



Rumney

New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICES

For Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 2023

2024 TOWN MEETING



Web Site - www.rumneynh.org

PLEASE CHECK THE RECORD ENTERPRISE FOR LEGAL NOTICES

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office

Lila Williams TC-TXC-Dawn Coffey Deputy TC-TX
Phone 603-786-2237 Fax 603-786-2237
79 Depot St. PO Box 275
Public Office Hours
Mon 8:00 am - 6 :00 pm
Wed & Fri 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

townclerk@rumneynh.org / taxcollector@rumneynh.org

Call office or check website for any change in hours.

Vehicle & Boats Registrations - Titles - Transfers - Renewals
Marriage Licenses - Divorce Copies - Vital Records Copies
Dog Licenses - Wetlands Applications

Pay Vehicle and Dog renewals online @rumneynh.org
Tax payments may now be made online @ nhtaxkiosk.com

Selectmen's Office

Joseph Chivell, Town Administrator/Welfare Adm.
Phone 603-786-9511 Fax 603-786-9511
79 Depot St. PO Box 220
Public Office Hours

Mon - Wed - Fri 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

selectmen@rumneynh.org

Selectmen's Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday Evenings @ 6:30 pm

Please Call to get on agenda

Abatement/Current Use/Inventory Forms
Assessment Cards - Exemptions
Gravel & Timber Tax Forms - Tax Maps

Planning Board

Call 603-786-9515 or email questions to
planningboard@rumneynh.org
Regular Meeting last Tues of month 7:00 pm

Driveway Installations/Regulations
Subdivisions - Excavations - Blasting

Police Department

Greg Patten, Chief- Thomas Sturges, Officer
Janet Sherburne, Secretary
P.O. Box 175

Business Office 603-786-2149
Dispatch 603-786-9712
police@rumneynh.org

Fire

Emergency # 911
Depot St Firehouse 603-786-9924 Fax:603-786-9491
Evan Hacker, Fire Chief 603-786-2161
Evan Hacker, Forest Fire Warden
cell # 603-236-9055 or fire@rumneynh.org
Commissioner's Meeting-2nd Monday of month

Cemetery Trustee

603-786-9511
cemetery@rumneynh.org

Animal Control

Rumney Police Dept.
603-786-2149
Dispatch 603-786-9712

Burn Permits

See Town Website (www.nhfirepermit.com)
Frank Simpson 603-786-3695
Jim McCart 603-786-2285
Evan Hacker, Forest Fire Warden 603-236-9055
Eric Anderson 603-786-2228
Cathy Hacker 603-786-9924

Byron G. Merrill Library

Susan Turbyne, Librarian
603-786-9520
Mon 10:00am-1:00pm
Wed 1:00pm-5:00pm
Winter 1:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm

Highway Department

Nick Coursey, Road Agent
Town Shed 603-786-9486
State Shed 603-786-9935
highway@rumneynh.org

Transfer Station

Sonny Ouellette, Superintendent
Transfer Station Stickers
603-786-9481
Wednesday 12:00pm-4:00 pm
Saturday 9:00am-4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00am-1:00 pm

EMS - Ambulance Emergency # 911

Daniel Medaglia, EMS Director 603-254-8013
ems@rumneynh.org

Health Officer

Daniel Medaglia 603-254-8013

Russell School

195 School St. 603-786-9591
Jessica Welch, Principal

Post Office 603-786-9571

Joseph Chivell, Emer. Mgt. Dir. 603-786-9511

DOG OWNERS NOTE: It's the Law License dogs by APRIL 30th

Proof of current rabies shots & alteration is required. Altered - \$6.50, Unaltered - \$9.00 Seniors, 65 or over - 1st dog is \$2.00
\$1.00 late fee begins June 1st \$25.00 Civil Forfeiture RSA 466:13 begins if not licensed by June 21st - RSA 466:13

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☞ REMEMBRANCE ☞



During 2023, eighteen Rumney families suffered the loss of a member of one of their own. Some were known for their service to the Town of Rumney, two are remembered for their service to our country. Some were more private in their roles. All will be missed by our small community.

We would like to pay special recognition to those for their public service to the Town of Rumney.

We lost Howard “Bo” Beadle on July 13, 2023. Bo protected the Town’s residents serving as a volunteer with the Rumney Fire Department. Bo also gave his time as a Rumney Fire Commissioner. Bo was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the USMC. Bo was a past commander for the local VFW. He also volunteered as a Bingo caller for the Veteran’s Home. Bo could be found leading the Old Home Day Parade in recent years. Bo was committed to serving his Country and his community.

Polly Bartlett passed away on July 24, 2023. Polly Served as the Town Treasurer for twenty-five years. She also volunteered her time to the Ladies Fire Auxiliary.

James McCart passed away on August 5, 2023. Jim was a member of the Rumney Fire Department for seventeen years. At the end of his active service, he held the rank of Deputy Chief. Jim continued his service to the Town as a Fire Commissioner.

Lawrence Cushman passed away on July 13, 2023. Larry served his country with the USMC during World War II. Larry volunteered his time to the Rumney Conservation Commission and the Tax Map Committee. Larry lived in the house that once served as the West Rumney Post Office.

Richard Chisholm passed away this past year. Richard served as a Library Trustee and volunteered countless hours to the local Boy Scout Troop.



➤ SPECIAL RECOGNITION ➤

Every year the Town experiences some change within its Departments, various volunteers, and elected officials. 2023 was no different. The following persons have served the Town in one or more capacities, ending their service in 2023.

Nancy Kolb had served as a Ballot Clerk for 17 consecutive elections before stepping down this year.

Charlene Farnsworth stepped away from being a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Larry Hacker retired from the Rumney Highway Department.

Cam Brown and Armand Girouard chose not to run for re-election as Fire Commissioner and Planning Board member, respectively.

Terry French and David Coursey both tendered their resignation as Fire Commissioners.

The willingness of our residents to share their time and talents makes this Town a special community.

☞ **TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS** ☞
as of December 31, 2023

Selectmen

Isaac De Wever (2026)
Edward L. Haskell, Jr., Chair (2024)
Robert J. Berti, (2025)

Town Administrator

* Joseph Chivell

Bookkeeper

*Joseph Chivell / CMD Bookkeeping, LLC

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Lila Williams (2025)
*Dawn Coffey, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Treasurer

*Janet Sherburne
*Maggie Brox, Deputy Treasurer

Road Agent

*Nick Coursey

Transfer Station Superintendent

*Milton Ouellette, Jr.

Welfare Administrator

*Joe Chivell

Health Officer

*Daniel Medaglia

Police Department

*Greg Patten, Chief
*Thomas Sturges, Officer
*Janet Sherburne, Administrator

Fire Department

Evan Hacker, Chief

Fire Commissioners

Dave Coursey (resigned 10/02/2023)
Jim McCart (passed on 08/18/2023)
Terry French (resigned 10/02/2023)

Emergency Medical Services

Dan Medaglia, Director

Emergency Management

*Joseph Chivell, Director

Forest Fire Warden

Evan Hacker

Library Trustees

Lori Grote-Eaton (2026)
Thomas Baumann (2025)
Robin Goldstein (2024)

Cemetery Trustees

Wayne Farnsworth (2026)
Kim Ganley (2024)
Linda LaPrad (2025)

 **TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS** 
as of December 31, 2023

Trustee of Trust Funds

Mark Andrew (2026)
Deborah Maes (2024)
Janice Mulherin (2025)

Planning Board

Joshua Keyes (2026)
Brian Flynn (2024)
Brad Eaton (2024)
Donald Winsor (2025)
Judi Hall/Secretary (2025)
John Dow (2026)
*Duane Ford (Alternate)
*Zachary Richards (Alternate)
*Isaac DeWever, Selectmen-Representative

Advisory Committee

Kevin Maes (2025)
George Bonfiglio (2024)
Mark Andrew (2026)
Beth Macdonald (2026)

Conservation Commission

*Joel Grass (2026)
*Susan Sepenoski (2026)
*Janice Mulherin, Chair (2024)
* Robin Goldstein (2024)
*Margaret Brox (2025)
*Blakeman Allen (2025)
*Judith Saum (2025)

Moderator

Christina Westfall (2024)

Supervisors of the Checklist

Katheryn Grabiek, Chair (2024)
Charlene Farnsworth, (resigned 01/20/2023)
Rachel Anderson (2028)
Cathleen Hacker Appointed (2024)

Auditors

*Plodzik & Sanderson

(20--) Indicated end of official's term of office.

*Appointed officials, not elected

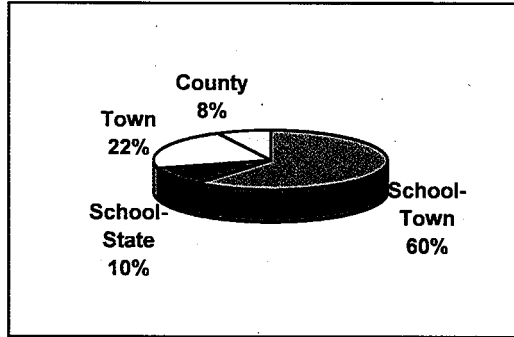
RUMNEY PARCEL COUNT

	# of Parcels	Value
RESIDENTIAL LAND ONLY (not including current use):	243	\$ 6,125,200
RESIDENTIAL LAND ONLY WITH CURRENT USE:	160	\$ 1,164,618
RESIDENTIAL LAND & BUILDING (not including current use):	716	\$ 133,332,200
Median: \$ 160,250		
RESIDENTIAL LAND & BUILDING WITH CURRENT USE:	100	\$ 23,193,576
MANUFACTURED HOUSING ON OWN LAND:	72	\$ 5,780,451
MANUFACTURED HOUSING ON LAND OF ANOTHER:	27	\$ 425,100
RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS:	Included in Residential Buildings	
DUPLEX & MULTI-FAMILY:	19	\$ 4,167,620
COMMERCIAL/INDUST. LAND ONLY (not including current use):	14	\$ 1,383,000
COMMERCIAL/INDUST. LAND & BUILDING (not including current use):	54	\$ 15,793,300
COMMERCIAL/INDUST. WITH CURRENT USE:	5	\$ 1,461,002
UTILITY:	6	\$ 12,299,900
TOTAL TAXABLE:	1416	\$ 205,125,967
TOTAL EXEMPT/NONTAXABLE:	39	\$ 11,801,600
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS:	1455	
(TOTAL NUMBER OF CARDS):	1532	
PROPERTIES WITH VIEWS (included above):	0	
PROPERTIES WITH WATER FRONTAGE (included above):	71	
DRA CERTIFICATION YEAR:	2019	

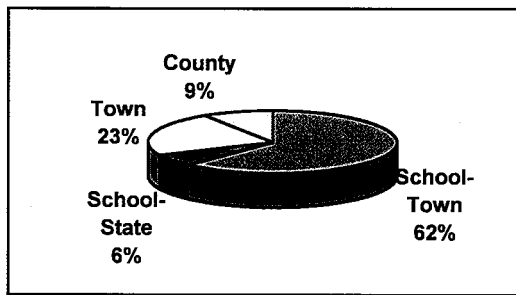
LARGEST PROPERTIES

You do not have any individual properties that either represent at least 10% of the total taxable assessed value or have an assessed value of at least \$25 million.

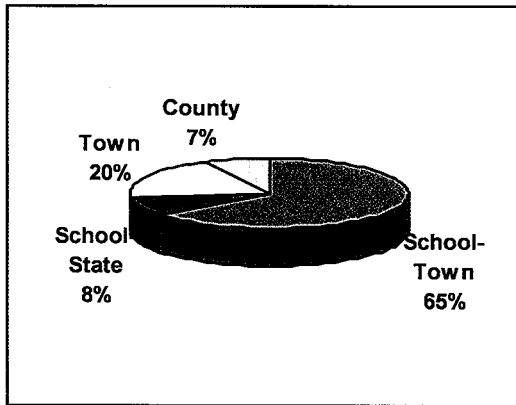
☞ WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES ☞



2023 Tax Rates	
School-Town	14.55
School-State	2.31
Town	5.20
County	1.82
Total	23.88



2022 Tax Rates	
School-Town	14.26
School-State	1.41
Town	5.22
County	2.11
Total	23.00



2021 Tax Rates	
School	15.46
School State-	1.89
Town	4.72
County	1.77
Total	23.84

RUMNEY FIVE-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	SCHOOL	STATE	TAX RATE	RATIO
2023	5.20	1.82	14.55	2.31	23.88	*
2022	5.22	2.11	14.26	1.41	23.00	58.0
2021	4.72	1.77	15.46	1.89	23.84	61.0
2020	5.20	1.74	15.23	1.77	23.94	85.1
2019	4.82	1.57	14.70	1.85	22.94	95.4
2018	4.71	1.70	15.55	2.26	24.22	98.6
2017	4.48	1.75	15.13	2.38	23.74	98.9
2016	5.89	1.73	13.84	2.30	23.76	96.9

(*not available at time of printing)

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

as of December 31, 2023

TAX MAP #	PROPERTY	VALUE
12-10-13	Town Office Building- 79 Depot Street	
	Building	\$136,400
	Contents	55,000
12-10-13	Fire Station - 59 Depot Street	
	Building	105,700
	Contents	185,000
	Land – Town Office & Fire Station	54,600
12-01-23	Historical Society- 20 Buffalo Road	
	Building	154,700
	Contents	10,000
	Library- 10 Buffalo Road	
	Building	241,100
	Contents	155,000
	Land – Historical Society & Library	35,000
11-06-01	Fire Station -1142 Old Route 25	
	Building	38,000
	Contents	25,000
	Land	22,200
12-15-03	Highway Garage – 13 Heal Drive	
	Building	212,600
	Contents	35,000
	Land	52,500
12-15-18	Old Town Shed - 31 Old North Groton Rd	
	Building	52,600
	Land	37,600
13-05-02	Russell School-195 School Street	
	Building	1,903,400
	Contents	250,000
	Land	149,500
12-06-28	Transfer Station- 1363 Buffalo Road	
	Building	37,200
	Contents	10,000
	Land	68,500
12-04-16	Town Common	
	Fountain	6,000
	Land-Stinson Lake/Quincy Rd.	16,500
12-07-10	2926 Rumney Route 25	
	Building	90,700
	Land	115,200
11-06-02	Tax Deeded in 2013 - 1140 Old Route 25	
	Building	21,500
	Land	23,000
13-08- C56	Tax Deeded in 2022 – 56 Bear Avenue	
	Building	9,000
13-04-21	Baker Athletic Field – Quincy Road	54,000
12-01-45	Waterhole – Buffalo Road	3,600
13-02-32	Town Pound – Quincy Road	10,100
11-05-01-01	Jim Darling Natural Area - Rumney Rte. 25	86,600
	WMNF 57L&57M Mineral Rights WMNF(Parks/Woodlot)	200
TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY VALUE		\$4,669,200


SCHEDULE OF TOWN VEHICLES

 as of December 31, 2023

TOWN OWNED VEHICLE TITLES

DEPARTMENT	YEAR	VEHICLE	MODEL	COLOR	Registration		
FIRE	1992	FORD	E-3	RED	G11568		
FIRE	2003	EMON	E-2	RED	G06387		
FIRE	2006	FREIGHTLINER	T-1	RED	G19050		
FIRE	2006	FORD	F-1	RED	G18977		
POLICE	2022	FORD	EXPLORER	GRY	568 1		
POLICE	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	GRY	568 2		
MUNICIPAL	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	GRY	G28783		
HIGHWAY	2010	FORD	EXPLORER	BLK	G28550		
HIGHWAY	1978	UTILITY TRAILER	OT	YELLOW	G26920		
HIGHWAY	1981	JOHN DEERE	GRADER	YELLOW	G05276		
HIGHWAY	1990	CATERPILLAR	LOADER	YELLOW	G01702		
HIGHWAY	1991	FORD TRACTOR	6610	YELLOW	G27555		
HIGHWAY	2001	INTERNATIONAL	DUMP	BLUE	G01895		
HIGHWAY	2015	FORD	F-550	BLUE	G24199		
HIGHWAY	2017	FREIGHTLINER	DUMP	BLUE	G25759		
HIGHWAY	2019	JOHN DEERE	BACKHOE 310SL	YELLOW	G13384		
HIGHWAY	2019	HOME MADE	UTILITY	BLK	G27556		
HIGHWAY	2021	FREIGHTLINER	DUMP	BLUE	G23244		
HIGHWAY	1989	INGERSOLL RAND	ROAD ROLL	WHITE			
TRANSFER STATION	2015	BOBCAT		WHITE	NONE		
TRANSFER STATION	1972	FRUEHAUF	TRAILER		NONE		
EMS	1999	FORD	AMBULANCE	RED/WHITE	G21323		
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	2010	STEA	TRAILER	WHITE	G22915		
UPDATED 11/21/2023							

⇒ TOWN OF RUMNEY ⇐

TOWN CLERK - TAX COLLECTOR'S 2023 REPORT

It is with our esteem, pleasure, and appreciation that we summarize the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's 2023 office business and Elections.

With the Police Department now in their new space, we are seeing progress in our office remodel. It is all coming together, and we look forward to our new and improved space. We now have the privacy, safety, and space that was needed.

2024 Part one (1) tax bills will go out around May 20th, 2024 and will be due around July 1st, 2024.

We are pleased to see so many in our community taking advantage of our on-line payment options for Real Estate Taxes, DMV, and Dog Licensing.

We want to thank our residents once again for being so prompt about paying their taxes, allowing our great Town to meet its payment obligations. We are pleased to announce our Tax Rate decreased for a second year in a row.

You must license your dog/s **annually** by April 30th pursuant to RSA 466:1. The 2024 dog tags are available starting January 3, 2024.

We continue to be pleased with the efficiency of Avitar software programs, that were implemented to assist the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's daily transactions.

Our Town has several opportunities on our many Boards/Committees as an elected or appointed official. Please contact the Town Clerk's office to find out about the many opportunities available.

2024 Elections:

Presidential Primary-January 23, 2024

Town Election-March 12, 2024

State Primary-September 10, 2024

Town Meeting-March 14, 2023

Presidential General Election-November 5, 2024

We would also like to thank the Selectmen, Greeter, Ballot Clerks, and of course our Ballot Counters who volunteered after the polls closed. A special thank you to Joe Dodge for helping with setting up both our Town Meetings and Elections.

Population: 1510 (NH Demographics Data December 2022)

Registered Voters: 1049 (October 2023- Rumney's Voter Checklist)

Town and City Clerks are elected and/or appointed by the citizens who have the utmost trust and faith in the clerk's ability to serve their community fairly and honestly. Let us all live up to that trust with honor and dignity.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office is looking forward to another great year supporting the Townsfolk of Rumney as always, with pride and respect.

Respectfully, *Lila Williams & Dawn Coffey*



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

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

Instructions

Cover Page

- 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	
<input type="text" value="Lila"/>	<input type="text" value="Williams"/>	
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number
<input type="text" value="79"/>	<input type="text" value="Depot St"/>	<input type="text" value="(603) 786-2237"/>
Email (optional)		
<input type="text" value="taxcollector@rumneynh.org"/>		



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020	
Property Taxes	3110		\$231,701.41			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$1,526.90)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,743,312.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$45,308.23		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$551.60		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$6,231.09				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,734.09	\$8,714.78			
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					

Total Debits	\$4,796,610.11	\$240,416.19	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$4,471,747.15	\$164,813.41		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$45,308.23			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,560.28	\$7,270.37		
Penalties	\$173.81	\$1,444.41		
Excavation Tax	\$551.60			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$63,300.15		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$2,635.00	\$3,587.85		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$274,983.16			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$1,349.12)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$4,796,610.11	\$240,416.19	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$273,634.04
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$51,609.18



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$69,533.65	\$32,988.34
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$66,580.00		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$2,080.63	\$8,268.86	\$5,173.37
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$68,660.63	\$77,802.51	\$38,161.71

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$37,238.15	\$47,024.73	\$32,988.34
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$2,080.63	\$8,268.86	\$5,173.37
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$241.59	
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$29,341.85	\$22,267.33	
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$68,660.63	\$77,802.51	\$38,161.71

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$273,634.04
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$51,609.18



RUMNEY (395)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM
 Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name	Preparer's Last Name	Date
LILA	WILLIAMS	Jan 2, 2024

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM
 Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM
 This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION
 Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's Signature and Title

TOWN OF RUMNEY

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR END 2023

	Receipts	
	Town Clerk	\$ 483,065.09
	Tax Collector	\$ 4,889,948.78
	Town Office	<u>\$ 1,188,037.41</u>
	Total Receipts 2023	\$ 6,561,051.28
Regular Checking Account	Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 150,000.00
	Interest Earned	\$ 150.40
	Deposits	\$ 11,291,669.44
	Payments/Checks	\$ (11,291,807.10)
	Outstanding Transactions 12/31	\$ (391,527.84)
Sweep/ICS Account	Balance 12/31/2023	<u>\$ 2,152,277.10</u>
	Total Available 12/31/2023	\$ 1,910,762.00
DMV Account	Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 1,690.11
	Deposits	\$ 132,681.34
	Withdrawals	\$ (133,421.62)
	Interest Earned	<u>\$ 0.44</u>
	Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 950.27
MUNICIPAL SAVINGS	Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 12,576.02
Quarterly Statement	Deposits	\$ 2,500.00
	Withdrawals	\$ (1,005.00)
	Interest Earned	<u>\$ 6.24</u>
	Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 14,077.26
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 105,662.13
Money Market Fund	Deposits	\$ 11,295.00
Monthly Statement	Withdrawals	\$ (50,000.00)
	Interest Earned	<u>\$ 432.30</u>
	Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 67,389.43
RECREATION COMMITTEE FUND	Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 3,080.36
Quarterly Statement	Deposits	\$ -
	Withdrawals	\$ -
	Interest Earned	<u>\$ 1.55</u>
	Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 3,081.91
POLICE DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUND	Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 456.65
Quarterly Statement	Deposits	\$ 3,922.93
	Withdrawals	\$ (3,380.00)
	Interest Earned	<u>\$ 0.62</u>
	Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 1,000.20

Janet Sherburne, Treasurer


TOWN OF RUMNEY

2023 REVENUE

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Town of Rumney
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January through December 2023

Revenue	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
1080.1 Property Tax	4,671,361.55
1080.3 Timber Tax	45,308.23
1080.4 Gravel Tax	543.40
1110.0 Redemption	117,251.22
3120 Land Use Change Tax	0.00
3186.0 Payments In Lieu of Tax	37,894.00
3190.0 Interest & Penalties	55,484.38
3210.1 Junkyard License	200.00
3220.1 Motor Vehicle Permits	345,319.71
3290.1 Dog Licenses	1,898.50
3290.2 UCC	1,000.00
3290.3 Marriages	70.00
3290.4 Certified Copies	514.00
3290.6 PB Fees - Permits	1,280.00
3319.1 FEMA	7,673.33
3352.0 Meals & Rooms Tax	143,551.94
3359.3 Grant Other	40,000.00
3401.1 TS User Fees	22,140.50
3401.2 TS Recycling	6,711.86

3401.20 Police Pistol Permits	40.00
3401.21 Police Reg. Fee	0.00
3401.22 PD & FD Reports	195.00
3401.23 Police Fines	475.00
3401.3 TS Dorchester	35,578.68
3401.4 TS Ellsworth	1,050.00
3401.6 Dorchester	5,780.39
3401.61 Groton	11,813.07
3401.7 Warden Fees	203.00
3401.81 FD Code Enforcement	1,620.00
3501.0 Sale of Town Property	88,250.00
3502.0 Interest Income	13,346.77
3503 Rental Income	1.00
3504.0 Fines	128.00
3504.1 Copies/Regulations	46.00
3504.2 Old Home Day	2,790.00
3504.3 Reimbursements/Donations	2,340.80
3504.5 Cemetery Receipts	8,875.00
3509.1 Town Clerk Revenue	238.00
3530.0 Intra Account Transfers	3,380.00
3915.0 Transfer from Trust Fund	469,137.18
Total Income	<u>6,143,490.51</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Rumney
Rumney, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rumney as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Permanent Fund	Unmodified
Town Hall Renovation Capital Project Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matters described in the "Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities financial statements of the Town of Rumney, as of December 31, 2022, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Each Major Funds and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rumney as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Rumney and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

***Town of Rumney
Independent Auditor's Report***

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1-B to the financial statements, management has not recorded certain capital assets and related accumulated depreciation in the governmental activities, and accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that capital assets, be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

As discussed in Note 1-B to the financial statements, management has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement healthcare costs and obligations for other postemployment benefits for the single employer plan in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the liabilities, decrease the net position, and increase the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses on the governmental activities, is not readily determinable.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Rumney's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Rumney's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Rumney's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2-C to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2022 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

*Town of Rumney
Independent Auditor's Report*

Required Supplementary Information – Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information – Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Rumney's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

January 9, 2024
Concord, New Hampshire

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⇒ TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS ⇐

REPORT FOR 2023

The Trustees of the Trust funds oversee the management of the funds the town has appropriated at our annual town meetings to meet future spending needs.

We are currently working with our financial management company, Three Bearings who does the actual managing of the money under the direction of the three trustees.

During the past year we have met with representatives of Three Bearings to update our Investment Policy to make sure it aligns with their standards and the goals of the town. We have also worked closely with the Cemetery Trustees. A new Investment policy was adopted in July of 2023.

Janice Mulherin and Deb Maes attended the annual training to make sure we are in compliance with all related state laws regarding trustee roles and responsibilities.

We maintain contact with the Rumney town officials regarding what money is designated to be spent, when funds will be needed and plans for future spending to make sure that funds are available when needed.

Our meetings are open to the public and the meeting minutes can be found on the Town's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Andrew

Deborah Maes

Janice Mulherin

MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF RUMNEY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 12/31/2023

Date Created	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				PRINCIPAL				INCOME			TOTAL		MARKET VALUE		
	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/-Losses	With-drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
Fire Department																
2005	Emergency Medical Service Vehicle	Police/Fire	Common CRF	15.07	59,138.31	2,500.00	-32.21	0.00	61,606.10	6,579.34	2,164.13	0.00	8,743.47	70,349.57	-1,522.06	68,827.51
2012	EMS Major Equipment Fund	Police/Fire	Common CRF	2.29	7,991.00	1,000.00	-4.49	0.00	8,986.51	1,367.46	318.33	0.00	1,685.79	10,672.30	-230.90	10,441.40
1993	Fire Department	Police/Fire	Common CRF	66.70	483,232.53	40,000.00	-289.07	300,000.00	222,983.46	79,972.37	17,823.03	0.00	97,795.40	320,778.86	-6,940.26	313,838.60
2009	Fire Department Equipment	Police/Fire	Common CRF	12.33	45,350.50	7,000.00	-23.19	0.00	52,327.31	3,544.02	1,891.10	0.00	5,235.12	57,562.43	-1,245.40	56,317.03
2016	Mutual Aid Fire Fighter Fund	Police/Fire	Common CRF	1.61	6,005.76	1,000.00	-2.97	0.00	7,002.81	309.58	219.91	0.00	529.49	7,532.30	-162.97	7,369.33
Total Fire Department				100	601,738.12	51,500.00	-331.93	300,000.00	352,906.19	91,772.77	22,216.50	0.00	113,989.27	466,895.46	-10,101.59	456,793.87
Highway Department																
2008	Bridge	Maintenance and Repair	Common CRF	56.94	206,896.39	15,000.00	-107.22	108,213.80	113,575.37	18,793.13	6,922.26	0.00	25,715.39	139,290.76	-3,013.65	136,277.11
1961	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	43.06	71,874.48	40,000.00	-37.82	20,000.00	91,836.66	10,529.73	2,978.00	0.00	13,507.73	105,344.39	-2,279.20	103,065.19
Total Highway Department				100	278,770.87	55,000.00	-145.04	128,213.80	205,412.03	29,322.86	9,900.26	0.00	39,223.12	244,635.15	-5,292.85	239,342.30
Library																
1998	B. Merrill Library Capital Improvement	Library	Common CRF	100.00	31,081.16	0.00	-18.02	0.00	31,063.14	5,240.72	1,174.34	0.00	6,415.06	37,478.20	-810.87	36,667.33
Total Library				100	31,081.16	0.00	-18.02	0.00	31,063.14	5,240.72	1,174.34	0.00	6,415.06	37,478.20	-810.87	36,667.33
Police Department																
1986	Police Department	Police/Fire	Common CRF	100.00	43,183.38	5,000.00	-24.21	0.00	48,159.17	7,157.80	1,706.36	0.00	8,864.16	57,023.33	-1,233.74	55,789.59
Total Police Department				100	43,183.38	5,000.00	-24.21	0.00	48,159.17	7,157.80	1,706.36	0.00	8,864.16	57,023.33	-1,233.74	55,789.59
School																
1998	Facilities/Improvements	Educational Purposes	Common CRF	80.68	117,682.21	20,000.00	-101.48	0.00	137,580.73	90,347.38	7,236.32	0.00	97,585.70	235,166.43	-5,087.98	230,078.45
2001	School District Land & Buildings	Educational Purposes	Common CRF	1.21	2,593.89	0.00	-1.69	0.00	2,592.20	915.41	110.54	0.00	1,025.95	3,528.15	-76.33	3,451.82
2000	Special Education	Educational Purposes	Common CRF	18.11	40,058.70	0.00	-25.36	0.00	40,033.34	11,083.76	1,653.52	0.00	12,737.28	52,770.62	-1,141.73	51,628.89
Total School				100	160,244.80	20,000.00	-128.53	0.00	180,116.27	102,346.55	9,002.38	0.00	111,348.93	291,465.20	-6,306.04	285,159.16
Town																
2014	Cemetery Improvement Fund	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	13.91	27,271.40	10,000.00	-12.85	10,700.00	26,558.55	1,821.72	1,089.49	0.00	2,911.21	29,469.76	-637.60	28,832.16
2023	Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund	Maintenance and Repair	Common CRF	3.41	0.00	7,100.00	1.08	0.00	7,101.08	0.00	111.85	0.00	111.85	7,212.93	-156.06	7,056.87
2015	Office Equipment/Software Fund	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	7.04	12,468.04	1,000.00	-6.52	0.00	13,461.52	998.88	451.16	0.00	1,450.04	14,911.56	-322.62	14,588.94

MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF RUMNEY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 12/31/2023

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 (Other)	With-drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
1987	Town Facilities/Improvements	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	43.11	80,200.54	10,000.00	-41.83	9,431.50	80,727.21	7,654.13	2,944.76	0.00	10,598.89	91,326.10	-1,975.90	89,350.20
1984	Town Revaluation	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	6.70	17,189.67	0.00	-10.36	5,750.00	11,429.31	3,830.99	666.87	3,000.00	1,497.86	12,927.17	-279.69	12,647.48
2005	Transfer Station Compactor	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	6.42	15,376.76	0.00	-9.99	5,391.88	9,974.89	3,119.26	512.72	0.00	3,651.98	13,606.87	-294.39	13,312.48
2008	Transfer Station Equipment	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	14.53	28,049.65	1,000.00	-14.16	0.00	27,035.49	2,789.09	948.16	0.00	3,737.25	30,772.74	-665.79	30,106.95
2010	Water Supply	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common CRF	5.48	9,963.95	0.00	-5.56	0.00	9,958.39	1,279.55	363.51	0.00	1,643.06	11,601.45	-251.01	11,350.44
Total Town				100	188,520.01	29,100.00	-100.19	31,273.38	186,246.44	21,493.62	7,088.52	3,000.00	25,592.14	211,828.58	-4,593.06	207,245.52
GRAND TOTAL: CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					1,303,538.34	160,600.00	-747.92	459,487.18	1,003,903.24	257,334.32	51,088.36	3,000.00	305,422.68	1,309,325.92	-28,328.15	1,280,997.77
GRAND TOTAL: RUMNEY					2,118,129.44	181,760.29	-1,075.90	463,987.18	1,814,826.65	313,710.22	72,736.11	14,667.29	371,779.04	2,186,605.69	59,578.56	2,246,184.25

≡ CEMETERY TRUSTEES ≡

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

Cemetery Trustees held monthly public meetings located at 79 Depot Street to address cemetery business and maintenance of the town's cemeteries at Pleasant View, Highland North, Highland South, Depot and Sand Hill. Meeting notices are posted at the town lobby, post office lobby and on the town's website. Minutes are posted on the town's website and filed with the Town Clerk.

Cemetery financial records are updated and filed at the monthly meetings. At year's end, a financial annual report is recorded as a part of the town's audit detailing operating expenses, revenue, 2023 cemetery expendable trust, individual perpetual care requests for years up to 2022, and sexton, mowing or vendor invoices.

Cemetery Trustees met in September, 2023 to prepare the 2024 operating budget request to be voted on as an article in the town's March meeting, including the mowing contract. The Cemetery Maintenance Trust, Article 07 was voted and approved at the March, 2023 Town Meeting.

Cemetery Trustees met with the Trustees of the Trust Funds and Selectmen to discuss Cemetery Trusts.

The Cemetery by Laws, Rules and Regulations are reviewed, updated and posted on the Town's website.

The Highland South cemetery wall has been repaired and completed as of spring, 2023.

The Cemetery software purchase was approved as part of the operating budget, Article 6 at the March, 2023 town meeting. Cemetery Trustees coordinated the software quote, purchase, installation, attended training, and initiated inputting cemetery details into the town's computer in the database.

Cemetery lots are available for purchase at Pleasant View and Highland North Cemeteries. Costs and details are available on the town's website.

The Cemetery Trustees continue to address questions on deeds, ownership, lot purchases, burials, and the continued maintenance and care of the town's cemeteries. Cemetery Trustees are reachable at cemeteries@rumneynh.org or (603) 786-9511.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Ganley, Secretary

Linda LaPrad, Chair, March-December, 2023, and Treasurer

Wayne Farnsworth, Chair, January-February, 2023

⇒ CEMETERY TRUSTEES ⇐

REVENUE EXPENSE REPORT FOR 2023

2023 Revenue:

Town of Rumney	\$29,075.00
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$5,000.00
Burials	\$6,850.00
Lot Purchases	
Latulippe, Randy and Hannah	\$1,025.00
Perkins, Timothy and Lynn (2 single lots)	\$1,000.00
Total Revenue:	\$42,950.00

2023 Expenses:

Maintenance	\$1,200.00
Burials (14)	\$4,950.00
Sanborn and Tower (Pleasant View Maps)	\$1,365.00
Contract Work	\$17,915.00
Beede Cemetery Works	\$300.00
Pontem Software	\$3,285.00
Certified Computer Solutions	\$1,475.00
Dunham Excavation	\$3,043.00
Total Expenses:	\$33,533.00

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2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

BGM 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT **1/1/2023-12/31/2023**

Category

INCOME

BGM Rumney Town Appropriation	\$	53,704.00
BGM Unanticipated Income	\$	3,404.25
Interest Inc	\$	2.41
TOTAL INCOME	\$	57,110.66

EXPENSES

BGM Building Improvements	\$	-
BGM Collection	\$	4,547.90
BGM Computers and Technology	\$	1,344.52
BGM Conferences	\$	150.00
BGM Inspections and Certificates	\$	1,072.00
BGM Maintenance	\$	1,728.00
BGM Memberships	\$	165.00
BGM Payroll	\$	29,512.64
BGM Payroll Federal Taxes	\$	2,240.86
BGM Payroll Processing	\$	2,107.12
BGM Subscriptions	\$	641.99
BGM Supplies	\$	1,712.46
BGM Utilities	\$	9,705.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	54,928.07

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Beginning Balance (1/1/2022)	\$	90,622.50
Interest	\$	98.34
Ending Balance (12/31/2022)	\$	90,720.84

⇒ 2023 BOARD OF SELECTMEN ⇐ REPORT

The Rumney Board of Selectmen has moved forward on several projects during this past year. Some are more visually apparent than others, but all very important.

The most apparent project is the addition on to the Town Office Building and remodeling of the existing offices. Funds allocated during the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Business Session have been supplanted with State and Federal Grants that had been applied for and received to assist with the completion of the addition and remodel.

During the Summer of 2023, the Rumney Police operations were moved into the new addition, freeing up the space they had occupied, allowing the remodeling portion to begin. Every department that works in the Town Office Building had to endure some temporary moves and disruption to allow the overall project to move forward.

The space that had been used by the Police Department for the past 32 years was repurposed and resized to create office space that can be shared by the Rumney Planning Board, Rumney Cemetery Trustees, Supervisors of the Checklist, and Rumney Conservation Commission. It is noteworthy to mention that when the Town Office was originally built, the Planning Board used the office space that is now the Town Clerks Office. Up until 2000, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector worked from their home. In 2000, when the Town Clerk/Tax Collector moved into the Town Office Building, the Planning Board was relocated into the Town Office Meeting Room. In line with the resizing of the former Police Department space, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector area gained office space. The Tax Collector service window was moved away from the entry door and down the hallway. This will allow for better traffic flow for our customers and privacy when needed. It will also assist with temperature control in the office.

Each office had new carpet installed, replacing the original 32-year-old carpet. All the walls and ceilings, except for the bathrooms, mechanical room, and the storage area, were painted. Most of the painted areas had not been redone since the original paint was applied.

The roof of the Town Office received much needed attention, having the old shingles removed and new shingles installed. Additionally, a gutter system was installed on both the original building and the addition.

The replacement of the original oil boiler, with a new LP boiler, is in the works. The 32-year-old boiler has serviced the Town Office well, but its last inspections revealed it is nearing the end of its efficient and reliable life cycle. It was determined it would be better to plan the replacement of the boiler rather than risk an emergency replacement.

The last key replacement needed to be addressed is the telephone system. This issue has been anticipated and budgeted for through Capital Reserve Funds. It is now time to move forward on the replacement. The current system is no longer supported by the local telephone company to the extent that they will no longer relocate lines or install new lines to our current equipment.

As we near the end of this project we anticipate a few small changes along the way as we all acclimate ourselves to the areas of use.

August 15, 2018, The Town of Rumney sent a letter to the NH Department of Transportation indicating the Town's interest in obtaining the former Rumney Rest Area. Nearly 5 years to the day the Town of Rumney obtained the Deed to the parcel located at 2962 Rumney Route 25. It was a joint effort of the Board of Selectmen and the Rumney Conservation Commission to acquire the property. This has been a long and sometimes frustrating process to navigate, but it has ended with the Town taking ownership. The building is structurally sound, with some minor cosmetic repairs needed on the exterior. A replacement power pole has been installed on the property and new power lines have been brought to the building. A small diverse group of residents have been gathered to address the possible uses of the building and the property around it. The focus of use for the eastern end of the parcel will be water access to the Baker River. The Board of Selectmen appreciate the assistance, both financially and planning, provided by the Rumney Conservation Commission. We all hope to protect the river frontage while providing water access and a small picnic area for our residents.

During the March 2023, Town Meeting – Business Session, Town voters decided to restructure the Rumney Fire Department, in that the Fire Chief will be an appointed position. This will bring the Fire Chief position in line with all other Department Head positions. There has not been a job description for the position, as it had been elected by fire department members. A Fire Chief job description has been in development based on current standards and needs of the Town.

Facility maintenance was a focus this year. The Town's infrastructure is in good shape and the goal is to keep it so. The metal roof on the Town Highway Garage was replaced. The new metal roof will be good for several decades to come.

The Transfer Station shed received some structural repairs. This is a good start, but the roof will need some attention in the near future. Additionally, the Transfer Station Superintendent, "Sonny" Ouellette, worked closely with the Board of Selectmen to make changes in the method of which the Town disposes of its solid waste. Many people don't understand the complexities and costs associated with disposing of our solid waste. We are fortunate that we are a mandatory recycling town, which opened a limited opportunity to use a different disposal location. This along with changing our transportation vendor, we hope to realize a savings of approximately \$40,000. We will not see that number automatically subtracted from our Transfer Station bottom-line, but we will know that this amount will not be added to the operation cost but would have if these changes were not made. Sonny and Selectman, Bob Berti, spent time visiting landfill locations and reviewing transportation bids. Both these ventures paid off in cost saving in transportation and limiting increases in disposal or "Tipping Fees". Please keep up your recycling efforts and work with the Transfer Station crew. It does pay off in the end.

The Old Town Hall, which houses the Rumney Historical Society, has been experiencing a leak inside the front door. The area of the bell tower is built to drain away rain and snow. It was found that the sealant had dried and cracked. New sealant was put into place in an effort to stop any moisture that was coming into the building from that area. The front trim board was also scraped and primed. Next Spring a few of the trim boards will be replaced and painted.

The Depot Street Fire Station chimney was repaired. The chimney was damaged when heavy snow and ice slid off the roof and broke off part of the tiles. The replacement included the liner, new tiles, and a new cricket on the roof to protect the chimney.

The parking area of the Town Office was seal coated, to extend the life of the pavement, and new lines were painted.

Last, but not least, all the Town facilities septic tanks were pumped. An inspection of the systems found most were in good shape while some repairs will be needed next summer.

We hope a good maintenance program will keep our facility infrastructure in good and efficient operating condition.

The Board of Selectmen appreciate the hard work and dedication of all the Town employees, volunteers, and elected officials. Their efforts make Rumney an enjoyable place to live.

To the residents of Rumney, thank you for your ongoing support and being part of what makes Rumney a great small Town.

Sincerely,

Edward Haskell, Jr. Chairman

Isaac DeWever

Robert Berti

⇒ 2023 PLANNING BOARD REPORT ⇐

Brian Flynn, Vice Chairman
Judi Hall, Secretary/Clerk
Donald Winsor
Zach Richards, Alternate
Isaac Dewever, Selectmen Liaison

John Dow
Brad Eaton
Josh Keys
Duane Ford, Alternate

The Rumney Planning Board has continued to work on updating the Master Plan for Rumney. The current Master Plan was published in 2012. Since that time Rumney has built additions to both the school and the Town hall and made improvements to the Town library. Town demographics have shifted due in part to the effects of COVID 19. The Master Plan is an important tool for future planning.

The Planning Board also has the responsibility to update the Capital Improvement Plans which help the Town to plan and save for future large expenditures. The Board continues to work on these with Town Departments.

We approved five subdivisions this year and two mergers of property. We also approved two excavation permits and received five driveway permits. Excavation inspections took place in February and October.

It should be noted that all new driveways and any alteration to driveways (including paving, regrading, and changing the slope) require a permit from the Town if on a Town road or from the State if on a State Road. State roads are Rt. 25, Rt. 118, Quincy Road and Main Street/Stinson Lake Road. If you are not sure that you need a permit, please ask.

The Planning Board had two people join as alternates this year. If you are interested in helping to provide guidance for development in Rumney we welcome you to come to our meetings and consider joining the Board.

Please contact the Board if you have any questions about your upcoming projects – always better to ask first.

➤ 2023 EMS REPORT ⇐

2023 was a pretty normal year for Rumney EMS. There was a small uptick in call volume, which seems to happen every year. We gained a new member, Evan Hacker, which was a huge help. Together with Brett Durham, Sean Zaikowski, Josh Nossaman and myself this makes up our squad. Plymouth FD continues to be a huge help as our transporting agency. Though we have the licensing and the unit to transport, we don't always have the number of people present to transport.

One of the biggest questions we are always asked is should I call 911? Some people are afraid to call 911 because they are embarrassed, they don't want to be a burden, others because they think they can tough it out, others still because they are afraid of the costs. This should be the last thing on your mind, never hesitate to call 911, even if we show up and don't transport, it's better knowing everything is ok.

Another thing, have you ever stopped to look at the front of your house from your driveway? Do you see clearly visible numbers either on the house or if your house isn't close to the road, on a post or such at the end of your driveway? If the answer is yes, awesome! You made our response that much easier. But if the answer is no, those are precious minutes lost trying to figure out which house is yours. Clearly marking your house number is so important to emergency responses. If you have any questions about it, feel free to get in touch with someone from our squad or the Fire department and we will be glad to help with that.

Now is where I again plead for help. We are a small squad that needs members. If you have any interest in becoming an EMR, EMT, or AEMT, get in contact with any member of the squad. We pay for all classes. And you get a cool response jump bag.

Thank you again for all your support

Daniel Medaglia
EMS Director



Rumney Police Department

Annual Report 2023

A brief message to the populace of Rumney.

With your reliance and understanding, I offer a brief submission for this year's report concluding 2023.

As the year started returning to solo enforcement during the winter and transition of the calendar year of 2022-2023, I had reopened the full-time officer's spot for hire as desperately needing more bodies. This requires an extreme amount of dedication and persistence to acquire what is sought for, especially in the widespread difficulty of hiring/retention the country and more importantly this State is experiencing. After months of office work and communications, a pick was made with confidence of exceptional personality, dedication, and professionalism. Leading unto the fall of 2023, the Rumney Police Department welcomed Officer Thomas Sturges who brings forth years of dedicated experience.

A sincere "thank you" is simultaneously passed unto Administrative Assistant, Janet as her efforts have continued throughout the transition into the new addition of the town building, of which is supporting the Police Department. Located on the westerly side of the town office, accessible through the main foyer out front while the Town Office is open. If assistance is needed, please utilize dispatch at (603)-786-9712. No public body will be allowed inside the PD, especially from the side door, which has been a method for years. All walk-ins will be directed unto the secretary, and she will acquire necessary information to pass along.

The department handled approximately 2625 calls for service this year. Appearing to maintain a numerical value slightly less than the prior year, however there were some elongated times left unattended of which for personal reasons.

As expressed in prior years, the ever-changing culture of law enforcement dictates many hours to training, revisitation of laws changing, and or the unexpected. All encompassed to a race between time and crime, with such standards topping off our failing judicial system, reoccurrence of frequent flyers, all in all leaves cases and sometimes investigations on the side burner with no answers.

Posting times around the Elementary School daily if applicable, always resorts in at least an abundance of smiles from the juveniles, while sending high fives, knuckles, or even a silly face.

The two grants received prior were discussed last year. A result of this was obtaining axon camera systems of which is under order. Axon brings forth cutting edge technology and with a comprehensive package, supplying new cameras at points throughout the plan to be included on a 5-year rotating budget alongside the tasers.

The other grant obtained benefiting the town, was the 90% covered cruiser. The cruiser was delivered and upfitted to match. Throughout the usage over the summer/fall/and winter, efficiency of fuel milage spoken about has come to mind. The hybrid package along with our design of the roadways has offered fuel savings desirable that of which will easily offset the price comparison.

I would like to add for information this town, sees and or, may face everything under the of context criminology.

From Thefts (avg 1 every 10 days) to Domestic (avg 1 every 9 days) to missing persons (9 this year) to Juvenile issues (avg 1 every 11 days) all the way across to motor vehicle presence on the road. Some events are rising and others lessening, still leaving our hands overly busy time and time again.

Other issues commonly handled are to include Traffic Accidents upwards of 41 as of the 1st of December, Neighbor Disputes (daily), Motor Vehicle Complaints (daily), Drug Offenses more and more etc..

Upon closing this message, I express my loyalty, gratitude, and dignity as the ability to continue as Chief in hopes of bettering society.

Sincerely,

Chief of Police – Gregory Patten

Rumney Police Department

➤ RUMNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT ☞

YEAR END REPORT 2023

2023 was another busy year for the Fire Department.

The Chief has been busy with life safety inspections, including the campgrounds, schools, apartments and the business's that have annual inspections. Permitting for oil and gas installations has been consistent and kept up to date. A reminder to all residents that the Fire Department needs to be contacted by homeowners and oil/gas techs to get a permit for new installs of gas/oil, or for replacements.

Some exciting news for the Department this fall. Our new fire truck will be available sooner than was first predicted. Our new truck from E-One/Desourcie will be here in June of 2024. Thank you to our residents.

One of the goals for the department this year, was to be able to have shift coverage for our long holiday weekends, and be able to provide the town with 2 Fire/Ems personnel manning the station over the weekend. The influx of tourists during the summer months, increases our call volume, so it's important to make sure we have coverage available. During these long weekends, each shift has a work schedule to follow. From washing the trucks and bays, answering calls, to checking fire hydrants, and performing trainings, and truck and equipment maintenance.

We had another successful Old Home Day with the Dunk Tank. We appreciate the support from our "dunkers" and everyone in town. Our new supporter T-shirts were a big hit.

Our yearly Fire Prevention week with the RES grades K-4 was a little different this year, as we took a truck and the ambulance to the school. It was a fun day talking with the kids, showing them the trucks and equipment, and sharing with them ways to be safe when cooking, which was this year's theme.

The Department continues to appreciate the support of the Ladies Auxiliary. We held our second successful Fall Festival with the Ladies Auxiliary, which included fall plants, a chili cook-off and a craft table for the kids. This year we also had a special visit from Smokey Bear, which was a big hit with the kids.

We would like to make special mention of the passing of two former members of our Dept. Bo Beadle, and Jim McCart. We offer our sincere condolences to their families, and are very grateful for the years Bo and Jim volunteered with the dept. and served our community.

As always, I'd like to thank the towns' people for your continued support. We appreciate each one of you that has stopped by to say hi, sent a note, purchased a tee shirt, or came to one of our community events. We can't do this without you!

As with many Departments now, we are always looking for new members. Please contact the Fire Station or any member, if you are interested in joining, or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Evan Hacker
Fire Chief
Rumney Fire Department

➤ RUMNEY FIRE CALLS 2023 ➤

1/2/2023	Haz. Condition	4/6/2023	MA Plymouth	7/13/2023	MA- Warren
1/8/2023	FA	4/9/2023	MA Warren	7/16/2023	MA-Warren
1/13/2023	Cover Truck/Campton	4/17/2023	Groton	7/21/2023	Good Intent
1/15/2023	MA/Campton	4/20/2023	MVA	7/23/2023	Rescue
1/17/2023	FA -Dorchester	4/22/2023	Cover Truck	7/25/2023	Lift Assist
1/17/2023	FA-Dorchester	4/30/2023	TREE/Wires	7/26/2023	FAA
1/18/2023	EMS Assist	5/4/2023	Service Call	7/27/2023	Tree on Wires (Dorchester)
1/23/2022	MA/ Plymouth	5/5/2023	MVA	7/27/2023	MVA
1/24/2023	FA	5/9/2023	FAA	7/29/2023	Smoke Invest
1/27/2023	EMS Assist/Groton	5/11/2023	FAA	8/1/2023	EMS Assist
1/28/2023	Haz. Condition	5/11/2023	FAA	8/1/2023	MA Bridgewater
1/31/2023	MVA	5/12/2023	Brush Fire	8/3/2023	MA Warren
2/1/2023	MVA	5/13/2023	MVA	8/7/2023	MA Orford
2/4/2023	FA	5/19/2023	MA	8/9/2023	Tree Down
2/5/2023	MA/Canaan	5/23/2023	Lift Assist - Dorchester	12/4/2023	Tree/Wires
2/7/2023	FA/Dorchester	5/24/2023	MVA	12/8/2023	MA Warren
2/9/2023	MA/Wentworth	5/26/2023	Illegal Outside Fire	12/9/2023	MA Warren
2/15/2023	EMS Assist	5/27/2023	Cover Truck	12/13/2023	MA Campton
2/18/2023	Chimney Fire	5/29/2023	MA - Wentworth	12/15/2023	MA Campton
2/20/2023	Wires Down	5/29/2023	FAA	12/17/2023	FAA
2/21/2023	FA	6/2/2023	Wires down	12/18/2023	Haz. Condition
2/26/23	Garage Fire/ Groton	6/3/2023	Wires down Dorchester	12/18/2023	Haz. Condition
3/1/2023	MA/Canaan	6/5/2023	MA Campton	12/18/2023	Tree on Wires (Dorchester)
3/1/2023	MA/Thornton	6/7/2023	MVA Dorchester	12/19/2023	CO Alarm
3/2/2023	MA/ Plymouth	6/15/2023	MA Campton	12/19/2023	Service Call
3/4/2023	MVA-Snowmobile Acc.	6/15/2023	MA Campton	12/27/2023	Electrical Fire
3/5/2023	CO Detector	6/17/2023	Wires down	12/27/2023	CO Alarm
3/6/2023	Cover Truck/Plymouth	6/19/2023	FAA	12/29/2023	MA Warren
3/15/2023	MA/Plymouth	6/19/2023	FAA	12/31/2023	MA Plymouth
3/19/2023	Chimney Fire	6/22/2023	Lift Assist - Groton		
3/24/2023	Chimney Fire	6/27/2023	Tree/Wires		
3/25/2023	MA/Warren	7/9/2023	Tree/Wires- Dorchester		
3/28/2023	MA Canaan	7/11/2023	Tree/Wires		
3/31/2023	Good Intent	7/11/2023	FAA		
4/5/2023	Service Call	7/13/2023	Outside Fire		
4/6/2023	MA Plymouth	7/13/2023	MA-Warren		

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

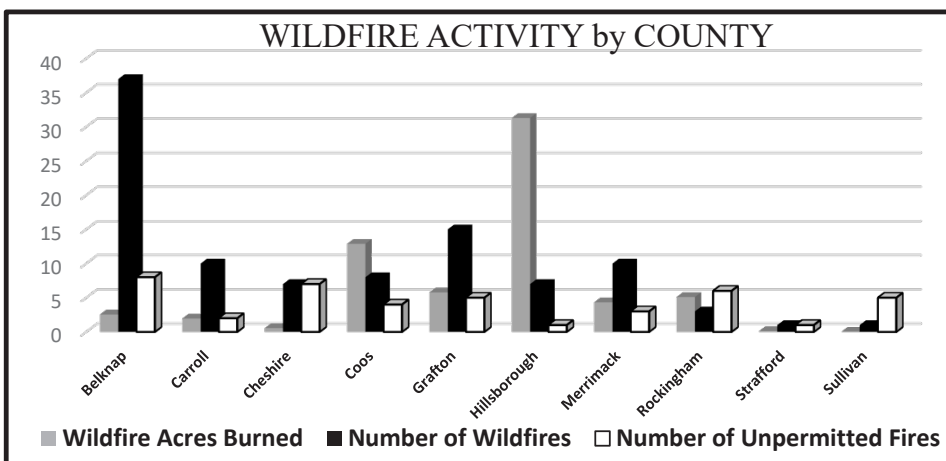
This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey’s message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC’s: **Always Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **“Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire’s forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: [@NHForestRangers](https://twitter.com/NHForestRangers)



2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4

⇒ TOWN OF RUMNEY ⇐

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2023

The year 2023 began with a pretty average winter with minimal large snowstorms. We were down to two men during part of the winter, so Frank Simpson came back and helped us out temporarily to handle the plowing and sanding. We appreciated him helping us out. We spent time on the maintenance and repair of all the town vehicles and equipment.

In the spring, mud season was not as bad as years past. Stone was put down where needed to keep the roads passable. Not as much was needed this year, however.

Once mud season was over and the frost was out of the ground, we were able to start grading roads and ditching. Since we were able to purchase the used roller last year, we avoided the costly expense of renting one and could use it whenever it was needed.

The big project for the summer was rebuilding two large sections of Old Route 25 which meant temporary road closures. We appreciate the patience shown by the residents. Then it was paved from Route 25 up 7000 feet, connecting to the other section that was done a few years ago. Following the paving, shoulder gravel was put in all along both sides of the road. After that, ditching was done on East Rumney Road, Doetown Road, and Buffalo Road. Roadside mowing was done on all the town roads.

In the fall we had very seasonal temperatures, extending our time to do more road maintenance and prepare the equipment for winter.

Overall the town roads are in good shape. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, call me directly at the office at 603 786-9486.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Coursey, Road Agent

⇒ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ⇐

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

In the post COVID-19 Pandemic period, we continue with follow up work and reports well into this year. At the local level we continuously struggle to push our State and Federal counterparts to catch up with projects that they had placed on the backburner during the pandemic. Zoom meetings and telephone conferences continue to be the new normal, at times being a little more convenient, but there is a lot to be said about meeting in person and having face-to-face discussions.

We did experience a storm in December 2023, that met the criteria to be deemed a Federal Disaster. The Rumney Road Agent and I are working through the process with New Hampshire Homeland Security and FEMA to cover part of the cost to the Town. Most of the damage we suffered was the result of heavy rain that fell following a snowstorm. This resulted in plugged culverts and minor flooding. The estimated cost to the Town to repair the damage was approximately \$10,000.00. We hope to recover 75% of the cost of repairs.

The Town was able to secure additional ARPA Grant Funding through Grafton County. A grant application was submitted to replace the Police Department Base Radio and External Radio Antenna. A second grant was submitted for funds to be used towards the Replacement Fire Truck. The Town received a total of \$40,000.00 in ARPA funds from the county. The Police Base Radio project has been completed using \$11,251.34 of the ARPA Funding. The Balance of \$28,748.66 will be on hand to use towards the New Fire Truck payment upon delivery.

Administrative reporting required for the original ARPA and GOEFRR funding continues. We are required to track and report the expenditure of those funds. Although this has been time-consuming, it was in the best interest of the Town to take advantage of those funding sources.

A State grant had been secured to partially fund the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan update. This plan is required to be current, and in place, to allow the Town to apply for FEMA and State grants and funding. Work on this update started in September 2022, completed, and submitted to the State of NH-HSEM and FEMA for final approval in November 2022. The Town is still waiting for a response from FEMA.

A grant application to update the Local Emergency Operation Plan was submitted to NH-HSEM September 2023. We are waiting for the grant approval to start work on the LEOP update.

The assistance given by all Rumney Department Heads is greatly appreciated. Also, a thank you to the residents of Rumney for their continued support of the Office of Emergency Management along with the other Town Departments, making the road to recovery possible.

Sincerely,

Joe Chivell
Emergency Management Director

⇒ RUMNEY TRANSFER STATION 2023 ⇐

I would like to thank all the residents for doing an exceptional job of recycling. It has been tough on the recycling market since Covid, I hope for it to get better. But, thanks to you, we have been able to get something for our recycling efforts. Our recycling % is a lot better than some big cities that I have seen in the past.

In the past year, we have done work on the recycling barn and extended our footprint in the transfer station. I am hoping to acquire some grant money towards repair or replace of our recycling shed.

We appreciate all the help that you gave us this past year and keep recycling as much as you can again in the coming year. Americans recycle millions of tons of materials, resulting in CO2 emission reduction nationwide.

The US waste stream would generate billions if everything were recycled with the passion of our little town. The recycling industry employs many workers and generates Billions in annual income in the US. This industry shows that it can grow, with everybody's help.

Thank you again and keep up the good work.
Please stop and ask any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Milton (sonny) Ouellette Jr , William Moses, James Roberts, and Nick Ashton

Rumney Transfer Station

➤ RUMNEY TRANSFER STATION ➤

2023 RECYCLING & USER FEES REPORT

Income	2023	2022	2021
Recycling	\$7,498.47	\$ 9,595.00	\$20,403.00
User fees	<u>\$22,169.00</u>	<u>\$19,671.00</u>	<u>\$19,765.00</u>
Total	\$29,667.47	\$29,266.00	\$40,168.00

Recyclables/Tons	2023	2022	2021
Cardboard	23.74	21.15	38.79
News/Mixed Paper	0	00.00	0
Scrap Iron	31.97	24.40	30.10
Aluminum Cans	3.95	4.09	3.09
Tin Cans	0.00	0	9.27
Plastic	0.00	0	24.89
Semi-Precious Metals	.69	<u>1.0</u>	<u>.42</u>
glass	<u>64.28</u>	85.16	
Total Tons Recycled	124.63	135.80	106.56

Solid Waste/Tons	2023	2021	2021
Solid Waste	447.70	431.90	442.71
Construction & Demo (C&	153.95	135.81	174.64
Total Solid Waste/Tons	601.65	567.71	617.35

Other

Flourescent Bulbs (feet)	3,019	950	2,556
Waste Oil (gallons)	345	323	378
Tires (#)	444	287	262

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Steve Bean, Chairman
Vacant, Vice-Chairman
Erik Rasmussen, Treasurer
Vacant, Secretary

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2023 Annual Report

In 2023, the 19 member Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton on Sunday, August 8th, and the other in Plymouth on Saturday, September 23th. A total of 284 households participated, representing every community in the District. 20,275 lbs. of material were collected, with nearly all (96%) of it being flammable materials. Total expenses for 2023 HHW programming, which includes advertising, setup & disposal, totaled \$30,476, a 7% increase from 2022. To help cover these expenses, the District received a \$10,000 donation from Casella Waste Management and NH Department of Environmental Services granted an additional \$4,990. Net expenditure for the program was \$15,486 which is less than \$0.50 per district resident. The District also coordinated two (2) fluorescent light bulb collections in the spring and fall, where all member towns were able to dispose of their bulbs and ballast. This year, fluorescent light bulb collections resulted in over 11,000 linear feet of fluorescent tubes being properly disposed of and 163 PCB containing light ballasts. Other materials collected were 47 fire/smoke detectors and an additional 396 specialty bulbs. The total cost for this effort was \$3,251.62.

The next two events in 2024 have been scheduled for August, 4th in Littleton at the Transfer station and September 21st at the Plymouth Recycling Center. Both events will run from 9AM to 12PM.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the district's programs are welcome to attend the district meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regard to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email.

Respectively Submitted,

Steve Bean, Chairman

⇒ TOWN WELFARE DIRECTOR ⇐

2023 REPORT

Rumney's Welfare Office continues to receive calls from residents requesting assistance. Significant amounts of State and Federal COVID-19 funding have been reduced or eliminated, so the financial burden is being shifted back upon the towns and local non-profits. As the Town Welfare Director, I am required to take the request for assistance, review the applications, and assess the level of need the person has.

The majority of the requests for assistance have been for housing and rental assistance. As many of you know there is a shortage of long- and short-term rental properties in New Hampshire. The Town does not keep a list of available housing, nor is there any temporary housing available in the Town. With the turnover of long-term rental properties throughout the State, it would be nearly impossible for the Town to keep up with that aspect of assistance. These applicants are referred to other nonprofits for initial help locating housing and completing the appropriate applications.

Funding for heat and electrical payments is the next most often requested form of assistance we receive. Heating assistance requests had been covered by State and Federal COVID-19 funds, but those funds have also been reduced or eliminated. Nonprofits that the Town of Rumney supports, such as Tri-County Cap, continue to assist those in need when possible. This office assists the applicant with making contact with a variety of Non-profit agencies in the area. The NH Electrical CO-OP has a program for those finding themselves in the arrears of electrical payments. When in doubt call 211.

Towns are required, by State Law, to budget to provide assistance to those in need. Moving forward, it is unknown if any State or Federal funding will be available, as it has been during the past three years. The Town will again need to budget for assistance in 2024.

Sincerely,

Joe Chivell
Welfare Director

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Moderator, Christina M. Westfall, welcomed the residents to the Town of Rumney 2023 Business Session of the Town Meeting. The meeting was officially called to order and opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator, Christina M. Westfall, introduced the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Supervisors of the Checklist, and the attending Officer.

Moderator, Christina M. Westfall, then read the Warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium on School Street in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2023, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Article 1 and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium in said Rumney on Thursday, the 16th day of March 2023, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting, for the purpose of discussion, debate, and final action, upon the remaining Articles in this Warrant.

A motion was made and put to the floor and seconded, to allow non-residents, Transfer Station Superintendent Milton (Sonny) Ouellette, Highway Department head Nick Coursey, and Fire Chief Evan Hacker, to speak at the meeting. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Moderator, Christina M. Westfall, then went over the instructions for how the Town Meeting will be run. Supervisors of the Checklist handed out Voter Index Cards to registered Town voters that are to be used for voting during the Town Meeting.

Article 1: Choose Necessary Town Officers

To choose all Necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 14th):

Selectman for 3-year term

Isaac DeWever - 148

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-year term

Mark Andrew – 199

Cemetery Trustee for 3-year term

Wayne Farnsworth – 209

(2) Planning Board Members for 3-year terms

John Dow – 202

Josh Keyes – 67

Fire Commissioner for 3-year term

Dave Coursey - 140

Library Trustee for 3-year term

Lori Eaton - 72

Library Trustee for 2-year term

Article 2: Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,500.00 to be added to the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special Article. (Majority vote required)

Police Department Fund (1986)	\$5,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund (1961)	\$40,000.00
Town Facilities Improvement (1987)	\$10,000.00
Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$40,000.00
EMS Vehicle (2005)	\$2,500.00
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$15,000.00
Transfer Station Equipment (2008)	\$1,000.00
Fire Department Equipment (2009)	\$7,000.00
EMS Major Equipment (2012)	\$1,000.00
Cemetery Improvement (2014)	\$10,000.00
Office Equipment (2015)	\$1,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$132,500.00

Article 2 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, the Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 3: Fire Truck Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000.00 to purchase a replacement Fire Truck and authorize the withdrawal of \$550,000.00 for this purpose from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1963). The Selectmen recommend this special Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 3 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Selectman, Isaac DeWever made a motion to amend the Article to the price of \$525,000.00 and the amount to be withdrawn from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve to be \$525,000.00. Motion to accept the amended Article was moved and seconded. Kim Ganley asked for the current funds in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and was the \$40,000.00 being raised in 2023 already included in that amount. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell referred to Mark Andrew, Trustee of the Trust Funds. Mark read the year-end balance from the Annual Report and stated the \$40,000.00 will be added to the current dollar amount in the Fund.

A motion was made and seconded to bring the Amendment to the floor.

The Moderator read the Article as amended. The vote to amend Article 3 passed with a majority vote.

Article 3 was re-read as amended. The Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Deb Maes asked if this was a different truck from last year. Selectman Isaac DeWever explained that it's slightly less expensive, but just as good of a truck. Better truck, less money. Bob Berti explained the add-ons included on the truck last year weren't guaranteed for the price. The Selectmen agreed on a price limit of \$525,000.00. Fire Chief Evan Hacker stated the manufacturer shortened the build days, and they also made some adjustments to get the price down. Majority vote required.

With no further discussion, the Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 4: General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$555,661.00 to defray the following General Government Expenses for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$100,174.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$101,300.00
Supervisors of Checklist	\$2,960.00
Financial Administration	\$59,630.00
Legal Expense	\$25,000.00
Health Insurance	\$150,000.00
Planning Board	\$14,311.00
General Government Buildings	\$63,035.00
Streetlights	\$10,000.00
Property/Liability/WC	\$27,001.00
Regional Dues	\$2,250.00

Article 4 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 5: Old Home Day

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purpose of Old Home Day celebration. This Special Warrant Article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Old Home Day is completed or by March 12, 2027, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 5 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 6: Cemetery

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 34,075.00 for the operation of the Cemeteries for the ensuing year; \$5,000.00 to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund and \$29,075.00 be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this Special Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 6 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 7: Cemetery Maintenance Trust

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be funded by the sale of cemetery lots pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, along with any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of cemeteries; and further to name the Rumney Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 7 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 8: Police Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,861.00 to defray the cost of running the Police Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 8 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 9: Ambulance Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for Ambulance Service contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 9 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 10: Emergency Management

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,336.00 to defray the cost of the Safety Committee, E-911, and Emergency Management. (Majority vote required)

Safety Committee	\$2,500.00
E-911	\$200.00
Emergency Management	\$3,636.00

Article 10 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 11: Fire Dept.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122,953.00 to defray the cost of running the Fire Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 11 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Terry French questioned the revenue amount of \$45,815.62.00, Town Administrator Joe Chivell explained it was under the general heading of "Other State Grants" and was related to "Roads and Culverts". The QuickBooks Software still had "Fire" attached to "Other State Grants" since in 2021 the Fire Department received a State Grant.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 12: Fire Department Forest Fire

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,002.00 to defray the cost of Forest Fire Protection for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 13: Fire Department Non-Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to add to the Mutual Aid Fire Fighter Fund non-capital reserve account (established in 2016) for the purpose of compensating firefighters involved in fighting forest fires. The Selectmen recommend this Special Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 13 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 14: Reorganization of Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to modify the organizational structure of the Rumney Fire Department as follows, in accordance with RSA 154:1 and RSA 154:5, such changes to take effect one year following this vote and to completely replace and supersede all provisions of all warrant Articles approved by any prior Rumney Town Meeting regarding the organization of the Department:

1. The elected position of fire chief shall be discontinued and replaced with an appointed fire chief as provided in section 2 below.
2. The fire chief shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The fire chief's term shall be three (3) years, renewable for one or more additional terms of three (3) years at the sole discretion of the Board of Selectmen. All provisions of RSA 154:5 shall apply to the appointed fire chief, with the Board of Selectmen as the "appointing authority."
3. Firefighters shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the fire chief. All new firefighters shall initially serve a probationary period of one year upon their

appointment to the Department. However, all firefighters shall remain employees at will and are subject to removal with or without cause, either before or after the end of the probationary period. Firefighters shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen.

4. Other aspects of the organization of the Fire Department, including the maximum number of firefighters and subordinate officer structure, shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen recommend this Article. (Majority vote required)

➤ Please note that the adoption of Article 14 will not eliminate the Position of the Fire Commissioners.

➤ Paragraph 4. Will be completed with the input of the Fire Chief and Fire Commissioners.

Article 14 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Selectman Isaac DeWever explained what this is and the reason for this Article. These changes have already been made towards the coast and larger towns. Smaller towns are just now starting to make these changes. Most of our calls are for EMS, and with our aging community, this will only increase. Our Fire Chief Evan Hacker is already taking EMR Training to help in this area. Selectman Bob Berti explained the State is facing critical issues. Rumney had more deaths than births last year. The Selectmen represent the citizens of the Town. Organizational and Training issues were pointed out in the MRI inspection report done at the Fire Department last year. We want to move forward with this and be proactive with how we address this.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 15: EMS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,950.00 to defray the cost of running the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 15 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Kathy Wallace wanted to know why there was an increase. EMS Director Dan Medaglia explained there was a \$600.00 increase for a new fax line for reports that are required within 24 hours.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 16: Highway Department Sand Shed

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to build a sand shed at the Rumney Highway Garage and authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000.00 from the Highway Department Equipment Fund (established in 1961). The balance of \$10,000.00 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this Special Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 16 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with majority vote.

Article 17: Highway Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$287,764.00 to defray the cost of running the Rumney Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 17 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with majority vote.

Article 18: Road Improvement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 for road improvements for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 18 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Selectman Bob Berti thanked Road Agent Nick Coursey for the great work this Winter and keeping us out of the news, unlike other surrounding Towns. Ken Weinig asked if any dirt roads will be paved this year. Nick Coursey said that is not in the works at this time.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 19: Debt Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,279.00 for annual debt payments for the following bond items, backhoe purchase, rest area purchase and the town office addition; Highway Backhoe Purchase Bond (14,237.00) The Rest Area purchase (20,096.00) and Town Office Addition (53,946.00). This Article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual Articles addressed separately.

The Selectmen recommend this Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Kim Ganley asked about the Rest Area purchase status. Selectman Isaac DeWever explained the purchase and sales agreement has been signed, however an Amendment was just signed to extend the sale due to the State requesting changes to the survey that the Town provided as required by the State. We are currently waiting to hear back from the State. We are almost across the finish line. Beth Macdonald asked how long the extension is for. Isaac stated 90 days, as of last month, so 60 more. Beth asked if a committee will be formed to suggest how that area will be used. Isaac said that is a great idea and we have \$10,000.00 set aside for clean-up. Charles Buckley asked why there was a bond on the Town Office addition. Isaac explained the original loan voted in two years ago was for \$255,000.00. We received COVID related funding of \$164,048.60 to use towards the building. As of right now we are at \$226,352.59, so still under budget for the original amount, even without the extra money.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 20: Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,705.00 to defray the cost of operating the Byron G. Merrill Library for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 20 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 21: Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,834.00 to defray the cost of maintaining the Transfer Station for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 21 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Selectman Bob Berti explained that at a prior Town Meeting it was asked why we have three people working at the Transfer Station. We need two people at the Transfer Station when it is open to the public, but we also need one additional person for recycling. We benefit about \$8,800.00, from recycling, even with paying for the added worker. Bob Berti and Superintendent Sonny Ouellette went to Berlin today to inspect a new landfill option as tipping fee increases are coming from the current landfill used by the Town. The Board and Superintendent are considering moving to a different company next year.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 22: Landfill Closure

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to continue with Phase II of the Landfill Closure process as required by the State of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required)

Article 22 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 23: Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 to defray the cost of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 23 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 24: Assessing and Mapping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,750.00 for assessing and mapping and authorize the withdrawal of \$8,750 from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (Established 1984) created for that purpose. The balance of \$35,000.00 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this special Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 24 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Town Administrator Joe Chivell explained that we are in year 3 of a 4-year Town wide revaluation process.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 25: Health, Welfare, Animal control

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,924.00 for the purposes of Animal Control, Health, and Welfare for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 25 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Animal Control	\$1,002.00
Health Officer Stipend, etc.	\$969.00
Health Administration	\$500.00
Mount Mooselaukee Health Center	\$1,250.00
Pemi-Baker Community Health	\$6,000.00
Voices Against Violence	\$550.00
Bridge House	\$2,000.00
Genesis	\$1,000.00
CASA	\$500.00
CADY	\$600.00
Transport Central	\$1,000.00
Direct Assistance	\$10,000.00
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc.	\$4,307.00
Grafton County Seniors	\$3,250.00
Tri-County CAP	\$2,996.00

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 26: Culture, Recreation, Conservation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,335.00 for the purpose of Culture, Recreation, and Conservation for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 26 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

ARTICLE 27: Code Enforcement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of Code Enforcement during the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 27 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 28: Re-adopt Optional Veterans' Credit

To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit pursuant to RSA 72:28, II for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00 (Majority vote required)

Article 28 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Kim Ganley asked for clarification on Articles 28 and 29. Town Administrator Joe Chivell explained the State Legislative body rewrote the Veterans credit, so this has to be adopted to stay at \$500.00. Roger Scroggins pointed out the bodies of Articles 28 and 29 are flipped. Joe Chivell assured everyone we are voting on the body of the Articles. Titles don't matter and the titles are only flipped on the handout that was provided tonight with notes on it. The official document that was posted, printed in the Town Report, and submitted to NH-DRA are correct.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 29: Re-adopt All Veteran's Credit

To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the All-Veterans' Tax Credit pursuant to RSA 72:28-b for an annual tax credit on residential property in the same amount as the Town's optional or standard Veterans' Tax Credit. (Majority vote required)

Article 29 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 30: Payment by Credit Card

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 80:52-c allowing the Treasurer and other appropriate municipal officials to accept payment of taxes, charges, and fees by use of a credit card or debit card, and to add a service charge for the acceptance of such credit or debit card, such service charge to be disclosed prior to accepting payment. (Majority vote required)

Article 30 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

Town Administrator Joe Chivell explained we'd like this on record as we are looking into allowing credit card payments in the future.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 31: Advisory Budget Committee

To choose one member for the Advisory Budget Committee:

- 1 –1 year term
- 1 - 2-year term
- 3 - 3-year term

Janice Mulherin nominated Mark Andrew for a 3-year term. Kim Ganley asked what these positions are required to do and if they are paid positions. Selectman Isaac DeWever explained this is where he got his start, and it was a great way to have input in actually forming the Town Budget. It is one of the least time-consuming committees in that they only meet during the Town Budget process in the Fall. It is an unpaid and totally voluntary position. Janice Mulherin nominated George Bonfiglio for the 1-year term and Kevin Maes for the 2-year term. Dan Medaglia nominated Beth Macdonald for the 3-year term. All nominees accepted.

Article 31 was read, the Moderator asked for a motion to bring the Article to the floor, it was moved and seconded.

With no further discussion, Article passed with a majority vote.

Article 32: Reports

To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM

Lila Williams, Town Clerk

Dawn Coffey, Deputy Town Clerk



Article 01 Choose Necessary Town Officers

ARTICLE 1: To choose all Necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 14th):

- Selectman for 3-year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-year term
- Cemetery Trustee for 3-year term
- (2) Planning Board Members for 3-year terms
- Fire Commissioner for 3-year term
- Fire Commissioner for 2-year term
- Fire Commissioner for 1-year term
- Library Trustee for 3-year term
- Town Moderator for 2-year term
- Supervisor of Checklist for 2-year term
- Supervisor of Checklist for 6-year term

Article 02 Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,500 to be added to the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Police Department Fund (1986)	\$10,000
Highway Equipment Fund (1961)	\$40,000
Town Facility Improvement (1987)	\$25,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$40,000
EMS Vehicle (2005)	\$2,500
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$15,000
Fire Department Equipment (2009)	\$7,000
Transfer Station Equip	\$1,000
EMS Major Equipment	\$1,000
Cemetery Improvement (2014)	\$10,000
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$151,500

Article 03 Purchase Highway Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to purchase a replacement Highway Department Truck and authorize the withdrawal of \$90,000 for this purpose from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1961). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required.)



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Article 04 General Government Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$611,393 to defray the following General Government Expenses for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$105,496
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$103,2450
Supervisors of Checklist	\$6,500
Financial Administration	\$65,308
Legal Expense	\$25,000
Health Insurance	\$171,400
Planning Board	\$14,361
General Government Buildings	\$66,150
Street Lights	\$12,000
Property/Liability/WC	\$39,683
Regional Dues	\$2,250

Article 05 Old Home Day

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,594 for the purpose of Old Home Day celebration. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Old Home Day is completed or by March 12, 2028 whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,760 for the operation of the Cemeteries for the ensuing year; \$5,000 to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund and \$28,760 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Article 07 Code Enforcement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of Code Enforcement during the ensuing year. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 08 Police Dept.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286,600 to defray the cost of running the Police Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 09 Ambulance Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,651 for Ambulance Service contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)



Article 10 Emergency Management

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,335 to defray the cost of the Safety Committee, E-911, and Emergency Management. (Majority vote required)

Safety Committee	\$2,500
E-911	\$200
Emergency Management	\$5,635

Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt \$8,335

Article 11 Fire Dept.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$134,112 to defray the cost of running the Fire Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 Fire Dept. - Forest Fire

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,002 to defray the cost of Forest Fire Protection for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 13 Fire Dept. Non Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to add to the Mutual Aid Fire Fighter Fund non-capital reserve account (established in 2016) for the purpose of compensating fire fighters involved in fighting forest fires. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Article 14 Fire Dept. Hose Testing

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for testing and Cataloging Fire Department Fire hose and ladders, and authorize the withdrawal of \$4,500 from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (Established in 2009) created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Article 15 Petition Warrant Article

To see if the Town would vote to rescind Article #18. "To choose (3) three Fire Commissioners." This was approved during the Annual Town Meeting - Business Session on March 9, 1937. This will discontinue the Rumney Fire Commissioners. The change to take effect one year following this vote at the Annual Town Meeting - Business session on March 14, 2024. (Petition Warrant Article.)

Article 16 EMS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,950 to defray the cost of running the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)



Article 17 Highway Dept.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$308,616 to defray the cost of running the Rumney Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 18 Road Improvement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for road improvements for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Debt Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,566 for annual debt payments for the following bond items, backhoe purchase, rest area purchase and the town office addition; Highway Backhoe Purchase Bond (8,523) The Rest Area purchase (20,097) and Town Office Addition (53,946). This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 20 Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,880 to defray the cost of operating the Byron G. Merrill Library for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 21 Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,302 to defray the cost of maintaining the Transfer Station for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 22 Landfill Closure

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to continue with Phase II of the Landfill Closure process as required by the State of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required)

Article 23 Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 to defray the cost of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 24 Assessing and Mapping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,000 for assessing and mapping and authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (Established 1984) created for that purpose. The balance of \$38,000 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this Special Article. (Majority vote required)



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Article 25 Health, Welfare, Animal control

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,324 for the purposes of Animal Control, Health and Welfare for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Animal Control	\$1,002
Health Officer Stipend, etc.	\$969
Health Administration	\$500
Mount Mooselaukee Health Center	\$1,500
Pemi-Baker Community Health	\$6,500
Voices Against Violence	\$1,000
Bridge House	\$2,000
Genesis	\$1,250
CASA	\$500
CADY	\$800
Transport Central	\$1,250
Direct Assistance	\$10,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc	\$4,307
Grafton County Seniors	\$3,250
Tri-County CAP	\$2,996
NCH	\$500
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare	\$38,324

Article 26 Culture, Recreation, Conservation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,475 for the purposes of Culture, Recreation and Conservation for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Common-Mowing, Maintenance & Port-a-toilet	\$2,000
Baker Athletic Field	\$1,100
Jim Darling Natural Area	\$800
Patriotic Purposes	\$400
Conservation Commission	\$9,000
Baker River Watershed Dues	\$375
Conservation Trust	\$5,000
Stinson Lake Port-a-toilet	\$750
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation	\$19,425

Article 27 Choose Members for Advisory

To choose one member for the Advisory Budget Committee:

- 1 - 1-year term
- 1 - 3-year term

Article 28 Reports

To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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Expense						
	4193 - Code Enforcement	1,966.62	5,000.00	5,000.00		7
	4195 CEMETERIES	30,490.00	34,075.00	33,760.00	5,000.00	6
	4197 REGIONAL DUES/SUBSCRIPTION	2,214.00	2,250.00	2,250.00		4
	4214 SAFETY COMMITTEE	2,877.23	2,500.00	2,500.00		10
	4215 AMBULANCE	59,638.52	60,000.00	83,651.00		9
	4216 E-911	128.01	200.00	200.00		10
	4218.5 Highway Truck	0.00		90,000.00	90,000.00	3
	4218.6 Debt Services	88,277.68	88,279.00	82,566.00		19
	4218.8 Sand Shed	30,660.00	30,000.00	0.00		
	4220.1 Fire Truck	450,000.00	550,000.00	0.00		
	4220.5 FD Hose Testing	0.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	14
	4312 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00		18
	4316 STREET LIGHTS	11,251.48	10,000.00	12,000.00		4
	4325 SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	1,673.66	1,800.00	1,800.00		23
	4326 LANDFILL CLOSURE PH2	6,429.64	7,000.00	7,000.00		22
	4520.8 Old Home Day	7,382.46	9,118.00	7,594.00		5
	4550 LIBRARY-Operating	53,704.00	53,705.00	57,880.00		20
	4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	101.91	400.00	400.00		26
	4611 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,295.00	2,000.00	9,000.00		26
	4612 BAKER RIVER WATERSHED	315.00	375.00	375.00		26
	4915 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	133,500.00	133,500.00	152,500.00		2 & 13
	4916 CONSERVATION TRUST	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		26
	4931 TAXES PAID COUNTY	364,861.00	0.00			
	4933.1 RUMNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	2,274,535.00	0.00			
	4933.2 PEMI-BAKER School Dist.	929,243.50	0.00			
	8003.0 Bank Fees	291.09	0.00			
	ANIMAL/PEST CONTROL					25
	4414.1 Upper Valley Humane Scty	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
	4414.3-235 ACO Payroll Taxes	0.00	1.00	1.00		
	4414.3 Animal Control Officer	0.00	1.00	1.00		
	Total ANIMAL/PEST CONTROL	1,000.00	1,002.00	1,002.00		
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					10
	4290.2-190 Stipend/Duty Costs	660.00	660.00	660.00		
	4290.2-235 Payroll Taxes	50.48	50.00	50.00		
	4290.2-240 Emer Mgmt Traing/mil	125.99	300.00	300.00		
	4290.2-620 Office Supples	279.99	275.00	275.00		
	4290.2-630 EQUIP Repair/ Main.	269.57	250.00	1,250.00		
	4290.2-640 Shelter Supplies	0.00	100.00	100.00		
	4290.2-740 New Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00		
	4290.2-950	0.00	1.00	2,000.00		
	Total EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	3,386.03	3,636.00	5,635.00		
	EMERGENCYT MEDICAL SERVICES					16
	4235.1-191 Stipend	1,777.76	4,000.00	4,000.00		
	4235.1-192 EMS Detail	0.00	350.00	350.00		

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		4235.1-235 Payroll Tax	173.03	395.00	395.00		
		4235.1-240 Training/Mileage	325.00	4,000.00	4,000.00		
		4235.1-341 Internet	1,999.92	1,560.00	1,560.00		
		4235.1-610 Supplies	1,755.96	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		4235.1-620 Office Supplies	96.17	120.00	120.00		
		4235.1-630 Equipment Mnt & Repr	0.00	500.00	500.00		
		4235.1-632 Pager/Radio Repair	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		
		4235.1-635 Fuel	337.45	500.00	500.00		
		4235.1-660 Vehicle Repr & Mnt	1,069.55	1,625.00	1,625.00		
		4235.1-691 Collection fees	0.00	0.00			
		4235.1-740 Equipment	37.79	750.00	750.00		
		4235.1-741 Infectious Control	0.00	350.00	350.00		
		4235.1-830 Protective Clothing	0.00	300.00	300.00		
		Total EMERGENCYT MEDICAL SERVICES	7,572.63	16,950.00	16,950.00		
		EXECUTIVE					4
		4130.1-130 Selectmen Salary	7,213.00	7,320.00	7,920.00		
		4130.2-110 Town Administrator	61,848.00	61,700.00	65,916.00		
		4130.2-115 Town Admin OT	0.00	0.00	0.00		
		4130.2-233 S.T. Disability	149.80	150.00	160.00		
		4130.2-234 Retirement	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
		4130.2-235 Payroll Taxes	5,283.15	5,663.00	5,600.00		
		4130.3-130 Moderator Salary	200.00	200.00	500.00		
		4130.9-112 Secretary/Bookkeeper	8,903.68	11,000.00	11,000.00		
		4130.9-190 Special Projects	1,410.97	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4130.9 Trust Funds/Capital Rss	8,908.05	7,141.00	7,400.00		
		Total EXECUTIVE	98,916.65	100,174.00	105,496.00		
		FINANCIAL ADMIN SELECTMEN					4
		4150.1-240 Training/Milg/Wksp	1,602.62	1,600.00	1,600.00		
		4150.1-292 Other reimb mileage	365.49	200.00	300.00		
		4150.1-341 Telephone 786-9511	949.32	1,150.00	1,200.00		
		4150.1-342 Computer Services	6,799.23	7,500.00	7,500.00		
		4150.1-343 Technical Support	20,897.70	20,750.00	25,840.00		
		4150.1-344 Internet	1,358.39	1,400.00	1,400.00		
		4150.1-550 Town Report	3,442.87	3,200.00	3,500.00		
		4150.1-565 Newspaper Notices	150.00	500.00	500.00		
		4150.1-620 Office Supplies	1,521.14	1,600.00	1,600.00		
		4150.1-625 Postage	1,562.90	1,600.00	1,600.00		
		4150.1-630 Equip/Rep/Maint/Cont	1,659.06	1,700.00	1,700.00		
		4150.1-670 Law Books	1,253.86	969.00	1,000.00		
		4150.1-690 Miscellaneous	953.65	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		4150.1-692 Registry of Deeds	33.55	200.00	200.00		
		4150.1-747 New Equipment	420.39	400.00	400.00		
		4150.1-810 Mortg & Notce Search	840.39	1,500.00	1,500.00		
		4150.1-830 Employee Procurment	1,414.75	700.00	700.00		
		4150.2-130 Auditors	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		

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	4150.5-130 Treasurers Salary	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,500.00		
	4150.5-235 Treasure Payroll Tax	260.06	261.00	268.00		
	Total FINANCIAL ADMIN SELECTMEN	58,885.37	59,630.00	65,308.00		
	FIRE DEPARTMENT					11
	4220.1-190 Code Enforcement	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4220.1-191 FD Stipend	16,617.00	17,000.00	17,000.00		
	4220.1-192 Fire Fighter Detail	2,748.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
	4220.1-193 Clerical	12,429.08	13,000.00	13,500.00		
	4220.1-194 Fire Chief Pay	20,799.96	20,800.00	20,800.00		
	4220.1-195 Gas/Oil Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4220.1-197 Per Diem	425.00	500.00	3,000.00		
	4220.1-235 Payroll taxes	4,008.86	3,902.00	4,536.00		
	4220.1-240 Training/Milg Worksh	1,181.81	5,000.00	5,000.00		
	4220.1-341 Telephone 786-9924	937.65	1,400.00	1,400.00		
	4220.1-393 Lakes Regn Dispatch	21,352.79	21,000.00	23,925.00		
	4220.1-620 Office Supplies	1,135.52	1,000.00	1,500.00		
	4220.1-630 Equipmnt Repair & Mn	2,336.34	4,000.00	4,000.00		
	4220.1-631 Radio Repair & Mnt	0.00	600.00	600.00		
	4220.1-632 Pager Repair & Mnt	0.00	500.00	500.00		
	4220.1-635 Fuel/Fire	1,668.26	3,000.00	3,500.00		
	4220.1-660 Vehicle Repr & Mnt	12,449.41	12,000.00	13,000.00		
	4220.1-690 Miscellaneous	577.66	500.00	500.00		
	4220.1-740 New Equipment	1,665.00	2,000.00	3,000.00		
	4220.1-741 Water Supply	0.00	500.00	2,000.00		
	4220.1-742 Hose	4,626.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
	4220.1-744 Breathing Equip Mnt	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
	4220.1-820 Uniforms	774.41	800.00	800.00		
	4220.1-830 Protective Clothing	3,092.43	4,000.00	4,000.00		
	4220.1-831 Fire Prevention	267.93	300.00	400.00		
	4220.1-891 Hazardous Material	0.00	100.00	100.00		
	4220.1-893 SCBA Refill/Plymth	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	4220.1-894 Explorer Program	0.00	1.00	1.00		
	4220.2-895 Memorial	0.00	50.00	50.00		
	FIRE DEPARTMENT - Other	282.80				
	Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	109,375.91	122,953.00	134,112.00		
	FOREST FIRE					12
	4290.4-110 Forest Warden Permit	416.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
	4290.4-190 Forest Fire Comp.	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
	4290.4-635 Fuel Gas/Diesel	0.00	1.00	1.00		
	4290.4-660 Vehicle Repair & Mnt	0.00	1.00	1.00		
	4290.4-830 Clothing & Radios	123.18	2,000.00	2,000.00		
	Total FOREST FIRE	539.18	4,002.00	4,002.00		
	GENERAL GOV BUILDINGS					4
	Fire Dept Buildings					
	4194.3-410 Electricity Fire	4,553.45	4,000.00	4,500.00		

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		4194.3-411 Heat Fire	9,246.54	8,000.00	8,500.00		
		4194.3-430 Bldg/Repair/Mnt	6,546.45	7,000.00	7,000.00		
		Total Fire Dept Buildings	20,346.44	19,000.00	20,000.00		
		Old Town Hall					
		4194.2-430 Bldg/Repr Maint	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		Total Old Town Hall	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		Rest Area					
		4194.6-430 Bldg/Repr/Maint	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
		Total Rest Area	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
		Tax Deeded Property					
		4194.6-430Tax Deeded Prop Maint	240.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		Total Tax Deeded Property	240.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		Town Office Building					
		4194-1-410 Electricity Office	2,524.46	2,000.00	3,400.00		
		4194.1-360 Custodial Services	5,460.37	7,000.00	7,200.00		
		4194.1-411 Heat/Office	3,690.43	4,000.00	5,000.00		
		4194.1-430 Bldg/Repr/Maint	2,999.34	2,500.00	2,500.00		
		Total Town Office Building	14,674.60	15,500.00	18,100.00		
		Town Shed					
		4194.4-410 Electricity Shed	3,408.62	2,700.00	3,200.00		
		4194.4-411 Heat/Shed	1,800.46	850.00	850.00		
		4194.4-430 Bldg/Repair/Maint	1,152.50	4,000.00	3,000.00		
		Total Town Shed	6,361.58	7,550.00	7,050.00		
		Transfer Station					
		4194.5-350 Toilet Rental	1,650.00	1,800.00	1,800.00		
		4194.5-351 Bldg/Repair/Maint	904.22	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4194.5-410 Electricity	2,037.36	2,185.00	2,200.00		
		Total Transfer Station	4,591.58	5,985.00	6,000.00		
		Total GENERAL GOV BUILDINGS	59,214.20	63,035.00	66,150.00		
		HEALTH AGY/HOSP					25
		4415.1 Mount Moosilauke Health	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,500.00		
		4415.2 Pemi-Baker Comnty Health	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,500.00		
		4415.3-234 Health Offcr Payroll	615.00	900.00	900.00		
		4415.3-235 Health Offcr Pay Tax	34.44	69.00	69.00		
		4415.4 Health Admin	525.75	500.00	500.00		
		4415.7 Voices Against Violence	550.00	550.00	1,000.00		
		4415.8 Bridge House	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4415.9 Genesis	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00		
		4415.90 CASA	500.00	500.00	500.00		
		4415.91 CADY	600.00	600.00	800.00		
		4415.93 Transport Central	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00		
		Total HEALTH AGY/HOSP	14,075.19	14,369.00	16,269.00		
		HEALTH INSURANCE					4
		4155.2-210 Health Insurance	126,442.25	150,000.00	169,000.00		
		4155.3-210 Dental Insurance	0.00		2,400.00		

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		Total HEALTH INSURANCE	126,442.25	150,000.00	171,400.00		
		HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					17
		4311.1-110 Supt Payroll	49,920.00	49,920.00	53,436.00		
		4311.1-111 Hrly Employee Payrol	67,144.74	83,450.00	92,331.00		
		4311.1-112 Supt. OT	4,856.00	5,200.00	5,700.00		
		4311.1-115 Hrly Employee OT	4,601.61	8,000.00	10,000.00		
		4311.1-116 Part-Time Employee	11,073.28	10,500.00	10,500.00		
		4311.1-219 Disability Insurance	324.10	450.00	450.00		
		4311.1-233 Retirement	16,436.56	20,227.00	21,846.00		
		4311.1-235 Payroll Taxes	10,489.05	12,016.00	12,352.00		
		4311.1-240 Training/mileag/wksp	50.00	600.00	600.00		
		4311.1-341 Telephone 786-9486	628.44	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		4311.1-344 Internet/Cable	964.72	700.00	700.00		
		4311.1-394 Outside Labr/Equipmt	23,768.00	11,000.00	12,000.00		
		4311.1-395 Design & Eng Service	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00		
		4311.1-610 Tools/Misc Supplies	2,322.99	2,200.00	2,200.00		
		4311.1-635 Fuel/Highway	22,402.31	18,000.00	18,000.00		
		4311.1-660 General Rpr & Mnt	5,675.35	5,000.00	5,000.00		
		4311.1-661 John Deere Grader	2,586.34	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		4311.1-662 Backhoe	1,503.77	2,500.00	2,500.00		
		4311.1-664 Wheel Loader	1,570.84	1,500.00	1,500.00		
		4311.1-666 Sander	0.00	500.00	500.00		
		4311.1-667 2000 Untl Dump	1,624.06	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4311.1-668 2015 Ford F-550	5,521.17	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		4311.1-669 Roadside Mower	1,183.98	1,500.00	1,500.00		
		4311.1-670 2016 Freightliner	4,083.12	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		4311.1-671 2020 Freightliner	2,984.45	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		4311.1-730 Road Signs	635.70	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		4311.1-760 New Equipment	1,926.74	2,000.00	3,000.00		
		4311.1-830 Protective Clothing	554.49	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		4311.1-885 Winter Sand/Salt	9,157.58	12,000.00	14,000.00		
		4311.1-887 Summer Mnt Materials	25,152.68	20,000.00	20,000.00		
		4311.1-950 Grants	0.00	1.00	1.00		
		Total HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	279,142.07	287,764.00	308,616.00		
		INSURANCE					4
		4196.1-480 Property & Liability	17,990.24	23,912.00	26,064.00		
		4196.1-481 Workers Compensation	3,088.85	3,089.00	13,619.00		
		Total INSURANCE	21,079.09	27,001.00	39,683.00		
		LEGAL EXPENSE					4
		4153.1 General Legal Expense	15,066.52	15,000.00	15,000.00		
		4153.2 Defense Proceedings	792.06	10,000.00	10,000.00		
		Total LEGAL EXPENSE	15,858.58	25,000.00	25,000.00		
		PARKS & RECREATION					26
		4520.2 Town Common	1,769.35	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4520.5 Stinton Lake portatoilet	650.00	660.00	750.00		

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		4520.7 Baker Athletic Field	784.00	1,100.00	1,100.00		
		4520.9 Darling Natural Area	175.00	800.00	800.00		
		Total PARKS & RECREATION	3,378.35	4,560.00	4,650.00		
		PLANNING BOARD					4
		4191.1-110 Clerical	2,623.51	7,000.00	6,000.00		
		4191.1-235 Payroll Taxes	200.72	535.00	535.00		
		4191.1-240 Training/Mileage	0.00	200.00	200.00		
		4191.1-310 Engineering	0.00	1.00	1.00		
		4191.1-341 Telephone	386.24	275.00	275.00		
		4191.1-565 Newspaper Notices	560.00	300.00	500.00		
		4191.1-620 Office Supplies	108.60	100.00	250.00		
		4191.1-625 Postage	581.53	300.00	600.00		
		4191.1-670 Law Books	100.00	200.00	200.00		
		4191.1-692 Registry of Deeds	153.00	300.00	300.00		
		4191.1-693 Contracted Services	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
		4191.1-740 New Equipment	586.96	100.00	500.00		
		Total PLANNING BOARD	5,300.56	14,311.00	14,361.00		
		POLICE DEPARTMENT					8
		4210.1-110 Police Chief Salary	68,840.00	68,750.00	73,673.00		
		4210.1-111 Police Ofc P/T	340.00	24,500.00	24,500.00		
		4210.1-112 Police Secrtry Pay	17,315.50	19,110.00	20,200.00		
		4210.1-113 Special Details	1,946.00	500.00	500.00		
		4210.1-114 Police Ofc F/T	25,040.00	52,000.00	63,835.00		
		4210.1-115 PO OT/Holiday	32,147.72	12,000.00	14,000.00		
		4210.1-219 Disability Insurance	177.10	350.00	360.00		
		4210.1-233 Retirement	40,980.84	43,658.00	47,390.00		
		4210.1-235 Payroll Taxes	3,182.92	5,318.00	5,617.00		
		4210.1-240 Training/milg/wrkshp	1,097.51	1,750.00	1,750.00		
		4210.1-341 Phone	1,503.66	1,600.00	1,600.00		
		4210.1-392 Dispatch Services	11,596.82	12,000.00	9,850.00		
		4210.1-620 Office Supplies	1,838.62	1,500.00	1,500.00		
		4210.1-622 Supplies/Ammo	1,020.77	900.00	900.00		
		4210.1-625 Postage	222.00	225.00	225.00		
		4210.1-630 Equipmnt Repair/Mnt	1,045.68	1,800.00	1,800.00		
		4210.1-635 Fuel/Police	3,544.44	5,000.00	5,000.00		
		4210.1-660 Vehicle Maint & Rep	2,344.63	3,500.00	2,500.00		
		4210.1-740 New Equipmnt Other	2,999.94	3,000.00	1,500.00		
		4210.1-741 Computer Updates	2,112.88	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4210.1-830 Uniforms	1,620.10	1,500.00	1,000.00		
		4210.1-840 Community Services	274.94	300.00	300.00		
		4210.1-900 Prosecution	5,560.31	5,600.00	5,600.00		
		4210.1-950 Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		Total POLICE DEPARTMENT	227,752.38	267,861.00	286,600.00		
		REVEAL OF PROPERTY					24
		4152.1-391 Tax Map Updates	1,750.00	1,750.00	2,000.00		Page 6 of 8

**Town of Rumney
Budget**

January 2023 through December 2024

						USE OF	Warrant
			Jan - Dec 23	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	CAP RES.	Article
		4152.1 External Revaluation	42,000.00	42,000.00	46,000.00	10,000.00	
		Total REVEAL OF PROPERTY	43,750.00	43,750.00	48,000.00		
		SUPERVISORS CHECKLIST					4
		4140.2-130 Supervisor of Chklis	1,120.68	1,500.00	4,000.00		
		4140.2-132 Voter Registration	0.00	200.00	0.00		
		4140.2-565 Newspaper Notices	120.00	360.00	400.00		
		4140.2-690 Misc Supplies	265.80	500.00	500.00		
		4140.3-131 Ballot Clerks	349.84	400.00	1,600.00		
		Total SUPERVISORS CHECKLIST	1,856.32	2,960.00	6,500.00		
		TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR					4
		4140.1-130 Town Clerk/Collector	45,074.62	45,074.00	47,320.00		
		4140.1-131 Asst Town Clerk/Coll	21,987.12	23,322.00	24,641.00		
		4140.1-233 Retirement	0.00	6,045.00	3,000.00		
		4140.1-235 Payroll Taxes	5,453.24	5,234.00	5,610.00		
		4140.1-341 Telephone 786-2237	902.20	1,150.00	1,300.00		
		4140.1-342 Software Service	6,032.00	6,075.00	6,274.00		
		4140.1-610 Town Meeting Expense	674.28	400.00	1,000.00		
		4140.1-620 Office Supplies	2,114.66	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		4140.1-625 Postage	4,009.30	4,000.00	5,000.00		
		4140.1-681 Convention Expense	145.45	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		4140.1-691 State Treasurer fees	1,012.00	1,250.00	1,250.00		
		4140.1-693 Registry of Deeds	235.11	450.00	450.00		
		4140.1-740 New Equipment	1,048.47	2,000.00	1,000.00		
		4140.1-741 Dog License/Tags	1,076.38	1,300.00	1,400.00		
		4140.1-950 Grant	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		Total TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	89,764.83	101,300.00	103,245.00		
		TRANSFER STATION					21
		4324.1-110 Supt. Payroll	47,840.00	47,840.00	50,087.00		
		4324.1-111 Hrly Employee Payrol	28,246.00	26,700.00	29,000.00		
		4324.1-115 Supt. Incentive	5,933.59	5,400.00	5,400.00		
		4324.1-219 Disability	149.80	144.00	144.00		
		4324.1-233 Retirement	7,312.51	7,348.00	7,507.00		
		4324.1-235 Payroll Taxes	6,369.48	5,902.00	6,464.00		
		4324.1-240 Traing Mileage/Wkshp	722.51	700.00	700.00		
		4324.1-341 Telephone 786-9481	1,049.70	700.00	780.00		
		4324.1-394 Outside Labor	1,200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4324.1-610 Supplies/ Misc	2,443.28	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4324.1-615 Glass Crusher	0.00	500.00	500.00		
		4324.1-630 Equipment Repr & Mnt	223.46	2,000.00	2,000.00		
		4324.1-635 Fuel/Bobcat	356.66	400.00	420.00		
		4324.1-660 Loader	0.00	500.00	500.00		
		4324.1-740 New Equipment	0.00	600.00	600.00		
		4324.1-830 Protective Clothing	244.99	600.00	600.00		
		4324.1-850 Tire & Elect Removal	1,514.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
		4324.1-950 Grant	0.00	1,000.00	600.00		

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					USE OF	Warrant
		Jan - Dec 23	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	CAP RES.	Article
	4324.2-397 Transportn/Compactor	24,225.27	41,500.00	30,000.00		
	4324.2-398 Tipping Fees	56,786.03	37,000.00	56,000.00		
	Total TRANSFER STATION	184,617.28	185,834.00	198,302.00		
	WELFARE					25
	4442 Direct Assistance	6,620.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
	4442.1 Welfare Admin	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00		
	4442.2-233 Welfare Adm Retiremt	0.00	1.00	1.00		
	4442.235 Welf Adm Pay Taxess	306.00	306.00	306.00		
	4444.2 Grft Cty Sr Citizn Counl	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00		
	4444.3 Tri-County CAP	2,996.00	2,996.00	2,996.00		
	4444.5 NCH	0.00		500.00		
	Total WELFARE	17,172.00	20,553.00	21,053.00		
	Total Expense	5,904,914.67	2,596,847.00	2,285,310.00	109,500.00	
				-109,500.00		
				2,175,810.00		

➤ RUMNEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION ➤

The Rumney Conservation Commission is organized under RSA 36-A:2 for the proper utilization and protection of natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the town. Conservation Commissions do not have regulatory authority; rather we serve as a source of information for residents.

The Rumney Conservation Commission (RCC) members are appointed by the Select Board of the town. Current members include Blake Allen, Maggie Brox (Secretary), Robin Goldstein, Joel Grass, Janice Mulherin (Chair), Judith Saum and Susan Sepenoski. RCC continues to rely on volunteers to help with projects, planning and outreach activities in the community.

- ❖ RCC manages the Conservation Fund (funded by 50% of the Land Use Change Tax assessed when land is withdrawn from Current Use) for long-term stewardship and protection of important conservation lands.
- ❖ RCC works with landowners, Planning Board, Select Board and NH State agencies to encourage and insure compliance with shore land protection, wetlands and forest land use regulations, an important obligation of community conservation commissions. Note that RCC is not a regulatory body; we provide information and guidance to citizens to help them protect natural resources and secure permits when needed.
- ❖ RCC supports the Lake Host Program on Stinson Lake. This program reminds boaters to clean their boats to reduce the spread of non-native plants in the lake. Next summer when you see the Lake Host at the public boat launch, be sure to thank them for their part in keeping our lake beautiful.
- ❖ We contribute articles to the column in the Record Enterprise - Conservation Matters.
- ❖ We support a local youth's attendance to the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, New Hampshire.
- ❖ We maintain the field and access at the Jim Darling Natural Area. We are trying different ways to reduce Japanese Knotweed and maintain access to the river.

The Jim Darling Natural Area continues to see increased use this year as more of our residents looked to more local places to recreate. It is great to see our residents take advantage of this beautiful access to the Baker River. We continue to look for ways to reduce the Japanese knotweed and other invasive plants that are along the banks of the river and the edges of the fields.

We supported the purchase of the former State Rest Area on Route 25. Having this property under town ownership insures the conservation and recreational values will be preserved. We look forward to being able to once again enjoy access to the Baker River.

*Respectfully submitted,
Janice Mulherin
Chair*

➤ RUMNEY OLD HOME DAY ☞

A little history about Old Home Day: Old Home Week [Day] was created by New Hampshire Governor Frank West Rollins. In 1897 he wrote "I wish that in the ear of every son and daughter of New Hampshire, in the summer days, might be heard whispered the persuasive words: Come back, come back." In an effort to continue the tradition, the Old Home Day committee meets to organize such a day in which folks who have moved away will come back to visit, and local residents along with people from around the greater Baker River Valley will desire to attend.

The 2023 Rumney Old Home Day got off to a great start with committee meetings starting in April. The small group of volunteers were excited to meet to review the budget, talk about the return of raffle prizes, and work on the details of the legalities of the parade route with the State of NH DOT.

Our theme for the event was "Rumney Rocks!" Not only for our world-renown rock climbing, but because if you have lived here for any amount of time, you learn that Rumney is a great place to live and truly "rocks!"

Several new people brought their skills and talents to the committee this year and we appreciate what everyone brings to the table to make this event happen. For the first time in many years, we were able to connect with local businesses to help offset the costs of t-shirts. We hope you got your own limited-edition Rumney T! We also worked on reorganizing as a committee to build efficiency in following municipal rules.

After months of planning the big day arrived on August 12. Festivities on the town common included a craft show with many local artisans, yummy baked goods, lots of entertainment on the bandstand, and the town library and Historical Society Museum open nearby as well.

Many thanks to the Baker Valley Band, The Red Hat Band, Blue Wave Taekwondo, White-Candito-Steer-Drabick Band, and Ontario for adding to the day. The Fire Department dunk tank continued to be a popular attraction. The parade down Main Street led by Veteran, John Hemeon, was a great time to see the meticulously maintained fire dept. trucks, local businesses and community groups and antique vehicles. As always, there was plenty of food served throughout the day beginning with Rumney Fire Auxiliary coffee & donuts, A & B Concessions food truck, and Rumney Baptist Church's ham & bean dinner with lots of homemade pies for dessert. The fun continued back at the Common with an ice cream social, ladies frying pan toss, and the men's hay bale toss. The day wrapped up with a fireworks display by Hell's Gate Fireworks at Russell Elementary School. It was an enjoyable day with lots of fun for everyone. There are so many people to thank for making this event a success, too many to fit in a report! Please know that each one of you is appreciated and we hope you'll help again in 2024.

The committee does not finish on Old Home Day, however. We continue to meet to wrap up loose ends and set goals for the following year. In 2024 we hope to look into the feasibility of using the Baker Athletic field for some activities, expanding the day's entertainment, along with dealing with the practical need for more electricity on the town common.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 10, 2024! Got some input and a little spare time? There's plenty of room for you to join the team whether you can help with one task during the day of the event or multiple jobs for a few months. For more info and meeting dates follow us on Facebook at "Rumney Happenings" or visit <http://www.rumneynh.org/OldHomeDay/>

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anderson

Committee members:

Rachel Anderson – Vice
Chair
Kathy Grabiek
Cathy Hacker
Stephen Hay
Beth Macdonald
Lisa Russell
Heather Scroggins -
Secretary
Roger Scroggins - Chair
Lila Williams - Treasurer



➤ RUMNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ☞

2023 ended on a festive note as we hosted our Annual Christmas Tea...such fun to see so many happy faces. John Allen entertained the early birds with his reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales", a nostalgic look at the "old days". John is a Rumney treasure, and this event was such a treat. The reading was followed by an "Open House" with music, holiday refreshments and lots of conversation.

Our Society maintains a vast collection of historical items reminding us of our past and we are most grateful to the folks who have shared their family treasures with us. In 2024 we would like to redo each glass case and add new signage. We will be looking to our members and the Rumney community to lend a hand. We're also look forward to joining with the library and offering additional humanities programs. We will be exploring the options for replacing our heating system as well.

The weather did not cooperate for our Ice Cream Social, but we will try again in 2024 and will also plan a rain date! The Museum was well attended on Old Home Day in August and our docents enjoyed the many visitors.

This year we honored Quincy Bog with an article and photos in our membership booklet and a display at the Museum. Betty Jo Taffe was our speaker in September and highlighted the history and uniqueness of this very special bog. It was an enjoyable, informative evening and we thank Betty Jo.

We celebrated the "End of the Season" with an open house in October. Our special guest was Bob Fleck, a wonderful photographer who has spent years observing Quincy Bog. Bob's presentation highlighted some of these photos which are included in his new book, Seasons At A New England Bog, A Photographic Essay. Bob has kindly donated a copy of this book to the library. It was a beautiful fall afternoon and we concluded with an array of yummy pies made by our Rumney bakers. No one went away hungry!

Our President, Kathy Sobetzer, joins me in thanking the officers, the board of directors, our members, and our community for your interest in and continued support for the Rumney Museum and the Rumney Historical Society. You are invited to follow us on Facebook, view our blog at rumneyhs.blogspot.com and get involved. We look forward to our 2024 season!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Turbyne, Past President

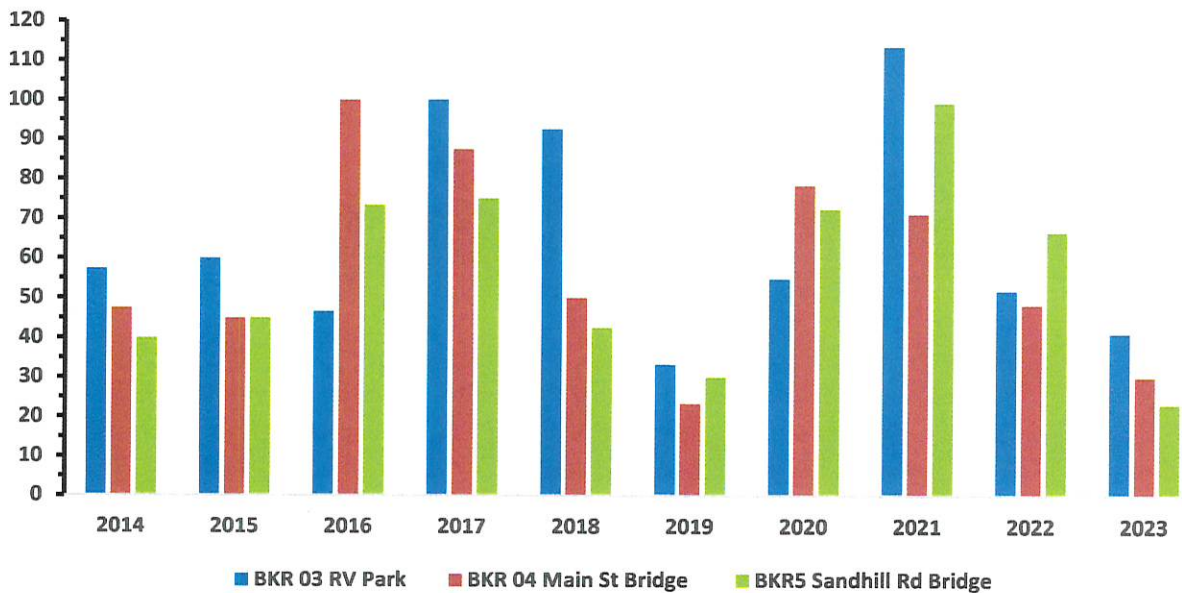
Baker River Watershed Association Annual Report

The Baker River Watershed Association (BRWA) is an all-volunteer organization that works with towns along the Baker River to promote preservation of water quality for safe recreational use and guidance in best practices for reduction of flood risks and drinking water protection, with aims to sustain the quality of the watershed and its river for all users. For this service, the BRWA invoices each town between \$300 and \$375, depending on the number of samples we process from sites within town boundaries, or by formal agreement.

In 2023, the BRWA continued its annual work collecting samples and environmental data about the Baker River in the towns of Warren, Wentworth, Rumney and Plymouth. The results are reported to each town’s health officer and BRWA representative on a monthly basis throughout the summer. They are meant to be useful in town management towards the health of the river system and of the people that live near or recreate near the river. Our monitoring is done at pre-determined sites and we revisit the same sites year after year to allow comparisons over time. Our reports include E. coli concentrations, water temperature, pH, water clarity, oxygen concentrations, and salinity (mostly monitoring road salt impacts on the river).

In 2023, the heavy and frequent rains between May and September helped to dilute the river’s impurities so that the water quality was generally higher than it has been in recent years. For the first time since monitoring began in 2014, there were no months with E. coli levels creating health concerns in any of the towns. The Town of Rumney data is presented in the chart below. In addition, river salinity was within good limits this year, ensuring a healthy macroinvertebrate population and food web for fish and birds.

Baker River, Rumney E. coli Monitoring Results 2014-2023



Monday, October 2, 2023

To the Select Board of the Town of Rumney

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency (NCHHHA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is deeply committed to transforming lives through compassionate care. Our mission is clear: **We improve lives by caring for patients and families as they navigate their healthcare journey at home.** Covering approximately 2,705 square miles and serving a population of 76,000 residents, NCHHHA extends its reach across Coös County and Grafton County with great pride and responsibility. As an affiliate of North Country Healthcare, we have been steadfast in our dedication to providing essential home care, long-term care, palliative, and hospice services.

Today, we humbly come before you with a heartfelt request. **We are seeking an investment of \$500 to sustain and bolster our indispensable services for the residents of Rumney.** The urgency of our appeal cannot be overstated, as diminishing reimbursement rates continue to place an ever-increasing strain on our resources. Your generous contribution will serve as a lifeline, enabling us to bridge the financial gap created by under-reimbursed or unreimbursed costs.

At NCHHHA, we operate with an unwavering commitment to our patients and a team of dedicated clinical and supportive care professionals. **Many of these professionals are members of your very own community.** This team empowers us to fulfill the wishes of those who yearn to remain in their cherished homes despite facing daunting health challenges. Our approach is meticulous, coordinating comprehensive care encompassing nursing, rehabilitation, personal care, homemaking, and compassionate companionship, all tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual. It is this profound respect for our clients' values and expectations that has earned us a distinguished reputation for delivering unparalleled home health and hospice services.

Our vision at NCHHHA is nothing short of transformative: **Through innovative solutions and an unwavering team commitment, we aspire to become the preeminent home-based healthcare provider in our community, elevating the quality of life for those we are privileged to serve.** We leave no room for gaps in care, providing essential services around the clock, 24/7.

Moreover, our groundbreaking Palliative Care program, serves as a beacon of hope and solace. This program equips patients and their families with the knowledge and support they need to comprehend their medical journey, set meaningful goals, and engage in heartfelt discussions about end-of-life care, all within the nurturing confines of their homes. Since its inception in 2019, this program has grown exponentially, **now touching the lives of 244 patients this year alone, and growing every day.**

The Rumney community has long depended on us to deliver unparalleled care within the sanctuary of their homes. **We earnestly beseech you to continue your invaluable support for North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency with a funding contribution of \$500.** Your generosity will not only sustain our mission but also ensure that we continue to be a pillar of unwavering support for your community.

We are deeply grateful for the privilege of serving your community and sincerely appreciate your continued support and trust. For further information about our agency and the services we provide, please explore our website at www.nchhha.org. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (603) 444-8399.

With profound gratitude and hope,

Ren Anderson
Senior Manager of Philanthropy & Community Engagement
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency



AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Dear Selectboard and Voters,

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services Inc. (ACHS) is requesting an appropriation of **\$1250** (One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars) from the **Town of Rumney** for the year 2024. Your investment in our mission will enable us to continue our unwavering commitment to delivering top-notch, affordable healthcare to our **85 Rumney patients**, as well as expanding our reach to assist more residents in need. Support from the **Town of Rumney** is important to us as we strive to make affordable healthcare accessible to your residents, as well as those residing in the 26 rural towns within our service area.

ACHS has been providing essential services such as preventative care, follow-up treatments, vaccinations, screenings, and crucial behavioral health support for individuals of all ages. Your continued support for ACHS is instrumental in our ongoing efforts to provide comprehensive preventive healthcare to all, regardless of their financial situation. ACHS's sliding fee scale for payment ensures that individuals in need can access affordable healthcare promptly, a vital necessity in today's ever-changing healthcare landscape. For further details about our sliding fee scale program, please visit our website at **Ammonoosuc.org**.

ACHS SERVICES

- **Medical:** Patient-Centered Primary care for all ages
- **Behavioral Health:** Substance Use Disorder, Counseling, K-12 in school services
- **Patient Support:** Assistance with financial, legal, social concerns
- **Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program**
- **340B Drug Pricing Program:** Helps reduce the price of prescription drugs
- **Financial Services:** Sliding-Fee payment scale, Low Cost Vision Plan, Dental Voucher

ACHS STATISTICS 2022

- **Number of unduplicated Clients Served:** Medical – 8,132, Behavioral Health – 894, Enabling – 37, Vision – 142
- **Number of Visits:** Medical – 24,628, Behavioral Health – 6,422, Enabling – 39, Vision – 142
- **Client/Payor Mix:** Medicaid 18.03%, Medicare – 35.71%, Uninsured – 3.87%, Insured – 42.39%
- **Value discounts provided in our Prescription Assistance Program :** \$129,071
- **Value of discounted health care services (Sliding-Fee) provided to our patients:** \$336,186 – Total, Medical – \$138,617, Dental - \$448, Behavioral Health - \$36,847 Pharmacy - \$160,274

TOWN STATISTICS – Rumney

- Total # of Patients **85**
- Total # of Medicaid Patients **14**
- Total # of Medicare Patients **26**
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients **7**
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients **1**

Your ongoing support of ACHS fills us with hope and enthusiasm for a brighter, healthier future for our community and we are excited to continue making a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve.

Be mindful, be active, and be well.

Edward D. Shanshala

Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSEd
Chief Executive Officer

Evelyn Hagan

Evelyn Hagan
ACHS Board President

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PEMI-BAKER

Hospice & Home Health

— EST 1967 —

Selectman
Town of Rumney
79 Depot Street
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September 19, 2023

2024 Budget Request

2024 Town Appropriation Request \$7,504.00

Dear Selectmen;

We are requesting an appropriation of the amount shown above to help cover our services for uninsured and underinsured in the towns we serve. Not all of our services are covered by insurance and many that are do not cover our costs. Your support will help us continue to provide quality services to uninsured and under insured residents of your town.

Pemi-Baker provides quality Home Health, Palliative Care, and Hospice care to the residents of your town.

What is Home Health?

Whether returning home from the hospital, a skilled nursing facility, or a doctor's visit, we help our patients safely transfer home with confidence and achieve independence in their community. We help make hospital stays shorter and less frequent by providing healthcare in the home. Our team partners with patients, their doctor, family and caregivers to help home bound individuals in need of skilled medical services during recovery from illness, injury or surgery.

What is Palliative Care?

The purpose of palliative care is to address symptoms of pain, breathing difficulties, nausea, fatigue, loss of appetite or problems of sleep. Palliative care does not take the place of a primary-care physician, but instead works alongside a provider. The goal is to make the patient as comfortable as possible and improve quality of life.

What is Hospice Care?

Hospice care provides comfort measures during the final phases of life for patients who have decided to no longer receive chemotherapy, radiation treatments or surgeries. We help people remain as mobile, alert and engaged in social activities for as long as their conditions will allow. Quality of life is the goal. Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health will be there to guide people on this journey. A compassionate care team with years of experience in end-of-life care will help with important decision-making and establishing goals of care.

Thank you for supporting our organization.

Danielle Paquette-Horne RN

Danielle Paquette-Horne
Executive Director



SERVING VETERANS FROM HOUSING THROUGH HOSPICE

BRIDGE HOUSE 260 Highland St., Plymouth NH 03264 603-536-7631

December 11, 2023

Dear Rumney Board of Selectmen and Town Residents,

Bridge House prioritizes services for Grafton County. It is able to do this because it accepts minimal money from the government allowing autonomy in providing services for our county. On behalf of Veterans both at the shelter and surrounding communities please accept our heartfelt gratitude – this valuable work is possible due to your generosity

Bridge House Shelter & Veterans Advocacy requests an annual donation of \$2,000 from each Grafton County municipality

Bridge House recognizes towns are strapped and appreciates most give what they can. Thank You!

The value of FY'23 Direct Services for one man from Rumney for a total of 116 days at \$150 per day = \$17,400 Direct Services includes a bed, meals, transportation, counseling, medical, psychological, and dental advocacy, and case management. Two other Rumney residents have lived in two Permanent Supportive Housing units at the Bridge House for the past two to three years. .

ABOUT OUR VETS...

Every year BH has the opportunity to volunteer for the Common Man at the Sandwich Fair for one day generating money for the Bridge House Veterans account – this fall Lou and Karen Perazzo showed up with their 30 year old daughter Sarah pictured below - The Porrazzo's have supported the shelter for years – this year they had a surprise - Thirty-year old Sarah, thriving with cerebral palsy, potted and sold 50 hydrangea plants last summer earning \$200 – she then instructed her mom to purchase four \$50 gift certificates for Bridge House Veterans which Karen dropped off yesterday at the shelter. The recipients of Sarah's generosity: Jim USMC; Dennis US Navy; Roger US Army; Mike US Army. Thank you Rumney – as Sarah's Gift shows - It takes a village!

THE PORRAZZO FAMILY: LOU, SARAH, AND KAREN





Voices Against Violence

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September 12, 2023

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Budget Committee
Town of Rumney
PO Box 220
Rumney, NH 03266
Dear Budget Committee:

From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 Voices Against Violence worked with 724 survivors (662 specifically from Grafton County or 91% of the survivors served) who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking, and bullying. A total of 11,407 services were provided to these 724 survivors (553 female, 105 male, and 66 other or unknown, and 637 adults and 87 children).

In Rumney alone, Voices provided 376 services to 17 survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provided countless hours of education and support around these issues to other individuals and organizations throughout Grafton County.

From July 2022 to June 2023 Voices provided 921 bednights to 16 survivors (12 adults and 4 children) and provided 66 prevention education and outreach programs to over 3,600 participants. Among those programs were workshops for students and faculty at area schools on topics such as bullying prevention, healthy relationships, and teen dating violence. Outreach programs were also provided to law enforcement, medical professionals, court staff and the university community. Voices worked with law enforcement and community agencies in your area to create a unified community response to domestic and sexual violence, placing a great deal of emphasis on our prevention activities that should help alleviate long-term burdens on the town that result from family violence.

Direct services provided to survivors in Rumney and throughout our communities included crisis counseling through our 24-hour hotline (from October 2022 to June 2023, Voices received over 539 calls from survivors and community partners), one-on-one crisis and ongoing advocacy, an emergency shelter for adults and children, support groups, hospital, police and court accompaniment, restraining order and other legal assistance, provision of food, clothing, and transportation, families' medical/mental health advocacy, housing, financial needs, educational and employment opportunity assistance, and much more.

I submit this annual budget request in the amount of \$2,420.00 for the 2024 fiscal year. This figure represents less than half of the total cost of providing services to Rumney residents in our last fiscal year. We greatly appreciate all of your past support and your consideration of this year's request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 536-5999 with any questions, or if I can provide additional information to the committee.

Sincerely,


Meg Kennedy Dugan
Executive Director



Lakes Region Mental Health Center

August 22, 2023

Town of Rumney
Town Administrator
PO Box 220
Rumney, NH 03266

Dear Friends,

Almost one third (28.2%) of American adults with mental illness report that they are not able to receive the treatment they need. In the United States, there are 350 individuals for every one mental health provider. According to the 2023 State of Mental Health in America, **New Hampshire is currently ranked 20th** in the nation in adults with mental illness reporting unmet need. *With your help, we can do better to meet those needs.*

The Board of Directors and staff of Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC), a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, are committed to continuous improvement. Flexibility, and adaptation of operations and services to meet the growing needs of the 24 towns in the LRMHC service area is often necessary in order to provide residents *the right care at the right time.*

The LRMHC Access to Care program was redeveloped last fiscal year to help meet the growing demand for mental health services. The Access to Care staff are the first contacts for those who seek help from LRMHC. The team links them to immediate care and ensures that all individuals discharging from the hospital get access within 48 hours of discharge to community-based services. The services of the Access to Care team are provided to *everyone*- regardless of whether they become a patient at LRMHC, all without financial support from the state or insurance companies.

Every dollar of your town’s contribution is invested in care for people in your own community, and is leveraged with funds from the other towns served by LRMHC. LRMHC is requesting funding this fiscal year in the amount of \$3,500.

We welcome any opportunity to present information about our services to community agencies, and/or to meet with your Budget Committee or Select Board to further discuss our request and how it improves the health of your residents.

The patients, staff and Board of Lakes Region Mental Health Center thank you in advance for your support and continued investment in a healthy community. If you should have any questions, please contact Beth Vachon, Director of Development & Public Relations, at (603) 524-1100, ext. 445, or bvachon@lrmhc.org.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Pritchard, Chief Executive Officer

Laura LeMien, Board Chair

Adult Services

- Psychiatric Evaluation & Consultation
- Individual, Group, and Family Therapy

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Lakes Region Mental Health Center

- Community Support Services for Adults
- Case Management
- Community-Based Care
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Supported Employment
- Older Adult and Neurocognitive Services
- REAP for Older Adults
- Peer Support Services
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- InSHAPE services to promote overall wellness

Additional Services

- 24/7 Emergency Services (Concord Hospitals Laconia & Franklin, and Speare Memorial Hospital)
- Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)
- Critical Time Intervention (CTI)
- Telehealth Services
- On-Site Pharmacy
- Psychiatric Services to Concord Hospital Laconia the Designated Receiving Facility at Concord Hospital Franklin
- Substance Misuse Treatment
- Evidence-based practices
- Trauma-informed care

From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, **22 residents of Rumney accessed services from LRMHC, and \$5,785 in charity care* was provided.**

RUMNEY	Patients Served-LRMHC	Charitable Care in \$
Children (0 to 17 years)	6	\$45
Adults (18 to 61 years)	14	\$5,740
Elder (62 + years)	2	-

For the purpose of this funding request, all funds allocated by Rumney are for the provision of access to care for Rumney residents, regardless of their ability to pay or whether they become a patient at LRMHC. Administrative costs associated with Rumney families correlate with the number of residents requesting access to care and 2020 U.S. Census data. Rumney residents represent **2%** of the LRMHC 24-town catchment area.

**FY23 municipal funding support supported the LRMHC Access to Care Team in assisting more patients with access and enrollment of Medicaid benefits. As a result, less charitable care was provided than the prior fiscal year. With the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on April 10, 2023, Medicaid flexibilities such as continuous enrollment ended, and a large number of people lost benefits and are still requiring a great deal of assistance to re-qualify. It is impossible to predict how this unprecedented situation will affect the FY24 budget, but it is expected that charitable care provided will increase.*

Town of Rumney Allocation in FY 2023: \$1,000 | LRMHC Request for Allocation in FY 2024: \$3,500

The LRMHC Access to Care program is projected to have an operating deficit of \$367,095.40 for fiscal year 2024.

See attached page, Access to Care Operating Statement Summary FY24, for detail.

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**Lakes Region
Mental Health Center**

Request for Rumney Allocation in Fiscal Year 2023: \$3,500

Founded in 1966, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) is designated by the state as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving 24 towns in Region 3 (Belknap and southern Grafton Counties).

LRMHC’s **mission** is to provide integrated mental and physical health care for people with mental illness while creating wellness and understanding, in our communities. The organization’s **vision** is to be the community leader providing quality, accessible and integrated mental and physical health services, delivered with dedication and compassion.

A CMHC serves the most vulnerable people that require the highest levels of care, are the furthest from socio-economic opportunity, and therefore are dependent on Medicaid to access needed services. Because of the nature of this work, LRMHC’s annual budget is comprised of up to 70% Medicaid reimbursements. The resulting loss of Medicaid reimbursement revenue due to the expiration of the public health emergency (COVID), known as “unwinding”, combined with increased case management efforts to re-engage this population and help those that are eligible to access benefits, has resulted in an unprecedented, extremely challenging 2024 Fiscal Budget year for LRMHC, as well as other community health agencies. The support of the towns we serve is more important than ever so that we can maintain services.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) “Mission Zero” plan to eliminate hospital emergency department psychiatric boarding by 2025 is a top focus of NH’s 10-year Mental Health Plan. Because of the central location in the state, LRMHC has agreed to be a leader of this initiative and will dedicate part of the LRMHC Plymouth office location as a crisis center called “**A Place to Go**”, expected to open in 2024. A Place to Go will offer people in crisis with acute psychiatric needs access to care and supports to address their immediate psychological needs.

Every dollar the town of Rumney contributes is invested in care for people in Rumney. It is leveraged with funds from other towns to offset the tremendous cost of high-quality access to care.

From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, LRMHC served **3,622** patients, and provided over **\$319,000** in charity care. **22 residents of Rumney** accessed LRMHC services. Rumney residents represent **2%** of the LRMHC catchment area.

Similar to the police or fire department, Mental Health Care is a municipal service and a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Your appropriation ensures the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduces the burden on your town.

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CADY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT
Town of Rumney

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

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths stealing the lives of 487 people in 2022. Use of addictive substances during adolescence poses serious risks of harm, including interference with brain development and significantly increased risk of addiction. We must remember addiction is a progressive disease that's preventable. CADY works to build protective factors and reduce risk for our children and youth, and together with our community partners, we are accomplishing that important goal.

Consequently, CADY believes local problems need local solutions; as such, it is our collective responsibility to address these problems head on to ensure that we are supporting the healthy social and emotional development of children in our region. The most recent Pemi-Baker Region Youth Risk Behavior Survey data indicates that local youth are experiencing significantly higher rates of sadness, hopelessness, and rates of suicidal ideation than previously reported in 2019. Misuse of alcohol, high-potency marijuana, vaping products, and prescription drugs are risk factors of great concern. The lack of treatment and mental health services for children in New Hampshire makes preventing the problems before they start a more urgent goal.

With your support, CADY has continued to build youth resiliency by providing asset-building, high-impact prevention programming and leadership training for hundreds of area students in grades 5-12, including Suicide Prevention Training for Central NH youth. We also continue to provide our most vulnerable youth a second chance to overcome challenges, to learn, grow and to turn their lives around through our region's juvenile court diversion program, Restorative Justice (RJ). Many of the high-risk youth referred to RJ are already struggling with substance use disorders—this vital intervention is preventing entry to the addiction pipeline and saving lives. To provide wrap-around support, we have hired a highly qualified mental health professional to provide trauma-informed counseling to support RJ youth and their families. To learn more about our programs, please go to our website, CADYINC.ORG.

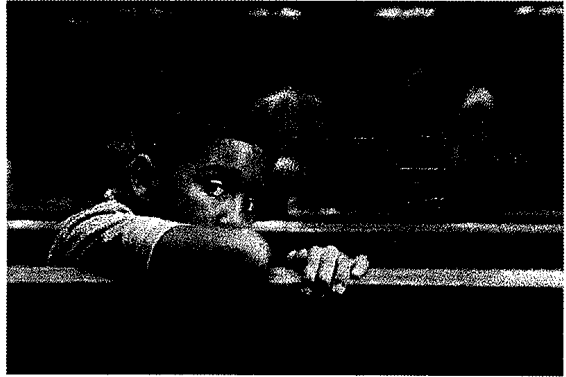
CADY believes every child deserves a promising future. That's why we're doing whatever it takes—every day—to help local children, especially those hardest to reach and most vulnerable. We, as trusted adults, need to work together to protect the precious years of childhood from the harms of social isolation, mental health crises, substance misuse, and addiction.

Thankfully, our collective action has the power to transform lives by preventing youth substance misuse through education, skill building, increasing early intervention services and social-emotional supports, and offering opportunities for mentoring and resiliency building. We thank our community partners for working tirelessly with CADY to build healthy environments that foster hope, growth, and resiliency. We cannot do this critical work without you. Thank you, Rumney, we are truly honored and grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Deb Naro
Executive Director

September 1, 2023

Joe Chivell, Town Administrator
Town of Rumney
PO Box 220
Rumney, NH 03266-0220



Dear Joe,

I am writing today to ask the Town of Rumney to consider a \$500 appropriation to advocate for Rumney's most vulnerable children. This will allow CASA of New Hampshire to recruit, train, and support a volunteer advocate to provide a voice for the children of Rumney who have experienced abuse or neglect. Last year, CASA of New Hampshire advocated for more than 1,500 children throughout the state. Unfortunately, due to the unavailability of trained advocates, 277 children did not have the benefit of a CASA by their side- this number includes 27 children from Grafton County. As we look to the future, please help us reach our goal of having trained advocates available for 100% of the children who need them most.

Our children are in crisis.

Each year, one million American children are confirmed victims of abuse and neglect and more than half a million are in foster care.

In New Hampshire, hundreds of these children come to the attention of the courts annually. Our children need someone to tell their stories, to be a strong advocate, to get to know them and make their voices heard in a complex, confusing, and often overburdened child protection system.

Founded in 1989, Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire is the only nonprofit organization in the state that protects the rights of our state's abused and neglected children to live, learn, and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our trained volunteer advocates speak for our children's best interests in the New Hampshire Family court system. In recent years, the need for our services has increased dramatically.

The effects of the pandemic have begun to surface, leading to a rise in both the number and complexity of cases. We are faced with some of the most severe neglect of children that I have witnessed during my tenure. Children and families clearly struggled during the long months of isolation, and continue to do so today.

CASA of NH has an incredibly strong team of staff, board of directors, and more than 600 volunteer advocates who are completely committed to this difficult but life-changing work. Support from the Town of Rumney will help us to further this mission by providing neglected and abused children in your community with a caring and compassionate advocate to help see them through their most difficult days.

In addition to all of the good work they do for our children, our CASA volunteers also save the state more than \$3.5M in legal fees – fees that would otherwise be paid for by state tax dollars. If CASA of NH cannot provide a volunteer, the state will then hire a paid GAL (Guardian ad Litem) at \$60 per hour plus travel costs.

Below are our most recent fiscal-year-end statistics specific to your county and the state:

FY 2023 BY THE NUMBERS		<u>Statewide</u>	<u>In Grafton County</u>
	Children Served	1,549	89
	Volunteers	612	48
	Miles Traveled	603,391	47,426
	Hours of Volunteer Time	87,585	4,966
	<i>Value of Volunteer Advocacy</i>	\$3.5M	

New Hampshire’s abused and neglected children are a part of every community within our state and range in age from birth to 21. National studies show that children with a CASA volunteer benefit in countless ways – they are more likely to be placed in safe, permanent homes, receive better mental, emotional and physical health services, and have fewer placement changes than children without a focused advocate. With the support of a CASA advocate, neglected and abused children have access to a brighter future.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request for your next funding cycle. Should you require additional materials to support this letter, please contact Tarah Bergeron, Development Associate at (603) 626-4600 x2113 or by emailing tbergeron@casanh.org.

I look forward to updating you with our progress and the impact that your support will have on New Hampshire’s victimized children.

All my best,



Marcia R. Sink
 President & CEO



**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
REPORT 2022/2023**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services that support the health and well-being of our communities' older citizens as well as adults with disabilities. GCSCC's programs enable community members to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

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

From October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, 94 older residents of Rumney were served by one or more of GCSCC's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. In addition, 15 residents were served through ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Rumney enjoyed 1,602 meals prepared by GCSCC.
- Rumney residents received wellness calls, assistance with problems, crises, or issues of long-term care through 36 contacts with a trained outreach worker and 64 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Rumney residents participated in 206 health, education, or social activities.
- 5 door-to-door, on-demand bus rides were provided for Rumney residents.

The cost for GCSCC to provide services for Rumney residents in 2022/2023 was \$27,690.61.

Such services can be critical for older adults and adults with disabilities who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. Doing so saves tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. GCSCC's programs also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population ages, supportive services such as those offered by GCSCC are becoming even more critical.

GCSCC would very much appreciate Rumney's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older adults and adults with disabilities. GCSCC enables community members to meet the challenges of aging, while remaining in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director



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October 18, 2023

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Rumney
PO Box 220
Rumney, NH 03266

Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen:

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) is requesting an appropriation of \$3,250.00 from the Town of Rumney for FY 2024.

During 2022-2023, 94 older adults or adults with disabilities from Rumney received congregate or home-delivered meals, rides on our lift-equipped buses, assistance from our outreach workers, or one or more of GCSCC's other services designed to support the independence of older adults. In addition, 15 Rumney residents received assistance through Grafton County ServiceLink.

GCSCC's cost to provide services for Rumney residents in 2022-2023 was \$27,690.61.

GCSCC provides congregate and home-delivered meals, transportation, counseling, and daily wellness checks in-person as well as by telephone. In addition to in-person offerings, we also offer virtual activities such as book discussion groups and music classes.

Enclosed is a report detailing services provided to your community members during 2022-2023. I am available to answer any questions you have about our services for Rumney residents.

We very much appreciate Rumney's support and look forward to serving older individuals and adults with disabilities in your community this coming year.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Vasconcelos
Executive Director

Enclosures

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September 12, 2023

Town of Rumney
79 Depot Street
Rumney, NH 03266

Dear Selectmen,

I hope this letter finds you well. Included please find our FY24 request for a municipal donation of \$2,996 from the town of Rumney, as well as an explanation of how the agency uses funds from municipalities.

Beginning in fiscal year 2021, we now request donations under one application for Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., according to a formula based on a per capita per municipality rate. The request supports **all** of the programs we offer in a municipality. In the town of Rumney those programs are: Fuel and Energy Assistance, Housing Stability Services, USDA/TEFAP Food distribution, Transportation Services, Head Start, Weatherization, Guardianship services, and 211 Homeless Call Response. Our goal in this methodology is to streamline our requests, provide all the municipalities we serve with a standard formula that is consistent, fair and equitable and also supports all of the services we provide in that community.

Municipal funds are a critical form of support for Tri-County Community Action Program and the many services we provide. Our Federal and State grants require that we contribute a percentage of cash funds to a project, also known as "match". The match required may be anywhere from 20% to 50% of a total grant award. The rules regarding what funds may be used as match are stringent and often must come from unrestricted dollars. The agency simply is not eligible to receive Federal and State grant funds and put them to work in our communities without unrestricted dollars to serve as match. Municipal funds are what we count on to meet match dollar requirements and fill funding gaps for services.

Historically, Rumney has been very supportive of Tri-County Community Action Program and the services we provide. We are grateful for that support. The staff and I look forward to the opportunity to answer questions you may have regarding our request and the services we provide to residents of Rumney.

Thank you for your consideration of our application.

All the Best,

Jeanne Robillard, CEO
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.
30 Exchange Street, Berlin NH 03570
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Tri-County Community Action Program provides opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals.



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Let's go!

September 1, 2023

Select Board
Town of Rumney
PO Box 220
Rumney NH 03266

Dear Select Board:

New Hampshire has several critical needs that affect the quality of life of our residents. In addition to housing needs and property taxes, transportation is a critical need that Transport Central is trying to satisfy. Transport Central is one of those agencies that has helped your town by providing rides to those people that have no other way to get to a doctor's appointment or to seek medical treatment. Anyone that meets our criteria (seniors age 60+, individuals with disabilities and those on Medicaid programs, and eligible veterans with transportation needs to medical appointments) can call and get a ride by one of our volunteer drivers. Our drivers (all volunteers) are qualified and trained to NH DOT standards.

Since we started back in 2013, we've provided **28,383 rides**, while our volunteers drove over **1.3 million miles** while performing these rides. These amazing numbers are made possible because we've built a 501 (c) 3 agency consisting of volunteer drivers and back-office coordinators that provide eligible individuals from your Town with a ride to a needed appointment. However, rides are not the only value that is provided to your Town. We also provide the coordination and office support that is required to keep our drivers on the road providing service to our clients – *your* citizens in need.

As you prepare your **FY2024** Town Budget, we respectfully request that you consider an appropriation to Transport Central. The infrastructure we've built to serve your Town costs money and we rely on donations and grants to allow us to continue. We largely depend on NH/Federal 5310 funds to cover the costs of our services. These funds reimburse our drivers for mileage at the federal rate and help to keep our office going. However, as with previous years, we project that we will run out of NH/Federal 5310 funding after 8 months into the year. We largely rely on the donations and contributions of Towns like yours to help fund the remaining 4 months of rides for the elderly, disabled, and those men and women who have served in the military. This year, we are seeking to equitably divide our request by the population grouping of each of our 19 Towns. Based on this metric, we are asking for a **\$1,000.00** donation from your Town. This amount would help us sustain and perform our mission to provide rides for the elderly and disabled in **Rumney**. We are enclosing information to help you understand who we are and what we do. Please let us know if you would like additional copies, or if you have any questions. Furthermore, we would gladly be available if you would like us to make a presentation to you or any local group.

We continue to be very grateful for your assistance in helping us fulfill our mission toward helping your residents.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy year,

William R. Bolton, Jr., Executive Director

The mission of **UNH Cooperative Extension** is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions, working in collaboration with county, state and federal government. Some examples of how Extension has been working towards this mission in Grafton County are summarized below.

The Grafton County **4-H** program continued to promote intergenerational activities and build a positive community of youth and older adults. In addition to the annual carved pumpkin display at the nursing home, 4-H members showcased their animals at the county complex in the Spring, giving nursing home residents the opportunity to see the animals up close and share past experiences with the youth.

Through the **Community & Economic Development** program over 150 participants from 60 NH communities in all 10 counties, including eight Grafton County communities, completed the Housing Academy training program as part of the InvestNH Municipal Planning and Zoning Grant program. Participating communities worked to assess needs, identify strategies that fit their own communities' goals and implement strategies to address the housing crisis in NH.

A 4-part twilight meeting series on high tunnel management was presented in Grafton County by the **Food & Agriculture** staff. Over 50 people attended and 17 earned two pesticide recertification credits each towards keeping their applicator licenses current. Several participants reported putting what they learned to work on their own farms.

The **Food Safety** program offered several Safety Awareness in the Food Environment classes for food service workers and NH Food Pantry workers. Workshops were also held for NH homestead food processors on how to produce homemade food in NH legally and safely. The NH Jumpstart program continued with 12 farm participants (3 in Grafton County) who made positive changes in their produce food safety activities.

Natural Resources staff developed and/or presented 20 workshops or trainings on forestry and wildlife topics. These workshops and trainings reached a total of 1,004 participants across Grafton County, including adult learners and elementary and high school students.

Several community gardens, that resulted in donations to food pantries, continued to be managed by **Master Gardeners**. Projects to promote beneficial pollinators flourished as did a project to reclaim a section of Lake Mascoma in Enfield for recreational use. A virtual Master Gardener training was also launched.

Health and Well-Being programming in Grafton County was expanded in 2023, to focus on reducing healthcare costs and boosting nutrition, physical activity, food access and mental health. New programs included Master Wellness Volunteers, Boost Your Brain and Memory for older adults, and food security screenings at OB/Gyn clinics. Positive outcomes included participants learning to save an average of \$16 more a day on food and acquiring skills to support others in crisis (including those considering suicide).

To learn more about programs and resources that are available, please visit extension.unh.edu.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Lee

UNH Extension, Grafton County Office Administrator

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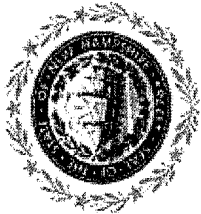
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

-- RUMNEY--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
AMBROSE CRUS, ELISA SOFIA	11/09/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	NATAREN CRUS, ELDER MISAEAL	NATAREN CRUS, KIRSTEN ELISE
FLEMING, MICHAEL EARLE	11/07/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	FLEMING IV, EARLE FRANCIS	FORTIER, MADALYN PATRICIA
HOWARD, BRADY JACK	09/09/2023	HANOVER, NH	HOWARD, CODY CHRISTOPHER	HOWARD, EMILY ANNE
PREMAN, WREN ALUMA	10/27/2023	RUMNEY, NH	PREMAN, BRIAN M	PREMAN, REBECCA ASHLEY
RAY, ELYE TIMOTHY	03/15/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	RAY, JODY DANIEL	SINGH, KESSA
REID, IRIS MAE-BRENDA	06/01/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	CAMPBELL-REID, ISIAH MICHAEL	SHINN, AUTUMN LEA

Total number of records 6

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**



RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

--RUMNEY, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
SMITH, SHERRY MAY	01/18/2023	DORCHESTER	JELLISON, CHARLES	UNKNOWN, FLOIS	N
MACOMBER, RUTH HARMON	04/03/2023	FRANKLIN	MARSH, GEORGE	HARMON, ELLA	N
BROWN, MARGARET	04/09/2023	RUMNEY	DAVIS, NATHANIEL	BENNETT, WIONA	N
MURPHY, PATRICIA LEE	04/13/2023	RUMNEY	MURPHY, WILLIAM	TOMPKINS, CATHERINE	N
RAY, ROBIN LYNN	04/15/2023	RUMNEY	RAY, BERNARD	SLEEPER, JACKALEEN	N
COURSEY, STANLEY WILLIAM	05/04/2023	RUMNEY	HEATH, STANLEY	COMEAU, LILLIAN	N
PACKARD, LOIS	05/22/2023	MANCHESTER	MACKAY, RALPH	JORDAN, HELEN	N
SASSAMAN, KEVIN D	06/13/2023	RUMNEY	SASSAMAN, DAVID	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	U
PEACH, HARRY WETHERBEE	06/15/2023	RUMNEY	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	Y
LATULIPPE, KELLIE ELIZABETH	07/02/2023	RUMNEY	MASON, LEE	MEINERTH, NANCY	N
BEADLE JR, HOWARD S	07/13/2023	CONCORD	BEADLE SR, HOWARD	ZYLA, ANNA	Y
BARTLETT, PAULETTE KRISTINE	07/24/2023	RUMNEY	BAKER, RICHARD	MCLAUGHLIN, SHIRLEY	N
MCCART, JAMES JOSEPH	08/05/2023	PORTSMOUTH	MCCART, WILLIAM	CUNNIFF, GERTRUDE	Y
HAMMAR JR, ALRICK P	08/22/2023	LEBANON	HAMMAR SR, ALRICK	MILINAZZO, MARY	N
TURMELLE, LEON L	09/01/2023	PLYMOUTH	TURMELLE, WILFRED	LOVETT, ELSIE	Y
KINNE, RICHARD BRUCE	10/27/2023	RUMNEY	KINNE, ROBERT	MONROE, EMMA	N

Total number of records 16

 DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
 RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

-- RUMNEY --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
SIMMONS, CINDY-LOU MARION RUMNEY, NH	GIORDANO, MAXIMUS JAY RUMNEY, NH	RUMNEY	RUMNEY	03/06/2023
COMEAU, JOSHUA SCOTT RUMNEY, NH	JOYCE, STEPHANIE DAYANAN RUMNEY, NH	RUMNEY	RUMNEY	05/27/2023
BEEBE, EILEEN MAY RUMNEY, NH	PESCHEK, TREVOR JAMES RUMNEY, NH	RUMNEY	RUMNEY	08/05/2023
DOW, RICHARD A RUMNEY, NH	MOJICA, YADIRA I RUMNEY, NH	RUMNEY	RUMNEY	08/19/2023
DRISCOLL, KAITLIN MARIE RUMNEY, NH	BARTLETT, GARRETT STEPHEN RUMNEY, NH	RUMNEY	RUMNEY	09/16/2023
BUSKEY, REBECCA JEAN RUMNEY, NH	DOWNING, CHESTER EARL HOLDERNESS, NH	RUMNEY	RUMNEY	10/07/2023
NAVAROLI, ELLA KAYE RUMNEY, NH	RICHARDS, ZACHARY ROBERT RUMNEY, NH	RUMNEY	THORNTON	10/20/2023

Total number of records 7

☞ 2023 BURIALS IN RUMNEY ☜

Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Date of Burial	Place of Burial	Lot #
Patterson, Dorothy L.	03/15/23	Forth Worth TX	04/24/23	Highland North	R15 L96
French, Hope	02/18/23	Plymouth, NH	05/15/23	Highland South*	John French family Lot
Andrew, Bruce	03/30/23	Thornton, NH	06/23/23	Highland North	R12 L5
Kent, Melissa	10/22/22	Gilbert, AZ	06/24/23	Highland North	R15 L23B
Smith, Ronald	04/10/23	Dunnellon, FL	06/29/23	Pleasant View	R420 L8
Latulippe, Kellie	07/02/23	Rumney, NH	07/13/23	Highland North	R11 L7-A
Beadle, Howard	07/13/23	Concord, NH	07/20/23	Highland North	R21 L105W
Hall, June	12/10/22	Lancaster, NH	08/20/23	Pleasant View	R18 L4
Bixby, Ernest	03/29/23	Sioux Falls Minnehaha, SD	09/02/23	Highland North	R16 L9 7
Wooley, Pamela Jane	05/20/23	Winona, TX	09/11/23	Highland North	R21 L105E
Mack, Gary A.	10/01/23	Meredith, NH	10/13/23	Highland North	R2 L2
Macomber, Elwin Sr.	05/19/13	Rumney NH	10/28/23	Highland North	R98 L9
Macomber, Ruth Harmon	04/03/23	Franklin, NH	10/28/23	Highland North	R98 L11
Kinne, Richard Bruce	10/27/23	Rumney, NH	11/02/23	Highland North	R93 L19A

* Highland South does not have row and lot numbers. Location is listed by family name on grave stone.

PLANNING BOARD 2023

Meeting - last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours - Monday 2:00 to 5:00

Judi Hall, Clerk 786-9515 (office)

planningboard@rumneynh.org

NOTICE - Please contact the Planning Board for assistance whenever the following is planned:

- the addition of a dwelling unit to a lot that already has a dwelling unit on it; including the addition of a mobile home, the creation of a new apartment or condominium units or the renting out of an apartment formerly allowed for family members only. These are, by definition, subdivisions, and they must be reviewed by the Board.
- the divisions of a lot into separate building sites or properties for future rental or conveyance, i.e., subdivision.
- the construction of a new driveway of any sort, alteration of a driveway including the paving the driveway or addition or remove of culverts or the change of a temporary driveway to residential use on a town road. Driveways on to state roads require approval from NH DOT.
- the removal of earth materials from a site for commercial purposes, i.e., an excavation.
- the locating of multiple mobile homes on a single lot, i.e., the creation of a mobile home park.
- activities involving septic systems, wetlands, and other state programs; these are administered by the State, but the Board can provide information on who to contact.

Plans and other materials relative to applications must be submitted to the Planning Board Clerk at the Town Office at least 22 days before the business meeting.

TOWN CLERK

*****REMINDER TO RESIDENTS*****

DOG OWNERS, each year, shall register all dogs over three months of age by April 30th.

- Rabies certificates required for registration
- Penalty for not obtaining a dog license is a fine of \$25.00 (RSA 466:13)
- Owners are liable for dogs running at large
- Fees: \$6.50 if altered - \$9.00 not altered

VEHICLE OWNERS must register their vehicles with the Town Clerk.

- **Renewals** can be done by mail, and online.
- **Proof of residency** for new residents is required for all new registrations
- **Vin Verification Form (TDMV 19A) needed** on vehicles 1999 or older if you do not have a title or the prior owner's current registration
- **RSA 261:148** - Must present old registration for renewals
- **RSA 261:148** - Must present PHOTO ID for all DMV transactions

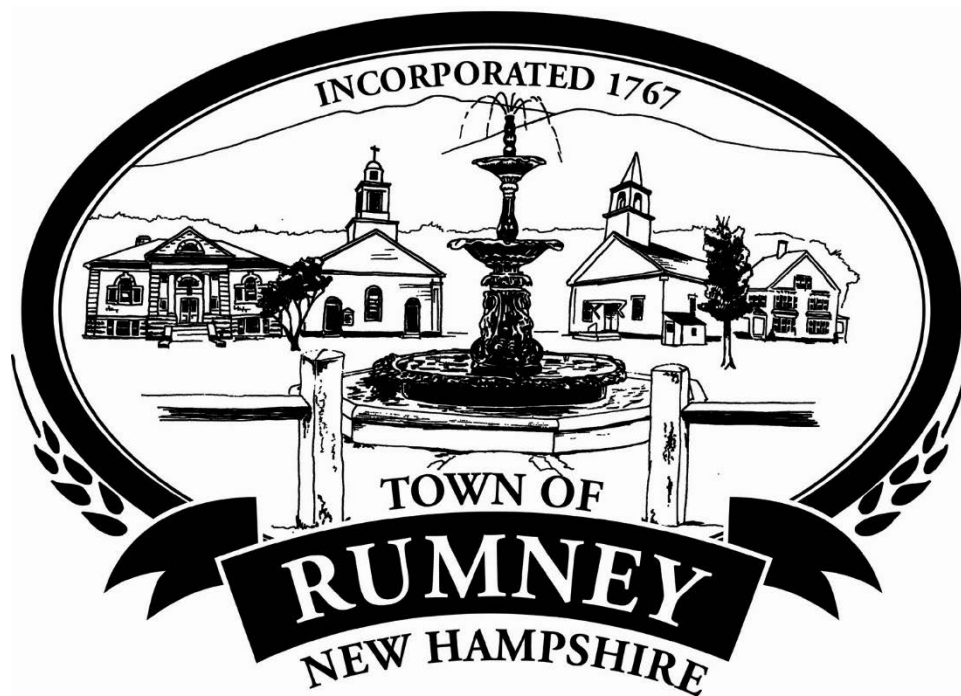
BOAT REGISTRATIONS

- **Renewal** – bring in form from State if you received one from them
- **New** – bring in paperwork from dealer or private sale (bill of sale & old registration)
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THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLAND OR WATERWAYS shall file a Dredge and Fill-Application with the Town Clerk before beginning work. Under RSA 483-A fines can be assessed for non-compliance. Applications are available online at www.des.state.nh.us/wetlands.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.
You vote in elections once a year,
but when you volunteer,
you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

Author Unknown



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