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Meredith Town Report 2012



Meetings of Town Boards, Committees &
Commissions

Contact Information on the
Area Resources

Board of Selectmen

Community Center
Workshop 4:15pm - 5:00pm
Meeting 5:30pm
1st and 3rd Monday of the Month

Conservation Commission

Community Center 7:00pm
1st (public meeting) and
3rd (work session as needed)
Thursday of the Month

Library Trustees

Meredith Public Library 7:00pm
2nd Tuesday of the Month

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Community Center 5:00pm
3rd Tuesday of the Month

Planning Board

Community Center 7:00pm
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month

Water System Committee

Town Hall Annex 5:00pm
3rd Thursday of the Month

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Town Hall Annex 8:00am
1st Wednesday of the Month

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Community Center 7:00pm
2nd Thursday of the Month

Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program
279-4096
Emergency Management Director
279-4561
Lakes Region General Hospital
524-3211
Meredith Public Health Nursing
279-6611
Hanover Poison Information Center
1-800-562-8236

Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds
527-5420
Belknap County Superior Court
524-3570
Laconia District Court
524-4128
New Hampshire Legal Assistance
1-800-634-8989

County and State Police

Belknap County Sheriff Department
524-3830
State Police - Tamworth
323-8112
State Police - Concord
1-800-852-3411

Permits to Kindle Fires

Main Fire Station
Ken Jones, Fire Chief 279-6061
Meredith Center Store
Barry Ladd 279-4315
Town Hall
Vikki Fogg 677-4206
Kerri Parker 677-4203
Y-Landing Marina
David Hamblet 279-9916

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For the Fiscal Year Ended December, 31 2012

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What is this Town Report all about?

This Annual Town Report contains...

Information gathered from town departments, supported outside agencies and gives results of the 2012 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison and a Summary of Town Owned Property.

Following in the yellow section is our current Budget and Warrant Articles.

Town Elections (Please Vote)

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Location: Community Center

1 Circle Drive

Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Location: Inter-Lakes High School

1 Laker Lane

Time: 7pm

Recognition

The Town Manager, Board of Selectman, Department Heads and Outside Agencies are responsible for the written reports.

The Financial Statements are prepared by:

Brenda L. Vittner, Administrative Services Director

Carrie Compton, Town Accountant

Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

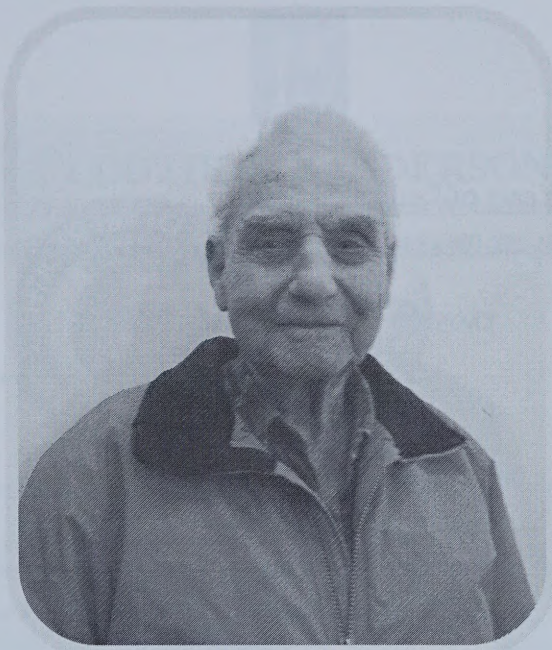
The layout, graphs and preparation of the Annual Report are completed by:

Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

Town Report Dedication



PFC Dunn



Frank "Digger" Dunn



Frank with his
daughter Patty

This year's Town Report is dedicated to: Frank "Digger" Dunn...

Born December 7, 1917 in Sanbornton, NH. He moved to Meredith at age 4 to one of Prescott Lumber Companies houses on Railroad Avenue where his stepfather worked.

He began working for Prescott Lumber and Frank Prescott when he was a teenager and was there for several years. Frank went to California for about a year where he registered for the service. He was called to active duty in 1941.

Frank did his basic training at Fort Belvoir, VA. He was a PFC with the 20th combat engineers. He was in invasions in Sicily, Normandy and Casablanca. He was captured by the Germans and was a prisoner of war at Stalag II A in Neubrandenburg, Germany. He was a POW for a year before he was liberated by the Russians. He left the service in 1945.

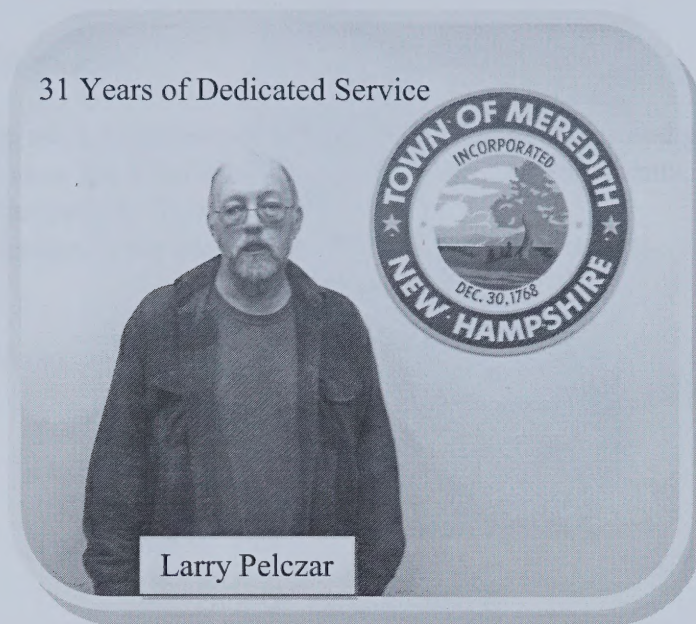
After the war he had a small trucking company where he hauled lumber for Diamond Match Co. among others. He married Patricia Pettengill on March 8, 1952, who passed away on June 19, 1996.

Digger started the first backhoe business in Meredith in 1959. He did all the digging for the Meredith Water Department and new where just about any water main was. He did digging for many people and was always fair. He retired from the backhoe business in the 1980's.

He has a daughter Patty Denison and her husband Hank. A granddaughter Jen and a great granddaughter and great grandson.

Digger is 95 years young! Still drives and comes to visit the employees of the Town of Meredith. He is a character and enjoys meeting people and sharing his stories.

31 Years of Dedicated Service



Larry Pelczar

Larry lived all his life in Meredith, NH,
attending Inter-Lakes Elementary and High Schools.

He began working for the Town of Meredith Public Works Department
on October 20, 1981 and retired in 2012 after
31 years of dedicated service.

He worked as a Highway Maintenance/Heavy Equipment Operator/
Truck Driver/Snow Plow operator.

Larry is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys fishing and hunting with his dog.

Larry – Thank you, for all the years that you served by being
on call and ready to work during inclement weather and emergency call outs.

We hope you enjoy your well deserved retirement!

Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Meredith's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of December 31, 2011 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Town of Meredith has not presented a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 30) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Meredith's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They 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. The 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 financial schedules themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

December 5, 2012

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Professional Association

Town Officials

Board of Selectmen

Miller C. Lovett, 2013, Chairperson

Nathan J. Torr, Vice Chair, 2013

Peter F. Brothers, 2012

Herbert R. Vadney, 2014

Carla Horne, 2015

Elected Officials

Stephen Nedeau, Moderator, 2012

Mark Billings, Treasurer, 2012

Kerri A. Parker, CTCTC, Town Clerk, 2014

Town Department Officials

Town Manager & Tax Collector
Administrative Services Director
Community Development Director
Town Planner
Code Enforcement Officer
Public Works Director
Assistant Public Works Director
Water & Sewer Superintendent
Assessor
Parks & Recreation Director
Library Director
Deputy Tax Collector
Deputy Town Clerk

Phillip L. Warren Jr.
Brenda L. Vittner, MBA
John C. Edgar, AICP
Angela LaBrecque
William M. Edney
Michael Faller
Allan Bolduc
Daniel Leonard
James Commerford, CNHA
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Erin Apostolos
Valerie "Vikki" Fogg
Donna Turner

Police Department Officials

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Keith True, Lieutenant

Fire Department Officials

Tom Joslin, Deputy Chief

Ken Jones, Chief

Andre Kloetz, Deputy Chief

Forest Fire Warden

Ken Jones, Chief

Emergency Management

Kevin Morrow, Director

Peter G. Russell, Assistant Director

Trustee of Trust Funds

Barbara Clark, Chairperson, 2015

Louis Kahn, 2014

Justin Van Etten, 2013

Supervisors of the Checklist

Nancy Jewell, 2014

Lucienne M. Boulanger, Chairperson, 2016

Brenda L. Vittner, 2015

Capital Improvements (CIP) Advisory Committee

Lou Kahn, Chairman

Jack McEwan

Miller Lovett, BOS Representative

Edward Touhey, Vice Chairman

Jeannie Forrester

Lisa Merrill, ILSB Rep

Town Officials

Library Trustees

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2015
Pam Coburn, 2013
Paul Eldridge, 2015

Rhett Colon, Chair, 2015

Ann Butler, Secretary, 2015
Colleen Nolan, 2014
Mary Richardson, 2014

Planning Board

Louis Kahn, 2015
Ann Butler, 2015
Roger Sorell, 2014

Bill Bayard, Chairman, 2014

Alternate: John W. Dever, III, 2013

Liz Lapham, 2013
Edward Touhey, 2013
Peter Brothers, Selectmen's Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Michael Pelczar, 2013
Warren Clark, 2013

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairman, 2015

Alternates: Timothy Goodheart, 2013

Bruce Reichlen, 2015
David Thorpe, 2015

Conservation Commission

John Sherman, Vice Chair, 2014
Don MacFarlane, 2014
Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer, 2015

Mark Billings, Chairman, 2015

Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2013
Peter Miller, 2013
Bob Davis, 2015

Alternates:

Bob LeCount, 2015
Jacquie Colburn, 2015

Mary Kahn, 2014

Tony Sabutis, 2013
Sandy Mucci, 2015

Water System Committee

Paul Anderson
Tim Goodheart
Dan Leonard

Dave Thorpe, Chairman
John Edgar

Herbert R. Vadney, Selectmen's Representative
Miller C. Lovett, Alt. Selectmen's Representative

Dan Cornelissen
Jonathan James
Phil Warren

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Bob Vogler
Tim Whiting
Bill Corr

Randy Eifert, Chairman

Stan Wallerstein
John Hodsdon
Carla Horne - Selectmen's Representative

Lakes Region Planning Commission Representatives

Bill Bayard, 2015

Herbert R. Vadney, 2015

Energy Committee

Ken Colburn
Phil McCormack
DJ Quagliaroli

Reed Leberman

Peter Brothers-Selectmen's Representative

Bill Bayard
Wendy Bagley
Mark Billings

Village Pathways Committee

Sandy Sabutis
Andrea Bourn
Lissa Goodby

Liz Lapham, Chairman

Carol Gerken
Tammy Levesque
Chris Schwidder

Report from the Town Manager

2012 began with the budget process which entailed working with Department Heads and the Board of Selectmen to develop a budget that attempted to retain current service levels, which is a reduction in service delivery from the prior years, due to prior budgets that did not increase the total amount raised by taxation. The budget adopted by Town Meeting was proposed to increase the total amount raised by taxation by a conservative amount.

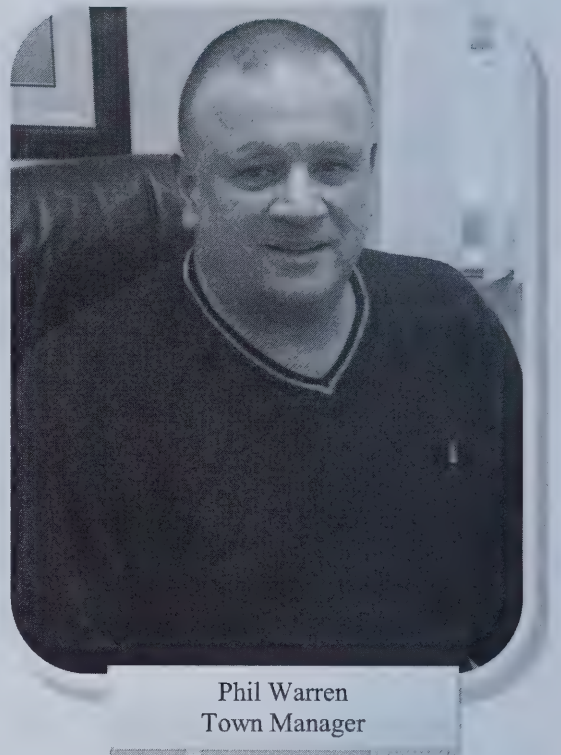
Consistent with the goal set by the Selectmen, when the final tax rate was set it did include a conservative increase in the amount raised by taxation above the 2008 level, allowing for an adequate fund balance to be retained and maintaining services. This goal was possible through the cooperation and assistance of both department heads and employees. Both this office and the Select Board recognize that, in coming years, significant action needs to be taken relative to funding for capital improvements, to ensure the long term sustainability of capital assets.

All departments continue to provide a level service that the residents should continue to be proud of. While there have been reductions in staff, programs and services, the majority of these reductions do not result in a “visible” reduction in service and our staff is working harder to provide the level of service that residents have come to expect, and should be applauded for it.

As this report is written, I have served the Town of Meredith for approximately three years. I have found that there are many residents, employees and elected officials that care deeply for the continued success of the town, and their actions demonstrate their commitment from actively serving on committees, participating in local events and participating in the political process, making Meredith the special community that it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.
Town Manager



Phil Warren
Town Manager

Report from the Board of Selectmen

Our Financial Position: Throughout 2012, the Select Board, Town Manager, department heads, and all employees focused on managing and implementing a severely limited Annual Budget, due to a difficult national and world economic situation. Goals for fiscal 2008-2012 were to limit funds raised by real estate taxes to that of 2008, thus keeping the average real estate tax bill approximately level for five years. It has been achieved, without distressing cuts to citizens, by severely limiting capital expenditures (such a long range planning trust funds, public works and other equipment, and lowered allocations for road maintenance). It was possible because our town was in good shape before the recession. The Board acknowledges that in the future priority must be given to getting back into “good condition”, to adjust for the constraints of the past five years; Board members are working on this recovery planning. This transition through the recession period owes a special thanks to our Town Manager and his employee team.

Catching Up and Adjusting: The budget presented to Town Meeting (see 2013 budget in this Town Report) will feature \$1.7 million funding for capital expenditures including debt service. Many items are for projects deferred over the past five years, such as road improvements, vehicles for the Police and Fire Departments, and for informational technology. The remaining money is for Expendable Trust Funds and debt service as recommended by the Capital Improvement Program committee. The Select Board proposes \$725,000 from the Fund Balance to supplement revenues (as for the past two fiscal years) and to stabilize the amount raised by real estate taxes. Funds not used will, as in other years, be returned to the Fund Balance at the end of 2013. An additional \$750,000 from the Fund Balance is to be drawn upon to cover the items cited in the second sentence of this paragraph. Further, the State has ruled that the total of all Meredith real estate is overvalued by about 10%, with some properties overvalued and some undervalued; in 2013 all property values will be adjusted, resulting in some real estates bills going up and some down.

Here are some major Meredith projects advanced in 2012:

The Winnepesaukee Playhouse: On the former site of the Annalee Doll Co. is emerging a great new Lakes Region destination location for the year around, multi-arts, and learning-entertainment center of the Winni Playhouse. Several years in the making, it has received widespread support from several Meredith town boards and great numbers of local citizens. Its creation is a welcome addition to our inns, businesses, and four season community activities.

Meredith Center: a Lakes Region gem, and often under appreciated section of our Town, has seen major improvements. Starting in 2011 with revamping a garden spot in Meredith Center including a rededication of its memorial to World War II PFC Erwin C. Young Jr., and continuing in 2012, improvements were commenced on the historic property of Wicwas Grange No. 292, and for the rebuilding of Childs Park. In Fall 2012, a wonderful new playground and sports facility was dedicated thanks to team work by the Town Parks and Recreation Department, the Friends of Meredith Parks and Recreation (FOMP&R), the Public Works and Water Departments, the Meredith Rotary Club, a memorial gift, of playground equipment, memorializing Bobby Smyth, and in-kind contributions from many local businesses. Currently, a community team, led by the Grange and the Greater Meredith Program is at work on landscaping plans and other improvements in Meredith Center.

Report from the Board of Selectmen continued...

Waukewan Septic Regulation: After four years of work and community discussion by the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee and the Meredith Board of Selectmen about ways to protect Lake Waukewan, the town water supply, a health regulation was adopted in December 2012 which provides for inspection, verification and improvement of at risk septic systems within 250 feet of the Lake Waukewan.

Work of the Greater Meredith Program: GMP is a public/private partnership between the Town and the Greater Meredith Program, a local not-for-profit. Its big project for 2012 was the rebuilding of an alleyway from Main Street (across from the Meredith Town Hall) to the parking lot of Mills Falls. It is now a beautiful passageway, graced with sculptures, benches, and garden spots, and a place for visitors of the Meredith business district to pause for moments of rest and reflection. Further, the GMP is continuing its program of tree planting and garden spots, thanks to contributions to the Beautification Fund by guests at local inns.

Volunteers: One important measure of Meredith is the high level of volunteer participation. For us, this includes the Greater Meredith Program, our Water Study and Energy Committees, our Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Pathway Committee, our schools and public library, and the theater and arts presenters that are making our town a destination location.

In conclusion: We live in a beautiful community, managed by dedicated people, mostly volunteers, who seek projects for the improvement of Meredith, find the resources for their fulfillment, and transform them into reality.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Board of Selectmen

Meredith Board of Selectmen



Executive Summary

2012 Meredith Town Warrant State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 13, 2012, from 7:00am until 7:00pm for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00pm Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 2 through 9

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

TOWN

Selectman Two(2) for Three(3) Years
Colette Worsman 371
Peter R Brothers 619
Carla Horne 579

Supervisor of Checklist One(1) for Six(6) Years
Brenda L Vittner 597
Louann Breen 213

Treasurer One(1) for Two(2) Years
Mark Billings 758

Trustee of the Trust Funds One(1) for Three(3) years
Barbara Clark 773

Library Trustee Four(4) for Three(3) years
J Duncan McNeish 678
Ann Butler 667
Rhetta Colon 647
Paul S Eldridge 713

Moderator One(1) for Two(2) Years
Stephen H Nedeau 768

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator One(1) for One(1) year
Lee Quimby 760

School Board-Meredith One(1) for Three(3) years
Lisa A Merrill 471
Rebecca A Alosa 422

School Board-Center Harbor One(1) for One(1) year
Sally A Whalen 638

School Board-Center Harbor One(1) for Three(3) year
Carol A Baggaley 609

School Board-Sandwich One(1) for Three(3) years
John E Martin 624

Executive Summary

2012 Town Meeting Deliberative Session
Wednesday March 14, 2012
Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

Town Moderator
Board of Selectmen

Stephen Nedeau
Colette Worsman, Chairman
Peter Brothers, Vice-Chairman
Miller C. Lovett, Selectperson
Herbert Vadney, Selectperson
Nathan Torr, Selectperson
Phillip L. Warren
Jae Whitelaw

Town Manager
Town Council

Moderator Nedeau opened the meeting at 7:00PM. After announcing the panel Moderator Nedeau announced the results from Tuesday's election. Colette Worsman addressed the room about her past 6 years and her gratitude to the community and the employees.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town and the State Employees Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984 and further to raise and appropriate the sum Forty Six Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$46,623) for the current and prior year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent Town compensation plan.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2011	\$ 31,611
2012	15,012
2013	nil (1)
2014	nil (1)
	<u>\$ 46,623</u>

(1) The contract does not obligate the Town to pay a COLA/Wage Adjustment in years 2 and 3 (2013/2014) unless one is granted to all other Town employees. Should a COLA/Wage Adjustment be granted; each .5% would cost approximately \$6,300 per calendar year for those covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Colette Worsman moved to approve Article 2 as proposed, seconded by Peter Brothers.

Glenn Worsman requested clarification of the wage adjustment to be .5% not 5% as was misstated. Duncan McNeish asked for support on this article.

With a show of Voter cards Article 2 Passed

Executive Summary

2012 Town Meeting Deliberative Session

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million, Two Hundred Sixty Three, Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$ 12,263,571) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in subsequent warrant articles.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 0)

Peter Brothers motioned to approve Article 3 as proposed, seconded by Miller Lovett.

David Sticht asked about the School Facilities Maintenance Fund and why is this account never used. It was explained that the Town holds this for the School and we do not control it. Lou Kahn, explained that this fund is required of the School District to "park" it with the Trustee of Trust funds and does not get appropriated.

With a show of Voter Cards, Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to designate New Road in the Chemung area of the Town of Meredith as a Scenic Road under the authority of RSA 231:157. New Road is located within the Town of Meredith.

(Petitioned by 10 or more Registered Voters or abutters)

Miller Lovett motioned to approve Article 4 as proposed, seconded by Nate Torr.

Philip Warren explained that this should have been included in the original designation many years ago and this was brought forth to have this included. John Rogers reiterated what Phil Watten stated and supports this Article.

With a show of voter cards Article 4 passed

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 0)

Nate Torr motioned to approve Article 5 as proposed, seconded by Herb Vadney.

With a show of voter cards, Article 5 passed.

Executive Summary

2012 Town Meeting Deliberative Session

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 0)

Herbert Vadney motioned to approve Article 6 as proposed, seconded by Colette Worsman
With a show of voter cards, Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 0)

Colette Worsman motioned to approve Article 7 as proposed, seconded by Peter Brothers.

Val MacDonald asked when the last time there was an appropriation put in this fund. Colette Worsman explained that it was three years ago for the Arial ladder truck. And that this is the amount left over from the purchase. Phil Warren explained that there is a schedule for equipment and just today the Rescue had a mechanical failure and that when Engine 4 is done it will not be replaced. This will allow for one vehicle to replace the previously mentioned two.

With a show of voter cards, Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand dollars (\$24,000) for the public access fees and equipment replacement expenses and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of the amount from the Cable Franchise Fee Special Revenue Fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4 - 0)

Peter Brothers motioned to approve Article 7 as proposed seconded by Miller Lovett.

Charles Lowth asked why are we dealing with Metrocast when there are other cable companies out there? Phil Warren explained that in a nut shell they are the only one that will come in to town. Val MacDonald asked how long we will be putting money into this account? Phil Warren explained that we will continue to put money into it from the fees and it is only allowed to be used for Cable related items.

John Rogers asked if this was money raised from taxes? Which was explained no.
With a show of voter cards Article 8 passed.

Executive Summary

2012 Town Meeting Deliberative Session

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$16,470) from the Land Use Change Tax Fund (Fund #14) for the purpose of open space/conservation and placing said balance into the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Miller Lovett motioned to approve Article 9 as proposed, seconded by Nate Torr.

Holly Tetreault asked if this money is already earmarked for a project. Colette Worsman explained that there is no specific project scheduled. Holly went on to further suggest it be used to clean up the mess in Swan Forest that was created by the Conservation Commission.

With a show of voter cards Article 9 passed.

Phil Warren took a moment to apologize to Holly Tetreault for having the tree from the Community Garden in Meredith Center, included in the pictures of Child's Park on the Town Report.

James Hughes reminded the board that in 2018 the Town will be celebrating it's 250th birthday and suggested that a Committee be named to begin the planning for the celebration.

Peter Brothers spoke about Colette Worsman's tenure as a Board member, and asked for a standing ovation which was held for her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri A. Parker

Kerri A Parker
Town Clerk, Meredith, NH



Administrative Services

Brenda L. Vittner, MBA, Director

Administrative Services provides the following services:

Administrative:

- Reception
- General Assistance
- Purchasing Functions; RFP's, Bids, Purchase Orders
- Capital Asset Inventory and Maintenance
- General Inventory Maintenance
- Annual Budget Preparation; Town Warrant and Documents

Finance:

- Tax Collection and Billing
- Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
- Utility Billing and Account Maintenance
- General Ledger Maintenance
- Compilation of Town Report Financials
- Production of Annual Town Report

Technical Functions:

- Network Administration/Help Desk
- Communication Systems Maintenance
- Website Management

Finance

Carrie Compton, CPP Town Accountant

Linda Labraney, ABA, Finance Officer

Eric Ferland, MCSE, Information Technology

Administrative Services is a support department to all other Town departments. This group considers quality customer service as one of the most important aspects of the daily work environment. This department core strength is to be respectful, considerate and understanding of all taxpayers, employees and visitors to the Town of Meredith. Maintaining certifications and networking opportunities with other municipalities and State agencies is strongly encouraged.

The department's goal remains consistent with prior years; continue to implement innovations that will streamline processes and systems to enable staff to maintain the high level of efficiency and competency that has come to be expected from the staff. For the past several years, this department has had to manage increased responsibilities while managing with very limited resources. The Administrative Services staff consistently performs at a high level and manages all expectations at a professional level.

Assessing

James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor
Menta Martel, Assessing Office Manager
Bettina Ford, Field Data Collector

Department's Mission

The primary mission of the Assessing Department is to ensure that all property within the town is assessed fairly and in accordance with the New Hampshire laws governing taxation. Toward that end, the department conducts various practices to ensure the equitable distribution of the tax burden.

2011 Review

While the news nationally is that the housing market is improving, New Hampshire ranks third from the bottom in home price appreciation according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (through 9/30/2012). The chart below shows residential sales activity on a state, county and local basis per New Hampshire Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in 2012. For the year, the number of sales in Meredith remained about the same compared to 2011 with the median sales price down 3.97%. State and County wide sales prices are up slightly over 2011 figures. The second half of 2012 showed a marked improvement. The number of sales rose 18% (57 vs. 48) and median prices were up 27% overall (\$310,000 vs. \$244,450). We will see if this trend continues into 2013.

Residential	2012 # Sales	2011 # Sales	% Diff	2012 Median Price	2011 Median Price	% Diff
Statewide	16848	14085	19.06%	\$184,900	\$183,000	1.03%
Belknap	889	889	14.62%	\$164,900	\$160,000	3.06%
Meredith	90	90	.96%	\$266,000	\$277,000	-3.97%

The Town's total valuation increased .59% in 2012 from \$1,845,422,650 to \$1,856,317,320. The increase was due to building permit activity and data changes from our re-inspection cycle. Values were not adjusted town-wide in 2012 to reflect the changing real estate market. However, values will be updated in 2013. The last town-wide market update was 2009. This should be completed in early August 2013.

We have completed another year in our re-inspection cycle. I would like to thank all taxpayers for their cooperation in this endeavor. For 2013, we will concentrate in the center of Meredith (i.e. Winona Rd, Pease Rd., Parade Rd, etc.) and Lake Waukegan area. The objective of the program is to ensure data accuracy in our assessments and eliminating the need for a costly revaluation every five years. It also meets the requirements from the NH Department of Revenue Administration. If anyone has any questions regarding the cyclical program please call our office at 677-4213.

The Assessing Office is here to assist the property owners of Meredith. We welcome your questions and are here to help citizens through the assessing process. Please visit the Assessing Department Link on the Town's website www.meredithnh.org for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, and a link to the online assessment database.

Respectfully submitted,
James Commerford, CNHA, Tax Assessor

Community Development

John C. Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director
Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner
Bill Edney, Code Enforcement Officer

Mary Lee Harvey, Administrative Assistant
Chris Tivnan, Clerk

Our Mission...

The Mission of the Community Development Department is to facilitate courses of action leading to positive outcomes in land use, natural resource conservation, transportation, housing, public health and economic development. The department strives to be comprehensive in its approach while promoting public participation, collaboration and informed decision making.

Community Plan (aka Master Plan) Update.

In 2012 the Planning Board started the process of updating the 2002 Community Plan (aka Master Plan). New Hampshire law requires the Planning Board to amend from time to time a master plan that provides guidance for future development while preserving and enhancing the town's unique qualities of life. This planning document articulates a vision for the community and includes goals, objectives and specific recommendations intended to help the community achieve its goals.

A web page on the town web site has been set up to keep the public informed and to provide a means of receiving feedback. It is anticipated that the process will evolve over an 18 to 24 month period. In July the Planning Board met with all boards, commissions and committees to solicit their input on existing conditions, issues and challenges. In August, the Board held a similar forum to solicit input from the general public. This project will continue into 2013.

Development Activity. The Planning Board reviews applications to:

- (1) subdivide land, or
- (2) develop or establish non-residential land uses.

In 2012, several projects were completed including:

- ♦ Expansion of Church Landing including 15 additional hotel rooms and additional function room space located on US Route 3.
- ♦ Conversion of the former Christmas Loft into an activity center, retail space and seating for the Town Dock Restaurant located on US Route 3.
- ♦ Conversion of an office building into a seven-unit, multifamily apartment building located on North View Drive.
- ♦ Development of six rental garage bays and related office space, located on US Route 3 South.
- ♦ Approval for outside seating at the Lakeside Deli and Grille located on NH Rt. 25 and Pleasant Street.
- ♦ Conversion of a vacant building into a temporary Rite Aid Pharmacy located on US Rt. 3 North.
- ♦ Conversion of office space into the Arts Collaborative including an artisan gallery, showroom and studios located on Winona Road.
- ♦ Approval of Bushman's Truck Repair facility located on Foundry Avenue.
- ♦ Rehabilitation of garage bays and related office space located on Winona Road and NH Route 104.
- ♦ Approval of Mack Studs warehouse and accessory salesroom located on NH Route 104.
- ♦ A 7-lot subdivision located on Meredith Neck Road and Powers Road.

Community Development continued...

There are several project initiated in prior year(s) where completion is anticipated in 2013, including:

- ♦ Winnepesaukee Playhouse Theatre located on Reservoir Road.
- ♦ Expansion of the Hannaford Supermarket located on NH Route 25.
- ♦ Relocation of Aubuchon Hardware to the Meredith Bay Shops shopping center located on NH Route 25.

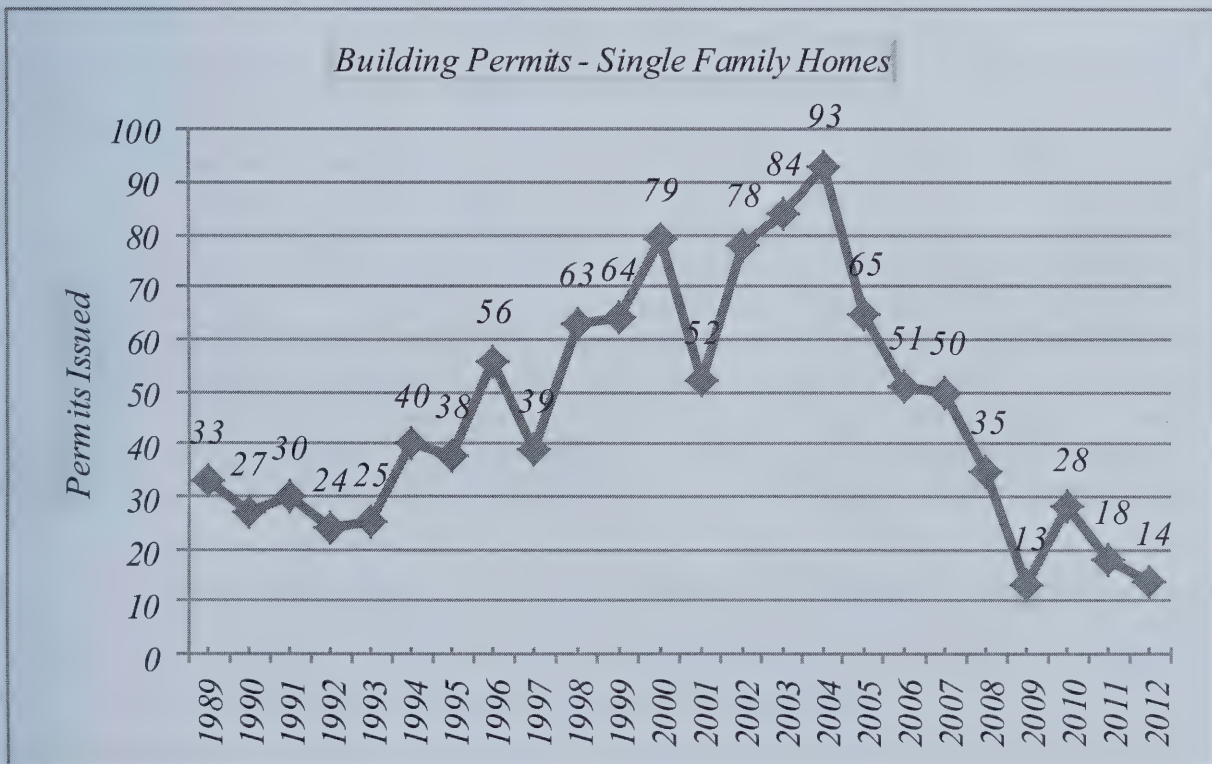
Building Permitting and Inspection.

Permits are required in many instances prior to construction in order to determine compliance with the applicable building, life safety and zoning codes.

Bill Edney, Meredith's Code Enforcement Officer is the local authority responsible for the administration of the building, health and zoning codes and related inspections.

Ken Jones, Fire Chief, is the authority having jurisdiction over life safety codes. The public is encouraged to contact Bill and Ken prior to a project in order to determine what, if any, codes may apply.

Fourteen (14) Building Permits for single family homes were issued in 2012 as compared to 18 permits in 2011. The graph below illustrates the recessionary effects on single family home construction.



Community Development continued...

Building Permit Activity

New Single-Family Homes	14	Electrical/Plumbing	331
New Two-Family Homes	0	Oil Burners	28
New Multi-Family Units	0	Gas Burners & Piping	26
New Commercial Buildings	0	Gas Tanks/Water Heaters/Appli.	119
Special Use Permits	13	Garages/Storage Buildings	22
Mobile Homes	0	Docks/Boathouses/Pools	14
Fences	28	Residential Renovations/Repairs	130
Demolition	31	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	35

Planning Board Application Summary

Commercial Indus. Site Plan/Approvals	13	Pre-Application Consultations	10
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	0	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	4	Architectural Design Reviews	7
Boundry Line Adj. Approvals	3	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

Zoning Board Summary

Variance Applications	14	Total Applications Withdrawn	1
Variances Granted	12	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variances Denied	2	Rehearing Requests Received	2
Special Exception Applications	21	Rehearing Requests Granted	0
Special Exceptions Granted	19	Rehearing Requests Denied	2
Special Exceptions Denied	1	Administrative Decisions Denied	0

Community Development continued...

Natural Resources. In 2012, the Community Development Department participated with several environmental projects and initiatives, namely:

- ♦ Supported the efforts of the Town of New Hampton and the Meredith Conservation Commission to conserve an 8.1 acre parcel having 1560' of frontage along the Snake River in New Hampton. This property is located immediately upstream from Lake Waukewan, the Town of Meredith's drinking water supply. The Town of Meredith acting through the Conservation Commission will hold a conservation easement on the property. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in spring, 2013.
- ♦ Hosted in conjunction with the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee, a public informational workshop on septic systems and related water quality considerations.
- ♦ Hosted in conjunction with the Energy Committee, a public informational workshop introducing the Meredith Energy Handbook.
- ♦ Worked with Lakes Region Planning Commission, the Town of Gilford and the City of Laconia to develop improved storm water management regulations appropriate to the respective community. This project will continue into 2013.
- ♦ Worked with NHDES to implement milfoil control activities in Fish Cove and Meredith Bay. Secured NHDES Milfoil Control Grants for 2013 control activities in Fish Cove, Meredith Bay and Hawkins Brook.
- ♦ Working with the Waukewan Watershed Association, the Meredith Health Officer and the Board of Selectmen, developed health regulations pertaining to septic systems with 250' of the town's water supply (Lake Waukewan). These regulations were approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen in December and will be implemented in 2013.
- ♦ Worked with the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association on (3) NHDES grant applications to help protect Lake Waukewan and Meredith Bay.
- ♦ Worked with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission on zoning amendments that will incorporate updated wetland mapping and regulations for consideration in March, 2013

Volunteerism. Our local government structure includes numerous volunteer boards, commissions and committees, each having unique and often challenging responsibilities. They receive no financial remuneration for their efforts. To a person, each of our volunteers is committed to serving their community. Our volunteers sacrifice time away from family to fulfill their responsibilities. It is estimated that in 2012 alone, our volunteers contributed over 2000 hours of volunteer service!

There is no doubt that Meredith is a better place for the collective efforts of our volunteers. Thank you to all of our past and current volunteers. Anyone having an interest in learning more about volunteer opportunities in your local government is encouraged to contact the Community Development Department at 677-4215.

In closing, I write this report with a heavy heart, only 6 days after the senseless massacre in Newtown. For me, this tragedy underscores several needs; the need to express love for our children on a daily basis, the need to acknowledge and support the challenging work of our educators and emergency responders, and the need to move forward to fulfill our promise of a bright and safe future.

Respectfully Submitted,
John C. Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Annually, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews capital needs and recommends a program of capital improvement projects for a period of at least six years. The primary purpose of the CIP is to aid the Board of Selectmen and the School Board in their consideration of the annual budget (RSA 674:5). As a preface to the recommendations that follow, it is important to note:

- The Capital Improvement Program treats as capital spending repayment of existing debt obligations and any proposed long term borrowing.
- For 2013, projected debt repayments total \$1,155,573, which represent 70.87% of the recommended Capital Improvement Program. \$52,626 of debt to be repaid in 2013 (3.2% of the recommended Capital Improvement Program) resulted from refinancing in 2012 of Town debt, requiring earlier payments in return for lower interest.
- In addition to debt repayment the Capital Improvement Program includes proposed municipal capital spending. For 2013, the CIP Advisory Committee recommends \$475,000 of municipal capital projects, an increase of \$75,000 over the prior year.
- For 2013, the CIP Advisory Committee recommends a Capital Improvement Program (debt repayment plus capital projects) of \$1,630,573 (not including a proposed \$51,000 prepayment of debt if sufficient funds are available). The \$1,630,573 amount represents an increase of 6.3 % over 2012 CIP appropriations but only a 2.9% increase if the \$52,626 earlier repayment of debt resulting from refinancing were not included .
- Additional debt will be retired in 2014 through 2021, which should provide additional flexibility in meeting future capital needs.
- The Committee's recommendations for 2013 address only equipment needs of the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department. The Town Manager advised that there are significant capital projects that are likely to come before the Committee in the future including:
 - ◊ Replacement of municipal utilities located in US 3 & NH Route 25
 - ◊ Repair or replacement of downtown docks
 - ◊ Replacement of municipal utilities in Main Street and possible concurrent improvements.
 - ◊ Construction of a new DPW garage
 - ◊ Reconstruction of Upper Ladd Hill Road, including municipal utilities therein.

While these matters may very well arise during the Committee's 6-year planning horizon, in the absence of timing and cost estimates, the Committee made no provision for these or possible other projects.

Recommendations outlined in this summary other than for 2013 are for planning purposes only and for future years are subject to change depending on future needs and circumstances.

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations of the CIP Advisory Committee (2013-2019)

Committee Recommendations:

Fire Department

Fire Department Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$200,000 in 2013 and 2014 to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, and \$75,000 in 2015 and 2016.

Rationale: With \$150,000 allocated to the Expendable Trust Fund in 2012, the balance as of 12/31/12 is estimated at \$164,170. The near term priority is to purchase a Heavy Rescue Vehicle in 2014. The estimated cost of this vehicle is approximately \$550,000. This acquisition would: (A) replace an existing 1986 Rescue Van and (B) consolidate specialized rescue equipment on one vehicle that would have some fire-fighting capability. Associated with the purchase of this apparatus would be the retirement of 1983 Engine 4 which would not be replaced. Because the Heavy Rescue Vehicle was originally scheduled for purchase in 2015 and a significant increase in the estimated cost of the vehicle, the Committee believes that the allocation of \$200,000 for the next two years was necessary. The 2015 and 2016 allocations are in view of additional capital equipment replacement needs that have been identified beyond the near term priority and that are likely to require additional future allocations.

Department of Public Works

DPW Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$275,000 in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Rationale: Budgetary constraints in recent years have resulted in deferrals of heavy equipment replacement and a consequent “bunching up” of DPW’s replacement schedule. In 2012, \$175,000 was allocated to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund and DPW acquired a Kenworth dump/plow/sander, leaving an estimated \$55,012 in the ETF at 2012 year end. The 2013 priority is to replace two (2) Ford 550 trucks (dump/ plow/sander) for an estimated combined cost of \$180,000. Significant additional capital equipment replacement needs are anticipated for 2014 and 2015, with further equipment replacement needs in the succeeding years. The Committee believes that the proposed allocations to the ETF would cover DPW’s 2013 and 2014 needs and a major portion of its needs for 2015. Replacement of equipment in 2014 and subsequent years might be subject to deferrals.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that funds for road work no longer be considered in the Capital Improvements Program.

Rationale: In the past two years the Committee has recommended additional funds be targeted towards road work to address past deferrals. In 2012 this figure was is \$100,000. As these are re-occurring expenses, they should be reflected in the operating budget.

Roads:

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that funds for road work no longer be considered in the Capital Improvements Program.

Rationale: In the past two years the Committee has recommended additional funds be targeted towards road work to address past deferrals. In 2012 this figure was is \$100,000. As these are re-occurring expenses, they should be reflected in the operating budget.

Capital Improvements Program continued...

General Government

Debt Service:

Recommendation: Subject to the availability of funds, prepay the remaining 2014 payment of \$51,500 of the Open Space/Conservation Bond in 2013.

Rationale: At present, there are two years left on this bond obligation. Retirement of this debt obligation would be accelerated by one year providing additional program flexibility starting in 2014. Prepayment of debt for future years would be dependent on then-current needs and conditions.

Waterfront Infrastructure:

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund balance as of 12/31/12 is estimated at \$94,970. The Town Manager has advised that he anticipates future capital needs in this area. An assessment of our waterfront infrastructure has not yet been submitted for consideration.

Water and Sewer Department

Water System Improvements:

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Water System Improvements Expendable Trust Fund balance as of 12/31/12 is estimated at \$232,745. Additionally the utility anticipates accruing rate-based capital reserves beginning in 2014. For informational purposes the Water Department identified projects that it hopes to fund via the utility's capital reserves and/or grants: (1) replacement of mains in Water Street and Bayshore Drive; and (2) replacement/upgrade of the generator at the treatment plant.

Sewer System Improvements:

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The sewer utility currently has \$456,969 in Sewer Access Fees that are available for repairs and major improvements. The sewer rate structure will begin to accrue additional funds for capital improvements. The Sewer Department is currently working on a condition and criticality assessment of our sewer collection system. This assessment will lead to future recommendations on a priority basis.

Public Library

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Board of Library Trustees is working on building improvements and space needs. No project specific information has been submitted to the Committee at this time. It is anticipated that the Board of Trustees will provide an update in 2013.

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Inter-Lakes School District

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: In its 6-year building improvement plan, the District identified two projects that meet the CIP project threshold; (1) High School re-paving at \$110,000; and (2) High School Auditorium seating at \$100,000. The Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund balance as of 12/31/12 is estimated at \$284,786.

Summary

2012 Capital Appropriations

\$ 150,000 Fire Equipment Replacement ETF
\$ 175,000 DPW Equipment Replacement ETF
\$ 100,000 Road Work supplement
\$ 425,000 Sub Total
\$ 1,108,348 Debt Repayment (General Obligation)
\$ 1,533,348 Total CIP-Related Appropriations

2013 Capital Recommendations

\$ 200,000 Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund
\$ 275,000 DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund
\$ 475,000 Sub Total
\$1,155,573 Debt Repayment (not including proposed \$51,500 prepayment)
\$1,630,573 Total CIP-Related Recommendations (not including proposed prepayment)*

*The 2012 Total CIP Recommendation (\$1,630,573) represents an increase of \$97,225 over 2012 CIP Capital Appropriations, of which \$52, 626 is attributable to the acceleration of debt due to the debt refinancing.

Note: These recommendations can be viewed in spreadsheet format available on the town's web site at www.meredithnh.org. This spreadsheet also includes a schedule of existing and retiring debt. A spreadsheet that identifies all Expendable Trusts, the purpose of each trust and estimated balances may be found under "Report of Trustees of Trust Funds" under "Financial Statements" in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Kahn, Chairman

Water System Committee

The Meredith Water System Committee was formed in April 2008 at the request of the Board of Selectmen to advise them on a wide range of operational, planning and policy issues related to the Meredith Water System.

The early committee work was focused on assessing the physical system and determining its ability to supply the town's immediate needs of adequate, high-quality water. Later work determined the long term demand, how to make the enterprise fiscally self-sufficient for long term operation and performing a wide range of maintenance activities and upgrades.

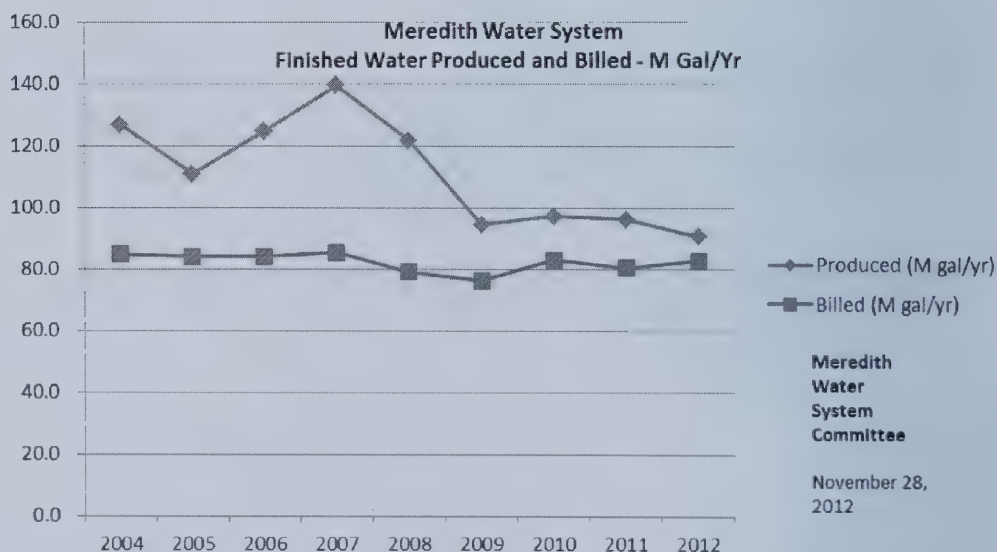
The Committee generated a detailed 20-Year Operating Plan including consumption estimates, evaluation of all the system components, suggested operating and business planning procedures and reports, emergency response plans, archival information and a plan for gracefully retiring the committee which was presented to the Board of Selectmen on January 9, 2012. The Board of Selectmen accepted the Committee's recommendation to reduce meeting frequency from monthly to quarterly and to change its role from discovery and correction to oversight.

An annual operational performance report for 2011 was presented to the Board of Selectmen on March 5, 2012 reviewing department operations, billing, production, spending and fund balances in comparison to the 20-Year Plan showing all parameters in control. With all critical operational problems under control, adequate capacity available and equitable rates generating enough revenue to make the enterprise self-sufficient and required reserves for major expenses, our work in 2012 changed to one of holding quarterly reviews and oversight of operations.

During 2012 the Water and Sewer Superintendant, Dan Leonard and his staff have made major upgrades to the treatment plant control system reducing the need for manual reading and recording of data, automating chemical treatments and many other plant operations reducing operating hours and cost. However the aging distribution system continues to frequently require repair of water mains. The search for a ground water source resulted in a test well on Sawmill Shores Road producing only 7 gallons per minute which is not sufficient to be useful as an emergency source. Testing of the irrigation well at Prescott Park did produce results which are favorable enough to recommend further testing and discussions with DES.

The next two charts showing critical parameters of the water system which have improved since 2008 when the Committee was formed.

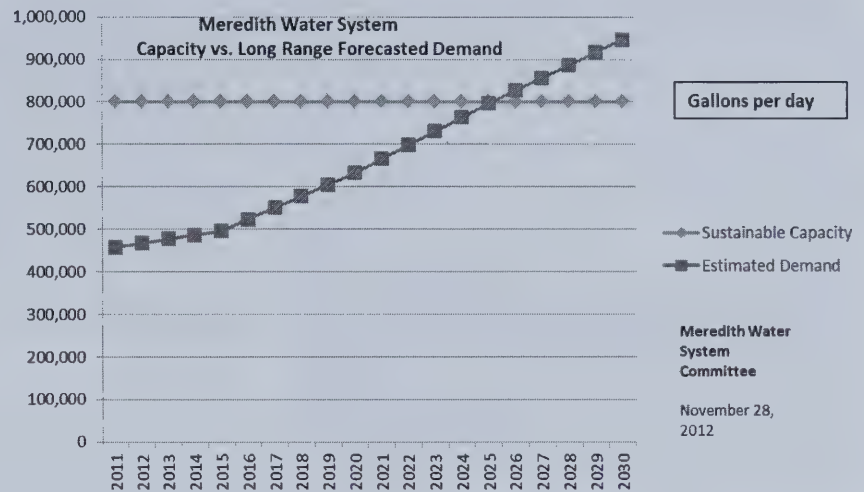
The first chart shows water produced by the treatment plant and water billed to customers. The difference between them is a loss due to planned non-metered consumption such as routine hydrant flushing and unplanned consumption such as water main breaks and unknown leaks.



Water System Committee continued...

The second chart shows the current best estimate of long term water demand and treatment plant capacity which shows sufficient capacity is estimated to be available until approximately 2027.

It is important to point out that these improvements were influenced by the committee but resulted from the dedicated hard work, experience and knowledge of the two Superintendents, Brian Carroll and Dan Leonard, who managed the operations since mid 2008.



With the expectation the Committee will receive approval in February 2013 by the Board of Selectmen to retire; this is will likely be the last annual report. The members of the Committee have enjoyed fulfilling the challenges this work presented and are very pleased with the results we were able to deliver to the citizens of Meredith. Because new rates need to be set for 2014, 2015 and 2016 some members of the committee will provide assistance to town staff for that project. We are also offering to be available at most any time should other assistance be desired.

Treatment Plant

In early 2008 the plant was capable of producing only about 65% of rated capacity of 1 million gallons of water input per day. This low capacity combined with an operating practice of only using one foot (50,000 gallons) of storage tank capacity and blowoffs exceeding 80,000 gallons per day caused a water shortage on peak days of the summer. To correct this lack of capacity the plant has undergone significant and expensive maintenance, repair and replacement of almost all equipment, instrumentation, controls and control systems. All but one small blowoff has been eliminated through improved chlorine management practices. Chemical delivery pumps are now automatically controlled to prevent overdosing of chemicals which has reduced chemical usage.

The first chart shows loss rates (based on a percentage of water produced) of approximately 37% in 2007 and 32% in 2008 have come down to about 10% in 2012. The plant is now capable of performing at rated capacity and has been since early 2010. Lower losses and increased capacity have allowed the plant operating hours to be reduced significantly with attendant reductions in electricity and chemicals. There is still work to do such as upgrading the emergency generator and installing variable speed drives on the finished water pumps but these do not affect capacity during normal operation.

Distribution System

The distribution system infrastructure varies in age and condition greatly. Therefore it requires constant attention and will continue to do so forever. An annual system-wide leak detection program, careful monitoring of loss rates and semi-annual hydrant flushing are important management practices which are in place and working well. In addition to immediately-necessary emergency repairs, when major highway renovation programs occur the opportunity to upgrade the distribution system in those locations must be seized. At some time in the future the Route 3 and 25 program will be such an opportunity as is the renovation of lower Main Street.

Water System Committee continued...

Storage Tower

The storage tower has a capacity of 1.5 million gallons of which about 650,000 gallons can be used. The tank is in operable condition but will need internal resurfacing in a few years. The booster pump located at the tower was installed at about mid-level limiting the useable capacity to approximately 50% of total capacity. Moving the pump to a lower level or installing a booster between the tower and the pump will increase the useable capacity significantly. The tower is not limiting operation of the system at this time so this change does not appear to be necessary for many years. There are operational and emergency-management advantages to erecting another storage tower in the east side of town in the higher elevations. Given the expected costs of maintaining the distribution system it will take a very strong justification to sell this investment to taxpayers even though there are significant advantages to doing so.

Regulatory and Environmental Compliance and Practices

The Water and Sewer Superintendent insures the water produced, facilities and operating practices comply with all local, state and federal regulations along with timely filing of required reports. With Lake Waukewan being the only source of water for the Town of Meredith diligent protection of this water body is essential through good practices and local and state regulations. The presence of cyano bacteria blooms is carefully monitored and, if required, appropriate action at the treatment plant is taken promptly. A project is currently underway to search for a source of ground water which would provide a partial and temporary supply in the event Lake Waukewan could not be used for a short period of time. Higher rates for irrigation purposes have been set to alert users to the need for conservation.

Enterprise Management

State regulations require water and sewer utilities to be operated as self-funding enterprises for operating and maintenance expenses. Therefore rate policies and rates for 2011, 2012 and 2013 were set to fully recover those costs and to generate reserves for unexpected maintenance projects. A review of rate policies and a new set of rates for 2014, 2015 and 2016 will be generated and presented for public review in 2013. A policy was adopted by the Board of Selectmen which applies 60% of capital project costs to rate payers and 40% to general taxpayers. In practice these ratios become approximately 69% and 31% because rate payers are also taxpayers.

A major portion of the committee's attention was focused on understanding water demand in the near and long term. To accomplish this goal several activities were undertaken such as calculating demand using reasonable factors for losses and peak demand. In addition actual Meredith usage for a wide range of uses (residential and commercial) was determined which reduced the previously used factors by about 50%. A long term modified build-out analysis was generated by John Edgar to which usage rates were applied to determine a best estimate of long term demand through 2030. Policies restricting expansion of the system were approved by the Board of Selectmen to mitigate unexpected demand and to reserve limited capacity for emergencies.

Contributions to this work by the residents, selectmen and town staff members of this committee are greatly appreciated. Also very much appreciated is the dedication, spirit, positive attitude and attention given to this effort by the Water and Sewer Department employees – they have made, and continue to make, critical and valuable contributions to this effort and its results.

Respectfully submitted:

David Thorpe, Chairperson, Meredith Water System Committee

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

The Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Meredith Board of Selectmen. The committee provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the 5 watershed communities to facilitate implementation of the Management Plan for the Waukewan Watershed. A principal responsibility of the committee is to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues throughout the watershed. While maintaining a diverse geographical and stakeholder structure, the committee works collaboratively with local watershed communities, state agencies, local associations, citizens and other partners in the implementation of the Plan.



Highlights from 2012

- Mailing to 225 Waukewan shorefront property owners in Meredith, New Hampton, and Center Harbor. An email distribution list of over 100 emails was created and several email updates were delivered throughout the year to improve outreach and open communication channels.
- Continued Lake Host funding for the prevention of milfoil and continued monitoring development within watershed to advocate for water quality protection.
- Attended NH Lakes Congress in June. Gathered valuable information to help with many of the committee's current goals.
- Completed Planning Board survey with regard to the town's 20-Year Plan and attended collaboration workshop.
- Three grant applications submitted in conjunction with the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association: (1) To fund an update to our 2005 management plan to comply with new EPA guidelines and to help quantify primary sources of phosphorus; (2) Cost-sharing grant to assist with evaluation of septic systems; and (3) financial assistance to replace high-risk septic systems.
- Septic Sense workshop during summer. Approximately 50 attendees learned about the *Do and Don'ts* of properly maintaining septic systems by a panel of professionals and DES representatives.
- Public Hearing held in December on our proposed septic health regulation for high-risk systems. Draft regulation was posted on the town's website and outreach letters were sent to Meredith property owners who could be most affected by a new regulation. Surveys were conducted and input solicited for improving the regulation. Several workshop presentations were made to update the Board of Selectmen. A 5-0 vote to approve the health regulation by the Board of Selectmen, after a 5+ year process, capped off a very positive year for our committee and Lake Waukewan.

Our committee currently meets at 8AM on the first Wednesday of each month and is always seeking new members interested in continued advocacy for the protection of Lake Waukewan.

Submitted by:
Randy Eifert, Chairman

Energy Committee

The Meredith Energy Committee (MEC) is an advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Its purpose is to encourage and promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation measures for Meredith's municipal operations, businesses, and residents.

The New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (NH OEP), estimates that NH citizens and businesses spend over \$6 billion on energy annually. Of this, \$4.1 billion (or 67%) leaves the state immediately (and in many cases leaves the U.S.) to pay for imported energy. This outflow of energy dollars represents nearly 7% of New Hampshire's gross state product, and is a drain on the state's economy. Based on its population, Meredith's share of these expenditures would be about \$28-30 million per year, of which about \$20-21 million leaves Meredith immediately. By contrast, a recent legislatively mandated study of energy opportunities in New Hampshire indicated (again, based on population) that investing \$9.5 million in energy efficiency once would save Meredith businesses and residents \$2.4 million in energy costs every year.

Outreach. To help increase awareness of these opportunities in 2012, MEC developed an interactive, web-based tool – the Meredith Energy Handbook – publicly available at <http://www.meredithenergy.org> or through the Town and MEC websites. The Handbook was unveiled on April 18, 2012 by its authors, Clay Mitchell and Jon Spencer of SDES Group, at “Energy Sense” a public event hosted by MEC at the Meredith Community Center. Earlier, MEC briefed the Town Manager and the full Board of Selectmen on its efforts and potential energy opportunities in Meredith.

On September 15, 2012, MEC hosted a Green Homes Tour of three highly efficient homes in Meredith, with the assistance of Snow Dragon Renewable Energy.

Pictured below at one of the homes are many of the 35 townspeople who joined the Tour, along with the solar electricity and hot water heating arrays employed by the home.



Energy Committee continued...

Energy Improvements to Municipal Buildings. Last year, MEC had energy audits conducted on five municipal buildings. This year, MEC was able to start putting the recommendations from these audits into place. Specifically, through a combination of energy grants and NHEC rebates, the Town was able to complete lighting upgrades at the DPW garage and the recycling building in 2012. We will enjoy the resulting energy benefits through savings on our tax bills in the years ahead.

The Town is planning additional energy upgrades (e.g., building envelope, mechanical systems, hot water, etc.) to other buildings going forward. One of the best ways to incorporate energy efficiency in any building – whether municipal, commercial, or residential – is when renovations are scheduled or existing equipment nears its useful life. Including energy planning at these times – and in contingency plans if emergencies arise – can provide significant cost savings.

Next Steps. MEC will continue to pursue strong public outreach efforts in 2013. A “Button-Up 201” Workshop is already scheduled for January 26, 2013 at the Meredith Community Center. This workshop will help residents weatherize and insulate their homes with a hands-on, how-to focus. A public event demonstrating the capabilities of the Energy Services and Technology Program at the Lakes Region Community College is also in the planning stages. MEC also plans to initiate closer collaboration with other local energy committees in the Lakes Region. Several strong town energy committees are now operating, and they should be able to benefit from each other’s ideas and experiences.

A major MEC focus for 2013 will be the scheduled update of Meredith’s Community Plan. The new plan will have an energy chapter, which should identify overall ways to advance energy efficiency, save energy costs, and boost energy independence for Meredith. Perhaps even more importantly, we anticipate that energy-related issues and opportunities will be incorporated into each of the other chapters as appropriate. As such, precise sector-specific suggestions and recommendations can be made to contribute to these goals. MEC attended the Planning Board’s initial workshop to identify existing conditions and issues as part of its process to update the Community Plan.

Three members of the MEC retired in 2012, and we thank Phil McCormack, Wendy Bagley, and DJ Quagliaroli for their contributions. Peter Brothers, who helped bring MEC into reality and has contributed greatly to its accomplishments, also stepped down as Selectmen’s Representative. Nate Torr is our new Selectmen’s Representative. We have also added two immensely knowledgeable and helpful members, Deborah Crosby and Christopher Wald to the Committee. The MEC also thanks John Edgar and Angela LaBrecque for their extraordinary staff work assisting the Committee.

Anyone interested in learning more about the work of the MEC is encouraged to visit our web page or contact me at 603-279-0770.

Submitted by: Ken Colburn, Chair, Meredith Energy Committee

Village Pathways Committee

The Meredith Village Pathways Committee is an advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The broadly stated purpose of the committee is to develop a pedestrian plan and promote pedestrian activity in the community. Pedestrian planning takes the form of enhancing and expanding pathways, linking together recreational, civic and community destinations throughout Meredith Village and the community as a whole.

On-going activities of the Village Pathways Committee included: continuation of the historical walking tours using our “Meredith Village Historic Walking Map” published by the Pathways Committee in 2011 and continuing to promote and distribute our pedestrian walking map with 5 walks throughout the village published in 2010.

The Pathways Committee sponsored and coordinated eight “walking school buses” with the Interlakes Elementary School as part of the nationwide Safe Routes to School initiative over the past two years. While the response was enthusiastic, after re-evaluating the program with the school, the committee has decided to focus on other projects.

On October 28, 2012 the Village Pathways Committee members volunteered at a community event, Trick or Eat benefitting the Got Lunch, Interlakes! program. They conducted short historical talks around the village dressed in period costume.

One area of major importance to the committee in the coming years and their ongoing project is an Eco-trail study of the Hawkins Brook Wetland behind MVSB and the shopping center. The trail could provide educational opportunities and possibly a linkage from the village to the schools. Our vision is to create a pedestrian trail, having interpretive elements, scenic qualities and a diverse natural environment that would connect residents and visitors to points of interest in and around the village core.

Committee members have been visiting and studying similar trails in the area to help form the concept and develop a future plan.

We were fortunate to have new members Andrea Bourn and Lissa Goodby join the Pathways Committee in 2012. We also appreciate the guidance and assistance we received from Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner and John Edgar, Community Development Director.

We continue to see challenges to promoting pedestrian activity in the town; many existing roads are not conducive to pedestrian/bicycle travel, and handicap accessibility and pedestrian mobility and safety need to be regularly evaluated. We encourage the concept that roads and future developments should include pedestrian and bicycle paths.

Respectfully submitted:
Liz Lapham, Chairman

Committee Members: Andrea Bourn, Carol Gerken, Lissa Goodby, Tammy Levesque, Janis Roberts, Sandy Sabutis, and Chris Schwidder.



Conservation Commission

Your Conservation Commission has been very busy.

Building Bridges

- Hamlin-Eames Town Forest In April the Commission discovered that one of the bridges on the Blue Trail in the Hamlin – Eames Town Forest had collapsed forcing the temporary closure of the trail. The bridge was more than 10-years old and the main stringers were no longer functional. The commission, with great volunteer assistance completely replaced the twenty-four foot bridge, building the new bridge with pressure-treated lumber and constructed to meet the current trail accessibility and safety standards.



- Page Pond & Forest In October, using the same pre-built methodology and again with phenomenal community volunteer help, your commission built two bridges across Page Brook. The first was a twenty-four foot bridge across lower Page Brook roughly one half mile in from the Blueberry Hill Road entrance. The second bridge is a six-foot wide, twenty-foot long bridge situated just below Mill Race Dam. Both bridges have railings and are built to the current safety standards. These two bridges dramatically increase the hiking opportunities on Page while providing three distinctly different trails from the Quarry Road Trailhead to the Blueberry Hill Road access.



Conservation Commission continued...

- It should be noted the three bridges were built for material costs only (total \$2,700), saving more than 75% compared to hiring a contractor. This is great testament to the community and the 200 hours of volunteer labor building the three bridges. Thanks also go to the town DPW for their assistance.

Trails

- Dominant in our trail maintenance was dealing with an unusually large number of blow-downs. The 4th of July weekend saw heavy winds and a micro-burst on Arbutus Hill leaving more than a dozen large trees in one area laying down like pick-up-sticks. The Meredith Community Forest and the Page Forest also saw their fair share of the chainsaw.
- General trail maintenance, including brushing, blazing and the installation of a number of water-bars was conducted on almost every trail in our three major recreational forests. Thanks goes out to our community trail adopters for all their work.
- September 15th was our second annual community service day event in the Hamlin – Eames Forest with close to thirty volunteers from the Plymouth LDS Church working on various projects throughout the forest.

2012 Highlights

- The Commission is again working with the town of New Hampton on conserving a parcel of land on the Snake River in a manner similar to the Spear Conservation Easement granted in 2010.
- A complete ecological assessment is being completed for the Page Pond & Forest by the firm Watershed to Wildlife. The group has spent a number of days throughout the year mapping all the relevant data.
- Commission member Paula Wanzer attended a two-day seminar at Crotched Mountain on accessible trails. Subsequently Paula made presentations to the Conservation Commission, Town Planning, Community Development and the Village Pathways Committee.
- In July your commission hosted a guided hike through the Page Forest followed by a reception celebrating the 25th anniversary of The Trust for Public Land's conservation efforts in New Hampshire.
- Author and Commission member Peter Miller has published a number of articles in our local papers providing all of us with wonderful guided tours of our town forests. Peter's literary skill paints vivid landscapes of our forests intertwined with some of the history of the land.
- Following the completion and analysis of the town's Natural Resource Inventory – Phase Two (NRI-2), your commission voted in favor of supporting the updated wetlands designations including the re-designation of the Hawkins Brook wetlands complex.

Conservation Commission continued...

- Additionally, your Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other responsibilities. The Commission holds monthly meetings open to the public to conduct its business and additional workshop meetings when needed for specific projects. Commission members, alternates and community volunteers spend many hours 'in the field' conducting our annual monitoring of your Town Forests and conservation easements to insure the public's interests in these properties is protected. At present we monitor 25 parcels encompassing more than 40 miles of boundaries and 2,438 acres.
- Your Commission reviewed 44 Dredge and Fill project proposals such as docks, culverts, beaches and subdivisions and provided comment related to the protection of natural resources; including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachments on the wetland buffer zone.
- Finally, the Commission would like to express our thanks to Terry Lance for stewarding 7 forests in western Meredith and to two of our trail adopters, Mark Tuckerman in the Hamlin – Eames Town Forest and Bill Brothers in the Page Pond and Forest. The Conservation Commission is always looking for volunteers to adopt a forest or a trail, contact any commission member. The Commission would like to express its sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their wonderful support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Billings – Chair

Tony Sabutis – Vice Chair

Ralph Pisapia – Treasurer

Paula Wanzer – Secretary

Members – Don MacFarlane, John Sherman, Bob Davis

Alternates – Bob LeCount, Peter Miller, Jacquie Colburn,
Mary Kahn, Sandy Mucci



Fire

To the town manager, select board, department heads, municipal employees, citizens, fire department officers and members, I once again express my appreciation and gratitude for all the efforts put forth during this past year. With everyone's support, dedication, and strong focus, the Department continues to strive to offer the best public service within its capabilities.

With the Federal Communication Commission mandate requiring all radio communication equipment be narrow banded by the beginning of 2013, the department was able to meet the requirement relatively less than initially thought. It required a purchase of 20 new pagers to replace old obsolete pagers unable to meet the requirement being enforced by FCC. The department then received assistance from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid with the reprogramming of all department pagers and two-way radios, which in the long run saved significant tax dollars.

Also this past year through LRMFA, the department was able to fit test all department members that are eligible to wear self contain breathing apparatus which is an annual mandate. Once again, this was a significant saving as LRMFA purchased a fit test machine which is being shared throughout the entire system, saving all departments money from purchasing such services through outside vendors. The department applied and received funds from the State Forestry Title IV Grant in 2012. The monies awarded through the grant allowed for purchases in forestry personal protective gear for department members and forestry equipment to be placed/distributed on Bear Island among the two associations within.

Recruitment and retention continues to be the main focus for daily operations. This is witnessed as a nationwide problem with volunteer and call departments with the stringent requirements associated with training and department policies. To date we have been able to meet the hurdles by initiating and continuing the intern program. As we continue to look forward, the department is aging and the younger generations are certainly not stepping to the plate. We will continue to focus, monitor, and adjust as we see fit.

In 2012 the department total runs continued to increase by 9% over the previous year. Once again I strongly encourage all business and home owners to insure proper routine maintenance is scheduled and completed on an annual basis on all heating appliances, exhaust sources, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and sprinkler systems. We continue to respond to numerous calls associated with these associated sources in which in most cases could have been preventable with annual maintenance. As shown below, fifty percent of the calls is Public Assist, with the majority being alarm activations.

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2007 through 2012.

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	9.6%	7.0%	4.3%	8.8%	8.8%	6.8%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	12.9	16.6	15.8	10.1	9.3	12.7
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	24.1	22.0	34.4	24.7	20.9	29.9
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	53.4	54.4	45.5	57.2	60.2	50.6
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total number of calls	395	384	334	320	387	354

Fire continued...

“**Fire Related**” calls represent all types of fires, including structures, vehicle, brush, etc.

“**Mutual Aid**” calls are those where a neighboring community has an emergency situation and due to the need for either additional equipment and/or manpower, requests the assistance of our Department. As a participant in the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid, we periodically are called upon to help our neighboring towns, as they in turn are called upon to help us in our time of need.

“**Rescue Calls**” calls that include all types of rescue; water rescue, snowmobile accidents, motor vehicle accidents, elevator rescues to name a few. Nearly 85% of our rescue calls are for motor vehicle accidents.

The last category, “**Public Assist**” includes a large variety of call types such as fuel spills, downed power lines, alarm activations (smoke and carbon monoxide detectors), and good intent calls (typically these are calls where the caller thought that there was a problem, which ended up not being the case - if you care enough to call, care enough to investigate the matter, maybe you can help someone in need). Generally, alarm activations are referred to as “False Alarms”, and are most often the result of a lack of maintenance, such as not changing batteries regularly or not having detectors serviced periodically. In most instances once an owner is made aware of the problem, it is corrected and repeat false alarms are eliminated. For those of you who have an alarm system that is monitored by an alarm company, please contact the Fire Department and discuss the advantages of installing a Knox box at the premises. This is a secure way to store a key to your premise and it greatly facilitates our Department in gaining timely access should you not be available to give us entry.

In closing, I look forward towards the challenges in 2013 as Fire Chief in the upcoming year. Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours!**

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

Forest Fire Warden

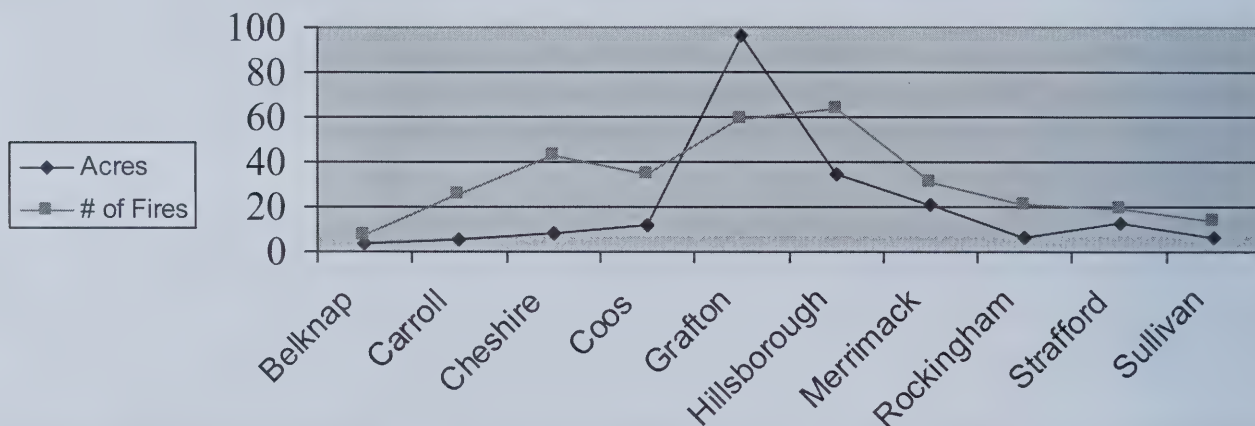
The Meredith Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact Forest Fire Warden/Chief Jones, Deputies; Kloetz, Joslin, Haines or Meredith Fire Department, 279-6061 to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. You may also visit our website at www.meredithfire.org to get the daily fire classification and policies pertaining to outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility.

Help us to protect New Hampshire’s forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Forest Fire Warden continued...

Due to a record warm winter and little snow, our first fire occurred on February 4th with several more early fires to follow. Normally a large percentage of the warm windy days with low humidity occur when the ground is saturated from a long snow covered winter. By the time the surface fuels and ground dry out enough to burn, we only have a few weeks until “green up”. This year however we had an extended period of these favorable spring fire conditions. Our largest fire in the state was 86 acres. The average size fire was .6 acres. Here in Meredith we had two incidents which accumulated to roughly 2.3 acres of burnt area. Extensive summer rains kept total acreage burned to near normal level.

As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2012 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Please help Smokey Bear, Meredith Fire Department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!



COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.6	7
Carroll	5.5	25
Cheshire	8.3	43
Coos	11.8	35
Grafton	96.5	59
Hillsborough	34.2	64
Merrimack	20.8	31
Rockingham	6.4	21
Strafford	12.9	19
Sullivan	6	14

Fires

Reported	#
Arson	14
Debris	105
Campfire	14
Children	15
Smoking	17
Railroad	0
Equipment	6
Lightning	7
Misc *	140

Year	Fires	Total Acres
2012	318	206
2011	125	42
2010	360	145
2009	334	173
2008	455	175
2007	437	212

*Only you can prevent
Wildland Fire!*

*Misc:
power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

Town Clerk

Elections were a big part of 2012 with 4 elections taking place. With every election the State Legislation added new challenges to the process; however we were successful in meeting the challenges as efficiently as the law allowed. We thank all of our residents for their patience on the Election Days! We have only 1 election this year and feel it should run smoothly.



Kerri A. Parker
Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office continues to work together with the Tax Office to cross train and take care of the needs of our residents. A large part in the cross training process is education. This past year Kerri was awarded a scholarship to attend the New England Municipal Clerks Institute held at Plymouth State University Campus, where she was voted President of her class of 2014 she will continue as a second year this summer. As a Certified Town Clerk Tax Collector, Kerri continues to attend the both annual conferences to stay current on her certifications and gain more experience and knowledge for both departments.

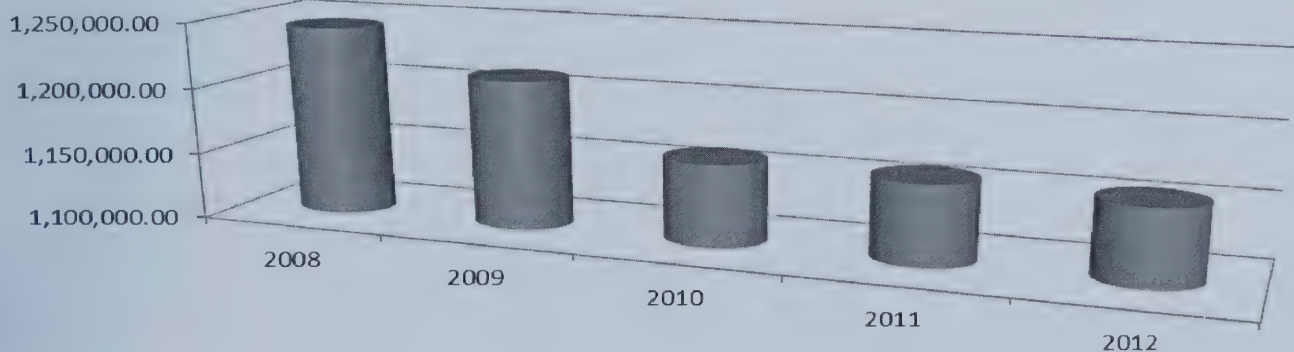


Donna Turner
Deputy Town Clerk

Donna has completed her 2nd year of Certification for Deputy Town Clerk and will continue again this year. Tax Collector Vikki Fogg is continuing her education for nursing and will still be working part-time for the Town, We do all that we can on the short staffing days to take care of the residents needs as efficiently as possible. There are however some days when there is only one staff member and we appreciate the understanding from the customers on those days.

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: Online - 696	9,831	\$ 1,131,850 .00
Dogs	672	5,450 .00
Vital Records	1,243	12,000 .00
Marriage Licenses	81	3,250.00
Miscellaneous...		4,150.00
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies		
Dredge & Fill Permits - Mailings - Notary/Justice Fees		
Total Revenue Collected		<u>\$ 1,156,700 .00</u>

Five Year Comparison of Revenues Collected



Meredith Public Library

As we close another year at the library, the trustees and staff wish to thank all of our loyal patrons for their continuing support. This year the trustees revamped our mission statement:

“The Meredith Public Library’s mission is to be the educational, inspirational and cultural heart of Meredith now and in the future. Through exceptional staff, a broad range of materials and a supportive community, the library provides innovative service to meet the needs of the 21st century patron.” This new statement is to be the cornerstone of the library’s Master Plan Committee whose task it will be to plan for the library’s future. Throughout 2013 the committee will seek out guidance from library patrons, library staff, the Select Board, town employees and members of the community to develop a plan designed to carry the library into the next ten years.

This year we said goodbye to longtime staff member Susan Brackett who retired. For years she was a fixture behind the desk assisting patrons with their Interlibrary Loans. We wish her much enjoyment in her retirement! We welcomed three new part-time staff members: Joyce Alcombrack and Lorraine Martin who are part-time Library Aides assisting with Adult Services and Kay Stuart, part-time Children’s Library Aide. All three have settled in nicely. We also welcomed our new custodian, Al Finn. He’s been keeping the library clean during the hours we’re closed so many of you haven’t had a chance to meet him yet. Thank you to the Friends of the Meredith Library for their hard work and support. They started a fundraising committee this year which sponsored a 5K road race to benefit the library. Over ninety people participated from all over New England. Thank you to the local sponsors who made it possible. In-house and online book sales also raise money for the library, as does an annual Friends’ membership. The Friends sponsor many things for us including adult, teen and children’s classes, events and lectures. They pay for our Ancestry.com subscription, staff development and promotional items such as our plastic book bags and bookmarks and so much more. They support the library with their many endeavors and I don’t know what we would do without them.

The library received grants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the NH Preservation Alliance to have the building’s needs assessed. The trustees voted to expend trust funds to address some of these needs including remodeling the bathrooms and meeting safety code by raising the library’s historic balcony railing by nearly a foot. About \$300,000 worth of work remains and part of the goal of the Master Plan Committee is to figure out a way to meet these needs including applying for grants, fundraising and collaboration with the Town.

Each year the library looks for ways to expand its service. We provide outreach to local schools including the Lakeside School, and after school program at Inter-lakes School and to Inter-lakes Daycare. In conjunction with the Altrusa Club we provide library services to the homebound with deliveries of books, DVDs, magazines, audio books and other library material. We lecture at local community organizations and have been working with Inter-lakes Schools on their Master Plan. In-house we provide early childhood development classes, writing workshops for older children and teens, read-a-thons, summer reading events and various workshops for children and their families. For adults we provide one-on-one technology training, lectures from humanities speakers, workshops on anything from sewing to genealogy to creating a budget, book groups, computer clubs and adult summer reading. It is rare for a day to go by at the library without some sort of class or event being scheduled.

Meredith Public Library continued...

2012 saw the use of our electronic resources sky-rocket including downloadable ebooks and audio books, databases such as Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest and our online library catalog. Local patrons and visitors used our eight public access computers regularly and many appreciated accessing our wireless internet connection, even after hours!

With so many people having busy schedules the library is happy to accommodate its patrons in non-traditional ways. Our physical collection is still very popular including current fiction, crafting, gardening, cooking and self-help books, audio books, the youth collection and DVDs.

The library has several volunteers including Anne Whiting and June Noreen who are working on transcribing historic trustee minutes from 1882 through the mid-1940's so that we can put them online.

We also have long-time volunteer Jim Rushton who comes nearly every day the library is open to bring us our newspapers, gather our mail and share a joke or two. All three volunteers give so much more to us than their time and we very much enjoy having them here. Thank you once again to Paul Ristaino and his crew for maintaining the library's grounds, helping with moving books for the Friends' book sales and performing odd jobs for us around the building. As always their help is greatly appreciated!

2013 promises to be a challenging year for the library as we work to determine our future. Issues such as lack of parking, lack of space for staff and patrons seeking a quiet working or reading area and a children's room that can no longer host classes and events due to fire code issues, accompanied by the many problems associated with an aging building will give the Master Plan Committee much to think about.

Please keep an eye out for surveys and chances to come to public meetings to discuss your vision for the library's future.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Apostolos, Library Director

Circulation...		Statistics...	
DVDs, CDs, Audio Books	30,408	Reference Questions Answered	4,656
Books	52,419	Number of Registered Patrons	5,675
Magazines	2,492	Internet Usage	6,854
Interlibrary Loans	1,998		
eBooks and eAudios	4,634	Acquisitions...	
Museum Passes	199	DVDs, CDs, Audio Books	680
<i>Total Circulation</i>	<u>92,150</u>	Books	2,751
		Gifts	53
		Lost/Discarded	<u>3,373</u>
		<i>Total Inventory</i>	<u>40,930</u>

Parks and Recreation

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2012. Community members have shared their time and talents as youth sports coaches, field trip chaperones, special event helpers, and many other roles to help make Meredith a wonderful place to live and work. Among our many dedicated volunteers is Nancy Lavigne, who has nearly single handedly cared for and nurtured the Community Center garden over the last four years. Nancy has given her heart and soul to the garden and the community has benefited greatly from her efforts, as we have enjoyed its growth and development. Thank you Nancy! Thank you also to members of the Friends of Parks and Recreation, and a special thank you to the Public Works and the Water and Sewer Departments for their generous provision of time, equipment, and expertise, which allows us to effectively complete maintenance tasks and projects. Thank you to volunteers Brian Grinivac (After School Program & Gunstock Ski Program), Matt Tremblay (Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting), and Karen Robinson (Lacrosse Program) for their assistance. Thanks also for the support and cooperation we receive from the Inter-Lakes Youth Soccer Association, Babe Ruth Youth Softball League, Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League, Bill Lamper Youth Basketball League, and the Lakes Region Flag Football League. We would also like to thank our Parks & Recreation Department team members and Program Counselors who provide professional services in their respective fields to help create a warm and positive atmosphere around our programs and facilities. They take great pride in offering interesting and healthy recreational opportunities to our community.

Facility Improvements and Projects

The Parks and Recreation maintenance team continued its dedication to providing some of the finest athletic fields in the Lakes Region, as evidenced by the many organizations that scheduled tournaments on nearly every weekend in 2012. Demand for the use of our fields continues to increase each year with the addition of high school football practice.

CHILDS PARK (Thank you volunteers!) In 2010 work began on the renovation of Childs Park as brush was cleared, old fencing and playground equipment was removed, and the FRIENDS of Parks and Recreation launched a major fund raising campaign to help fund the project. Spearheaded by an initial generous matching gift of \$30,000 by Lou Kahn in memory of his wife Bobby Smyth, many organizations and civic groups as well as private citizens committed their time, talents, resources, and funding to help with this wonderful community project. Childs Park improvements continued in 2011 with the installation of a new restroom/maintenance building (constructed by the Meredith Rotary Club), installation of a new playground (combined effort of community volunteers and the Parks and Recreation Dept.), and renovations to the ball field being completed. Final renovations, such as basketball court resurfacing, ball field seeding and infield installation, and signage were completed in 2012. A dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 29, 2012 to celebrate and recognize all those who contributed to the completion of this very successful community project, made possible by the cooperation of town government, the business community, civic groups, and private citizens. Nearly 150 people contributed to successfully complete this project.

Community Center Flourishes

Although heavy demand for use of the Community Center was predicted prior to opening the facility in 2006, actual usage has surpassed expectations. Demand for the Community Center continued to be strong in 2012. Along with many activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted 30 different public service organizations on a regular and frequent basis for meetings, training sessions, public hearings, and presentations. These groups included municipal, school department, state, and federal agencies.

General Government

The Community Center hosted 90 different non- profit groups in 2012 many of which utilized the facility on a regular basis. The Community Center also hosted 75 different private groups such as birthday parties, wedding receptions, family reunions, business ventures, and many others.

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department has registered 2,407 families and 5,600 members for programs it has offered since opening the Community Center. In 2012 the Community Center received 5,389 registrations for the Parks and Recreation Department's high school and middle school after school "drop in" program, where students have the opportunity to choose their own activities in both the activity center and game room. A list of 2012 program participation numbers for activities offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is provided below.

Program and # of participants		Program and # of participants		Program and # of participants	
2 Movie Nights	100	Fall Family Fun Fest	200+	School Vacation Camps	255
4 th of July Concert	400	Family Fun Night	150+	Science Center Trip	85
Adult and Youth Tennis Lessons	25	Full & Half Day Camps (no school)	255	Senior Exercise	55
Adult Recreational Tennis	60	Gunstock Ski Program	55	Skate Park Drop-Ins	2000+
After School Program	45	Halloween Party	130+	Skating Trip to PSU	100
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting	150+	Hershey Track and Field Program	41	Summer Camp Can Do (Ages 6-14)	95
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	250+	Holiday Open House	150+	Summer Kiddie Camp (Ages 3-5)	15
Annual Street Dance & Hesky	150	Kidz Creation – Preschool Art	10	Swim Lessons	153
Birthday Parties	55	Lacrosse	12	Theatre Camp	50
Climbing Wall Drop Ins	61	North Pole Calling	55	Wellington Beach Trip	69
Coed T-Ball	64	Pick Up Adult Basketball	305	Whales Tale Trip	96
Coed Youth Soccer	74	Polar Express on the BIG Screen	60+	Women's Volleyball	19
Community Center Drop-Ins	5,389	Preschool Playgroup	56	Yoga	6
Counselor in Training Program	15	Red Sox Trip	50	Youth Dodge Ball	106
Craft Fair Attendees	100			Youth Gym & Fitness	29
Craft Fair Vendors	26			Youth Mat Ball	106

The Community Center has provided a wonderful gathering place for our community and for people of all ages to play, socialize, learn, make decisions, and plan for our future needs. We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible. *SUCCEEDING IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES: THANK YOU SPONSORS & STAFF! We are very proud to report that the Parks and Recreation Department realized a 14% increase in revenues in 2012.*

As the Parks and Recreation Department faced its second major budget reduction in the last three years, we were faced with the loss of funding for all of our family events that had been offered to our community free of charge for many years. The events facing elimination were 4th of July Concert, Street Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Family Fun Night, Fall Family Fun Fest, Tree Lighting/Holiday Open House, Family Skating Party, and Movies in the Park. Thanks to the efforts of our Program Director, Sarah Perkins, Parks and Recreation Department staff members as a whole, and through generous support from our local merchants, civic groups, and private citizens nearly all of these long standing programs were successfully held. In addition, enrollment in core programs such as the After School Program and Summer Camp Can Do were at an all time high. This is an accomplishment that we are very proud of and at the same time we are very appreciative of the generous sponsorships that we received making it all possible. I would like to acknowledge the following people/agencies for their support:

EVENT	SPONSOR
Easter Egg Hunt	Altrusa
Movies in the Park	Dave and Karen Sticht
4 th of July Concert	Inns & Spa at Mill Falls
Holiday Open House	Mill Falls Market Place Merchants
Tree Lighting	Hamel Allstate Agency

As always I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2013.

Sincerely,
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP Parks and Rec. Director

General Government



Holiday Open House

Hershey Track Perfect Handoff Grace to Olivia



Family Fun Night Concert



After School Program Hike

Easter Egg Hunt



Youth Soccer



Summer Camp Can Do

Summer Camp Dance - A - Thon

Climbing Wall



Gunstock Ski Program



Child's Park Renovation Ribbon Cutting



Summer Camp Can Do



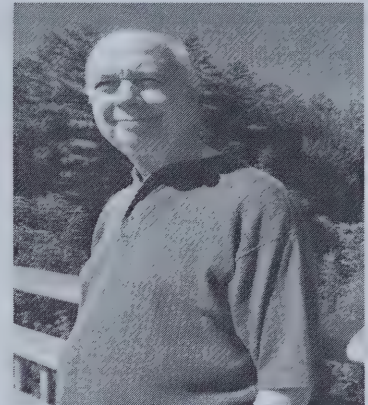
Police

“The mission of the Meredith Police Department is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of all people. We will work in partnership with our Community to identify and effectively respond to the diverse, ever-changing social neighborhood problems and needs. We will do this with respect, fairness and compassion.”

This past year seemed fraught with sadness and severity. First off, after a courageous battle with cancer, we lost a devoted and long-time friend and employee, Robert A. Nichols, who passed away on June 17, 2012.

Robert, or as we all called him, “Nik”, started with the Meredith Police Department on September 1, 1989 as a Dispatcher and held the position of Administrative Assistant for the last several years. Watching “Nik’s” slow decline was hard on everyone and every effort was made to keep his and our work space as positive as possible. He will be sorely missed.

Robert Nichols, or “Nik”, as everyone here called him was our April Fool’s Boy. Without fail, he strategically took vacation during his birthday week. Whether he found it humorous to deny the police department of his company on his birthday, or perhaps he was worried about birthday pranks performed on his behalf, we will never know. But, after a courageous battle with cancer, we lost a devoted and long-time friend and employee.



“Nik”
Robert Allan Nichols
April 1, 1951 - June 17, 2012

“Nik” started with the Meredith Police Department on September 1, 1989 as a Dispatcher and held the position of Administrative Assistant for the last several years. Watching his slow decline was hard on everyone and every effort was made to keep his and our work space as positive as possible. He will be sorely missed. So, in true “Nik” fashion...KNCP975, Meredith Police clear...signed, “Hiz Mark, X”

Secondly, there was a drastic increase in the types and severity of emergency calls attended to; in particular, the number of Fatal Accidents and severe injury Accidents. The Meredith Police responded to a total of three (3) Fatal Accidents; One (1) of the fatalities caused a portion of NH Route 25 being shut down for almost four (4) hours with traffic detoured in order to remove debris from the roadway. Fatalities tax much of our resources. From pulling all available units on duty to handle the issue, to calling in additional personnel to handle other emergency calls, to sometimes requesting assistance from abutting agencies to help cover calls, and to utilizing other Town Departments.

These emergency calls affect more than just the devastated families left behind. All the training in the world cannot ease the difficulty and strain of being efficient, professional and compassionate for emergency personnel on scene. The men and women of my department handle themselves exemplarily, on a daily shift. 2012 Accident Statistics:

Fatalities:	3	Incapacitating:	10
Ejections/Entrapments:	16	Property Damage:	194

Training is and will continue to be an undeniable necessity. All of the Meredith Police Department staff attend training courses within each calendar year, in addition to their normal policing duties.

Police continued...

In 2012, although we had several moments of being short staffed, a total of 948 hours of training were completed, which included, but were not limited to the following:

Firearms Civil Liability, Drug-Warrants-Evidence, Ethics in Law Enforcement, Gun Laws, Council Rules for Firearms, Pawn Shops Investigations, Basic Police Photography, Firearms Qualifications, Legal Updates, Criminal Investigations, Breath-Testing Recertification, Field Training Officer, MDT Training, Firearms Instructor Recertification, Officer as the Prosecutor, and Methamphetamine Lab Awareness.

The Meredith Police is continuing its presence in “speed complaint zones”, keeping high profiles in areas such as Meredith Center Road, Pleasant Street and Waukegan Street. Along with factoring in that two main NH Routes, Route 3 and Route 25, intersect in the downtown area, these roads serve as main contact points within the Town for access to surrounding areas, with a high travel volume. Along with handling everyday calls and crises, we are trying to maintain an active presence in these areas, especially during peak vacation and travel days and times. As always, we encourage residents to speak with us about what they perceive to be problematic areas. In line with this, we remind residents, and non-residents alike, that if they have a legitimate concern or see a crime happening, to call us immediately; the sooner we know about it, the sooner and more efficiently we can and will act.

2012		Activities	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
S	T	Calls for Service	13,180	13,668	12,621	13,498	13,321
A	T	Traffic Violations	3,601	2,869	2,748	3,039	2,674
I	S	Arrests	372	311	299	313	271
S	T	Accidents	243	244	207	242	271
I	C	Incidents	532	519	497	494	523
S		Animal Calls			374	466	464
		Felony Indictments					36
		Warrants					55

In closing, the men and women of the Meredith Police Department have been, are and will always be here in times of need, tragedy, worry, and in times of relief and joy. It is our goal to maintain the high standards of professionalism and integrity that have been set forth within our department.

So, to everyone I say have a safe and prosperous New Year.

Submitted by:
Kevin Morrow
Police Chief

Emergency Management

Kevin A Morrow, Meredith Emergency Management Director

Peter Russell, Assistant Emergency Management Director

2012 was not a very active year for members of the Emergency Management team, which I'm very thankful for. Although we did have a major near miss in October called Hurricane Sandy. This did present some headaches for the Town. Mostly power lines down, minor flooding, and trees across the roads, but compared to other states like NY and NJ, we are very, very thankful. Let's not forget the Earthquake in October that was felt in NH at a 4.0 magnitudes, but once again no major damage to the Town.

Meredith Emergency Committee serves for the preparation and emergency response required by the Town to react to any type of emergency situation. With the assistance of Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, Town Manager, Public Works, Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Community Development, Superintendent SAU, Stewarts Ambulance, and our Heath officer, we had a workshop in July at the Community Center on providing information to all towns about regional resources we have and steps taken to activate a local shelter.

The CERT- Community Emergence Response Team helped the Town of Meredith with a few non emergence functions this year. CERT main voluntary function is to respond to emergence needs when requested, but also they are called out to help with non-emergence functions also. They helped with traffic duties for the Library's Road Race and the Trick or Eat Event. So a BIG Thank you goes to the Meredith CERT.

Please do not forget about the Flu seasons:

The Flu has caused a number of deaths this year, so here are some helpful hints;

Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Wash your hands often with soap and water.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Stay home if you are sick.

On behalf of Peter Russell and myself, I would like to thank the community for all their help and patience, assisting the Town and our neighbors to get through the many incidents that burdened us over the past years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Morrow

Meredith Emergency Management Director

Public Works

The Public Works Department consists of Public Works Office and the four divisions of Highway, Solid Waste, Cemetery, and Buildings & Grounds.

Meredith continues to be a destination for people from around the world. Many come to visit and many decide to stay and make it their home. It is the responsibility of our department divisions to care for our town, maintain the infrastructure, and to keep everything working, clean and beautiful.

Solid Waste Division continues to make adjustments to coincide with the ups and downs of the recycling market trends. Single Stream recycling was a hot topic in the beginning of 2012 but has instead proved to be more costly due to the fluctuations and deviations in the recycling market. With the support of our residents we continue to yield a healthy revenue return on our recyclables. We remove everything we can that is marketable from the waste stream. This helps offset the cost of the facility for our town and our taxpayers.

Buildings & Grounds and the Cemetery Divisions: These employees clean, repair and maintain our town's waterfront and main street parks, waterfront docks, town buildings and grounds. Use of these facilities is at an all time high. The employees continue to maintain the highest of standards and care of all of these facilities in spite of staff reductions and increased workload on our remaining employees. They also maintain our 89 town cemeteries in beautiful condition to honor the loved ones buried in them. Their dedication keeps the Town of Meredith a beautiful and clean destination for tourists to flock to and for our residents to enjoy year round.

Highway Division: Our experienced heavy equipment mechanic, Larry Pelczar, retired from our highway division after over thirty years of service. Over the past few years, budget cuts have led to a reduction in road construction and resurfacing projects. In 2012 money was appropriated and spent on construction projects, including a complete rebuild of Upper New Hampton Road and Hatch Corner Road. Several town roads received asphalt overlays or chip seals. This was a step in the right direction to keep our infrastructure well maintained. We hope for further support in 2013 to be able to maintain our town roads in excellent condition. The continued rising cost of equipment and materials makes it even more difficult to fund equipment, parts, and new vehicles. Our aging fleet of vehicles and equipment is in need of replacement. Our two mechanics work diligently to keep everything working. Again, in this division, staff reductions have increased the workload on all the other employees.

DPW Office: We continue to be available to residents and taxpayers for all of their driveway, trench, facility use permits and solid waste decals. We are here to answer your questions, to provide assistance and work behind the scenes to keep the department running. We constantly look for ways to save taxpayers money and keep a sharp eye on our expenditures and budgets.

I would personally like to thank all of my dedicated staff. They make this community the beautiful and comfortable place it is to live and play in. Also, thanks to our residents and taxpayers for their continued support to allow us to do our jobs well. You have entrusted us with the task of taking care of our home - the Town of Meredith. We take our job seriously.

Michael Faller, Director of Public Works

Water and Sewer

Water

The Meredith Water Department is committed to providing the community with the safest drinking water possible, and enough supply to meet its demand for both consumption and fire protection. The Water Department was in full compliance with all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) rules and regulations as they apply to drinking water sampling, production, and reporting for 2012. For more information on your drinking water please refer to the annually published CCR (Consumer Confidence Report).



The Water Department staff continues proactively to maintain the water treatment plant, two water booster stations, 18 miles of aging water mains, well over 100 hydrants, and the town's 1.5 million gallon water tower. 2012 was a busy year for our department dealing with several water main breaks, and many other system repairs. The water plant received some minor mechanical upgrades to improve its efficiency, and the distribution system received minor improvement work as well.

Sewer

The Meredith Sewer Department maintains the collection system which consists of over 20 miles of sewer mains, 5 lift stations, and over 300 manholes. The staff regularly performs maintenance on the pump stations and sewer main cleaning activities to keep everything flowing properly.

2012 marked the completion of the repair of the failing sewer pipe on route 25. We look forward to beginning an I&I (inflow and infiltration) study in the downtown area in 2013. Meanwhile the department has continued an aggressive proactive maintenance schedule on the system.

Staff

The Water and Sewer Department have a combined staff of five employees faithfully devoted to safely providing quality customer service to our 1,200 water customers and 1,400 sewer customers. Every staff member is licensed to operate both our water and sewer systems. We work 7 days a week and are on-call 24/7 for emergencies.

If you have any questions, comments, or complaints please feel free to call 279-3046 or drop by our office at 50 Waukegan Street during office hours Monday – Friday.

Thank you,

Daniel Leonard
Water & Sewer Superintendent

American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

Legion Officers

Robert V. Kennelly, Commander Justin Sargent, Sgt-at-Arms Ryan Linke, Junior Vice Commander
Michael Gould, Judge Advocate Haywood Price, Senior Vice Commander Henry Hall, Chaplin
Todd Trotter, Adjutant Bob Kennelly, Service Officer Elliot Finn, Historian
Herbert Vadney, Finance Officer
Chuck Thorndike, Commander Honor Guard

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Robin Linke, President Amanda Rice, Treasurer Billie Jo Furbish, 1st Vice President
Kay Kennelly, Historian Jeanne Almieda, 2nd Vice President Mary Ballou, Sgt-at-Arms
Karen Casazza, Secretary Fran Milliken, Chaplin

Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Officers

Jim Hurd, Commander Neal MacDonald, Chaplin Jeff Wyatt, Sr. Vice Commander
James Hurd, Historian Ron Linke, Jr., Junior Vice Commander Eric Riley, Sgt-At-Arms
Barry Weeks, Treasurer and Adjutant

The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 80 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 120 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department and the Santa Fund.

We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

The Fishing Derby in February
Memorial Day
The Fourth of July
Meredith Home Day and
Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August
The Annual 9/11 Ceremony and Tribute
Halloween Veterans Day Thanksgiving
Christmas
New Years Eve and New Years Day

Please check the Meredith News, Laconia Daily Sun, the Laconia Citizen or at the Post for dates and times. Post phone number is 279-8503.



Chamber of Commerce

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 300 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership.

The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open year round. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region.

Staffing the Center in 2012 were Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, Molly Landrigan, and Adrienne Stevens.

The Chamber maintains a website which lists all Chamber members, is registered with the major search engines, and provides members with advertising opportunities. Community organizations are also listed on the site as well as a comprehensive calendar of events.

Again this year, the Chamber conducted an advertising campaign designed to entice people to visit the area and we produced and distributed a four color, 24 page, high quality brochure which was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts as well as at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center. The brochure is also mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, Margaritaville in Meredith, the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Regular Business After Hours and Breakfast Forums were held and The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all updated. In addition, the Chamber assists many community organizations in the promotion of their events.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the Town in carrying out its many projects.



Susan Cerutti
Executive Director

Photo from The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce Website.

Child and Family Services

Child and Family Services (CFS) continued to provide affordable social services to the residents of Meredith in the past year, thanks in part to funding from the Town. Town support is critical to our being able to offer a wide range of services to children and their families without regard to income, especially in this past year when we faced significant cuts in services funded by the State of NH, or reimbursed through Medicaid, as well as increased demand for our services. We strive to make all of the agency's services affordable and accessible to families in need, especially those who lack insurance or whose co-pays are so high they are unable to utilize available resources. With your support, we were able to meet these challenges and preserve our sliding fee scale.

In the current economic climate, more individuals and families are struggling. Challenged by unemployment or working more than one low-paying job, being uninsured or underinsured, and facing higher levels of stress due to short finances, leads to emotional stress. This combination of unrelenting pressure and limited resources can lead to a cycle of coping difficulties, emotional outbursts or withdrawal, and chronic relationship conflicts that can interfere with positive decision-making, healthy actions and parenting.

In 2012 we provided over \$13,300 worth of free and reduced services to 33 residents. Services included family counseling, intensive home based services to families to minimize the risk of out of home placement of a child, child abuse prevention/treatment services and residential summer camping for low income children. In addition grants were awarded to 28 Meredith children from the Annette Schmitt Fund for enrichment activities.

We continue to count on your help to be able to offer a full range of quality, professional services to children and their families who otherwise could not afford them because they lack insurance or are underinsured. More families served by the Agency fell below the federal poverty level in 2012. 90% of our client families are impoverished. CFS has the most accessible and balanced fee policy of any similar agency in the state. This is made possible by grants, such as those we receive by the town of Meredith and enables us to serve the most needy, vulnerable families without regard to income. Town support also makes it possible for us to secure a range of other charitable and public dollars that require local matching funds.

Child and Family Services is New Hampshire's oldest charitable social service organization. We have been serving New Hampshire children and families for 163 years. We are pleased to serve the families of Meredith through offices at 95 Water Street, Laconia, 841 Central Street, Franklin or through our Concord or Manchester offices and Camp Spaulding, in Penacook and in home, school and community settings throughout the Lakes Region.

For further information about any of these services please call (800) 640-6486 or visit our website at www.cfsnh.org.

Ruth,
Ruth Zax, Director of Development

Community Action Program

During the past year, we have provided \$833,598 in services to Meredith residents. Our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of the community. Some of the services we provide are administration of the Fuel Assistance Program, Electric Assistance, Congregate Meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Emergency Food Pantry. For more information, please contact 279-4096.

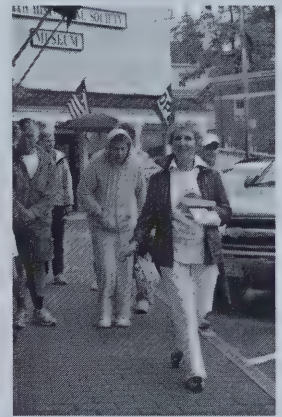
We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support.

Prudence Tylanda, Area Director

Historical Society

The Society's purpose is the collection and preservation of the history of Meredith. This includes preserving valuable books, manuscripts, photographs, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The purpose also includes maintaining the Pottle Meeting House, operating as the Farm Museum, and the Main Street Museum to house our collection.

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museums buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. Sums designated as trust funds and bequests are encouraged, as they enable the Society to hold such amounts in trust and use only the interest as needed. The Town generously provides funds to assist in the payment of a stipend for the greeter for our Main Street Museum during the summer.



Historic Walking Tour

The Main Street museum is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day four days a week Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Farm Museum is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons during the summer and from Labor Day to Columbus Day on Saturdays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and is staffed by volunteers. Arrangements can be made to visit the museum at other times by calling 279-1190. Again this year there were visitors from all over the US and other Countries.

From May through November, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, the Society sponsors programs and activities that increase awareness of town history. The topics this last year included: American Police Motorcycle, Tips on Finding your History, Wild and Colorful: Victorian Architecture in New Hampshire, Page Pond, a Story of Meredith's History, Lafayette and the Farewell Tour, the Story of the Concord Coach and Civil War General George Thomas, Union Army. All programs are open to the general public and are free of charge.

The Society would like to thank the many volunteers for their help cataloguing articles, cleaning textiles, organizing exhibits, creating window displays, hosting the Farm Museum, providing refreshments for the meetings, baking for the bake sales and maintaining the buildings. The Society is grateful for the consideration and support of all the people in the Town of Meredith, making it possible for the Society to continue to serve the public.

George Jewell, President

Central NH VNA & Hospice

About the Organization: Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice (CNHVNAH) is a non-profit home health, hospice and community service agency serving Belknap County, Southern Carroll County and several surrounding communities. We provide home based professional healthcare and supportive care services using skilled, licensed and certified clinicians through our four programs: Homecare, Hospice & Palliative

Care, Young Family Pediatric Care, and Senior Support Services. CNHVNAH is the regional provider of Medicare-certified hospice services, infusion therapy and pediatric homecare service.

The organization is licensed by the state of New Hampshire and certified by Medicare and Medicaid.



Although some services receive reimbursement from insurance companies, other badly needed services are dependent on community and grant support. In particular, our Pediatric, Senior Support Services and Hospice & Palliative Care programs rely on charitable contributions in order to be sustained. It is for this reason that we request funding from the communities we serve including Meredith. We leverage town contributions with donations from individuals, community service organizations and agency fund raising events. Funds provided by the town of Meredith are used to serve Meredith residents.

Below you will find a summary of the services provided in Meredith during the past year.

Visit Data: During the past year, CNHVNAH provided 168 Meredith residents with 3071 in-home visits by professionals or support service workers and 75 vaccine services to children and adults.

Hospice & Palliative Care: Last year saw a particularly significant increase in palliative care/hospice services - with over 1,800 visits given to 35 Meredith residents at the end of life, representing a 31% increase over the previous year and a 200% increase from 2009.

Pediatric Services: 125 visits were made to 35 Meredith families with young children to provide guidance and support to new parents, connect children with a medical home, provide direct healthcare services or offer parental guidance & education.

Senior Support Services: 366 visits were made to 16 frail elderly in Meredith to help maintain them in a home setting rather than transfer to a nursing home.

Homecare Services: 752 visits were made to 41 Meredith residents recovering from illness or managing a chronic illness at home.

It is a privilege to provide services to Meredith residents, and we are grateful for the town support that enables us to carry on these health-related community functions.

Submitted by:
Margaret Franckhauser
Executive Director

Genesis



RESPECT

ADVOCACY

Behavioral Health
INTEGRITY

STEWARDSHIP

EXCELLENCE

Thank you for supporting Genesis Behavioral Health and contributing to the health and wellness of our community!

The appropriation we received from the Town of Meredith's 2012 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), we served 215 Meredith residents and provided emergency services to 56 Meredith residents. We provided \$20,566.66 in charity care to these residents.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	39
Ages 18 – 59	118
Age 60 and over	58

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide essential services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities. Consider the following statistics:

- 1 in 4 adults and 1 in 10 young children will experience a mental health disorder in a given year.
- Adults with serious mental illness die, on average, 25 years younger than other Americans.
- Mental illness is the leading cause of disability in North American adults, costing approximately \$63 billion in lost productivity.
- Older adults have the highest rate of suicide in the country (by 2030, 36% of Belknap County residents will be over 65, 31% in Grafton County).

Genesis Behavioral Health provides the medically necessary services that help people with mental illness live healthier lives. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and contribute to their community. We work with your police and fire departments, as well as local hospitals, to provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to any resident of Meredith experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Your investment is an essential component of our funding and is critical to the sustainability of the emergency services program. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,330 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

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New Hampshire Human Society

The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) has been taking in, caring for, and adopting animals since 1900. NHHS is a private 501(c) 3 charity where support only comes from donations from the public and with contracts for services as with the Town of Meredith. We receive absolutely **no** federal, government or other humane society money. In 2012, the NHHS was proud that over 1,066 animals were placed in warm loving homes. NHHS cared for 100 animals for the Town of Meredith.

Every animal that comes through our doors receives full medical and behavioral evaluation, spay/neuter services, vaccinations, parasite control, and micro-chipping prior to placement in their forever home. No animal is ever euthanized due to lack of space or time. We offer the residents of Meredith an alternative to releasing their animals in the street when they no longer can care for them. Your Animal Control Officers and Police have the ability to drop off strays 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We offer a pet food pantry to the public when they cannot afford to feed their beloved pets. No questions are asked and no forms are required to avoid making those less fortunate feel ashamed to ask for help. Additionally, we offer a low cost spay/neuter program for privately owned pets which reduces the countless litters of kittens and puppies which over populate all shelters in New Hampshire. We have educational outreach programs for the children in the community and had two medical internship students and social media intern from Plymouth State University who completed combined 400 hours of training. We continue to visit the various senior citizens housing facilities in Meredith with our Pet Therapy program every Friday.

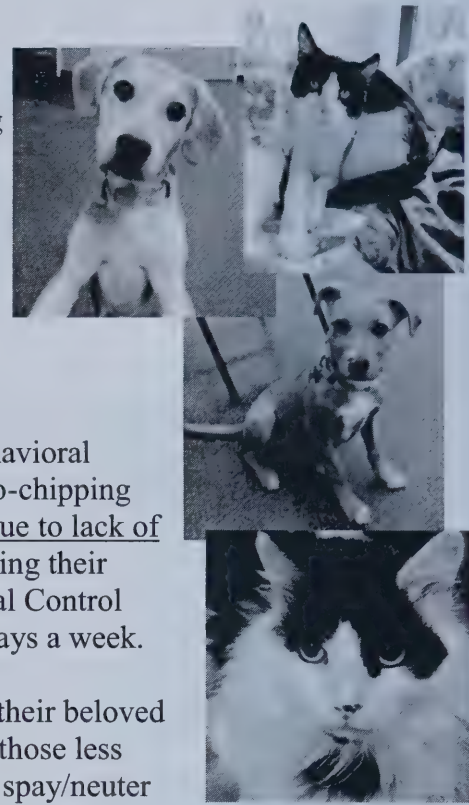
The total number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from Meredith during 2013 along with the numbers we service from other communities in the Lakes Region is found below:

Animals	Town of Meredith	Other Towns Served
Dogs & Cats	100	1,020
Other Small Animals	0	8
Cruelty/Seizures	0	126

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary G. Di Maria
Executive Director
603-524-3252, ext 301
www.nhhumane.org



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
Laconia • New Hampshire



"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Gandhi

The Greater Meredith Program

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a non-profit community economic development organization dedicated to enhancing economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and town-wide beautification. It strives to achieve these goals through direct advocacy and action, plus it seeks to capture and extend the vision, energy and inter-organizational cooperation that have molded Meredith into the jewel that it has become. Our vision is for our town to be a year-round business, service, and recreational/social hub for residents, workforce, and visitors.



The GMP was recently named the recipient of the Meredith Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Civic Project Award presented to an organization in recognition of civic projects that have been of significant benefit to the Meredith community. The All American Display Garden on the lawn of the Meredith Library is planted and maintained each year in partnership with the Friends of the Meredith Library. The GMP coordinated the July 4th Fireworks Display with the Inns and Spa at Mill Falls. A "Spooktacular Series of Events", including a Scarecrow contest was offered in October with over twenty-six businesses participating. On December 8, 2012 an old fashioned tree decorating and lighting was hosted by the GMP in Community Park on Main St.

Other ongoing programs include the **Career Partnership Program**, a very successful public/private partnership between the GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District providing students the opportunity to explore future careers in hands-on working experiences. In 2011/12, 30 internships and 50 job shadows were implemented and the program continues to grow. Recently, Interlakes High School received the 2012 NH Scholars & Business and Industry Association Award for its successful school/business partnership with GMP.

The Courtyard on Main Street, a recipient of the Civic Project Award, was completed in 2012. In the spring of 2011, The Design Committee of The Greater Meredith Program took on a community project to convert a strip of land that serves as a corridor between 38 and 44 Main Street and connects Main Street and the Inn at Mill Falls from a narrow asphalt path into an attractive welcoming Courtyard. With the cooperation of the Main Street owners, Hampshire Hospitality Holdings and the Town of Meredith and contributions from major donors, the Meredith Rotary Club, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Hampshire Hospitality Holdings and the GMP Beautification Fund, plus many more donations from residents and friends, the project got underway in the fall of 2011.

The Greater Meredith Program held a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting on Monday, June 11, 2012 in the Courtyard where a permanent plaque was revealed listing volunteers and donors who helped accomplish this project. The Courtyard on Main is now a pleasant place in town where residents and visitors can sit, relax and view works of art as well as provide an attractive connection between Main Street and Mill Falls shopping and parking areas.



The Greater Meredith Program continued...

Another award winning GMP Project was the landscaping design and planting of the **Meredith Roundabout** at US 3/NH 106, Parade Road. The new design look was developed by the GMP's Beautification Committee. What was once a barren space is now filled with trees and plants, giving a warm welcome to all who approach Meredith. The plan, the plants and the planting were paid for by the GMP's Meredith Beautification Fund.

GMP Board of Directors

The Greater Meredith Program's board is comprised of community leaders and town officials who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the mission of the organization. Officers and board members include: Chris Kelly & Jeanie Forrester, *Co-Presidents*, Rob Stephens, *Vice-President*, Dick Pendergast, *Treasurer*, Chris Williams, *Secretary* and Jack Carty, John Cook, Ted Fodero, Audrey Goudie, Dawn Heiderer, Sam Laverak, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Miller Lovett, Chuck Lowth, Rusty McLear, Frank Michel, Jacqueline Taylor and Liz Lapham, *Executive Director*. *Ex-officio*: John Edgar, Mary Ellen Ormond, Phil Warren.

The GMP Board would like to thank Carol Gerken who served as Interim Director for part of 2012 for her leadership and dedication.

The GMP operates with four committees, Design and Beautification, Organization, Promotion, and Economic Development. Each committee is comprised of dedicated community volunteers.

In the past years, GMP has invested over \$100,000 back into the community through various programs and projects. This does not include the countless in kind donations of our volunteer's time and talents. The GMP continues to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders dedicated to bringing positive changes to our community. Anyone interested in serving on a committee please contact us at 603.279.9015 or GMP@metrocast.net or www.greatermeredithprogram.org.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, the Greater Meredith Program thanks the Town of Meredith and its residents for their continued support in helping make Meredith a great place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liz Lapham,
GMP Executive Director



Visiting Nurses of Meredith and Center Harbor

Visiting Nurses of Meredith and Center Harbor, (formerly Meredith Public Health Nursing Association), is your local non-profit home care/visiting nurse agency serving Meredith and Center Harbor. Our highly skilled, licensed, and professional staff provides nursing, rehabilitation therapies, speech therapy, personal care assistance, homemaker, and senior companion services within the home. Founded in 1923, VNMCH is a Medicare/Medicaid certified and licensed agency. We were inspected by the state of New Hampshire and Medicare services in November of 2011 and were found to be deficiency free and in compliance with all state and federal regulations. Be sure to visit our website, www.vnmch.org, to help you address and answer questions about your present or future home health care needs. Please remember that we take ALL insurances.

Remaining a small community-based visiting nurse agency is important to us. A part of our mission is that we will provide home care services to Meredith residents based on their need, not their ability to pay. Meredith's community support each year enables us to continue to meet that mission. The present economic environment has led to more residents going without health insurance coverage, yet still in need of home health care services. VNMCH is the only home care agency that provides free home care services to Meredith residents. We are also the only agency dedicated to Meredith and Center Harbor. We of course continue to take Medicare, Medicaid, all private insurances, and donations. The Board of Directors is continually working on fundraising projects to help alleviate costs.

VNMCH provides a free blood pressure and foot clinic at the Meredith Community Center (the Senior Center) on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Our annual seasonal flu clinics are held at our main office, the Meredith Community Center, and several area businesses in addition to being sure our homebound clients receive them. VNMCH also continues to be an active member of the local Emergency Preparedness Council, working to keep Meredith prepared for any public health threats and also to keep abreast of current public health concerns.

Our Board of Directors includes our community members: President Phyllis Hamblet, Vice-President Charles Thorndike, Secretary Edward Touhey, Treasurer Robert Davis, Asst Treasurer Ray Moritz Sr., Carolyn Schoenbauer, Linda Lee, Jeanie Forrester, Cynthia Schlemmer RN, Harry Viens, and Lydia Torr.

We moved into our permanent home at 186 Waukewan St., Meredith, in the spring of 2011. We provide walk-in services daily from 9 am to 10 am and 1 pm to 2 pm at our Meredith office. Services include blood pressure checks, some blood tests including PT/INR testing for Coumadin levels, and simple wound care. We do cholesterol checks by appointment. We ask for small donations for some of these services, but blood pressure is always free. In-office services are for those Meredith residents who are not homebound but require some limited skilled nursing care. One of the goals of the new building is to improve safe access to our office for our daily office hours, along with our home care services. Please stop by and visit our new space anytime. The office is open from 8 am to 4 pm daily, Monday through Friday.

VNMCH provided 7280 visits and services to Meredith residents in 2012. Of those, 2283 were nursing, 1579 were rehabilitation therapies, 39 medical social worker visits, 2963 for personal care, 58 were homemaking, and 358 were visits to our office.

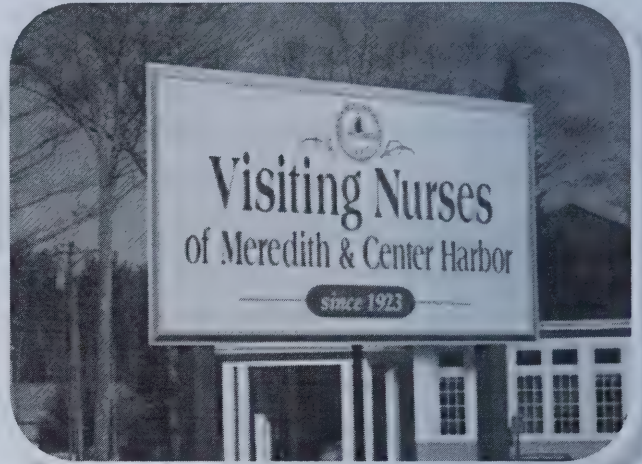
Visiting Nurses of Meredith and Center Harbor continued...

Memorial gifts were received in memory of: Kenneth Baker, Michael Carey, Wayne Curtis, Jean Edora, Dorothy Edson, M Dexter Hale, Susan Hatch, Dolores Hill, Harold Hines, Barney Homer, Janet Howard, Jane Kiah, Charles Lane, Joseph Pelczar, Susan Prouty, Alfred Torressen, and Harold & Esther Wyatt.

As your locally based visiting nurses all of us at Visiting Nurses of Meredith and Center Harbor are grateful to the residents of Meredith for their ongoing and strong support of this home care agency and its mission to this town.

Sincerely,

Cheryl
Cheryl Gonzalo, RN BSN
Executive Director



Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We offer a before and after school program, as well as vacation and summer programs. The center provides services for over ninety families in the Lakes Region, a majority of the families living or working in Meredith. Kidworks provides the families with not only quality care and education, but with USDA approved breakfasts, snacks and lunches. In conjunction with the New Hampshire State Scholarship Program, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance.

Our philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that gives each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the five major areas of development. We try to implement community outreach programs in our curriculum to instill the importance of helping others and our community.

Our two annual community events are “Clothe our Community” and “Thanks-for-giving Project”. Clothe our Community is a clothing drive for local families which is held every February. Our “Thanks-for-giving Project” is a food collection and the food is donated to the Meredith Food Pantry.

In 2012 we began planning our playground renovations. We plan to have new fall zones and equipment installed. We are installing natural seating for the children and a space for dramatic play. We wanted to create a space that could also be used as an outdoor classroom.

On behalf of the families, staff, and Board of Directors of Kidworks Learning Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith for its continued support of the center.

Jennifer Weeks
Executive Director

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established according to state law to provide area communities and the region with the capacity to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. As our economy and world change, so does the work we are engaged in. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the services provided on behalf of the town of Meredith and the region in the past fiscal year are:

OUTREACH

- ◆ Prepared historic and projected traffic volume graphics for the town's Master Plan.
- ◆ Conducted a Road Surface Management System (RSMS) assessment for the town.
- ◆ Provided cartographic information to the Community Planning office, as requested.
- ◆ Developed project team for the Gilford-Laconia-Meredith stormwater regulation project on Lake Winnepesaukee. Worked with municipal planners to develop project questionnaire.
- ◆ Toured the Meredith Transfer Station and DPW facility with local official; spoke with consultants, Peregrine Energy Group, about the feasibility of providing additional Energy Technical Assistance related to the Transfer Station and the Department of Public Works campus.
- ◆ Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the town at considerable savings.

REGIONAL SERVICES

- ◆ Modified and improved Community Facility maps for LRPC communities and posted them to LRPC's website.
- ◆ Reviewed and edited the draft Pemigewasset Local River Advisory Committee (PRLAC) Annual Summary.
- ◆ Hosted a statewide meeting of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC)/Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) staff to discuss the process for Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) updates, Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) updates, and other project issues.
- ◆ Hosted over 150 people who attended LRPC's Annual Meeting that featured Mark Fenton, *Consultant, TV Host, Author, Professor, and Athlete* who advocates community planning that promotes health and economic goals, including public transit opportunities and connected walkways, trails, and bike routes. Awards were provided to a number of people and organizations for their contributions to their communities and the Lakes Region.
- ◆ Received substantial funding to prepare a new regional plan for the Lakes Region. A three year effort, the plan will include a comprehensive public involvement process and generate considerable new data for use by local communities.

Lakes Region Planning Commission continued...

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Continue to represent the region at meetings of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility to explore the ways and means the facility may encourage other communities to participate.
- Continue to organize and coordinate two annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections a year, involving 24 member communities. In 2012, about 19,000 gallons of unwanted HHW was collected, keeping it from our landfills, backyards, streams, and lakes.

EDUCATION

- Organized and hosted three public Municipal Law Lectures, in cooperation with the NH Local Government Center: 1) Sign Regulations and Home Occupations: Accessory Uses, Difficult Issues; 2) Preemption of Local Regulation: Ejected from Your Own Game; 3) Land Use Law Update.
- Convened six Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: The Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act; Do NH Municipalities still have Legislative Authority to Plan and Regulate Water as a Natural Resource?; Regionalizing Services: A NH Report Card; Forging Inter-municipal Connections: Experiences of the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association; Outsourcing Law Enforcement to the County: A Current Example; Northfield and Tilton: A History of Partnering; Surviving Angry People; 2012 Legislative Update; The Economics of Share Community Services; Bicycling and Walking: Transportation Choices for New Hampshire's Lakes Region; Next Generation Broadband – The Network NH Now Project; Regional Broadband Plan and Our Broadband Stakeholder Group.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Worked with regional energy leaders to facilitate a meeting of the Lakes Region Energy Alliance to build capacity to identify economic development opportunities related to energy.
- Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap County Economic Development Council (BCEDC), Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), Mount Washington Valley Economic Council, and the Wentworth Economic Development Council (WEDCO) in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region.
- Received new funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Lakes Region. Completion is expected by August 2013, and projects in the CEDS would be eligible for EDA funding.
- Completed several Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental assessments in five Lakes Region communities through the Lakes Region Brownfields program. Some of these led to the communities applying for and receiving clean up funds from EPA to help re-purpose the properties for new uses.
- Provided demographic information to the GCEDC to assist in a grant application.

TRANSPORTATION

- Received funding through the NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT) to initiate a new Scenic Byways Plan.
- LRPC Commissioners approved the Lakes Region Bicycle and Walking Plan and Design Supplement; which is accessible from the LRPC website.
- Developed and delivered a priority list of Transportation Enhancement projects to the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for future funding consideration.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

The highlight of this year was receiving a grant to design and build four garden spaces on the playground and to implement the Early Sprouts curriculum, educating children about growing, harvesting, and preparing seasonal produce, increasing children's food preference for vegetables, and connecting children to their food supply through a "seed to table" experience. For over 40 years, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center has recognized the importance of a strong curriculum which increases each child's knowledge of the natural world, develops innate curiosity about the world, and broadens thinking skills and problem solving for investigating the world. Within the context of child growth and development, our professionally trained staff maximize educational experiences for children through developing and implementing innovative curriculum.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, licensed, tax-exempt community child care and education agency, incorporated in 1971, that provides exceptional and affordable early care and education to a diverse group of children from six weeks through twelve years of age. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center promotes comprehensive child development and family support for working parents through infant, toddler, preschool, and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum, engaging children in activities that develop language and literacy through interactions, experiences, and relationships with peers and teachers. I-LDCC has always supported the well-being of the whole child while providing a warm, nurturing environment.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is open on a year-round basis at two sites from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. The Center offers a full range of services including morning preschool programs, full and part-time child care, summer and vacation enrichment camps, and USDA approved healthy meals and snacks. Through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and the State of New Hampshire, tuition based on family size and income is available for parents who are employed, in training, pursuing a degree or certificate, on job search or temporarily disabled.

Thank you to the Town of Meredith for its ongoing support.



New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center

On behalf of New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their continued support. Your 2012 allocation of **\$1800.00** has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis intervention, long term support and assistance, and outreach and education to people whose lives have been affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking in all of Belknap County. With so many streams of funding being reduced, your support plays a critical role in our continued service provision to Meredith and Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter with a food pantry; staffs a 24-hour crisis line; provides 24-hour advocacy at hospitals and police stations; provides court and social service advocacy; and offers non-judgmental support and advocacy on a one-to-one basis as well as in peer support groups. New Beginnings has programming for children and teens who have witnessed and experienced violence, including resiliency-based programs. Though we serve a small county, the need for services is great. We were able to do a Primary Prevention Program for the whole freshman class. We had advocates in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. In the fiscal year 2011-2012, the agency served **785** people, resulting in **11,460** individual services. Some of these services were provided by our volunteers, who donated over **23,000** service hours.

New Beginnings also plays a significant role in the greater community. We run outreach activities and offer education programs to businesses, clubs and groups. We also facilitate age-appropriate prevention programs for students in kindergarten through college, including topics such as conflict resolution, bullying, healthy relationships, and dating and sexual violence. We participate in many committees and commissions, including the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county, and the Belknap County Sexual Assault Resource team.

We are 1 of 14 members of the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal contracts that provide some funding for member programs.

Sincerely,
Kathy
Kathy Keller
Executive Director
New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse

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www.newbeginningsnh.org email: help@newbeginningsnh.org



New Hampshire Association for the Blind

Living Better with Vision Loss for 100 Years

- ♦ The New Hampshire Association for the Blind was founded in 1912, in Hancock, NH.
- ♦ The mission of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind is **to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired.**
- ♦ The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is the only statewide, private, non-profit organization that provides vision rehabilitation services to people of all ages, who are blind or have severe vision impairments.
- ♦ The Association is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- ♦ The Association provides counseling & referral, rehabilitation teaching, orientation & mobility instruction, low vision services, assistive technology, volunteer services, as well as education services for school-age children.
- ♦ The Association's professional staff provided individual visual rehabilitation services to 960 persons. An additional 106 individuals participated in group services.
- ♦ Volunteers provided 3,265 service hours.
- ♦ Of the major eye conditions, 52% of clients suffer from Macular Degeneration, 19% from Cataract, 10% from Diabetic Retinopathy, 14% from Glaucoma, 5% from Retinitis Pigmentosa. This year, the Association received 461 new referrals.
- ♦ 43 public education presentations were made to an audience of 2,832 people.
- ♦ 28% of clients voluntarily report financial data. Of those reporting, 22% have incomes of less than \$10,000 - \$20,000.
- ♦ No one is ever denied access to services due to inability to pay, and services are provided in every community of New Hampshire and along the borders, for as long as they are needed.
- ♦ 57% of funding comes from philanthropic contributions from individuals, private foundation grants, trusts, corporate grants, civic and service organizations.
- ♦ All funds raised in New Hampshire stay in New Hampshire.



Winnepesaukee Wellness Center

Dear Residents of the Town of Meredith:

The Winnepesaukee Wellness Center members thank you for your continued support of the Center in 2012.

As you may know, the Winnepesaukee Wellness Center is a medically supervised program that is a self-supporting department of Lakes Region General Hospital. Its mission is to promote health responsibility, to provide a safe, comfortable site to exercise, to provide ongoing support and encouragement of healthy lifestyle habits and to promote active lifestyles.

The Center has been at the 78 Whittier Highway location in Moultonboro for three years now and the site is working out well for our clients. An Advisory Committee consisting of members, interested community members, and LRGH management team meet monthly and oversee the Center's operations.

The Center depends on the support from surrounding towns and fundraisers to keep the member fees affordable for members of the community.

In 2012, 15% of the membership are residents of Meredith and benefit from the services available to them at the Center. The members range in age from 42-94.

The Center is open three days per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6am to 4pm. The program is not just an exercise program as the members benefit from the oversight and experience of a Registered Nurse who helps design an individualized exercise program to meet their needs. The members also benefit from the social aspect of the center and often attend luncheons or go to coffee after exercise which is an important aspect of many members' lives.

The monthly fee for the program is \$50.00 per person and \$80.00 per couple. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

We invite you to come and see the Center in action during the regular hours of operation or call 253-1839 for information.

Sincerely,

The Winnepesaukee Wellness
Center Advisory Committee



Births

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Father's / Partners Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
1/23/2012	Graper, Alexander Reed	Graper, Ryan	Graper, Jessica
1/24/2012	Thomas, Abigail Harlie Safire	Thomas, James	Thomas, Catherine
2/5/2012	Hartwell, Jakoby Jeffrey-James	Hartwell, Jeffrey	Hartwell, Trisha
3/20/2012	Patten, Lillian Anna	Patten, Michael	Patten, Maria
3/28/2012	Richards, Brielle Dezlin	Richards, Peter	Fairbanks, Megan
4/3/2012	Holmes, Corbin Joseph	Holmes, Troy	Holmes, Christine
4/15/2012	Pike, Tyler Joseph	Pike, Jonah	Pike, Sara
4/22/2012	Marcello-Browher, Royce Angelo	Marcello, Vito	Browher, Kimberly
5/24/2012	Harper, Mercedes Roberge	Harper, Taylor	Roberge, Madison
6/3/2012	Dos Santos, Sophie Grace	Santos, Silvio	Probst Dos Santos, Paola
6/20/2012	Stafford, Grey Emerson	Stafford, Benjamin	Stafford, Sara
7/4/2012	Wright, Cameron Nicholas	Wright, Nicholas	Price, Megan
7/18/2012	Avery, Camden Ray	Avery, Justin	Avery, Alyssa
7/18/2012	Fader, Violet Louise	Fader II, Steven	Fader, Kimberly
7/30/2012	Dubois, Logan William	Dubois, Max	Dubois, Kerry
8/4/2012	Snyder, Lillian Mary	Snyder, Jonathon	Snyder, Caroline
8/25/2012	Cram, Brian Christopher	Cram, Brian	Cram, Paula
8/27/2012	Jameson, Ellas Loys	Jameson, Jacob	Jameson, Shara
8/30/2012	Touhey, Owen Edwards		Touhey, Christina
9/14/2012	Boisvert, Emma Rae	Boisvert Jr, John	Laura, Kristen
10/2/2012	Jenkerson, Hudson Christopher Hawk	Jenkerson, Chris	Bollig, Kristen
10/13/2012	Roberts, Sasha Aset	Roberts, Lamont	Roberts, Hilda
10/29/2012	Cornelissen, Liam Joseph	Cornelissen, Jason	Cornelissen, Carrie
11/26/2012	Ballou-Somers, Shelby Rose		Somers, Coleen
11/26/2012	Miller, Emma Grace	Miller, Jeffrey	Miller, Shannon

Marriages

<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Person A's Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Person B's Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
4/21/2012	Scibilia, Jeffrey P	Meredith	Quereshy, Yasmin-Amira	Nashua
4/30/2012	Delaet, Justin N	Meredith	Alexandrova, Nadezda	Meredith
6/26/2012	Pastuszak, William A	Laconia	Trent, Angela L	Meredith
7/6/2012	Davis, Donald R	Meredith	Porter, Kimberlyn W	Meredith
7/7/2012	Domin, Wayne D	Wolfeboro	Lines, Carole A	Meredith
7/7/2012	Bushnell Sr, Peter J	Meredith	Dunn, Julie A	Meredith
8/10/2012	Grinavic, Peter J	Meredith	Rollins, Jennifer L	Meredith
8/18/2012	Robbins, Scott B	Meredith	Oflaherty, Aniko C	Meredith
8/21/2012	Reynolds, Michael D	Landaff	Enright, Jessica J	Meredith
9/1/2012	Kovacs, Kevin J	Meredith	Guerin, Velvet J	Meredith
9/2/2012	Gath Jr, Charles O	Meredith	Barry, Betsy S	Meredith
9/2/2012	Jenkerson, Chris W	Meredith	Bollig, Kristen J	Meredith
9/2/2012	Kennedy, Sean P	Meredith	Pino, Christina R	Meredith
9/8/2012	Brown, Kevin K	Meredith	Chase, Nicole A	Newton
9/16/2012	Chagnon II, Leo A	Meredith	Ford, Megan M	Meredith
9/29/2012	Reynolds, Daniel W	Meredith	Lemieux, Lori-Ann	Meredith
10/6/2012	Hooper, David R	Meredith	Urquhart, Katherine A	Meredith
10/25/2012	Fay, Timothy J	Meredith	Kean, Beth A	Meredith
10/27/2012	Willette, Adam A	Meredith	Brown, Lorinda R	Meredith
12/12/2012	Maczko, Brian F	Meredith	Deblois, Linda A	Meredith
12/15/2012	Hann, Corey	Meredith	Robie, Lindsay f	Meredith

Deaths

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
1/2/2012	Thomsen Jr, Ferris	Meredith	Thomsen Sr, Ferris	Walter, Helen
1/8/2012	Puffer, Albert	Meredith	Puffer, Wendell	Perkins, Nellie
1/11/2012	Wallace, Barbara	Meredith	Beach, Watson	Hudson, Florence
1/24/2012	Howard, Janet	Concord	Cuthbertson, George	Clukey, Zelda
1/31/2012	Goodridge, Marilyn	Laconia	Schult, Edward	Wilson, Elizabeth
2/2/2012	Torressen, Alfred	Meredith	Torressen, Alfred	Johansen, Anne
2/5/2012	Townsley, Dudley	Laconia	Townsley, Frederick	Browning, Elaine
2/8/2012	Hill, Dolores	Meredith	Berg, Robert	Freking, Clementine
2/17/2012	McDonald, Paul	Center Harbor	McDonald, Michael	Wilson, Margaret
2/20/2012	Temple, Arthur	Meredith	Temple, Arthur	Ellis, Elizabeth
3/13/2012	Kurzawski, Joan	Meredith	Carter, Norman	Woodward, Ruth
3/16/2012	French, Elizabeth	Meredith	Trufant, Frank	Chase, Marion
3/21/2012	Dow, Peter	Meredith	Dow, Lawrence	Nudd, Rachel
3/23/2012	Cote, John	Laconia	Cote, John	Brasseau, Marjorie
3/31/2012	Noland, Robert	Meredith	Noland, Loren	Irish, Janet
4/11/2012	Wyatt, Esther	Laconia	Carleton, Frank	North, Gertrude
4/12/2012	Hatch, Sue	Meredith	Sutton, Donald	Holgate, Frances
4/12/2012	Thomas, Ethelyn	Meredith	Hatch, Galen	Parker, Maude
4/14/2012	Chase, Olive	Meredith	Ingalls, John	Maynard, Eugenie
4/14/2012	Mack, John	Meredith	Mack, John	Relle, Jennie
4/14/2012	Hopps, Michael	Meredith	Hopps, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
4/16/2012	Melia, Joseph	Laconia	Melia, Thomas	Laplante, Mary
4/19/2012	Costa, Margaret	Meredith	Velarado, Pasquale	Alunna, Maria

Deaths continued...

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
4/23/2012	Clymer, Isabel	Meredith	Straub, Harry	Dewey, Mabel
4/28/2012	Crocker, Raymond	Laconia	Crocker, Ivan	McArthur, Rebecca
4/28/2012	Landry, Marc	Meredith	Landry, Amedee	Carrier, Lucille
5/13/2012	Sullivan, Kenneth	Laconia	Sullivan, Harry	McGrath, Annie
5/18/2012	Abear, Ronald	Meredith	Abera, Martin	Gamache, Lydia
5/26/2012	Homer, Hilton	Laconia	Homer, Arthur	Beattie, Stella
5/27/2012	Gebo, Brien	Meredith	Gebo, Thomas	Clark, Carole
5/27/2012	Burrows, Thelma	Meredith	Dumas, Godfrey	Leblanc, Lumena
6/10/2012	Billings, Roberta	Meredith	Somes, Ralph	Nickerson, Frances
6/14/2012	Hutchins Sr, Peter	Meredith	Hutchins, Emlen	Folsom, Mary
6/15/2012	Greye, Madeleine	Meredith	Garrison, William	Scott, Henrietta
6/17/2012	Nichols, Robert	Meredith	Nichols, James	Lightfoot, M Hazel
6/19/2012	Turner, Earl	Meredith	Turner, Leo	Estabrook, Della
6/20/2012	Holmes, Evangeline	Meredith	Zellers, Lawrence	Corkum, Ellen
6/29/2012	Laurier, Carl	Meredith	Laurier, Charles	Audette, Eva
6/30/2012	Swan, Clara	Meredith	Urciuoli, Unknown	Urciuoli, Maria
7/5/2012	Mercado, George	Meredith	Mercado, Jesus	Estinosa, Julia
7/17/2012	Jarosz, Doris	Meredith	Danis, Alfred	Barbeau, Olvine
8/5/2012	Edson, Dorothy	Laconia	McLain, Leroy	Goodwin, Alice
8/6/2012	Thomas, Norine	Meredith	Gile Sr, Alton	Kenison, Mary
8/11/2012	Brown Jr, Reginald	Meredith	Brown Sr, Reginald	Greenwood, Eva
8/14/2012	Cote, Rosemary	Laconia	Willey, Philip	Nutter, may
8/18/2012	Corliss Jr, Frank	Laconia	Corliss Sr, Frank	Veasey, Norma
8/18/2012	Clark, Ruby	Meredith	Hill, Lewis	Kimbal, Mable

Deaths

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
8/19/2012	Lewis, Sherri	Lebanon	Unknown, Unknown	Waterhouse, Virginia
9/2/2012	Dole, John	Meredith	Dole, Roland	Lovett, Larinia
9/3/2012	Hutchins, Roger	Meredith	Hutchins, Daniel	Wisniewski, Felicia
9/8/2012	Paddock, Eleanor	Meredith	Brown, Edward	Smith, Margaret
9/14/2012	Stephens, Theodore	Meredith	Stephens, Oscar	Lynch, Anna
9/20/2012	Searles, Pamela	Laconia	Fawcett, Peter	Morris, Frances
9/25/2012	Laplante, Wilfred	Meredith	Laplante, Joseph	Roy, Marie
9/30/2012	Newton, Elise	Meredith	Sevelius, Anton	Laine, Hilja
10/2/2012	Pelczar Jr, Joseph	Meredith	Pelczar Sr, Joseph	Lisowski, Jennie
10/6/2012	Gryglik, Mary	Meredith	Musico, Orazio	Luca, Antonia
10/7/2012	Getty, Ronald	Meredith	Getty, John	McCallie Annette
10/16/2012	Colby, Richard	Meredith	Colby, Guy	Claflin, Esther
10/23/2012	Curtis, Wayne	Meredith	Curtis, Earle	Putnam, Sarah
10/26/2012	Fitzpatrick Jr, James	Meredith	Fitzpatrick Sr, James	Roy, Helen
11/4/2012	MacDonald, Mary	Meredith	Leslie, James	Woodward, Mary
11/6/2012	Truberg Sr, Peter	Lebanon	Truberg, Frederick	Kohler, Winifred
11/9/2012	Driscoll, Rita	Meredith	Cansessa, Charles	Gagnon, Constance
11/9/2012	Englehardt, Dorothy	Meredith	Englehardt, John	Stratton, Patricia
11/10/2012	Kane, Claudine	Meredith	Grant, Alexander	Brown, Beatrice
11/12/2012	Bass, Stephen	Lebanon	Bass, Julius	Bach, Susan

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Deaths continued...

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
11/17/2012	Depuy, Nancy	Meredith	Holmes, Oliver	Smith, Marion
11/19/2012	Lemieux, Nancy	Meredith	Gillis, Joseph	Failla, Benetta
11/20/2012	French, William	Meredith	French, Will	Smith, Mary
11/29/2012	Woodaman, Richard	Meredith	Woodaman, Louis	O'Brien, Irene
12/17/2012	Newton, Patricia	Meredith	Limoge, George	Merrill, Grace
12/18/2012	Smith, Dawn	Meredith	Sparks, Richard	Sherman, Sharon
12/21/2012	Lewis, Sandra	Concord	Lewis, Warren	Fall, Natalie
12/24/2012	Pocock, Hanako	Laconia	Kitahara, Kosaburo	Unknown, Itsu
12/24/2012	Merrill, William	Meredith	Merrill, Walter	George, Florence
12/24/2012	Blake, Barbara	Meredith	Isabelle Sr, Roland	Blanchard, Hortense
12/26/2012	O'Callaghan, Paul	Meredith	O'Callaghan, James	Knight, Helen
12/27/2012	Donsker-Polat, Mary	Meredith	Davis, William	Gillette, Maude
12/27/2012	Mann, Tommy	Meredith	Mann, Clifton	Cope, Florean
12/29/2012	Tuttle, Mark	Meredith	Tuttle, William	Clarke, Barbara
12/31/2012	Flaherty, William	Meredith	Flaherty, Patrick	Keswick, Mary



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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency		General Long-Term Debt		
Assets								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 10,665,320	\$ 1,548,719	\$ 68,883	\$ 2,187,548	\$		\$	14,470,470
Investments			109,552	168,082				277,730
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Interest								
Taxes	1,184,160							1,184,160
Accounts	663,055	97,210		292,115				1,052,380
Special Assessments-Current	6,640							6,640
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	64,172							64,172
Other	9,818							9,818
Interfund Receivable	108,159							108,159
Intergovernmental Receivable								
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	103,109							103,009
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(103,109)							(103,009)
Other Debits								
Compensated Absences						408,932		408,932
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt						7,905,882		7,905,882
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 12,701,324	\$ 1,645,929	\$ 178,435	\$ 2,647,841	\$	8,314,814	\$	25,488,343

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	69,734	\$	2,050	\$	-	\$	71,784
Retainage Payable								
Intergovernmental Payable		6,123,150						6,123,150
Interfund Payable		1,602,545						1,602,545
Escrow & Performance Deposits						164,952		164,952
Deferred Revenue								
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable						295,521		295,521
General Obligation Debt Payable							7,905,882	7,905,882
Compensated Absences Payable							408,932	408,932
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	7,795,429	\$	2,050	\$	460,473	\$ 8,314,814	\$ 16,572,766

EQUITY

Fund Balances

Reserved for Encumbrances	333,726	17,018				350,744
Reserved for Special Purposes	1,147,253	1,368,926	178,435	2,187,368		4,881,982
Reserved for Capital Recovery		60,000				60,000
<u>Unreserved</u>						
Designated for Special Purposes						
Undesignated (Deficit)	3,424,916	197,935				3,622,851
TOTAL EQUITY	4,905,895	1,643,879	178,435	2,187,368		8,915,851
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 12,701,324	\$ 1,645,929	\$ 178,435	\$ 2,647,841	\$ 8,314,814	\$ 25,488,343

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Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Cable Franchise Fee	Boat Launch Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
ASSETS								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 14,525	\$ 160,630	\$ 532	\$ 458,363	\$ 38,790	\$ 291,992	\$ 583,887	\$ 1,548,719
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)								
Accounts						46,648	50,562	97,210
Interfund Receivable								
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 14,525</u>	<u>\$ 160,630</u>	<u>\$ 532</u>	<u>\$ 458,363</u>	<u>\$ 38,790</u>	<u>\$ 338,640</u>	<u>\$ 634,449</u>	<u>\$ 1,645,929</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY								
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable						135	1,916	2,050
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 135</u>	<u>\$ 1,916</u>	<u>\$ 2,050</u>
Equity								
Fund Balances								
Reserved for Encumbrances		8,021				2,246	6,750	17,018
Reserved for Special Purposes	14,525	152,609	532	458,363	38,790	241,741	462,366	1,368,926
Reserved for Capital Recovery						60,000		60,000
Unreserved								
Unreserved/Undesignated						34,517	163,417	197,935
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$ 14,525</u>	<u>\$ 160,630</u>	<u>\$ 532</u>	<u>\$ 458,363</u>	<u>\$ 38,790</u>	<u>\$ 338,505</u>	<u>\$ 632,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,643,878</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$ 14,525</u>	<u>\$ 160,630</u>	<u>\$ 532</u>	<u>\$ 458,363</u>	<u>\$ 38,790</u>	<u>\$ 338,640</u>	<u>\$ 634,449</u>	<u>\$ 1,645,929</u>

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Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Community Center	Landfill Closure	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 7,230	\$ 61,653	\$ 68,883
Investments	109,553		109,553
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 116,783	\$ 61,653	\$ 178,436
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$
Due to General Fund			
Retainage Payable			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	\$	\$
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$
Reserve for Special Purposes	116,783	61,653	178,436
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Undesignated (Deficit)			
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 116,783	\$ 61,653	\$ 178,436
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 116,783	\$ 61,653	\$ 178,436

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Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					Agency Funds	Totals
	Expendable		Permanent				
	Library	Capital Reserve	Others	Town			
ASSETS							
Cash & Equivalents	\$	\$ 309,103	\$ 1,695,366	\$ 31,279	\$ 151,800	\$	\$ 2,187,548
Investments	93,656			74,522			168,178
Receivables							
Interest							
Accounts					292,115		292,115
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 93,656	\$ 309,103	\$ 1,695,366	\$ 105,801	\$ 443,915	\$	\$ 2,647,841
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities							
Interfund Payable							
Escrow and Performance Deposits					151,800		151,800
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					292,115		292,115
TOTAL LIABILITIES					443,915		443,915
Fund Balances							
Reserved For Endowments							
Reserved For Special Purposes	93,656	309,103	1,695,366	105,801	-		2,203,926
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	93,656	309,103	1,695,366	105,801	-		2,203,926
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 93,656	\$ 309,103	\$ 1,695,366	\$ 105,801	\$ 443,915	\$	\$ 2,647,841

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Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

	Balance 1/1/2012	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2012
<i>Engineering Performance Bond Fund</i>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 149,885	\$ 3,815	\$ 1,900	\$ 151,800
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 149,885	\$ 3,815	\$ 1,900	\$ 151,800
<i>ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan</i>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Due From Others	\$ 285,660	\$ 21,709	\$ 15,254	\$ 292,114
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 285,660	\$ 21,709	\$ 15,254	\$ 292,114
<i>Total - All Agency Funds</i>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 149,885	\$ 3,815	\$ 1,900	\$ 151,800
Due From Others	285,660	21,709	15,254	292,114
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 435,545</u>	<u>\$ 25,524</u>	<u>\$ 17,154</u>	<u>\$ 443,915</u>
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 149,885	\$ 3,815	\$ 1,900	\$ 151,800
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	285,660	21,709	15,254	292,114
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$ 435,545</u>	<u>\$ 25,524</u>	<u>\$ 17,154</u>	<u>\$ 443,915</u>

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

PERMANENT TRUST FUNDS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2012	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2012
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,624	\$ -	\$ -	1	\$ 2,625
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	74,480			42	74,522
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	299			1	300
Edwin E. Beede	Library	93,602			53	93,655
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	4,476			3	4,479
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	690				690
William E. Bixby	Library	150				150
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock	293				293
George S. Fogg	School District	3,153			2	3,155
Town Cemetery	General	7,409			4	7,413
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	757			1	758
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	11,411			6	11,417
Total Permanent Funds		<u>\$ 199,345</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 113</u>	<u>\$ 199,458</u>

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Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds continued

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2012	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2012
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 20,253	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 20,265
Employee Benefits	Severance	161,436			92	161,528
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	50,803			29	50,832
Municipal Building	Additional Space	176				176
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	25,515			14	25,529
Fire Department	Communications	1,112			1	1,113
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	14,164	150,000		12	164,176
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	61,399			35	61,434
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	22,686	16,470		13	39,169
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	94,944			62	95,006
Meredith Parking	Parking	238,127			136	238,263
Ground Water Source Study	Water Study	69,185			44	69,229
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	50,393			29	50,422
Parks & Recreation Facility Improve	Infrastructure Improve	1			8	9
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve	232,727			137	232,864
DPW Equipment Replacement	Replace DPW Equip.	60,000	175,000		35	235,035
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		\$ 1,102,921	\$ 341,470	\$ -	\$ 659	\$ 1,445,049
School - SPED	Special Education	150,130			153	150,283
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	50,004	50,000	-	30	100,034
Total All Expendable Trusts:		\$ 1,303,055	\$ 371,470	\$ -	\$ 841	\$ 1,695,366
Capital Reserves		Beginning Balance 1/1/2012	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2012
Police		\$ 13,321	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 13,329
Prescott Park Expansion		5,097			3	5,099
Total Town Capital Reserves		18,418			11	18,428
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		284,730			162	284,892
Inter-Lakes School District		5,779			3	5,782
Total Town Capital Reserves		\$ 308,927	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176	\$ 309,103

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Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2012 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/12
General Obligation Debt Payable					
1988 Water Improve Bond	\$ 2,000,000	1988	2015	3.304%	\$ 500,000
1994 Cataldo Road Sewer Bond	\$ 229,000	1994	2013	3.304%	\$ 25,000
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 407,031
2004 Conservation Bond	\$ 500,000	2004	2014	3.990%	\$ 149,994
2004 East Bluff Village Sewer Bond	\$ 115,381	2004	2014	3.870%	\$ 34,614
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 2,450,000
2007 Police Station Bond	\$ 1,500,000	2007	2016	3.990%	\$ 721,463
2007 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,220,000	2007	2019	4.125%	\$ 1,129,322
2010 Fire Station Bond	\$ 2,292,882	2010	2019	3.800%	\$ 1,769,212
2010 Page Pond Conservation	\$ 400,000	2010	2018	3.800%	\$ 269,811
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 1,007,150
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2012					<u>\$ 6,507,838</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2013	\$ 885,728	\$ 242,147	\$ 1,127,876
2014	867,756	213,646	1,081,402
2015	808,452	182,412	990,864
2016	658,188	152,009	810,197
2017-2027	3,287,714	607,829	3,895,544
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 6,507,838</u>	<u>\$ 1,398,044</u>	<u>\$ 7,905,882</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	<u>\$ 408,932</u>
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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 23,148,403	\$ 23,148,403	\$ -
Yield	2,350	16,982	14,632
Boat	32,250	32,321	71
Current Land Use Change Tax			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	188,625	194,942	6,317
Total Taxes	<u>23,371,628</u>	<u>23,392,648</u>	<u>21,020</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,100,000	1,136,672	36,672
Building Permits	38,000	40,058	2,058
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	56,700	60,901	4,201
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>1,194,700</u>	<u>1,237,631</u>	<u>42,931</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
<u>State/Federal</u>			
Highway Block Grant	189,345	188,413	(932)
Railroad Tax	1,331	1,331	
Shared Revenue			
Rooms & Meals Tax	278,800	279,302	502
Water Pollution Grants	8,362	8,362	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	18,950	38,756	19,806
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	216	216	
Other State/Federal Revenue	120,941	95,820	(25,121)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>617,945</u>	<u>612,200</u>	<u>(5,745)</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	<u>872,302</u>	<u>837,948</u>	<u>(34,354)</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	1,750	10,978	9,228
Interest on Investments	40,000	43,513	3,513
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	37,633	37,633	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>79,383</u>	<u>92,124</u>	<u>12,741</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Special Revenue Fund	168,831	168,831	
Trust Funds			
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>168,831</u>	<u>168,831</u>	
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	<u>725,000</u>	<u>725,000</u>	
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources			
and Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$ 27,029,789</u>	<u>\$ 27,066,382</u>	<u>\$ 36,593</u>

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Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - General Fund

	2011 Encumbered	2012 Appropriation	2012 Expended	2013 Encumbered	Balance (Overdrafts)
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive Office	\$	\$ 235,152	\$ 236,692	\$ -	\$ (1,541)
Executive - Municipal Administration	54,723	577,675	527,365	58,683	1,351
Personnel Administration		86,867	77,512		9,355
Town Clerk		158,813	158,980	1,100	(1,267)
Administrative Services	8,956	404,005	414,956	13,664	(15,659)
Assessor		257,182	253,683		3,499
Tax Collector		91,125	42,870		47,255
Community Development		492,911	472,244	7,530	13,137
Regional Associations		224,184	221,900		2,284
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police	3,133	1,784,889	1,783,741	4,793	(512)
Ambulance		284,131	284,131		
Fire	14,672	284,131	295,488	13,760	(10,445)
<u>Public Works</u>					
Solid Waste Disposal		743,886	734,933	1,350	7,603
Building & Grounds		335,418	305,259		30,159
Cemetery		85,154	79,192		5,962
Highway Department	86,877	2,386,463	2,311,554	94,105	67,691
<u>Water Distribution</u>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		
<u>Welfare</u>					
General Assistance		140,000	121,796		18,204
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation	4,877	669,312	684,175	21,457	(31,444)
Library	22,000	482,916	504,660	12,725	(12,469)
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		851,491	851,491		0
Interest - Long-Term Debt		286,536	280,821		5,715
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000			10,000
<u>Intergovernmental</u>					
School Appropriation		13,069,407	13,069,407		
County Appropriation		2,548,527	2,548,527		
<u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u>					
Conservation Commission	11,073	1,515	4,568	8,021	
Capital Projects	70,446	100,000	73,907	96,539	
Expendable Trust Funds		326,647	326,647		
<u>Total Appropriations,</u>					
<u>Expenditures, and Encumbrances</u>	<u>\$ 276,757</u>	<u>\$ 26,986,337</u>	<u>\$ 26,780,490</u>	<u>\$ 333,726</u>	<u>\$ 148,878</u>

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Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

Fiscal Year 2012

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$	3,964,445
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Deductions

Amount used to reduce 2011 Taxes		(725,000)
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Additions:

Revenue Surplus	\$	36,593
Unexpended Appropriations		<u>148,878</u>
		<u>185,471</u>

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	<u>3,424,916</u>
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Fiscal Year 2012 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2012 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	3,424,916
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Deductions - Proposed)

Amount to be used to reduce 2012 taxes		<u>(1,475,000)</u>
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31, 2012 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	<u>1,949,916</u>
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Treasurer's Account Summary

2012

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash

<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Cash Balance</u>
1	General	\$ 9,062,774.90
2	Water	291,991.95
3	Sewer	583,887.27
5	Conservation Commission	160,629.59
7	Cable Franchise	458,362.89
8	Laconia Land Trust	
10	Community Center	7,230.29
12	Prescott Park	
14	Land Use	
15	Landfill	61,652.84
16	Boat Launch	38,790.00
17	Engineering	\$ 151,800.29
Subtotal of Other Fund Cash Accounts		\$ 1,754,345.12
Total Cash		\$ 10,817,120.02

Proof

MVSB Payroll Account	\$ 31,618.32
MVSB Accounts Payable	(241,461.61)
MVSB Operating Account	10,300,898.40
MVSB Debit Cards	15,000.00
MVSB Baby Bicentennial	88.98
MVSB Engineering	151,800.29
Petty Cash	830.00
Centrix - Lock Box	\$ 558,345.94
Total	\$ 10,817,120.02
Pooled Cash Adjustments	\$ (1,754,345.12)
General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$ 9,062,774.90

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Treasurer's Account Summary continued

General Fund - Operating

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 9,442,106.04	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>(379,331.14)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>9,062,774.90</u>

Water Department

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ (73,106.17)	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>365,098.12</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>291,991.95</u>

Sewer Department

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 402,230.17	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>181,657.10</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>583,887.27</u>

Conservation Commission

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 143,570.88	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>17,058.71</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>160,629.59</u>

Cable Franchise

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 444,696.68	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>13,666.21</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>458,362.89</u>

Land Trust

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 6,644.55	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>(6,644.55)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>-</u>

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

Treasurer's Account Summary

Community Center

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 7,892.89	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>(662.60)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>7,230.29</u>

Prescott Park

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 322.28	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>(322.28)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u></u>

Land Use

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 16,470.00	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>(16,470.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u></u>

Landfill Closure

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 70,226.93	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>(8,576.09)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>61,652.84</u>

Special Revenue Fund - Boat Launch

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 31,100.00	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>7,690.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>38,790.00</u>

Engineering Escrow

Balance 01/01/2012	\$ 149,885.24	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	<u>1,915.05</u>	
Balance 12/31/2012		\$ <u>151,800.29</u>

Balance All Funds 12/31/2012		\$ <u>10,817,120.02</u>
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Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2012 Levy</u>	<u>2011 Levy</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-12		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 1,351,528.36
Yield Taxes		772.98
Betterment Assessments		11,034.23
Water Rents		34,261.49
Sewer Rents		47,622.93
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	23,192,211.12	1,113.20
Yield Taxes	2,866.48	14,115.97
Betterment Assessments	17,166.65	
Land Use Change Taxes	19,960.00	600.00
Water Rents	544,056.52	134,310.61
Sewer Rents	735,475.46	198,992.41
Refunds for Overpayments		
Property Taxes	31,934.24	3,708.86
Water Rents	95.52	
Interest	14,583.72	66,312.45
Total Debits	<u>\$ 24,558,349.71</u>	<u>\$ 1,864,373.49</u>
<u>Credits</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 21,987,107.37	\$ 1,355,965.91
Yield Taxes	2,090.03	5,637.10
Betterment Assessments	10,526.19	11,034.23
Land Use Change Taxes	18,660.00	600.00
Water Rents	505,647.49	167,871.41
Sewer Rents	683,386.08	245,690.34
Interest	14,583.72	66,312.45
Abatements		
Property Taxes	22,878.48	384.51
Water Rents	226.80	700.69
Sewer Rents	1,977.35	925.00
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-11		
Property Taxes	1,214,159.51	
Yield Taxes	776.45	9,251.85
Betterment Assessments	6,640.46	
Land Use Change Taxes	1,300.00	
Water Rents	38,277.75	
Sewer Rents	50,112.03	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 24,558,349.71</u>	<u>\$ 1,864,373.49</u>

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-12	\$	\$	\$	\$
Liens Executed During 2012	514,927.01	289,083.50	172,840.05	12,298.91
Interest & Costs after Lien	10,008.56	24,832.73	72,775.77	3,075.65
Total Debits	<u>\$ 524,935.57</u>	<u>\$ 313,916.23</u>	<u>\$ 245,615.82</u>	<u>\$ 15,374.56</u>

<u>Credits</u>				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 163,158.13	\$ 120,014.89	\$ 169,425.54	\$ 6,101.54
Interest & Costs after Lien	10,008.56	24,832.73	72,775.77	3,075.65
Abatements of ...				
Unredeemed Taxes	162.60			
Liens Deeded to the Town				
Unredeemed Liens	351,606.28	169,068.61	3,414.51	6,197.37
Total Credits	<u>\$ 524,935.57</u>	<u>\$ 313,916.23</u>	<u>\$ 245,615.82</u>	<u>\$ 15,374.56</u>

Tax Collector's Report

It has been a very busy year in the Tax Collector's Office. During the times that I have been in school, Town Clerk Kerri Parker and Deputy Town Clerk Donna Turner have been assisting you. They will continue to serve you whenever I am out of the office. I am now a licensed Registered Nurse but you will continue to see me on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays while I am working towards my Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



Vikki Fogg

If the burden of tax payments is affecting you, consider making weekly or monthly payments. We accept partial payments for past due taxes and prepayments towards the next tax billing. If you have a mortgage on your property but do not have a tax escrow account, you may want to contact your mortgage holder to ask them about setting up an escrow account for payment of your property taxes.

When you mail payments to our PO Box in Manchester, please enclose the bottom portion of property tax and water/sewer bills. The envelopes that are enclosed with those bills are for taxes and water/sewer only. When you make payments through on-line banking, please use our 41 Main St, Meredith, NH 03253 address. Our lockbox/bank is unable to process payments without the bottom portion of the bills.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the residents, taxpayers, and businesses of the Town of Meredith. You make my job enjoyable. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or stop in to see me. My direct phone number is 603-677-4202.

Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

Tax Information

Department of Revenue Administration - 2012 Tax Rate

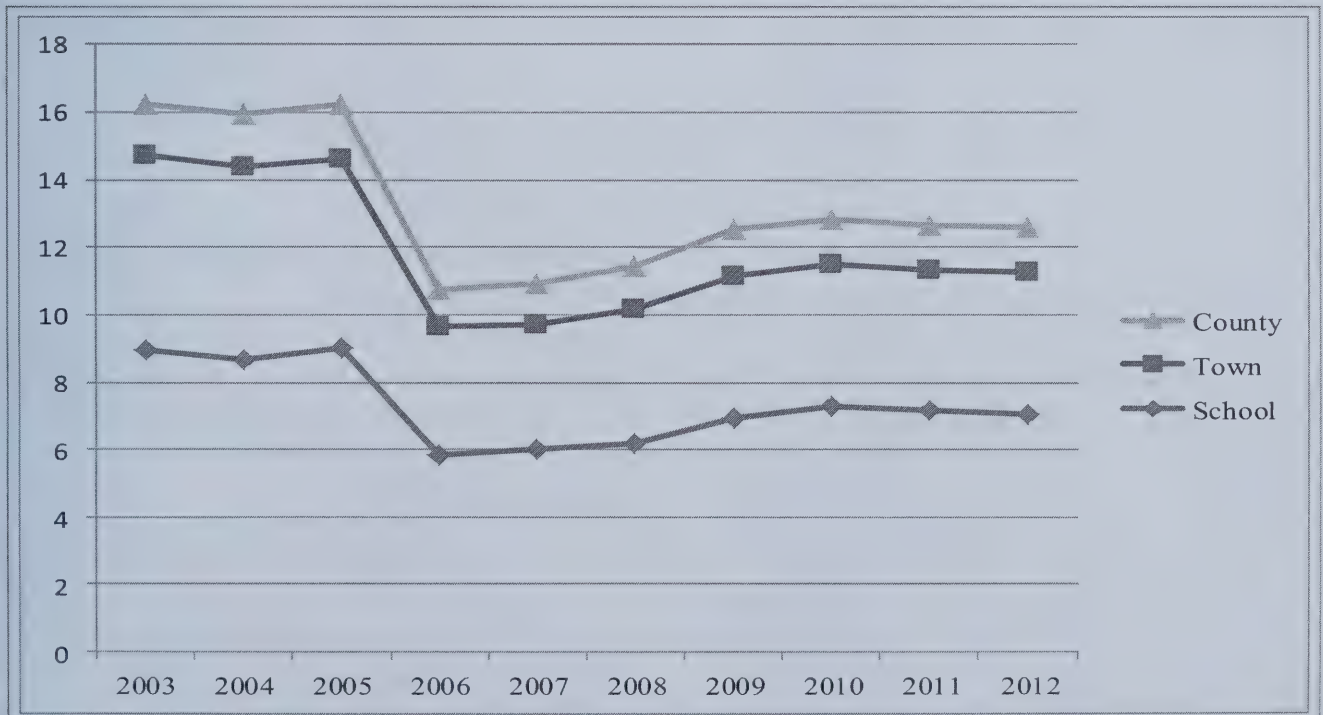
		2012 Tax Rates per \$1,000 Valuation	
Appropriations	\$ 12,735,664		
Less: Revenues	(5,248,524)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(0)		
Add: Overlay	75,347		
War Service Credits	<u>230,250</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		7,792,737	
Municipal Tax Rate			<u>\$ 4.20</u>
Due to Regional School	13,318,388		
Less: Cost of Adequate Education	(248,981)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(4,239,096)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		8,830,311	\$ 4.76
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X	2.39		
1,773,680,264		4,239,096	\$ 2.29
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (No Utilities)			
1,849,306,907			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
School Tax Rate			<u>\$ 7.05</u>
Due to County	2,548,527		
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(0)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		2,548,527	
County Tax Rate			<u>\$ 1.37</u>
Combined Tax Rate			<u><u>\$ 12.62</u></u>
Total Property Taxes Assessed		23,410,671	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(230,250)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u><u>\$ 23,180,421</u></u>	
		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,856,317,320	10.33	\$ 19,171,575
State Education Taxes	\$ 1,849,306,907	2.29	\$ 4,239,096
Proof of Rate			<u><u>\$ 23,410,671</u></u>

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2003	8.97	5.74	1.52	16.23	1,092,075,621
2004	8.68	5.70	1.57	15.95	1,132,161,235
2005	9.00	5.59	1.66	16.25	1,162,607,162
2006	5.85	3.79	1.13	10.77	1,897,635,500
2007	6.01	3.70	1.20	10.91	1,918,269,293
2008	6.19	3.97	1.30	11.46	1,940,881,763
2009	6.94	4.23	1.37	12.54	1,820,649,639
2010	7.27	4.20	1.33	12.80	1,834,675,812
2011	7.17	4.16	1.32	12.65	1,845,422,650
2012	7.05	4.20	1.37	12.62	1,856,317,320

Chart shows Ten Year's of Tax Rate Comparison's

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



Supplementary Information

Summary of Town-Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
R08-014	1.60	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.88	151 Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.25	Lake Wicwas/Mercier Drive	Peninsula
R13-006	3.20	Lake Wicwas	Dolloff Point Island
R13-007	5.50	Lake Wicwas	Big Pine Island
R14-001	305.58	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.02	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	113 Chemung Road	Wicwas Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.50	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.06	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	188.00	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation/Eames Forest
R21-008	12.00	Lake Pemigewasset	Waterfront - Wetlands/Loon Preserve
R22-007	20.00	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	31.04	Neddeau Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.00	Off Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	37.80	Carleton Road	Dockham Town Forest
R32-001	49.40	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	79.00	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.03	Beattie Road	Former Tree Nursery
S03-006	187.70	Quarry Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-001	188.34	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-003	20.66	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-006	170.00	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S22-020	13.01	Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Park / Reservoir
S22-022	178.10	75 Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Park
U05-002	0.30	49 Waukegan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.90	12 Waukegan Avenue	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.32	65 Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	1 Pleasant Street	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.13	9 NH Route 25	Scenic Park, Indian Island
U07-126	0.83	309 Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.92	Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U10-031	12.87	367 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.32	Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-035	1.16	Daniel Webster Hwy	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-047	.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.95	Greemore Road	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U12-015	189.00	Jeness Hill Road	Community Forest
U14-001	21.74	363 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.12	1 Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U39-058	28.01	50 Leavitt Park Road	Leavitt Park Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

Summary of Town-Owned Property - Facilities

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
I02-021	0.07	1 Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.29	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.92	101 Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.80	400 Daniel Webster Hwy	Police Station
S15-008		11 Jenness Hill Road	Public Works Garage
S15-008		17 Jenness Hill Road	Solid Waste / Recycling Center
S17-007A	0.00	22 Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower
S17-018R-001	0.00	132 Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	30 Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U02-040	0.26	21 Lower Ladd Hill Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U03-028A	0.21	70 Waukegan Street	Sewer Pump Station
U03-028A		72 Waukegan Street	Bath House
U03-030	0.44	69 Waukegan Street	Waukegan Town Beach
U05-001A	0.07	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-001B	0.51	50 Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.17	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.26	7 High Street	Parking Lot
U06-059	0.57	91 Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.16	6 Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.51	286 Daniel Webster Hwy	Fire Station
U06-117C	0.27	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-145	0.04	291 Daniel Webster Hwy	Town Docks
U07-043	0.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.15	41 Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Daniel Webster Hwy	Utility Right-of-Way
U07-088	0.36	326 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot
U07-107	0.17	327 Daniel Webster Hwy	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	0.92	323 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot (adjacent to Aubuchon Hardware)
U10-017	0.29	17 Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	16.00	347 Daniel Webster Hwy	Public Works Office, Prime Wetlands
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.38	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	19.00	379 Daniel Webster Hwy	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.23	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.07	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.55	57 Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot, Right-of-Way
U33-025	0.41	58 Cattle Landing Road	Docks, Right-of-Way
U35-010	1.02	30 Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp, Docks, Parking Lot

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town-Owned Property - Vacant/Undesignated

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.90	Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.69	Chemung Road/Camp Waldron Road	
R35-003	13.00	Edgerly School Road	Landlocked
R37-012	1.70	NH Route 132	
S15-057	2.10	Off Boynton Road	
S18-055	0.27	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right-of-Way
S22-027	0.53	Tracy Way/Parade Road	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-01A	0.27	Daniel Webster Hwy/Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.08	Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right-of-Way
U04-025	0.92	Waukewan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.28	Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U16-005-018	.66	67 Barnard Ridge Road	
U19-031A	0.12	Pinnacle Park Road	Pinnacle Park Beach

Summary of Town - Owned Property/Vehicles

2002-004	Pickup Truck 4X2	B & G	437-21
2000-005	Truck with Plow	B & G	437-23
2012-002	Transit Van	B & G	437-22
2006-003	Yard Tractor/Truck	Solid Waste	436-51
1995-006	Pickup Truck	Parks & Rec.	441-24
2005-021	Minibus	Parks & Rec.	441
2006-010	Pickup Truck- 2004 F150	Parks & Rec.	441-25
2004-014	Crown Victoria	Assessing	4051
2005-005	Ford Ranger	Annex	4212
1976-001	Fire Truck	Public Works	1976-01
1999-008	Pickup Truck with Plow	Cemetery	438-21
2006-006	Ford F350 Pickup	Public Works	439-22
2007-001	Ford F350 Truck with Plow	Solid Waste	439-23
2003-009	Dump Truck with Plow	Public Works	439-41
2001-009	Dump Truck with Plow	Public Works	439-43
2006-007	Ford F550	Public Works	439-45
2008-009	Ford Bucket Truck	Public Works	439-47
2000-006	Dump Truck with Plow	Public Works	439-48

Supplementary Information

Asset No.	Description	Location	Vehicle #
1999-009	Pickup Truck	Water	240-64
2002-005	Ford F350 Truck with Flatbed	Water	240-41
2004-011	Ford F150 Pickup Truck	Water	240-21
2004-013	Ford F578 Dump Truck	Water	340-41
2005-004	Ford Ranger	Water	240-22
2003-006	Crown Victoria	Police	430-10
2010-002	Crown Victoria	Police	430-01
2011-002	Crown Victoria	Police	430-07
2011-001	Crown Victoria	Police	430-02
2008-001	Expedition Cruiser	Police	430-06
2009-005	Crown Victoria	Police	430-03
2012-001	Dodge Charger	Police	430-05
1969-001	Kaiser	Fire	14F2/433-40
1983-003	Fire Truck	Fire	14E4/433-65
1986-003	Van	Fire	14R1/433-41
1988-013	Tanker	Fire	14T5/433-66
1994-011	Pumper	Fire	14E3/433-62
1995-005	Pickup Truck	Fire	14F1/433-69
2000-008	Pumper	Fire	14E1/433-23
2005-003	Chevy Tahoe	Fire	14C1/433-01
2007-005	Pierce Fire Truck	Fire	14E2/433-63
2009-006	Pierce Fire Truck with Ladder	Fire	14TW1/433-70
1998-004	Dump with Plow 6 Wheel	Public Works	439-53
2012-007	Ford F350 Pickup	Public Works	439-21
2003-010	Dump Truck with Plow	Public Works	439-54
2004-012	Dump Truck with Plow	Public Works	439-55
2000-007	Dump with Plow 6 Wheel	Public Works	439-57
2007-009	Kenworth C500	Public Works	439-58
2012-005	Kenworth T800	Public Works	439-52

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$ 917,951
Residential	892,691,154
Commercial/Industrial	58,385,333

Total Value of Land	951,994,438
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Value of Buildings Only

Residential	785,703,801
Manufactured Housing	9,679,600
Commercial/Industrial	104,995,299

Total Value of Buildings	900,378,700
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Public Utilities

Electric	7,010,413
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions	1,859,383,551
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Exemptions

Blind	109,700
Elderly	2,003,500
Totally & Permanently Disabled	733,800
Solar/Wind Power	<u>219,231</u>

Total Exemptions	3,066,231
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Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$ 1,856,317,320</u></u>
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2013 Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 12, 2013, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Articles 1 through 4; and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 5 through 13.

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

Selectman	Two (2) for Three (3) years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1) for Three (3) years
Library Trustee	One (1) for One (1) Year
Library Trustee	One (1) for Three (3) years

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor un-designating the Hawkins Brook wetland complex as a "Prime Wetland" designation as recommended in the Natural Resources Inventory – Phase II of the Town of Meredith, Van de Poll 2009, and as recommended by the Meredith Conservation Commission and the Meredith Planning Board?

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section D-9 Water Resources Conservation Overlay District, to (1) incorporate updated mapping of Prime Wetlands and Designated Wetlands, (2) decrease in the number of Designated Wetlands based on the application of updated criteria, (3) add one Designated Brook and (4) make various non-substantive housekeeping edits that do not affect how wetlands are currently regulated?

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section D-7 by adding a new section to C to provide that if a property in the Central Business District is served by town water and sewer prior to its application to the planning board, that the planning board may allow, by conditional use permit and as part of site plan review, one additional residential unit on the property as long as there is adequate onsite parking.

Town Warrant Information

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Million, Five Thousand, Four Dollars (\$13,005,004) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in subsequent warrant articles.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty dollars (\$37,660) for the public access fees and equipment replacement expenses and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of the amount from the Cable Franchise Fee Special Revenue Fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Town Warrant Information

DELIBERATIVE SESSION *continued...*

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

ARTICLE 12

The Town of Meredith shall appoint a Committee to plan for the 250th Birthday Celebration in 2018 and adopt a Voluntary Celebration Fee of \$2.50 (Two Dollars and Fifty Cents) to be paid by every resident and visitor to and in the Town of Meredith. Said funds to be used solely for the Celebration and Event in 2018.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

ARTICLE 13

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative is mandating new wireless electric "Smart Meters" installed on all member residences in their district. Smart Meters and their electromagnetic fields increase the radiation levels in and around our homes and environments. A large body of scientific evidence indicates that this type of radiation disrupts human health and development. It also impacts plant life and animals.

The use of wireless meters on homes is an untested use of wireless technology. The meters have not been tested, and therefore are not UL certified, and unsafe. Other problems that are of concern include higher electrical cost based on measured peak time use, security, privacy, and reliability issued potentially leading to blackouts.

In light of the above health and safety issues, we are requesting a choice as to the type of meter installed on our homes: the wireless smart meter or a hard-wired analog/digital meter within a NHEC opt out program.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

Meredith Board of Selectmen

Miller C. Lovett, Chairperson

Nathan J. Torr, Vice-Chairperson

Peter F. Brothers

Carla Horne

Herbert R. Vadney

Budget Information

2013 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2012 Estimated	2012 Actual	2013 Recommended Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 2,350	\$ 16,982	\$ 2,500
Boat	32,250	32,321	32,250
Land Use Change Tax			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	188,625	194,942	182,250
Total Taxes	223,225	244,245	217,000
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,100,000	1,136,672	1,125,000
Building Permits	38,000	40,058	37,925
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	56,700	60,901	59,525
Total Licenses and Permits	1,194,700	1,237,631	1,222,450
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Highway Block Grant	189,345	188,413	188,413
Railroad Tax	1,331	1,331	
Rooms & Meals Tax	278,800	279,302	279,302
Water Pollution Grants	8,362	8,358	8,358
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	18,950	38,756	38,750
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	216	216	216
Other State/Federal Revenue	120,941	95,820	6,600
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	617,945	612,194	521,639
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	872,302	837,948	773,181
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	1,750	10,978	
Interest on Investments	40,000	43,513	42,500
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	37,633	38,281	15,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	79,383	92,772	57,500
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	168,831	168,831	195,637
Capital Projects Fund			
Trust Funds			
Total Other Financing Sources	168,831	168,831	195,637
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	3,156,387	3,193,621	2,987,407
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	725,000	725,000	1,475,000
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 3,881,387	\$ 3,918,621	\$ 4,462,407
Special Revenue Funds			
Sewer	783,563	943,375	892,813
Water	543,642	765,043	591,191
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 5,208,592	\$ 5,627,038	\$ 5,946,410

Budget Information

2013 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2012 <u>Appropriations</u>	2012 <u>Expended</u>	2013 <u>Recommended</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 235,152	\$ 236,693	\$ 244,482
Executive - Municipal Administration	646,675	641,365	690,073
Public Health - Ambulance	283,047	273,151	280,361
Personnel Administration	86,867	77,512	102,702
Town Clerk	158,813	158,980	162,087
Administrative Services	404,005	406,000	416,486
General Assistance	140,000	121,796	150,000
Assessor's Office	257,182	253,683	268,063
Tax Collector's Office	90,125	42,870	93,321
Community Development Department	492,911	472,244	512,425
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds	341,470	341,470	525,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	100,000	100,000	0
Regional Association	224,184	221,900	232,072
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	1,784,889	1,780,608	1,863,971
Fire	284,131	295,488	359,848
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	743,886	734,933	825,727
Building & Grounds	335,418	305,259	303,515
Cemetery	85,154	79,192	92,783
Highway Department	2,386,463	2,311,544	2,568,716
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	669,312	684,175	704,020
Library	482,916	482,660	519,957
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	851,491	851,491	935,722
Interest - Long-Term Debt	286,536	280,821	253,153
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
Total General Fund	\$ 11,380,627	\$ 11,153,832	\$ 12,104,486
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	1,515	1,515	1,515
<u>Water Fund</u>	546,102	537,263	591,191
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	786,020	831,624	892,813
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 12,714,264	\$ 12,524,234	\$ 13,590,004
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ 24,000	\$ 18,975	\$ 37,660
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$ 12,738,264	\$ 12,543,210	\$ 13,627,664

2013 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2013 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$ 13,627,664
Less: 2013 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(4,471,410)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	(1,475,000)
Add: Proposed Overlay	75,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	230,250
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 7,986,504</u>

2013 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only)

\$ 4.30

Compared to 2012 Tax Rate of \$ 4.21 (Municipal Portion Only)

Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation:

2013 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 7,986,504
Board of Selectmen - Amount to be Raised (2012)	(7,792,737)
Variance 2013 to 2012:	<u>\$ 193,767</u>

Notice

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent: or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

Read the full statute at [RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.](#)

Municipal Directory

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Fire - Business

Located at 286 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address - PO Box 494,
Meredith, NH 03253
kjones@meredithnh.org
Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F
Phone #279-6061 Fax #279-0004

Meredith Public Library

Located at 91 Main Street
Mailing Address - PO Box 808,
Meredith, NH 03253
capostolos@meredithnh.org
Hours 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Tu, W & Th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm F
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Sat
Closed Monday & Sunday
Phone #279-4303 Fax #279-5352

Parks & Recreation Community Center

Located at 1 Circle Drive
Mailing Address - One Circle Drive,
Meredith, NH 03253
vchoiniere@meredithnh.org
Hours 8:00 am - 8:00 pm M - F
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat
Closed Sunday
Phone #279-8197 Fax #556-8821

Police - Business

Located at 400 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address - PO Box 1366,
Meredith, NH 03253
kmorrow@meredithnh.org
Hours 8:00 am - 12:00 am daily
Phone #279-4561 Fax #279-6636

Public Works - Business

Located at 347 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address - 41 Main Street,
Meredith, NH 03253
mfaller@meredithnh.org
Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F
Phone #279-6352 Fax #279-4656

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Cemetery

Highway

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Phone #677-4202 Fax #556-8815

Town Clerk
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Phone #279-4203 Fax #279-1042

Town Manager
pwarren@meredithnh.org
Phone #677-4205 Fax #556-8819

Town Hall Annex

Located at 5 Highland Street
Mailing Address - 41 Main Street,
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #677-4215 Fax #556-8823 M - F
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Includes...

Community Development
jedgar@meredithnh.org
Conservation Commission
conservation@meredithnh.org
Planning Board

Water & Sewer

Located at 50 Waukewan Street
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