00
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	8
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	11



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F				
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D				
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
1	1	0.00	\$0	\$17,820

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
000028	000017	000000	50	79-D HISTORIC BARN

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$2.00	2.50
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$0.00	0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
<i>This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.</i>	

Notes

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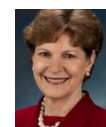
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