

Town of Hopkinton, NH Annual Report 2021



How to use this Annual Report

This Annual Report consists of four sections. The first section (white) contains helpful information, such as contact information, meeting schedules, and reports for the year 2021. The second section (blue) contains all the information needed for Town Meeting, including the Warrant, explanation of the Warrant, and the 2022 proposed budget. The third section (white) contains financial information for 2021, as well as information from both the Contoocook Village and Hopkinton Village Precincts. The fourth section is the annual report from the Hopkinton School District, which includes their proposals for the School District Meeting.

**Please bring this report with you to the
Town Meeting.**

TOWN REPORT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Front Cover-Town Section:

The cover photo is of the ceremony held on May 5, 2021 at the Town Hall and then in front of St. Andrew's Church for the dedication of a marker in honor of The marker reads: "Lafayette's Tour – on June 27, 1825, General Lafayette was welcomed in Hopkinton by the locals on his way from Concord to the New Hampshire-Vermont Line. The Color Guard is from the New Hampshire Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Lafayette was pivotal in assuring that we became independent from England through his role in getting France involved in the Revolutionary War. His efforts were the first in establishing a long-term friendship between the countries of France and the United States. He was also the first international proponent of human rights, including the abolition of slavery. His 13-month farewell tour of the then 24 states in 1824-1825 has been call the 'Triumphal Tour'. Wherever he went during his journey along the Lafayette Trail, he was treated as the biggest celebrity this country had ever seen.

Front Cover-School Section:

Three undefeated and state champion girls fall sports teams, varsity soccer, field hockey, and cross country. Congratulations to all three teams!

Individual reports are written and submitted by the Department Heads, and Committee and Board Chairs. Town Administrator Neal Cass prepared the Town graphs, layout and design. Production of the Town Report is coordinated by Town of Hopkinton Administrative/Assessing Assistant Cara Johnson.

Thank you to all who helped to create this report!



TOWN OF HOPKINTON

ANNUAL REPORTS 2021



Incorporated: 1765

Population: 5,914

Land Area: 43.3 square miles

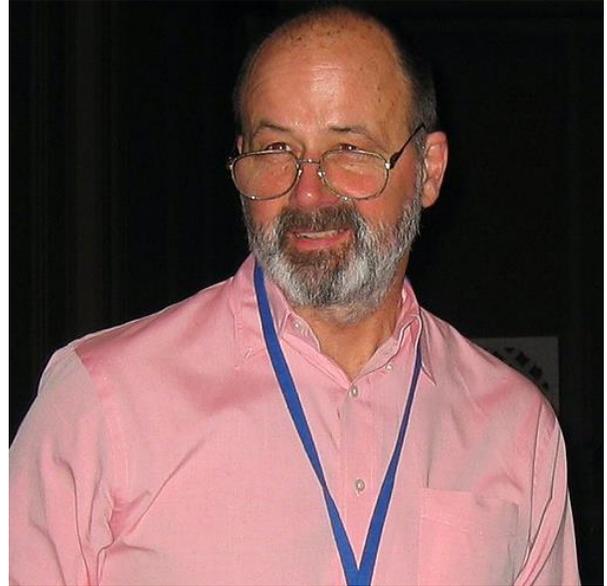
Town Hall: 330 Main Street, Hopkinton, NH 03229 (603) 746-3170

Website: www.hopkinton-nh.gov

Town Report Dedication

Tom Congoran

Long-time Hopkinton resident Tom Congoran passed away on September 8, 2021. Tom grew up in Chicago and attended high school at St. John's Military Academy in Wisconsin. He attended college at Stanford University and there met his roommate's sister, Mary, with whom he would spend the rest of his life. After serving in the Army, he earned Master's degrees in Accounting, Education, and Business from Tufts, San Diego State, and the University of British Columbia.



Tom had different roles in several businesses, including DIS and CFO of Healthsource (bought by Cigna); his own consulting business, AHS Consulting, which ministered to Blue Cross Blue Shield in multiple states; and then, as COO, he guided the purchase of BCBS of NH by Anthem Healthcare. Tom also came out of retirement to become the CFO for both Harvard Vanguard and Atrius Health.

Tom loved his little community of Contoocook and Hopkinton and shared his talent and compassion with it, leading, with Mary, the Contoocook Carry Triathlon, with funds going to assist in keeping people warm; starting the Sean Powers Wood Bank, so that emergency cordwood is available to all through the cold winters; and forming the Contoocook Carry Community Fund, a year-round nonprofit helping anyone with fuel assistance needs. Tom also could be seen cutting pies for the Dimitri Tsihlis family, as they provided meals for many in the community at Thanksgiving.

Tom served on several town boards and committees, including the Select Board. During his time as Chair of the Select Board, the town obtained the conservation easement on Bohanan Farm. Tom served on the Pay-by-Bag Committee, the Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee, and the Economic Development Committee.

Tom will be greatly missed, but residents will continue to feel his impact, and be warmed, because the caring for the community he demonstrated will continue through the organizations he helped to create.

As a token of appreciation for his years of service to a grateful town and his legacy of helping others, this 2021 Annual Report is dedicated to Tom Congoran.

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Helpful Hopkinton Information



How to Contact Town Officials

Main Phone: (603) 746-3170

Website: www.hopkinton-nh.gov

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/HopkintonNH>

Town Hall

330 Main Street, Hopkinton, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3170

Fax: (603) 746-3049

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townadmin@hopkinton-nh.gov

Cara Johnson, Admin/Assessing Asst.

assessing@hopkinton-nh.gov

Deb Gallant, Finance Director

finance@hopkinton-nh.gov

Karen Robertson, Planning Director

planzone@hopkinton-nh.gov

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Carol Harless, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Town Hall, 330 Main St., Hopkinton, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3180

Email: clerkcollector@hopkinton-nh.gov

Fire and Ambulance

Jeff Yale, Fire Chief

9 Pine Street, Contoocook, NH 03229

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 746-3181

Fax: (603) 746-5134

Email: firechief@hopkinton-nh.gov

Police

Thomas J. (TJ) Hennessey, Chief of Police
1696 Hopkinton Road, Hopkinton, NH 03229

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 746-5151

24 Hours: (603) 746-4141

Fax: (603) 746-4166

Email: policeadmin@hopkinton-nh.gov

Slusser Center

41 Houston Drive, Contoocook, NH 03229

Slusser Center Phone: (603) 746-8265

Paula Simpkins, Recreation Director

Phone: (603) 746-8263

Email: recreation@hopkinton-nh.gov

Alicia Presti, Human Services Coordinator

Phone: (603) 746-8244

Email: humanservices@hopkinton-nh.gov

Public Works

Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works
250 Public Works Road, Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-5118

Email: dpwdirector@hopkinton-nh.gov

Transfer Station

Jolene Cochrane, Superintendent

491 East Penacook Road, Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3810

Fax: (603) 746-3049

Email: greentowns@tds.net

Library

Donna Dunlop, Director

61 Houston Drive, Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3663

Fax: (603) 746-6799

Email: info@hopkintontownlibrary.org

Web: www.hopkintontownlibrary.org

Hours: T/W/R 10-6; F 10-5; Sat 10-3; Sun (Sep-May) 1-5

Meeting Schedule

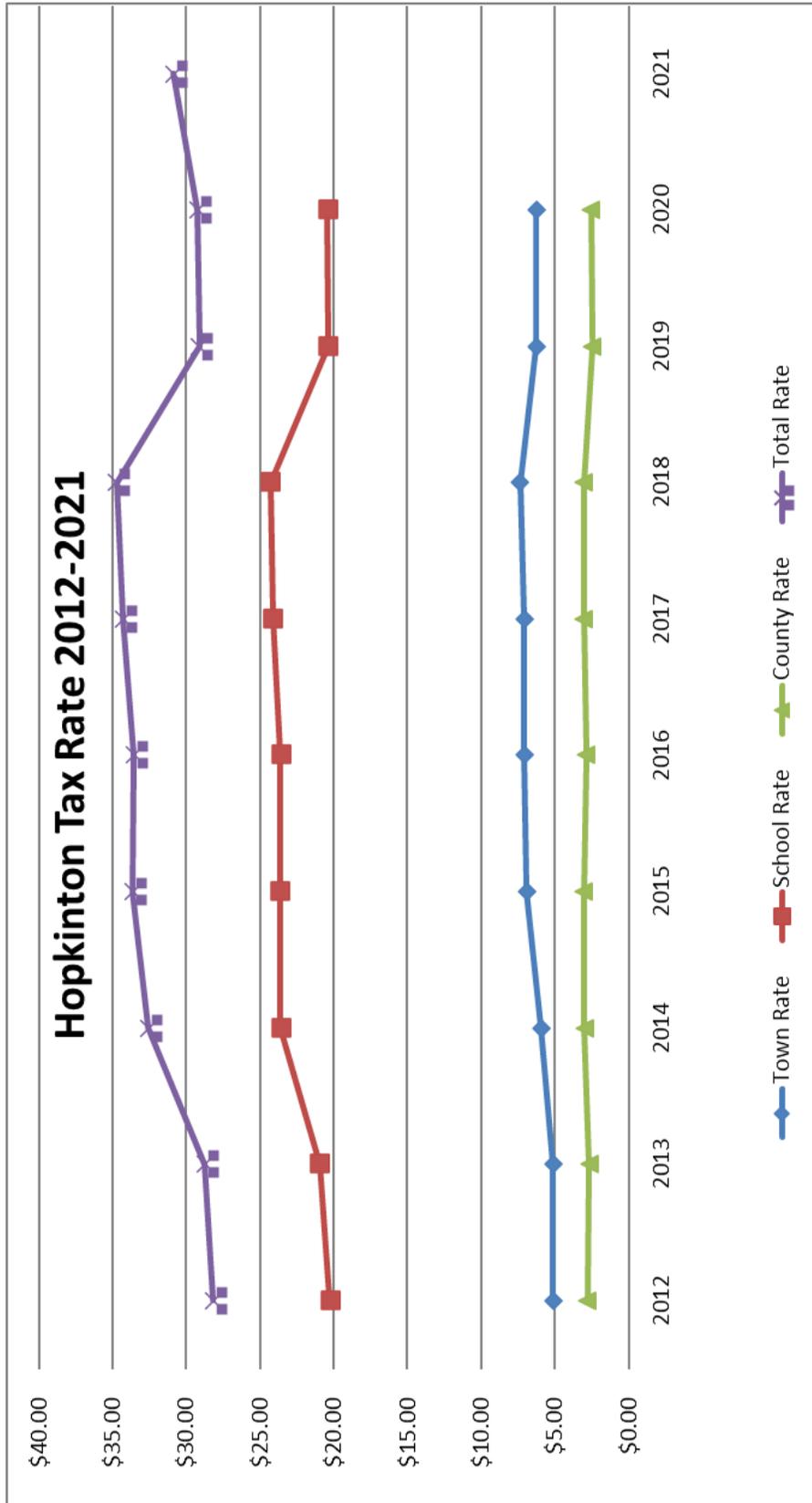
Listed here are the regular meeting times and places for the Boards, Committees and Commissions. All meetings are posted on the website (www.hopkinton-nh.gov) and at the Town Hall. Please confirm specific meetings closer to the actual meeting day to assure that nothing has changed.

Board, Committee, Commission	Meeting Day	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Budget Committee	2nd Wednesday Weekly during Budget Season	5:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
CIP Committee	As needed		Hopkinton Town Hall
Cemetery Trustees	Monthly as needed	9:00 a.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Conservation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Economic Development Committee	TBD	6:00 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Hopkinton/Webster Refuse Disposal Committee	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Alternating-Webster Town Hall & Slusser Center
Human Services Advisory Committee	1st Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Joint Loss Management (Safety) Committee	Quarterly on 3rd Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Rotating location
Kimball Cabins Committee	Monthly as needed	7:00 p.m.	Kimball Lake Cabins
Library Trustees	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Library History Room
Open Space Committee	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Planning Board	2nd Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Recreation Committee	4th Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Slusser Center
Waste Reduction Committee	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Slusser Center
Road Committee	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Highway Garage
Select Board	Every other Monday	5:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Senior Recreation Council	3rd Monday	1:00 p.m.	Slusser Center
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall

Locations:

- Highway Garage - 250 Public Works Road (off Maple Street), Contoocook
- Hopkinton Town Hall - 330 Main Street, Hopkinton
- Kimball Cabins - Kimball Lake Road, Hopkinton
- Library - 61 Houston Drive, Contoocook
- Slusser Center - 41 Houston Drive, Contoocook
- Webster Town Hall - 945 Battle Street, Webster

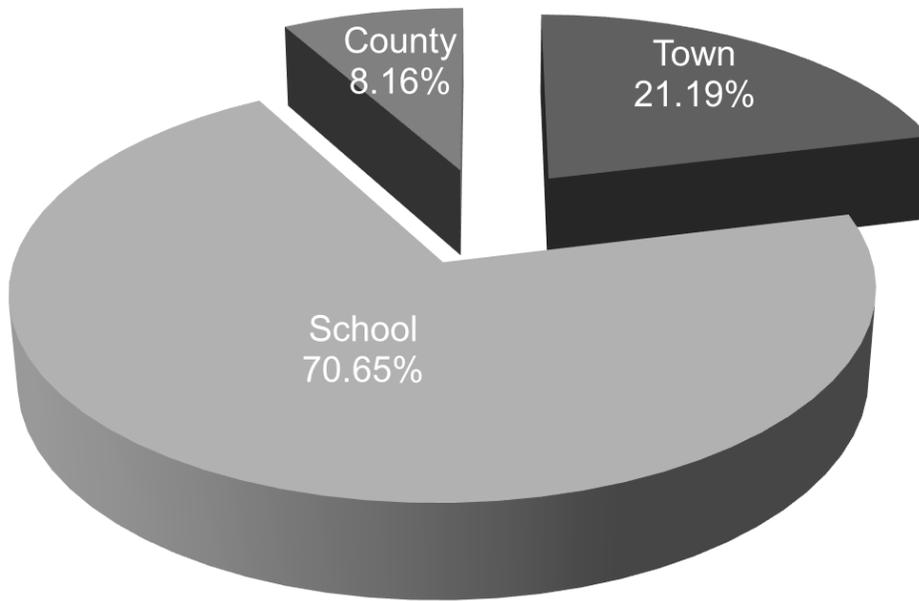
Tax Rate History



2021 Tax Rate Comparison

	2020 Tax Rate	2021 Tax Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Town	6.25	6.54	0.29	4.64%
School	20.43	21.81	1.38	6.75%
County	<u>2.57</u>	<u>2.52</u>	(0.05)	-1.95%
TOTALS	29.25	30.87	1.62	5.54%
VILLAGE PRECINCTS				
	2020 Tax Rate	2020 Tax Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Contoocook	1.63	1.69	0.06	3.68%
Hopkinton	0.37	0.37	-	0.00%

Town, School, & County Tax Rate for 2021 - \$30.87



2021 Gross Appropriation Comparison

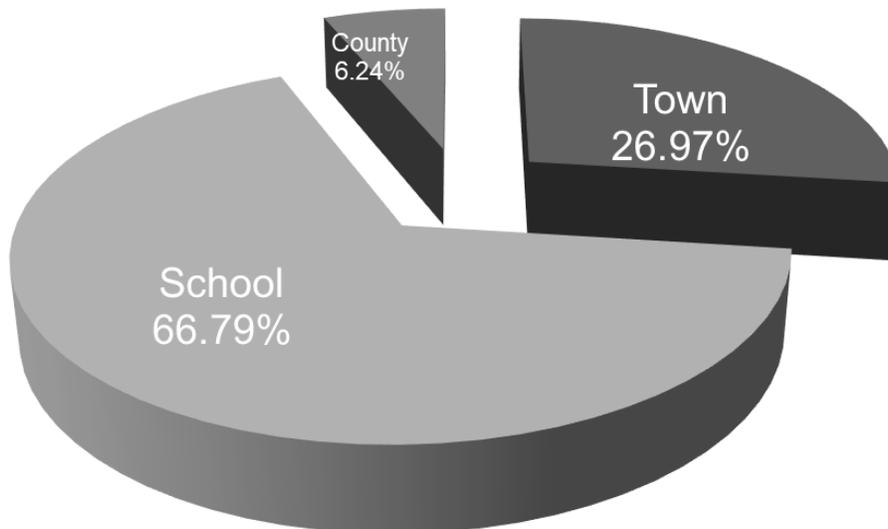
	2020 Gross Appropriation	2021 Gross Appropriation	\$ Change	% Change
Town	10,190,036	8,587,887	(1,602,149)	-15.72%
School	20,554,341	21,266,452	712,111	3.46%
County	<u>2,003,056</u>	<u>1,986,751</u>	<u>(16,305)</u>	<u>-0.81%</u>
TOTALS	32,747,433	31,841,090	(906,343)	-2.77%

NOTE: 2020 Town includes \$1,800,000 bond

VILLAGE PRECINCTS

	2020 Gross Appropriation	2021 Gross Appropriation	\$ Change	% Change
Contoocook	513,860	497,221	(16,639)	-3.24%
Hopkinton	108,277	304,788	196,511	181.49%

Town, School, & County Gross Appropriations for 2021 - \$31,841,090



NH Employment Security – Hopkinton Information

Hopkinton, NH



Community Contact	Town of Hopkinton Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator 330 Main Street Hopkinton, NH 03229
Telephone	(603) 746-3170
Fax	(603) 746-3049
E-mail	townadmin@hopkinton-nh.gov
Web Site	www.hopkinton-nh.gov
Municipal Office Hours	All Offices: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 5:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon
County	Merrimack
Labor Market Area	Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Central NH Regional
Regional Development	Capital Regional Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 15
State Representative	Merrimack County District 10

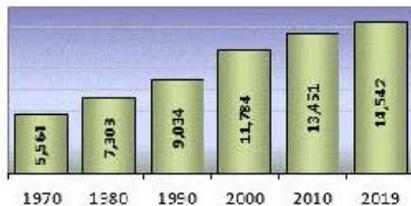
Incorporated: 1765

Origin: This area was first granted by the Massachusetts government in 1735 as New Hampshire Number 5, one in a line of settlements between the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers. The settlers, who were from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, renamed the town New Hopkinton. The town was incorporated as Hopkinton by the New Hampshire governor and council in 1765. Setting the pattern for future towns, settlers were required to build homes, fence in their acreage, plant it with English grass, and provide a home for a minister, all within seven years. Contoocook village, a substantial portion of the town, was named for a tribe of Penacook Indians who once lived there, as was the Contoocook River which flows through the town.

Villages and Place Names: Contoocook, Hatfield Corner, Tyler, West Hopkinton, Barton's Corner, Drew Lake, Blackwater District, Gould Hill District

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,715 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Hopkinton totaled 2,754 over 49 years, from 3,007 in 1970 to 5,761 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a



28 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 25 percent increase over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Hopkinton was 5,761 residents, which ranked 60th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 133.1 persons per square mile of land area. Hopkinton contains 43.3 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received **6/17/2019**

All information regarding the communities is from sources deemed reliable and is submitted subject to errors, omissions, modifications, and withdrawals without notice. No warranty or representation is made as to the accuracy of the information contained herein. Specific questions regarding individual cities and towns should be directed to the community contact.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES		
Type of Government	Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$10,068,656	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$22,083,937	
Zoning Ordinance	1964/19	
Master Plan	2002	
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	Selectboard; Library; Cemetery; School; Budget	
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recycling; Recreation; Economic Development; CIP	
Public Library	Hopkinton Town	
EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	6 miles	245
UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Concord Electric	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Contoocook/Hopkinton Village Precincts	
Sanitation	Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal	Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Yes	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes	
Recycling Program	Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS Telecom	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)		
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$29.12	
2019 Equalization Ratio	97.9	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.62	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	88.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.1%	
HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)		
Total Housing Units	2,409	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,088	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	105	
Five or More Units in Structure	71	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	145	
POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2019	5,761	151,391
2010	5,589	146,445
2000	5,412	136,716
1990	4,816	120,618
1980	3,861	98,302
1970	3,007	80,925
DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019		
Population by Gender		
Male	2,793	Female 2,898
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	318	
Age 5 to 19	918	
Age 20 to 34	684	
Age 35 to 54	1,698	
Age 55 to 64	990	
Age 65 and over	1,083	
Median Age	49.1 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	96.5%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	50.8%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)		
Per capita income	\$44,976	
Median family income	\$105,221	
Median household income	\$88,854	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	\$67,911	
Female	\$48,553	
Individuals below the poverty level	3.7%	
LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	2,976	3,470
Employed	2,836	3,402
Unemployed	140	68
Unemployment rate	4.7%	2.0%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	238	373
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 618	\$ 909
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,043	1,080
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 721	\$ 959
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,281	1,454
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 702	\$ 946
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	298	297
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 851	\$ 977
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,579	1,751
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 730	\$ 951

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE				
Schools students attend:	Hopkinton operates grades K-12			District: SAU 66
Career Technology Center(s):	Concord Regional Technical Center			Region: 11

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	5-12
Total Enrollment	527	167	308	50

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; Northeast Catholic College; UNH School of Law**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **186**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
YBP, Inc	Wholesale book distributor	220	
McLane's	NE distribution center	200	
Hopkinton School District	Education	160	
Camp Methodias	Childrens' camp	60	
HMC Corporation	Sawmill machinery	48	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		202
	State Routes		9, 103, 127
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exits 4 - 6	
	Distance		Local access
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	28 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			22 miles
Portland, Maine			115 miles
Boston, Mass.			73 miles
New York City, NY			272 miles
Montreal, Quebec			236 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.8%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	1.5%
Other means	13.5%
Worked at home	2.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	35.2
Commuting to another NH community	62.3
Commuting out-of-state	2.5

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak
	Other: Covered Bridge; Hopkinton State Fair; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Elm Brook Park; Hawthorne Forest; John Brockway Nature Preserve; Farmer's Market; Myron Chase Wildlife Sanctuary; Stevens Trail; Beech Hill Farmstand & Ice Cream Barn; Contoocook River Forest

PUBLIC NOTICE

Restoration of Involuntary Merged Lots

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 involuntarily 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.

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.

Town Officials and Employees



Elected Town Officials

SELECT BOARD:

Ken Traum, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2022
Anna Wells (Resigned 2/1/2022)	Term Expires 2022
Jeffrey Donohoe	Term Expires 2023
Sabrina Dunlap, Chair	Term Expires 2023
Steven Whitley	Term Expires 2024

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Janet Krzyzaniak (Resigned 9/2021)	Term Expires 2022
Deborah Norris (appointed to replace Krzyzaniak)	
Mark Zankel, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Richard Houston	Term Expires 2023
Steven Reddy	Term Expires 2023
Jonathan Cohen	Term Expires 2024
Christa Scura	Term Expires 2024
Ken Traum	For the Select Board
Tom Lipoma	For the Hopkinton Village Precinct
Donald Houston	For the Contoocook Village Precinct
Norman Goupil	For the School Board

CEMETERY TRUSTEES:

Judy Hampe	Term Expires 2022
Gayle Kimball	Term Expires 2023
Lynn Clark, Chair	Term Expires 2024

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Nancy Skarmas, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Sarah Chiappetta	Term Expires 2023
Jason LaCombe	Term Expires 2023
James P. O'Rourke, Jr.	Term Expires 2024
Amy Stone	Term Expires 2024

MODERATOR:

Sara Persechino	Term Expires 2022
Tim Britain, Assistant	Appointed by the Moderator

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST:

Candice M. Garvin	Term Expires 2022
Jean Lightfoot	Term Expires 2024
Virginia Haines	Term Expires 2026

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Carol Harless	Term Expires 2022
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TREASURER:

Joel Moyer	Term Expires 2023
Deborah Norris, Deputy	Appointed

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS:

Christine Barton	Term Expires 2022
Steve Lux, Jr.	Term Expires 2023
Christine B. Hoyt	Term Expires 2024

Appointed Town Officials**(Appointed by the Select Board unless otherwise noted)****CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE:**

(Established 2015 – Five members, of which one must be a Planning Board member)

James Fredyma (Planning Board)	Term Expires 2022
Vacant	Term Expires 2022
Chris Hodgdon, Chair	Term Expires 2020
Donald Houston	Term Expires 2024
Amy O'Brien	Term Expires 2024

CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Clarke Kidder	Term Expires 2023
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CHIEF OF POLICE: Stephen Pecora (Retired 10/31/2021)

Thomas J. (TJ) Hennessey (To replace Pecora)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Ronald Klemarczyk	Term Expires 2022
Robert Knight	Term Expires 2022
Jonathan Bradstreet	Term Expires 2023
Bonnie Christie	Term Expires 2023
Robert LaPree	Term Expires 2024
Melissa Jones, Treasurer	Term Expires 2024
James Newsom, Chair	Term Expires 2024
Alternates:	
Juliana Dapice	Term Expires 2022
Molly Hardenbergh	Term Expires 2023
Stephanie Kratsios	Term Expires 2024

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Andrea Folsom	Term Expires 2022
Jim Fredyma (Planning Board)	Term Expires 2023
Gregory Sagris	Term Expires 2023
Meredith Lee	Term Expires 2023
Anna Wells	Term Expires 2024
Steven Whitley, Chair	For the Select Board

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR: Stephen Pecora (Retired 10/31/2021)

Jeffrey Yale (to replace Pecora)

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Deborah Gallant

FIRE CHIEF: Jeffrey Yale

FOREST FIRE WARDEN: (Recommended by Select Board-Appointed by State)

Sean Weldon

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS (Recommended by Forest Fire Warden):

Trevor Anderson	Christopher Boudette	Don DeLude
Brian Foster	Thomas Jondall	Steve Reale
Ryan Hughes	Richard Maltais	Nate Martel
Jeff Yale	Bryan C. Nowell	
Ron Klemarczyk, Special Deputy		

HEALTH OFFICER: (Recommended by Select Board-Appointed by State)

Neal Cass

Term Expires 2022

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: Dan Blanchette

HOPKINTON-WEBSTER REFUSE COMMITTEE:

Hopkinton Representatives:

Bonnie Christie	Term Expires 2022
Kristen Cummings	Term Expires 2023
Rich Houston	Term Expires 2024

Webster Representatives:

Barbara Corliss	Term Expires 2022
Dan Moran	Term Expires 2023
Sally Embley	Term Expires 2024

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Nan McNicholas	Term Expires 2022
Allita Paine	Term Expires 2022
Pamela Manus	Term Expires 2023
Dawn Berry	Term Expires 2024
Mary Reidy	Term Expires 2024

HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR: Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw (Retired 8/2021)

Alicia Presti (To replace Ceriello-Bresaw)

KIMBALL LAKE PROPERTY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Louise Carr	Edward Fairfield	Carl Goodman
Ed Kerr	Chris Lawless	Heather Mitchell
Ricardo Rodriquez	Glenn Smart	Lee Wilder
Paula Simpkins, Recreation Director (ex-officio)		

LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Donna Dunlop

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Dijit Taylor, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Ronald Klemarczyk	Term Expires 2023
Robert LaPree	Term Expires 2023
Rob Knight	Term Expires 2024
Lucia Kittredge	Term Expires 2024
Sabrina Dunlap	For the Select Board
Erin Vanden Borre	Alternate

PLANNING BOARD:

Greg Sagris	Term Expires 2022
Michael Wilkey, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Jane Bradstreet	Term Expires 2023
Celeste Hemingson	Term Expires 2023
James Fredyma	Term Expires 2024
Clarke Kidder	Term Expires 2024
Anna Wells	For the Select Board
Alternates:	
Richard Steele	Term Expires 2022
Robert Dapice	Term Expires 2023
Timothy Britain	Term Expires 2024

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Karen Robertson**RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

Florence Dapice	Term Expires 2022
Katie Dillon	Term Expires 2022
Mark Newton	Term Expires 2023
Glenn Smart	Term Expires 2023
Louise Carr	Term Expires 2023
Jim Lewis	Term Expires 2024
Paul O'Keefe	Term Expires 2024

RECREATION DIRECTOR: Paula Simpkins**REGIONAL PLANNING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC):**

Dave White	Term Expires 2023
Neal Cass	Alternate

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Chris Boudette	Term Expires 2022
Jeff Yale	Term Expires 2022
John Chandler	Term Expires 2023
Dave White	Term Expires 2023
Vacant	Term Expires 2024
Steven Whitley	For the Select Board
Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works (ex-officio)	

SENIOR RECREATION COUNCIL:

Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw	Term Expires 2022
Gloria Symonds	Term Expires 2022
Carole Cowan	Term Expires 2023
Betsey Holder	Term Expires 2023
Jon Hunt	Term Expires 2023
Janet Krzyzaniak	Term Expires 2024
Elaine Millerick	Term Expires 2024

Alternates:

Dale Roberts	Term Expires 2023
Linda Duclos	Term Expires 2024
Robert Wardell	Term Expires 2025

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND TIMBER: Ronald Klemarczyk**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Neal Cass**TOWN RECORDS/ARCHIVE COMMITTEE**

Lynn Clark	Carol Hooper	Heather Mitchell
Deb Gallant, Finance Director		
Carol Harless, Town Clerk/Tax Collector		
Neal Cass, Town Administrator		

WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Recommended by Select Board – Appointed by DES)

J. Michael Norris	Term Expires 2022
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WASTE REDUCTION COMMITTEE:

Rosalie Smith	Term Expires 2022
Abigail Stone	Term Expires 2022
Diane Myler	Term Expires 2023
Bonnie Christie	Term Expires 2023
Kristen Cummings	Term Expires 2023
Virginia Haines	Term Expires 2024
Mary Carol Schaffrath	Term Expires 2024
Patricia LaPree	Term Expires 2024
Jeffrey Donohoe	For the Select Board
Elizabeth Gilmore, Alternate	Term Expires 2024

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Dan Rinden, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Andrew Locke	Term Expires 2023
Eric Buck	Term Expires 2023
Thomas Lipoma	Term Expires 2024
Jessica Scheinman	Term Expires 2024

Alternates:

Seth Greenblott	Term Expires 2022
Kristen Cummings	Term Expires 2023
Jonathan Cohen	Term Expires 2024

Town Employees

(FT-Full-time, PT-Part-time, PTS-Part-time Seasonal)

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	(FT)	Neal A. Cass
Finance Director	(FT)	Deborah Gallant
Planning Director	(FT)	Karen Robertson
Administrative/Assessing Asst.	(FT)	Cara Johnson
Budget Committee Minute Taker	(PT)	Cindy Brown
Asst. Town Clerk/Collector	(PT)	Patricia LaPree
Code Enforcement Officer	(PT)	John Pianka (Retired 6/2021) Robert Pike (To replace Pianka)
Cemetery Sexton	(PTS)	Joe Tristaino

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief	(FT)	Thomas J/ (TJ) Hennessey
Lieutenant	(FT)	Anthony Shepherd
Corporal	(FT)	Brian T. O'Connor
Patrol Officer	(FT)	J. Brian Daniels
Patrol Officer	(PT)	Phillip T. Hill, Richard C. Walter
Administrative Assistant	(FT)	Melissa Courser
Animal Control Officer	(PT)	Nate Martel

PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

Fire Chief	(FT)	Jeffrey Yale
Captain/Firefighter/Paramedic	(FT)	Nate Martel
LT/Firefighter/Paramedic	(FT)	Ryan Hughes
Firefighter/Paramedic	(FT)	Trevor Anderson
Firefighter/AEMT	(FT)	Bryan Foster, Rich Maltais
Firefighter/EMT	(FT)	Thomas Jondall

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director of Public Works	(FT)	Dan Blanchette
Superintendent of Highways	(FT)	Robert McCabe
Superintendent of Bldgs./Grounds	(FT)	Greg Roberts
Superintendent of Transfer Station	(FT)	Jolene Cochrane
Superintendent of Water/Sewer	(FT)	Sam Currier (Shared with CVP)
Mechanic	(FT)	Kent Barton
Heavy Equipment Operator	(FT)	Brian Cayer, Jason Ekstrom, Michael Henley, Adam Pearson
Light Equipment Operator	(FT)	Christopher Bentley, Tom Geer

Building Maintenance	(FT)	David White
MSW Facility Asst. Manager	(FT)	Christina Balassone
MSW Facility Attendant	(PT)	David Blanchard, Brian Hall, Ted Valley

HEALTH/WELFARE

Human Services Coordinator	(PT)	Alicia Presti
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CULTURE AND RECREATION – LIBRARY

Library Director	(FT)	Donna Dunlop
Reference Librarian	(FT)	Karen Dixon
Children’s Librarian	(PT)	Leigh Maynard
Reference Librarian	(PT)	Elissa Barr, Catherine Ryan, Cynthia Garland
Circulation	(PT)	Barbara Diaz, Laura MacKenzie, Nancy Raymond

CULTURE AND RECREATION – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Director	(FT)	Paula Simpkins
Kimball Pond Staff	(FTS)	Emma Hall, Owen O’Brien, Jackson Smith, Sydney Stockwell, and Emily Young (sub)
	(PTS)	Ethan Molnar, Cailey Stockwell, and Elizabeth (Lizzy) Summerlin
Summer Camp Director	(FTS)	Carli Cioppa
Summer Camp Staff	(FTS)	Maddy Follansbee, Brynna Meeker, and Kally Murdough
	(PTS)	Rory Campbell, Lauren Graham, Ryan Graham, and Acacia Mailloux

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting



Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Annual Town Meeting was held in 4 separate meetings as follows:

- Official Ballot Voting – Tuesday, March 9, 2021
- First virtual Town Meeting with introduction and explanation of Warrant Articles and public comment – Monday, April 26, 2021
- Select Board meeting to review public comment and amendments and determine the final articles to be on the ballot – Thursday, April 29, 2021
- Drive-through voting for all registered voters – Saturday, May 1, 2021

Hopkinton Second Virtual Annual Town Meeting; April 26, 2021

Town of Hopkinton Town Meeting 2021

Monday, April 26, 2021

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Hopkinton's Second Virtual Annual Town Meeting was opened on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom, by Moderator Sara Persechino.

Sara Persechino, Moderator: I would like to open the 2021 Annual Town Meeting to order in the Town

of Hopkinton. My name is Sara Persechino, and I am honored to be your Town Moderator. I would like to welcome you all to Zoom and YouTube and thank you all for giving up your evening to participate in this process. I will note for the record that this meeting is being recorded and will be available on this website, on the town website, to watch afterward.

Before we begin, I want to ask for a moment of silence to recognize those Hopkinton residents who have passed away during the last year. Thank you.

I also want to take time to recognize that we are on the land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among Indigenous peoples for thousands of years and is the home of the Western Abenaki People. The Town of Hopkinton honors, recognizes, and respects these people, especially the Abenaki, as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we need to respect and help protect the lands within our use.

Now I want to recognize my predecessor, Bruce Ellsworth, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

[There were technical difficulties with pre-recorded video/audio transmission, so Sara Persechino, Town Moderator, asked Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.]

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Thank you, Jeff. From here, I intend to proceed as follows: I will first introduce the Select Board and staff. Then, I will share some administrative comments and explain the process for tonight's meeting and the rest of our remote Town Meeting schedule. That will be followed by a special presentation by the Chair of the Select Board. And then, we will move right into the articles on the warrant. And now for staff and Select Board introductions.

For the Select Board tonight we have Chair, Sabrina Dunlap; Vice Chair, Ken Traum; Steven Whitley; Anna Wells, and Jeffrey Donohoe.

I also want to recognize Town Administrator, Neal Cass, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Carol Harless, who will be taking the minutes of this meeting.

Before we proceed, I would like to thank everyone who helped develop the data and statistics that resulted in these warrant articles, and those who arranged for and participated in the budget hearings, the informational hearings, the set-up for today's and Thursday's meetings, and a special thanks to them, and to many of you, who are responsible for and are contributing to next Saturday's voting at the high school. Many of you have risen to the occasion, time and again, over the past year, as we have transitioned to remote Town Meeting procedures with drive by voting and COVID-safe elections, and I want to take this moment now to recognize that work and share my sincere gratitude.

And now, we will review the schedule for tonight and for the rest of the week. Packets were mailed to registered voters with the information and Warrant detail that I am going to go into right now, and it's also available on the Town website, if you need to check there for that information. I will go over the highlights now.

Tonight, I will introduce and read each Warrant Article. In the interest of time, I have asked the Board to pre-assign the member who offered the motion and the second. I will announce who made and seconded the motion, and then I will invite the motioner to speak to it. If a member of the budget committee wishes to address an appropriate motion, I will allow it. Following the presentation, I will invite comments and questions on that Article. I will ask that they be limited to three minutes each and remind you that speakers must introduce themselves by name and street address. First time speakers will be given priority over people who have already commented. And all these comments and questions will be included in the minutes of the meeting. All Articles will be addressed this evening before the meeting closes.

After the meeting is ended this evening, questions, comments, and motions to amend will be accepted by telephone voice mail or email as noted in your packet. Please remember to start by identifying your name and street address in Hopkinton. All comments, questions, and motions will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The Select Board will not consider any comments deemed inappropriate or offensive, or which do not properly identify the voter. All submissions must be made prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

The Select Board will review all comments, questions, and suggested amendments at the second session on Thursday. Because comments are being submitted between tonight's meeting and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, no further comments will be taken at the Thursday meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m. After the Select Board has reviewed all submissions, they will determine if any Warrant Article will be amended. Only the amended Warrant Article will go on the ballot.

A Sample Ballot will be available on the Town website by 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning. You are encouraged to review the ballot in advance and even print it, fill it out, and bring it with you to assist you in voting on Saturday. Official ballots will be provided when you check in. The drive-by voting will be open on Saturday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hopkinton Middle High School, using the Kearsarge Ave entrance. Please note that the lines do tend to be longest when the polls open, right away, so you may want to choose another time to vote, if possible. To protect the health and safety of voters and poll workers, please wear a mask when your vehicle window is down.

The first question on the ballot will ask whether you approve of all these procedures that I have just outlined. If that question fails to pass, then no votes for any other Article will be counted, and we will develop a new set of procedures, and a new schedule of meetings. If passage of that Article allows us to proceed, then the results will be made available on the Town website, as soon as they are compiled.

Before we proceed, I also want to take time to note that if you are not currently registered to vote in Hopkinton, you may register at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours at the Town Hall, up until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. There is no absentee voting or Election Day registration for Town Meeting.

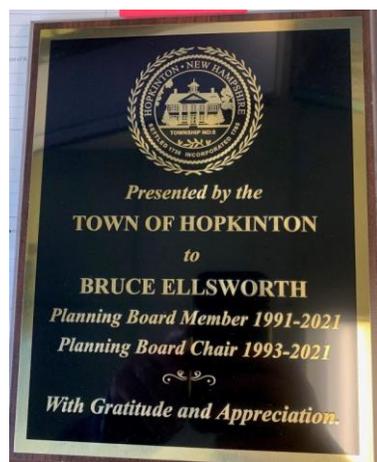
And now, I would like to introduce the Select Board Chair, Sabrina Dunlap, for a special presentation.

Sabrina Dunlap, Select Board Chair: Thank you, Madam Moderator. Hi, everyone. Thank you for joining us tonight, and I echo Sara's thanks to everyone who helped put this meeting on tonight. And Neal, I think we have a slide on this presentation.

[Technical difficulties with pre-recorded video/audio continued.]

Sabrina Dunlap, Select Board Chair: We're having some feedback issues any time we go to the slides, so we can do this without the slides. I will do this and then maybe we can take a minute to try to troubleshoot, but I just wanted to recognize Bruce Ellsworth for his time and dedication on the Planning Board.

Bruce served on the Planning Board for thirty years and served as Chair for twenty-eight of those years, which is really remarkable. I served as a Select Board member on the Planning Board, so I got to see Bruce in action, and anyone who has served with him knows he runs an excellent meeting. So, Bruce, just wanted to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you for your service. This town has benefitted greatly from your time, energy, and dedication. I wish we were together in person, so I could thank you in person, and I know you're still around, but you will be missed in your official capacity. So, on behalf of the Select Board, thank you, Bruce, for everything, and we do have a plaque, but I don't know if we're going to be able to pull that up quite yet.



Sabrina Dunlap, Select Board Chair: All right, excellent. Thank you, Neal. There is the plaque. Yes, thank you, Bruce. Hopefully, we will see you soon, in person.

All right, that's it for me, Sara, for now.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Thanks, Madam Chair. And now, I suggest we move ahead with the first article.

As you may recall, the **First Article** was the **Election of Officers**; to choose all necessary town officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year, as enumerated. These elections were held back in March. We'll go over who won those positions.

For the position of Select Board Member, Steven Whitley;

for two positions for Budget Committee Member, Jonathan Cohen, and Christa Scura;

for two positions of Library Trustee, Amy Stone and James P. O'Rourke, Jr.;

one position for Cemetery Trustee, Lynn Clark;

and one position for Trustee of the Trust Fund, Christine Hoyt.

[Article 1: Election of Officers

**To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year, as enumerated:
(*-Those Elected)**

1 position-Select Board Member – 3-year term

*Steven Whitley - 363

2 positions-Budget Committee Member – 3-year term

*Jonathan Cohen - 353

*Christa Scura - 335

2 positions-Library Trustee – 3-year term

*Amy Stone - 300

*James P. O'Rourke, Jr. - 229

Gail Cornell - 168

1 position-Cemetery Trustee– 3-year term

*Lynn Clark - 384

1 position-Trustee of Trust Funds – 3-year term

*Christine Hoyt - 12 (write-in)

Natalie Chalfant - 10 (write-in)]

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: **Article 2: Zoning Amendments**; to see what action the Town will take, with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance, by ballot vote upon the following questions. As you may recall, there were quite a few zoning amendments; they all passed by a large margin in March.

[Article 2: Zoning Amendments

To see what action the Town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance, by ballot vote upon the following questions.]

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: And now, we’re ready for the remaining articles on the warrant. Tonight, we will consolidate the presentation for articles 3, 4, 5, and 6, because there are references one to another. Since you will still vote for them separately Saturday, I will allow them to be discussed together and I will read each one now.

Article 3: Operating Budget; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$7,662,087.00 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Article 3: Operating Budget
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 7,662,087 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

*(Majority vote required).
 (The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).
 (The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).*

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0; the Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.

Article 4: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$706,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Police/Fire Radio Replacement	\$ 13,000
New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	220,000
Road/Bridge Rehabilitation	38,000
Police Vehicle Replacement	28,000
Transfer Station Equipment/Facilities	45,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	75,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	200,000
Library Building Systems	10,000
Revaluation	22,000
Recreation Facilities	20,000
Sewer Equipment/Sludge Removal	35,000
TOTAL	\$ 706,000

*(Majority vote required).
 (The Select Board recommends this article-(5)).
 (The Budget Committee recommends this article-(9)).*

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: **Article 4: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds;** to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$706,000.00 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Police/Fire Radio Equipment	\$ 13,000
New and Replacement Equip. and Vehicles for Public Works and Hwy Dept.	220,000
Road/Bridge Rehabilitation	38,000

Police Vehicle Replacement	28,000
Transfer Station Equipment/Facilities	45,000
Replacement and Equipping of Ambulance	75,000
Fire Dept. Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	200,000
Library Building Systems	10,000
Revaluation	22,000
Recreation Facilities	20,000
Sewer Equipment/Sludge Removal	35,000
Total	706,000

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0, the Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.

Article 5: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500 to be added to previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows:

Library Building & Grounds	\$ 7,000
Town Facilities Maintenance	60,000
Recreation Facilities	<u>5,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 72,500

(Majority vote required).
(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).
(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Article 5: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds;
to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500.00 to be added to previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows:

Library Building and Grounds	\$ 7,000
Town Facilities Maintenance	60,000
Recreation Facilities	<u>5,500</u>
Total	72,500

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0; the Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: And finally, for now, **Article 6: Financial Software Update**; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,300.00 for the purpose of purchasing, installing, and training for new financial software.

Article 6: Financial Software Update

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 61,300 for the purpose of purchasing, installing and training for new financial software. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*(Majority vote required).
 (The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).
 (The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).*

This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0 and the Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All of those motions were moved by Ken Traum and seconded by Sabrina Dunlap and will be addressed now by Ken Traum.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Thank you, Sara. I want to thank everyone who Zoomed into this meeting for joining us. It's important that you understand that you understand what the Town is proposing for 2021, and I certainly hope and expect that for this meeting next year, we will be back at the Middle High School.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: A year like no other. It was only on July 25th that the Town's budget for calendar year 2020 was approved, and as I get into the 2021 budget, in areas which have changed since 2020, I don't have to remind you that 2020 was a year like no other. Please recognize that for the 2020 budget, we were able to

reduce appropriations in places because we already knew that certain things had occurred, such as the Slusser Center's mostly closing down or how much overtime our DPW had incurred, due

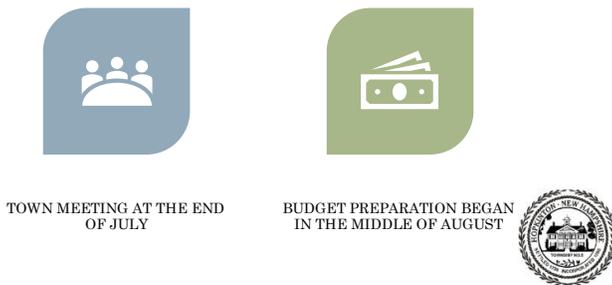
to road plowing and treating in the first part of the year being much lower than a more normal year. And extra expenses relating to COVID were largely covered by grants. But going forward, there is still much uncertainty about 2021.

With that, let me start by thanking the many individuals involved in this process. From Neal and our department heads and staff to the many committee members, my fellow Select Board members, as well as the many wonderful volunteers in town, for all of their hard work and dedication in helping develop this budget and helping to keep the Town running as smoothly as it does.

As you will hear in this budget proposal, we've tried to balance the legitimate needs for the Town, while recognizing that many of our fellow citizens continue to be stressed financially, due to the pandemic. And when these articles were finalized in February, we expected to receive significantly less funding from the state government. In other words, there was still and still is a lot of uncertainty for how 2021 will unfold.

With that intro, I'll start by giving an explanation of all of the items involved in the development of the property tax rate, which includes Warrant Articles 3 through 6.

Short time between budgets



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: As I explained, there was a short time between budgets. The process for developing the 2021 budget began almost before the ink was dry on the 2020 approved budget; in other words, in August.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: So, the budget process to date. Department heads prepared their budgets with the guidance to just focus on needs, not wants, as much as possible. And as you will see later, they did an excellent job of trying to just maintain the pre-COVID status quo.

Next, the Department heads met with the Town Administrator to review their requests.

Then, the Select Board met with each department head to review and scrutinize their requests, including their capital requests, And also with the Capital Improvement Committee.

Budget Process to Date



Select Board Proposal

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Then, the Select Board began the hard work of trying to balance the Town needs with affordability to our taxpayers.

Revenue

- Estimated Revenue of \$3,332,508
 - Decrease of \$47,286 – (1.40%)
- Major Drivers

• Motor Vehicle	\$ 30,000	
• Municipal Aide (from State)	\$ (46,406)	eliminated
• Room & Meals (from State)	\$ (57,809)	estimated 20% decrease
• Highway Block Grant (from State)	\$ (38,341)	estimated 20% decrease
• Ambulance Charges	\$ 10,000	
• Sewer User Fees/Reimbursements	\$ 22,115	

Total – Major Drivers - \$ (80,441)



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:

So, turning to the revenue side. Regarding non-property tax revenues forecast for 2021, unfortunately the projections we are using show a decrease of \$47,286.00, but this includes an increase

from sewer user fees and reimbursements from the Contoocook Village Precinct. Excluding the sewer funds, which are paid by the users of the sewer system, non-property tax revenues are forecast to decrease by \$69,000.00, or just over 2%.

As far as the projected decrease, the main driver is the assumption that funds coming from the State will be declining by 20% from 2020 levels for Room and Meals revenue sharing, as well as

from the Highway Block Grant, and by 100% for Municipal Aide. In total, these reductions amount to \$142,000, which equates to almost a 3% increase in the tax rate. These assumptions are consistent with what we understood other towns were projecting during the February time frame.

On the plus side, we are projecting a \$30,000.00 increase in Motor Vehicle fees, and a \$10,000.00 increase in ambulance charge revenues.

Potential Future Revenue Sources in Process

- Part-time or Per Diem Economic Development Director
 - Half paid by the TIF Districts
 - To encourage development and obtain grants

- Solar Array at Transfer Station
 - Option has been exercised
 - They are moving forward



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: In terms of potential future revenue sources, and this is certainly good news, in the 2020 approved budget, it was funding approved for a part time or per diem economic development director. This 2021 budget includes a full year of funding for that position,

with costs shared equally with the Tax Increment Financing districts. The Select Board has retained the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission on a per diem basis for 2021, with the expectation to encourage development and obtain grants going forward, to keep our tax rate affordable in the long term.

The other real positive that I want to point out is that the solar array at the transfer station and adjoining land in Webster is moving forward to expected annual revenues to Hopkinton of around 150 to 200,000, around \$150,000.00, in 2023 or 2024.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:
As far as the Operating Budget, itself, which is Warrant Article 3, the article is a total proposed operating budget of \$7,662,087.00. It

Operating Budget

- Total Operating Budget of \$7,662,087
 - Increase of \$141,432 – 1.88%

- Major Drivers

• NH Retirement	\$ 49,673
• Election Administration	\$(11,462)
• COLA at 1.5%	\$ 39,559
• Health Insurance	\$ 30,953
• Police PT Wages	\$ 13,076
• Police Gasoline	\$ (5,040)
• Fire Dispatch	\$ 6,424



reflects an increase over the 2020 final approved budget of \$141,000 or 1.88%.

The largest driver of the increase is the State increase in the percentage the Town must pay effective July 1, 2021, for the New Hampshire Retirement system, and that’s almost \$50,000.00.

Moving along. Because there are fewer elections in 2021 than last year, election administration is reduced by \$11,000.00 or 56%.

We’re proposing a Cost of Living Adjustment for Town employees of one and a half percent, which represents an increase of \$39,559.00.

Health insurance, based on a guaranteed maximum increase of 6%, is just under \$31,000.00.

There will be a proposed increase for police part-time wages of \$13,000.00, which represents an eight hour per week increase in total part time hours.

Police gasoline is decreased by \$5,000.00, primarily due to a lower estimated gas price, compared to last year.

Fire dispatch mutual aid is a fixed increase of \$6,424.00, based on the Town’s valuation.

Ken Traum, Select Board

Vice Chair: Department of Public Works part-time wage increase of \$24,000.00, which brings the total for that line item back to where it had originally been approved by the Select Board and Budget Committee for 2020, prior to the pandemic. The final approved budget for 2020 for this item was so much lower because we knew that winter road maintenance costs had been much lower than normal, due to the weather.

Operating Budget

- Major Drivers continued
- DPW PT Wages \$ 24,000
- HYW Paving/Shimming \$ 17,700
- HWY Tree Services \$ 5,000
- Trash Transport & Disposal \$ 38,500
- Demolition Tipping Fees \$ 6,000
- Transfer Station Equip. Rental \$ 6,000
- Economic Dev. Director \$ 16,450
- Debt Principal & Interest \$ (194,808)
- Sewer Department \$ 11,958

Total – Major Drivers - \$ 53,983



Department of Public Works’ shimming and paving was increased by 5%, or \$17,700.00, to put us back on the trajectory where, in non-pandemic years, we have been increasing this line item by 5%, in order to continue chipping away at the backlog of road work that needs addressing.

Highway tree services was increased by \$5,000.00, mainly due to the impact of the emerald ash borer on trees in town.

Trash transport and disposal was increased by \$38,500.00, to reflect the increased price, the expected price increase, per ton for removal. As an aside, we will be looking into whether 2021 is an appropriate year to increase the rates we charge for dumping at the transfer station.

Demolition tipping fees was increased by \$6,000.00, due to a larger amount of tonnage. I'll note that we have increased the estimated revenue from commercial haulers who dump at the transfer station by \$10,000.00, for the same reason.

Equipment rental at the transfer station was increased by \$6,000.00, recognizing that actual expenses for 2020 were considerably over-budget.

The Economic Development Committee director line was increased by \$16,450.00, to reflect a full year for this position, which was approved last summer.

On the other side of the ledger, debt principal and interest are projected to decline by just under \$195,000.00, of which principal payments will decline by \$263,000.00, while interest payments will increase by \$68,000.00. This is due to a number of factors: the maturing in 2020 of the Beyer/Carson/Rollins Bond, the Myron loan, and the community well loan, in combination with the refinancing of the Fire Station and initial road bond in early 2021, as well as the issuance of the recently approved \$1.8 million road bond. I will get into this area of activity in a little more detail when I finish this slide.

The final item on this slide is an increase in the Sewer Department of just under \$12,000.00, which is fully offset by revenues. The major driver here is for mandated testing.

The effect of the bond refinancing

<p>The Town approved a \$1.8 million road bond in 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$189,547 in interest and no principle for this bond are in the 2021 proposed budget • The bonds are being issued at a 0.76% interest rate
<p>The \$1.38 million remaining on the 2015 road bond is being refinanced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$124,640 in principal and interest are in the 2021 proposed budget • The refinance will save \$69,000 in interest over the remaining life of the bond
<p>The \$2.061 million remaining on the 2014 fire station is being refinanced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$132,511 in principal and interest are in the 2021 proposed budget • The refinance will save \$231,000 in interest over the remaining life of the bond



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: So, getting on to debt service and interest. The Town, at our July Town meeting vote, approved the \$1.8 million bond. At that point, it assumed an issuance in early 2021 at 2.5%. The interest rate, wonderfully, turned out

to be much lower at 0,76%. Included in this budget is \$189,000.00 of interest expense for 2021.

At the same time as we issued the new bond, we refinanced an existing road bond, which was issued in 2015, with remaining principal of \$1,38 million. \$124,000.00 in principal and interest for 2021 is included in this budget. By refinancing in early 2021 at 0.76%, versus the original 2.5%, we saved almost \$69,000.00 in interest over the remaining life of the bond.

And finally, the existing Fire Station bond, which was issued in 2014, had remaining principal of \$2,061,000.00. And by similarly refinancing it in early 2021 at 0.76%, versus the original 3.15%, we save \$231,000.00 in interest over the remaining life of the bond.

Capital Reserve/Maint Trust Funds

- Total CRF/Maint. Funds of \$778,500
 - Increase of \$30,500 – 4.08%
- Major Drivers

• Fire Vehicle Replacement	\$ (62,500)
• Highway Vehicle Replacement	\$ 20,000
• Transfer Station Equipment	\$ 45,000
• Revaluation	\$ 22,000
• Library Building & Grounds	\$ (34,000)
• Town Facilities Maint. Trust	\$ 35,000

Total – Major Drivers - \$ 25,500



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Moving on to Capital Reserves and Maintenance Trust Funds. The total the Select Board is proposing to put into Capital Reserves (Warrant Article 5) and Maintenance Trust Funds (Warrant

Article 6) are \$706,000.00 and \$72,500.00, respectively, totaling \$778,500.00, or a \$30,500.00 increase over 2020.

The major drivers are Fire Department vehicles and equipment is declining by \$62,500.00 to \$200,000.00, primarily because we purchased a \$600,000.00-plus fire engine in 2020.

Public works vehicle and equipment is increasing by \$20,000.00 to \$220,000.00, so we can purchase a backhoe and small dump truck in 2021, for an estimated \$260,000.00.

Transfer station Capital Reserve Fund is increasing from zero to \$45,000.00, so we can replace Trailer One for about \$52,500.00.

Revaluation is increasing from zero to \$22,000.00, as we are starting to set aside funds for our next town-wide revaluation in 2025.

Library Facilities’ Maintenance Trust is decreasing by \$34,000.00, from \$41,000.00 to \$7,000.00, because in 2020, we set aside funds for painting the inside and outside of the building, as well as other future projects.

And the final major change is to the Town Facilities Maintenance Trust for a \$35,000.00 increase to \$60,000.00. This is in order to fund the Houston Barn roof repairs over two years.

Individual Warrant Article

- Total Individual Warrant Article of \$ 61,300
 - Increase of \$61,300.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,300 for the purpose of purchasing and installing financial software. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Okay, moving on to the Individual Warrant Article, which is Warrant Article 6. Warrant Article 6 is a \$61,300.00 item which would be funded out of the December 31, 2020, fund balance and will be used to purchase and install modern financial software to replace the software that is about thirteen years old. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:

What the financial software will provide: the current software is still supported, but not updated. The new system will provide substantially more ability to obtain detailed info efficiently. It

Financial Software

- Current software is still supported, but not updated
- Provides substantially more ability to obtain detailed information efficiently
- Includes a reconciliation module
- Includes a budget module saving a substantial amount of time in budget preparation
- Integrated with NH DRA forms providing the correct information easily
- Includes full integration of ACH payments which is not part of current software
- Web-based providing for added assurance of continuation of service

includes a reconciliation module, as well as a budget module, thus saving a substantial amount of time for both areas. It would be integrated with New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration forms, providing the correct information easily. It includes full integration of ACH payments, which is not part of the current software, and it is web-based, thus providing for added assurance of continuation of service.

Use of Fund Balance

- Total use of Fund Balance \$ 421,300
 - Increase of \$71,300 – 20.37%
 - \$360,000 to offset operating budget
 - \$61,300 for financial software
- Fund Balance offsets the amount needed to be raised by taxes.
- So what exactly is the Unreserved Fund Balance?

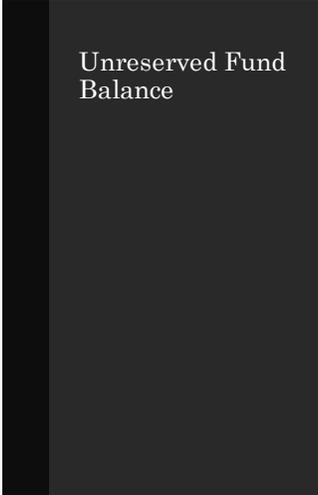
Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:

Okay, use of the Fund Balance. We are proposing to use \$421,300.00 from the fund balance, which is a \$71,300.00, or 20.4%, increase over what was used in 2020. \$360,000.00 would be used to offset the operating budget, while

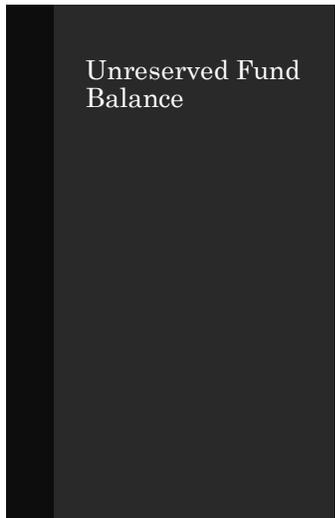
\$61,300.00 would be used for the financial software. Please remember that the Fund Balance offsets the amounts needed to be raised by taxes.

With that, let me remind you about what the Fund Balance is.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: It is funds remaining in the budget, after all obligations have been met, that is not committed for other purposes and can be allocated in the upcoming budget or returned to reduce taxes.



- Funds remaining in the budget after all obligations have been met that is not committed for other purposes and can be allocated in the upcoming budget or returned to reduce taxes.



- NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) recommends an Unreserved Fund Balance retainage of a minimum of 5.0% of all taxes committed (town, school, county, precincts)
- For cash flow
- Emergencies



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration recommends an Unreserved Fund Balance of at least 5% of all taxes committed. That 5% goes for not just the Town, but also

the schools, county, and precincts, as the Town is the entity who sends out the bills and collects payments. This 5% would cover issues like cash flow and emergencies.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: At this time, we are estimating that the Unreserved Fund balance as of December 31,2020, will be \$2,061,000.00. Reducing that by the 5% retainage estimate of \$1,314,000.00 leaves an estimated \$746,605.00 available. We are proposing to use \$421,000.00 in 2021, leaving an estimated minimum of \$325,000.00 for use in 2022. I'll stress the word

Unreserved Fund Balance

• Unreserved Fund Balance Estimate 12/31/2020	\$2,061,044
• 5.0% Retainage Estimate	<u>\$1,314,439</u>
• Estimated Available for 2021	<u>\$746,605</u>
• Proposed Use 2021	\$421,300
• Estimated minimum available 2022	\$325,305



minimum, as we are hoping the State will come through with additional funding, as we are assuming receiving \$142,000.00 less in 2021 than 2020, and, in general, we will receive more revenue in other areas than we are budgeting for, as well as lower expenses than budgeted for in 2021. For instance, in 2020, we are estimating that actual expenses will be at least \$199,000.00 below budget.

2019		
Exemption	Number	Amount
Elderly	74	5,410,600
Solar	41	205,000
Disabled Veteran	1	384,100
TOTAL		5,999,700
2020		
Exemption	Number	Amount
Elderly	73	9,057,200
Solar	49	245,000
Disabled Veteran	2	697,200
TOTAL		9,999,400
Increase in Exemption amount 2020		3,999,700
Town Tax Value Change		\$ 24,998.13

Effects of 2020 Exemption Changes

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:
As you will remember, at the 2021 [2020] Town Meeting, the exemption levels for low-income elderly, solar, and disabled veterans were increased.

While the Select Board strongly supported the increases, and continues to, this slide shows that the increased exemptions resulted in those eligible individuals saving about \$25,000.00 off of the Town portion of their tax bills. Since this amount has to be recovered, it resulted in over a half a percent increase in the Town tax rate with a similar impact for the School’s rate.

**2021 TAX RATE ESTIMATION
SELECT BOARD NUMBERS**

	2020 Approved	2021 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUE				
OPERATING REVENUE				
Operating Revenue	3,207,951	3,138,550	(69,401)	-2.16%
Sewer Fund Revenue	171,843	193,958	22,115	12.87%
Total	3,379,794	3,332,508	(47,286)	-1.40%
PASSTHROUGH REVENUE				
Road Bond	1,800,000	-	(1,800,000)	-100.00%
From Special Revenue Funds	121,380	86,000	(35,380)	-29.15%
Total	1,921,380	86,000	(1,835,380)	-95.52%
GRAND TOTAL	5,301,174	3,418,508	(1,882,666)	-35.51%
EXPENSES				
OPERATING BUDGET				
Expenses	7,353,483	7,482,957	129,474	1.76%
Sewer Expenses	167,172	179,130	11,958	7.15%
Total	7,520,656	7,662,087	141,432	1.88%
WARRANT ARTICLE (INDIVIDUAL)				
To CFB	676,500	706,000	29,500	4.36%
To Trust Funds	71,500	72,500	1,000	1.40%
Total	748,000	778,500	30,500	4.08%
WARRANT ARTICLES (INDIVIDUAL)				
Road Bond	1,800,000	-	-	-
Financial Software	-	61,300	61,300	-
Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue	120,000	85,000	(35,000)	-29.17%
Senior Center Rental Spec. Rev	1,380	1,000	(380)	-27.54%
Total	1,921,380	147,300	(1,774,080)	-92.33%
OTHER RATE IMPACTS				
Fund Balance use	(350,000)	(421,300)	(71,300)	20.37%
Overlay	137,458	180,000	42,542	30.95%
War Service Credits	207,900	207,900	-	0.00%
Total	(4,642)	(33,400)	(28,758)	619.52%
GRAND TOTALS				
GRAND TOTALS	4,884,220	5,135,979	251,760	5.15%
TAX IMPACT	6.25	6.54	0.29	4.63%
Valuation				
2020	780,889,991			
2021	784,794,441			



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:

This page shows all of the items impacting the proposed tax rate, as I have explained, resulting in an increase of 4.63%, or 29 cents per thousand, to \$6.54. We have assumed a half a percent increase in the town-wide valuation, consistent with the Budget Committee's

recommendation, due to recent historical trends and the volume of new construction and renovations during the pandemic.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: This slide again shows the change to 29 cents and 4.63%

Estimated Tax Rate Impact 2021

- Amount to be raised by taxes

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$4,884,220	\$5,135,979	\$ 251,760	5.15%

- Tax Rate (2021 is estimated)

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$6.25	\$6.54	\$ 0.29	4.63%

American Rescue Plan Act

- Expected to receive \$570,000 over 2021 and 2022
- Can be expended in 2021-2024
- Firm guidance on how these funds can be used is not yet available
- Will keep voters up to date on this as more information is received



Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:

This slide shows, since Articles 3 through 6 were unanimously adopted by Budget Committee and Select Board, I have been asked about any updates, due to the American Rescue Plan and State budget. With the American Rescue

Plan, the Town expects to receive about \$570,000.00 from the Plan over 2021 and 2022, which we have until 2024 to expend, but since we don't have any firm guidance on how the funds can be spent, we haven't included any here. We will keep voters up to date on this as we receive more information.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair:

Since the adoption of the proposed budget and revenue assumptions, we have been following developments with the New Hampshire State budget, as it relates to funding for Room and Meals tax revenues and Highway Block

State Revenue Update

- Likely to receive amount equal to last year for Room & Meals and Highway Block Grant, but not Revenue Sharing
- Change in Revenue
 - Room & Meals \$231,234 to \$289,043
 - Highway Block Grant \$153,366 to \$191,685
- Is a \$96,128 increase in anticipated revenue which changes the tax rate impact from \$0.29 to \$0.17 changing the increase from 4.63% to 2.67%



grants going to the towns. As you will recall, we had assumed we would receive 80% of the amounts we receive this year. At this time, since a final state budget is months away, we have stuck to the assumptions we and the Budget Committee had previously used. But I will add that, as we have followed developments of the state budget, we are hopeful that we will receive 100% of those amounts, which would mean the tax increase would be 2.63% not 4.63%. The tax rate is formally set by the State Department of Revenue Administration in the Fall. At that time, they will know what the actual amounts are, as well as the updated Town valuation number and would incorporate such. So, with that, I am finished with that presentation, and I'll turn it back to Sara.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Alright, thank you, Ken. Neal, did anyone from the Budget Committee want to speak to any of those articles?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No one has their hand raised. I don't see Mark on.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: I'll just note that the Budget Committee did unanimously approve all of those articles.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Correct. Neal, is there anyone from the public who wishes to comment, has anyone raised their hand?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There are no hands raised.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Alright. If anyone wants to comment, raise your hand.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There is one; Steve Adams.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Alright. Steve, you are going to be unmuted. Could you please just state your name and street address for the record?

[Not Steve, but Renee Adams]

Renee Adams: It's Renee Adams, **691 Kearsarge Ave.** I had a comment on two things. On bridges, I wondered if it's—and you might not know—but is it likely that part of the infrastructure jobs plan, which has a lot of money for bridges, will come to towns this size, to help with bridge repair? Will we get some of that money?

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Ken, do you want to respond to that?

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: I would say, certainly hopefully, but I can't say definitively. I don't have any information like that. We are, as part of the recent bond that had been approved last summer, we will be starting work on the Rowell Bridge, if that was the one you were particularly concerned about.

Renee Adams: Any bridge, I am concerned about.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Just cross your fingers after that one.

Renee Adams: Right. My other question is just kind of a confused one on the transfer station. I think many of us are confused with what's going on with recycling, with money from recycling, with the transfer station, anybody's transfer station, in the state. And when I see that we need to spend \$45,000.00 to help the transfer station, is there any money that we're making that goes into it? Detail may be in here that I missed, but I am confused with whether any money is being made actually on what we, as citizens, are doing at the transfer station, and with our bags, and the whole thing.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Okay, any revenue that we receive is used to offset costs. Certainly, as far as green bags, the revenue received from green bags, the net of the cost of the bag, is used 100% just to offset Hopkinton's costs. Webster doesn't receive anything from those bags.

Renee Adams: And with the recycling, is there anything that's making money on recycling?

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: I would have to defer to Neal; I'm not sure of the answer.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Sure. In 2020, we took in just about \$28,000.00 in recycling revenue. That is certainly down.

Renee Adams: That's way down, right?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: It's about half of what we took in in 2017. The market, as you've heard, statewide, countrywide, worldwide, is not what it was, certainly.

Renee Adams: So, we're putting more money in, as a town, for whenever anything comes up at the transfer station, at this point. Thank you, okay.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Renee, does that conclude your comments?

Renee Adams: Yes, thank you.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right, great; thank you.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Thank you for your questions.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Neal...

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: Can I just make one clarification? Ken mentioned that we were working on the Rowell Bridge; it's actually the Tyler Bridge that comes under that recent bond, I believe.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: The bridge on Penacook Street.

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: Just wanted to correct the record on that.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Thank you for the correction.

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: Great.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Neal, do we have anyone else with their hand raised?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No hands are raised at the moment.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. There's no one else with public comment on those articles? Three, four, five, six; then we will move on to seven. Just double checking one more time, Neal, that no one has raised their hand.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No hands, and the hand button should be at the bottom of their screens, if you want. I don't see anyone on the phones.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Okay, great. Then, we will move on to **Article 7: Authorization to Rent the Bates Building**; to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease all or a portion of the Bates Building for a period exceeding one year under such terms and conditions as determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0.

The motion is made by Sabrina Dunlap and seconded by Steven Whitley, and I will recognize Sabrina Dunlap to speak to her motion.

[Article 7: Authorization to Rent the Bates Building

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease all or a portion of the Bates Building for a period exceeding one year under such terms and conditions as determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

MOTION TO BE MADE BY: **Sabrina Dunlap**
 SECONDED BY: **Steven Whitley**
 SPEAKER: **Sabrina Dunlap**

Sabrina Dunlap, Select Board Chair: Thank you. So, this is merely allowing the Town to enter into more than a month-to-month lease, because we did put the question before the Town the last two years, to authorize us to sell the Bates Building, and that did not go through, so we're pretty limited in what we can do with the building, and so under State law, we need authorization from the Town to enter into a longer-term lease. So, that is what this is asking the Town to do. This doesn't get into who will be in the building or anything else about the building's use; it's just authorizing us to enter into something longer than a month-to-month lease.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: That conclude your comments, Sabrina?

Sabrina Dunlap, Select Board Chair: It does, thanks.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: And so, if there are any public comments, questions, I will entertain those now. Just raise your hand, using the button at the bottom.

Sabrina Dunlap, Select Board Chair: And actually, I should just add, while we give people a chance to raise their hand, that if we are authorized, we still have to go through a process to determine who will be a tenant, and move forward with the process from here, so again, this is a pretty limited ask here.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Neal, do we have anyone who has raised their hand?

Neal Cass, Town Moderator: We do. Elizabeth McCann.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. Could you introduce yourself, with your name and address for the record, please?

[Not Elizabeth McCann, but Alyssa McCann]

Alyssa McCann: Neal, you know my name by now. This is Alyssa McCann at **519 Crowell Road**. I was just calling to say that I am, as the current tenant of the Bates Building, in strong support of folks voting yes. Voting yes lets, whether it's us or another tenant, set up a long-term situation to invest in ourselves and the building. And so, just putting it out there that, as the current tenant, we're really hoping the Town votes yes on this warrant.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Thank you, Alyssa. Neal, do we have anyone else?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There are no other hands at the moment.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. We'll give you another minute while I scroll to Article 8. Final check, Neal. Anyone else on Article 7?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No, not on Article 7.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. We'll move on to **Article 8: Authorization to Sell Land at Corner of Currier and Beech Hill Roads**: to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell land located at the corner of Currier Road and Beech Hill Road, a portion of which is identified on the Town Tax records as Map 259, Lot 024-000, and a portion of which is the old road consisting of approximately .33 acres; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell such lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0; the Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.

Article 8: Authorization to Sell Land at Corner of Currier and Beech Hill Roads

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell land located at the corner of Currier Road and Beech Hill Road, a portion of which is identified on the Town Tax records as Map 259, Lot 024-000, and a portion which is the old road consisting of appropriately .33 acres; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell such lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).

MOTION TO BE MADE BY: **Jeff Donohoe**

SECONDED BY: **Anna Wells**

SPEAKER: **Jeff Donohoe]**

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: The motion is made by Jeff Donohoe and seconded by Anna Wells, and I will recognize Jeff to speak to his motion.

[Mr. Donohoe will refer to a slide that shows a map of the area around Currier and Beech Hill Roads, with a red triangle around the specific land to which this Article pertains]

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Yeah, this is, if you can see, there is the red triangle, which is the subject of this article, and within that, there is a smaller triangle, that was sort of a traffic island, if you will, in the middle of where Currier Road split, and the intersection was realigned, and that piece really became unnecessary or unneeded. So, this combines the portion of the old road and the lot into a single lot to be sold by the Town, because we don't need it.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Does that conclude your remarks, Jeff? Great.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Yes, thank you.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: If there are any public comment or questions regarding Article 8, I would entertain those now.

Neal Cass, Town Moderator: Mark Zankel.

Mark Zankel: Hi, good evening. Mark Zankel, **485 Crowell Road**. I just have a question for Ken, which is, I think you said that the Budget Committee voted to side with this, and I don't actually remember this one coming to the Budget Committee, so I just wanted to see if you could

confirm that that actually came to Budget Committee, or if it didn't, you might want to just edit that.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Neal, do you have that?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Yes, this didn't go to Budget Committee.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Okay, then I rescind that, which I read from the script. Thank you for the clarification, Mark.

Mark Zankel: Great, thank you.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Neal, are there any other public comments?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Yes. Joanne DeBold.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right, Joanne, could you just state your name and address for the record, please?

Joanne DeBold: My name is Joanne DeBold. I live at **966 Rollins Road**, and I just was wondering is that slice of land between Currier Road and the Beech Hill School?

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Jeff, do you want to respond to that?

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: I believe that's correct, Joanne.

Joanne DeBold: Thank you.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Sure.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Thanks, Joanne. Neal, do we have anyone else?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No other hands are raised.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. Seeing no other public comments, we will move on to **Article 9: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund**; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0, and I am reading here the Budget Committee recommended this article 9-0, and I'm just double-checking, Neal, that is still accurate.

[Article 9: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).

MOTION TO BE MADE BY: **Anna Wells**
 SECONDED BY: **Steven Whitley**
 SPEAKER: **Anna Wells]**

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: The motion was made by Anna Wells and seconded by Steven Whitley, and I will recognize Anna to speak to her motion.

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: Thank you, Madam Moderator. This article is probably very familiar to people by now. As always, it authorizes existing monies in the pay-by-bag special revenue fund to be used to offset expenses associated with the operation of the transfer station. That concludes my remarks.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Brilliant. Are there any Budget Committee members that wanted to speak to this, Neal?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: And any public comment or question? Does anyone have their hand raised?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No hands are raised.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Alright. Seeing no public comment, we will move on to **Article 10: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund**; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

The Select Board recommends this article 5-0; the Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.

[Article 10: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund

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(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).

MOTION TO BE MADE BY: **Anna Wells**
 SECONDED BY: **Steven Whitley**
 SPEAKER: **Anna Wells]**

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: The motion is made by Anna Wells and is seconded by Steven Whitley, and I will recognize Anna to speak to her motion.

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: Thank you again, Madam Moderator. And again, this article is probably very familiar. This vote would authorize existing monies in the senior center rental special revenue fund to be used to offset costs to operate and maintain the Slusser Center. That concludes my comments.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Brilliant. Thank you, Anna. Neal, did any members of the Budget Committee wish to speak to this?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: They did not.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Have any members of the public raised their hand?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Not at this time.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. I will give you a minute while I scroll to the next article. Let me know if anyone pops up. Any hands, Neal?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No hands.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. Then we will move on to **Article 11: A Resolution for Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting Article**. I will note that this is a petition warrant article. It reads:

Because redistricting has often been used to gerrymander (unfairly draw partisan districts based on partisan considerations), by petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Hopkinton to see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Hopkinton to urge the New Hampshire General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11, allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Hopkinton to petition the New Hampshire General Court for its own exclusive seats(s) in the NH House of Representatives, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to Hopkinton's state legislators, informing them of the requests from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

This is a petition Warrant Article and the Select Board recommends this article 5-0.

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By Petition

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

MOTION TO BE MADE BY: Caitlin Rollo

SECONDED BY: Sabrina Dunlap

SPEAKER: Caitlin Rollo]

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: The motion is made by Caitlin Rollo and seconded by Sabrina Dunlap will recognize Caitlin to speak to her motion. Caitlin, when you come on, just please state your name and then your address for the record.

Caitlin Rollo: All right, hello?

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: You are live.

Caitlin Rollo: All right, perfect. Thank you, Madam Moderator. For the record, my name is Caitlin Rollo and I live at **1998 Hopkinton Road**. And really quickly, this warrant article is a volunteer-driven petition that was brought forth by more than twenty-five residents in this community and they're popping up all across the state, actually, and over a hundred communities have voted on to move this. What we're looking for is a non-binding resolution to be sent to our state elected officials by our Select Board, as well as the voters, requesting that the redistricting that will start really soon at our state level will be fair and transparent, as they draw their new legislative maps on the state and federal level, that the maps not be drawn with any favoritism to one political party or another, that the mapping process happen in public meetings and be done prior to and after, so that there can be as much public input as possible. This was an area, 10 years ago, where, from my own personal experience, there was not a lot of public input that was put in; and in fact, the maps were actually drawn forward, in one case, with less than 24 hours, and I was actually one of the only residents to actually go to one of the hearings, so I feel very passionately that the voters all across the state should have an opportunity, just like we're seeing with all these town meetings and school district meetings, Zoom has provided a great opportunity for folks to be engaged in and understand what's happening, not only in local politics, but on the state level. Additionally, this warrant asks for towns that have 3,300 citizens or larger be given their own state rep districts. A lot of this goes to a constitutional amendment that was passed actually by the state voters overwhelmingly in 2006 that districts be as small as possible, so that we can have the most representation needed. And then, the last little bit is that the Select Board will communicate this in writing to our town and state and federal delegations. And that's all I have.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Thank you, Caitlin. Did any members of the Select Board wish to speak to this? Okay, seeing that, Neal, let's open it up to public comment. Are there any hands raised?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Yes. The first one is Janet Ward.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. Janet, you are good to go; just state your address for the record, please.

Janet Ward: I'm Janet Ward from **82 Watchtower Road**, and I support this article because it's simple common sense. To allow folks to manipulate redistricting behind closed doors offers a lot of opportunity for mischief. This article simply says have the redistricting happen openly and above board and with public input and participation. And, as Caitlin said, these petitioned articles are appearing on town warrants across the state of New Hampshire and have been approved by fifty of them. It is simple common sense to have something as important as redistricting happen in full view of all of us, the voting public, and citizens of the state of New Hampshire. And so, I very much support approval of this article.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Thank you for your comment, Janet. Neal, do we have anyone else?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: We do. I think it's Renee Adams, if I remember right.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: I will not guess, but whoever is S. Adams, you are good to go; just state your name and address for the record.

Renee Adams: Thanks. It's Renee Adams, **691 Kearsarge**. I'd just like to thank Caitlin, the other volunteers, along with Janet. I believe that the Legislature voted down having a third party, neutral group do this. But I think whether it's done by the Republicans or the Democrats, and they both do it, it's undemocratic and I think our Town Meeting is so democratic and we need to continue that same spirit in New Hampshire, so I'd like people to vote yes for this. Thank you.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Thank you, Renee. Neal, do we have any other public comment on this one?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There are no other hands raised at the moment.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There is another one. It's Bob Wells.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. If you could just state your name and address for the record, Bob?

Bob Wells: Bob Wells at **174 Moran Road**. I think Janet Ward expressed it really well, that it's very important that we have an objective approach to the redistricting, to avoid issues that we are now seeing nationally, where redistricting is being used to favor one party over another. So, I strongly support this particular article.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Thank you for your comment, Bob. Neal, is there anyone else left?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There are no other hands raised.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. Seeing none, then we can move on to **Article 12: Adoption of Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting**. I will note this is also a petition warrant article. It reads:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday of March?

A 3/5 ballot vote is required for this article and the Select Board does not recommend this article, 5-0.

[Article 12: Adoption of Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday of March?

(By Petition).

(3/5 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board does not recommend this article (5-0)).

MOTION TO BE MADE BY:

SECONDED BY:

SPEAKER:]

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Neal, do we have any of the petitioners on the call to present tonight?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Not that I am aware of. They could raise their hand if they are.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: We'll give them a minute, to see if there is anyone on. Seeing that there are no petitioners on to present this, I will recognize Steven Whitley to speak on behalf of the Select Board.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Thank you, Madam Moderator. There are some slides for this, which I'm just going to wait until they get queued up here.

Article 12: Change to SB2

- Article submitted by petition; Board does not support
- Requires 3/5 vote to pass
- Board required to hold public hearing; did so on April 12, 2021

What is SB2 and what does it mean?

- If passed, Hopkinton would become official ballot community and have to follow RSA 40:13



Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Great. So, I'm not going to read all this, because some of this is familiar and I also want to keep this kind of brief. The Select Board held a public hearing on April 12, and we voted not to support this petitioned article.

What is SB2 form of town meeting?

- If passed, Hopkinton would become official ballot community and have to follow RSA 40:13 for Town Meetings going forward
- “Town Meeting” split into two separate sessions, held about five (5) weeks apart:
 - First Session – Deliberative – for the explanation, discussion, and amendments to the proposed operating budget and other warrant articles
 - Second Session – Voting – to vote on all warrant articles as amended by First Session on the second Tuesday in March, at the same time as local elections. Only can vote “yes” or “no”



Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: So, what is the SB2 form of Town Meeting? If it passes, Hopkinton will become an official ballot community and have to follow RSA 40:13 for Town Meetings going forward. That splits up the Town Meeting into two sessions: the deliberative session first and then the voting session. By law, those are held about five weeks apart. The first session, the deliberative, is for the explanation, discussion, and amendments to the proposed operating budget and the other warrant articles. The second session is where we all get together and vote. That voting session just an up or down, a “yes” or “no” vote, there’s no more discussion or changing of the articles.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: So, how does this compare to what we’re doing already? The first session is probably the most similar to what we’re familiar with. That’s when everyone gets together, COVID

How would this compare to what we have done so far?

- The First/Deliberative Session is similar to traditional Town Meeting, but only vote on wording of each article
- By law, Deliberative Sessions are held in late January/early February, about five (5) weeks before voters actually vote “yes” or “no” on each article
- Voting on each article is by ballot at the typical March election (second Tuesday in March). Can only vote “yes” or “no”
- Absentee Ballots can be obtained for the Voting Session in March
- If operating budget doesn’t pass, then possible to use the “Default Budget”



notwithstanding, and debates and makes motions to amend and do those, sort of, kind of, traditional Town Meeting things, but you don’t actually vote after that discussion. All you’re doing is deciding on the final wording. And then you wait to vote until the voting session, which, as I mentioned, is about five weeks later, and that voting session is held on the same day

that we hold elections. So, the same day you show up, you vote by official ballot for both all of the election offices that are up, zoning amendments, and then on all the warrant articles, as they were amended at this first session. You can get absentee ballots for the voting session in March; that is the difference. If the operating budget does not pass, and again, it's an "up" or "down" vote, then it's possible that we would be using the default budget.

What is the Default Budget?

- The Default Budget is the previous year's budget, plus or minus debt service, contracts, other obligations previously incurred, and then reduced by one-time expenses and salaries/benefits for eliminated positions
- The Default Budget is created by the Select Board as the governing body
- Possible to have several years in row of default budget
- If/when the proposed operating budget fails, Select Board can choose to go with Default Budget or call a special meeting to reconsider only the operating budget again.



Steven Whitley, Select Board

Member: The default budget is defined by State law; it's the previous year's plus or minus debt service contracts, other obligations previously incurred, and then any reductions for one-time expenses, and salaries and benefits for eliminated positions. The default

budget is calculated by the Select Board as the governing body, and it is possible to have multiple years in a row of the default budget. If the operating budget does not get passed, the Select Board is not obligated to use the default budget; we could choose to call a special meeting, basically another Town Meeting, to consider only the operating budget once more.

Steve Whitley, Select Board

Member: So, why did we vote against this particular petitioned article? There were a couple of reasons. One, it's our sense that there is much, much lower turnout and participation at

Why Does the Select Board Oppose SB2?

- Low voter participation at deliberative sessions; other towns that have adopted SB2 almost universally report very low turnout for the deliberative session; far lower than what Hopkinton turns out for our traditional meeting
- Not the democratic process we think of as integral to a town meeting. With lower turnout and a 5 week break between deliberation and voting, there would be less debate and less informed voters
- Small groups of voters can make significant changes at the deliberative session, and when larger portions of the town later vote at the voting session, they are stuck with a "yes" or "no" choice on the article as amended
- Concerns about operating under a default budget; even possible that the default budget may be higher than the proposed operating budget
- If this petition is intended to address lack of access for the elderly or those with disabilities, those issues don't go away for the deliberative session, they would remain; if people have a disability or concern over access, please inform the town and we will do our best to make an accommodation for you
- If this petition is to change when the town has the business session of the meeting so its no longer on a Saturday, the Select Board has the power to set the business session for a different day and retain the traditional meeting format
- Many SB2 communities regret having made the switch from traditional town meeting



the deliberative sessions. People simply choose not to attend that part of it, and they only show up to vote five weeks later. Other towns that have adopted SB2, they almost universally say that the turnout goes down, and far lower than what Hopkinton what we turn out for our traditional

meeting. With lower turnout and the break between the deliberative and voting session, there would be less debate among the voters, and we believe there would be less-informed voters who are casting their votes. So, it's not the democratic process that we think of and that we aspire to.

The other reason we oppose is that when you have a deliberative session where not many people show up typically, you can have small groups of voters making very drastic changes to warrant articles. And then, once deliberative session has concluded and everybody shows up in March to cast their votes, they don't have the ability to make further changes or to persuade some of their fellow voters to not vote for the proposed amendments; you're stuck with the "yes" or "no" choice.

We also have concerns about what happens if we have to use the default budget. It is possible that the default budget can be higher than the operating budget that's proposed. And so, that is something that we would want to avoid because again, you're not talking through the operating budget and then making amendments and then voting on it. It's split up; that discussion happens at the deliberative session and then we have to wait to vote until five weeks later.

If this petition isn't intended to get at a lack of access for elderly residents or those with disabilities; unfortunately, those issues don't go away for the deliberative session; they would remain. And if there is someone out there with a disability or concern over access, we would ask that you guys get in touch with us, and we will do our best to make accommodations, so that you can participate, because that's what we want, is for the most people to be able to participate. And that changing the way we conduct our Town Meeting is maybe not the best way to improve access.

If this petition is really about people not liking when we hold the business session right now—maybe a point of clarification—so, now we have two days as part of our Town Meeting. We have the voting day on the Tuesday and then the Select Board picks when we're going to do what we call the business session, which is all the warrant articles, other than voting by election, zoning amendments, and those sorts of things. So, those are split up right now, but we have the ability to, the Select Board has the ability to set when that business session takes place, and we've been doing it on Saturdays. And if the purpose or the idea behind this petition is because people don't like when we've been setting the business session, come and talk to us and we'll see if there's a better day. But we don't think this is the way to get that sort of a change.

So, with that, that's all I have, unless there are any questions or comments. Thank you.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Thank you, Steven. Did any other member of the Select Board wish to speak to this before I go to public comment?

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: I just wanted to make a quick comment, because I find the wording of this awkward. So, I just wanted to clarify that we voted affirmatively to say that we do not support SB2. So, if you wanted to support SB2, you would vote yes. If you agree with the Select Board in not supporting SB2, you would vote no. Just wanted to clarify that, because I always find the wording a little bit confusing.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Correct. Thank you for the clarification. Neal, do we have any members of the public who have raised their hand?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: We do.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Who is up first?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Andrew.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Alright, Andrew, when you speak, could you just identify your name and your street address, for the record, please?

Andrew: Hi, my name is Andrew, I'm at **60 Upper Straw Road.**

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: And your last name, please, Andrew.

Andrew, could you just add your last name and then you're good to comment. [No last name is given.]

Andrew: I just wanted to say, with all due respect, that uninformed voters are still entitled to a vote, and SB2 allows for more democracy and a more input from town residents. And usually, I work during Town Meetings, and I still want my voice to be able to count.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Thank you for your comment, Andrew. Neal, do we have anyone else?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: We do not. Nope, here we come. I think it's Renee Adams.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. And again, just your name and street address for the record, please.

[Not Renee Adams, but Steve Adams]

Steve Adams: Okay, this time it's Steve Adams at **691 Kearsarge Avenue.** Okay, rather than go on for a long period of time, I just want to say, if I was going to say anything, I would say everything that Steve Whitley has just recounted to everyone and agree with the Board's position on this. I think it's a bad idea for the town. I understand some of the challenges some of the people may feel that they have, but I'd like to say that the comments that you, that the Board, has put forward, all I need to say is, I strongly recommend that everybody votes no on this particular issue. Thank you.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Great. Thank you for your comment. Neal, has anyone else raised their hand?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There are no other hands raised.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: All right. Give them one more minute as I scroll to the next article. Still no hands, Neal?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: No hands.

Sara Persechino: Okay. Seeing no public comment, I will move to **Article 13: Other Legal Business**; to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Article 13: Other Legal Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Does anyone have other business for this meeting? Neal, has anyone raised their hand?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There are no hands raised.

Sara Persechino, Town Administrator: All right. Seeing no other business and no other public comments, I will wrap this up. I want to thank everyone for their participation this evening and remind you all that you can submit your questions, comments, and motions to amend by telephone, voice mail, or email before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. Please remember to identify your name and street address.

Our next virtual session will be held on Thursday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. No further comments will be taken at that time.

After the Select Board finalizes the warrant articles, a sample ballot will be posted on the town website by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 30.

Drive-by voting will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Hopkinton Middle High School, via the Kearsarge Ave entrance. If possible, I do suggest choosing a time other than right at 8:30 to vote, since that's when the lines tend to form up. And to protect the health and safety of voters and poll workers, just another reminder to please wear your mask when your vehicle window is down.

For additional information, you can visit the Town of Hopkinton website, and again, thank you all for participating this evening, and I hope to see you on Thursday.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Thanks, everybody. Thanks, Sara. Thanks, Neal.

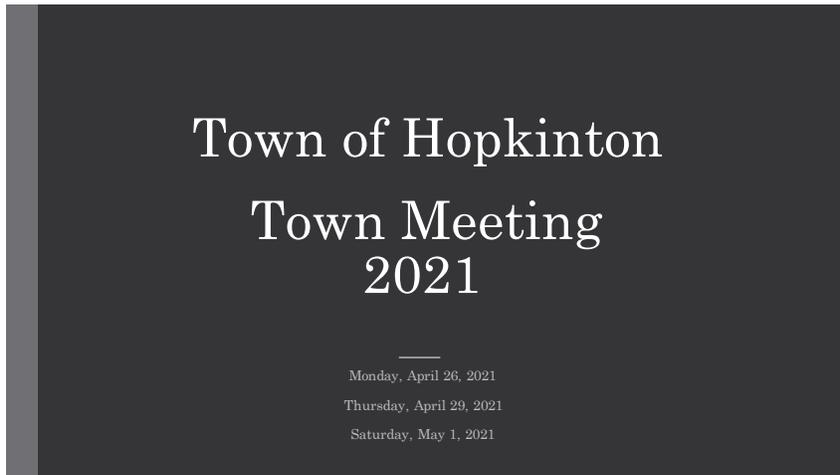
Select Board, Town Administrator, and Town Moderator: Thank you. Yes, thank you all.
Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: Thank you everyone for joining us. Good night.

Transcribed by C. Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Harless".

Approved by Carol A. Harless
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Hopkinton Second Virtual Annual Town Meeting; April 29, 2021



Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Welcome, everybody, to the Select Board portion of Town Meeting. Thank you, everyone who has dialed in and is joining us. So, tonight we are going to talk about the ballot, and we got only a handful of comments and suggestions, so we'll walk through. I think how we did

it last time is, remind me, Neal, we just start with Article 3?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Yes. Do you want to start with the comments from Article 3?

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Yeah, why don't we do that?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Actually, there are a few general comments. I don't know if you want to do those first.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Yeah, good point. Let's do those. I think there were only maybe two.

TOWN MEETING 2021 COMMENTS RECEIVED

General Comments:

Jim Sindelar - 263 Brockway Rd.

HOPKINTON OWNS OUR TRANSFER STATION; Our taxes established it, maintain it, and run it. And every time I go there, I note that Hopkinton residents have to contain all our garbage in those unhandy, frail green bags we have to buy, while Webster residents can and do dump anything they want into the hopper—little, big, doesn't matter, all unbagged. This strikes me as unfair, and it burns me up.

I would like to know how this unfortunate and unfair situation came to be, and if anything can be done to correct it. If Webster residents can't/don't want to follow our rules, they should be told to build, run, and maintain their own transfer station.

Jim O'Brien - 17 Prospect Street

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the Board, Neal Cass and all the Town staff for your hard work and dedication during this challenging time. I am truly thankful that you are willing to give so much of your time and talents to make our community better.

I want to commend you for your work on the budget – which was recognized by a unanimous vote of the Budget Committee. It is great to see that we are able to refinance some of our debt and will realize significant savings in the upcoming years. The community should also be pleased by the economic development position contained in this budget. For years, the town has been discussing the need to diversify our tax base. To do so requires some upfront investment and resources. The Economic Development Committee has been doing a fantastic job at identifying areas in our community to focus on – having this position will enable that work to move forward faster.

I also strongly support the appropriations in Article 4, Capital Reserve Funds, and appreciate the work done by our department heads, the Board, and the Capital Improvement Committee to adequately plan for these large items.

Thanks again for all that you do, and I urge voters to support the articles as presented.

Elizabeth Sides - 265 Crowell Rd

Dear Select Board Members and Moderator,

Thank you for the presentation on Monday. Everything was very clear and precise. I am writing to state my full support for all warrant articles presented.

Thank you all for your service and hard work to make our special town function as it should!

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: I don't know if anyone wants to respond to the first comment, which is about the Transfer Station and the fact that Hopkinton uses green bags to try to keep waste down and encourage recycling, but Webster, who shares the Transfer Station with us, does not use the same system.

So, I know this is something that has been discussed at length for years, and I don't think any of us have a great solution. I guess it's something that can be raised at another time. I know there are people in town who care about this issue; it's probably a good issue for the Waste Reduction Committee, actually. I don't know if anyone else wants to comment on that first Transfer Station comment.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Sure, Sabrina. Just a couple of facts I wanted to bring out, is that the Transfer Station is owned jointly by Hopkinton and Webster. It's run by our Town employees, but all operating expenses, capital costs, and non-green bag revenues are shared proportionately by the two towns. All the green bag revenues go to the benefit of Hopkinton taxpayers.

And over the last eight years, during my tenure on the Select Board, there have been many times when there has been a petition Warrant Article to do away with the green bags, and every time, the green bags have continued. So, I think, up to this point, the predominance of people in Town is that they support the green bag approach.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Thank you for that much more articulate comment than I made. But I do think that it's something that comes up from time to time, and I do think the Waste Reduction Committee could be a good venue to talk about with this, on this issue. Alright, anyone else on this first comment?

Okay, so the next comment is a general thank you, which I think we all appreciate, and support of Article 4. So, thank you, Jim O'Brien, for the kind words.

And also, Elizabeth Sides' general thank you, which is appreciated.

Okay, so we can move on to Article 3, the Operating Budget.

ARTICLE 3 – OPERATING BUDGET:

Ian Tewksbury - 73 Irish Hill Rd

I would like to make a motion to amend Article 3. My motion is to increase the Operating Budget by \$15,921 and specifically the Merit Wage Pool.

I feel that with the increase in health insurance as well as cost of living that a 1.5% increase is not enough and some of our employees will actually go backwards and take home less in their paycheck. The amount of \$15,921 would increase the wage pool to 2% based on the Select Board budget.

Kevin Connally - 1221 Briar Hill Road

I would like for the Town voters to have an opportunity to vote on how to appropriate the potential windfall we may receive in the "American Rescue Plan" of \$570,000.

From the presentation, I understand that it would be payable in 2021 and 2022 and needs to be spent over the next four years.

My suggestion is that 1/4 of the amount be used each of the next four years to mitigate tax rate increases, or that the entire amount be used to repair our deteriorating roads and sidewalks. In any case, the voters must have direct input on how these monies should be spent.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: So, the first, and I think really, the only true proposed amendment to Article 3, would be to increase the Operating Budget by \$15,921.00, specifically the Merit Wage Pool. So, this would, in short, increase the Wage Pool to 2%, up from 1.5. So, thoughts on this proposal?

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Again, Sabrina, first I just wanted to focus on clarifying the second paragraph, that Ian speculated that because of the increase in the health insurance costs, some of our employees might actually go backwards. That's not correct.

To clarify, I asked Neal what the maximum increase out of pocket cost to a Town employee would be next year, and if you look at a family plan, it would go up by \$63.00 annually, which is obviously considerably less than a one and a half percent cost of living increase.

The other thing I wanted to point out is that our Town employees did receive, during the first year of the pandemic, a 3% merit increase. By comparison, for Social Security, our citizens that are on Social Security, they saw a 1.6 % increase last year, and a 1.3% increase for this year. So, against that standard, our employees are doing better.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Thanks for that correction, Ken. Anyone else want to comment?

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: I guess I would just quickly add that I appreciate the sentiment here, behind this proposed amendment. I don't know what our next steps are to discussing it, but I do appreciate the sentiment of wanting to increase the compensation for our Town employees. I think that's a valuable and noble sentiment and I appreciate that very much.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Yes, so I think if people want to comment on whether they want to move forward with this suggestion, now makes sense.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: So, how would, assuming that we agree with this, or a different number, and the Wage Pool, the Merit Wage Pool, got increased, how would that then be applied to the employees? Like, \$15,000.00 for all the Town employees, it's not necessarily spread around evenly. How would that work?

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: No, Steven, you're incorrect. This is a cost of living adjustment, so it would be spread as 2% per each employee.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: But doesn't he specifically say the Merit Wage Pool?

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: But it's not a Merit Wage Pool this year.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Okay. So, in light of that correction—thank you, Ken—what would that equate to for the Town employees that are eligible for it?

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: It would be an additional half of one percent increase, if that's what you're asking.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: I mean in terms of actual dollars that they would receive, pre-tax. If there was an extra \$15,000 spread around to all the employees, what would that equate to?

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: How many employees, Neal?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Right now, everybody is in a different, because it's done by percentages. So, it would move; these numbers are correct, from one and a half percent to two percent, across the board, effective after this passes.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: So, how many total employees?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Total employees receiving this is 42.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: So, that's an average of an extra 379 bucks per obviously, 2% of a higher waged person is different than 2% of a lower waged person.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Thank you.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Sure. And just to echo Ken's earlier comment, I was new to the Board when the pandemic started, and we had included in the budget the 3% raises for last year, and that budget didn't pass until July, but we paid those increases along the entire way. And then the argument was, well, we can't really take them back now. But we'll consider that in developing next year's budget. Well, this is next year's budget, and I support maintaining the budget that we proposed, not increasing it, as suggested by this amendment.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Yeah, I tend to agree with Jeff on this, and I know we discussed this sort of reflects the times we're living in, that things are sort of lean for everybody. So, it sounds like Ken, Jeff, and I are all on the same page. Does anyone else want to make an argument for accepting this?

Okay, Neal, we can just move on, right? We don't need to vote unless we're actually going to vote to accept one of the amendments.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: That's correct. Unless you want to change it.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Right, okay.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: I don't think you need to vote. You can leave it the way it is.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Okay. So, I think we can move on to the next budget comment. So, this person suggests that Town voters have an opportunity to vote on how to appropriate the potential windfall we might get from the American Rescue Plan, which is expected to be around \$570,000.00. So, the suggestion is a fourth of the amount be used each of the next four years to mitigate tax rate increases, or the entire amount be used to repair roads and sidewalks. So, I appreciate the thought. I think there's, we just don't know any of the parameters around how this money can be used yet, right? Am I correct in saying that?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: There are some very vague parameters in place, and infrastructure is one of them. But specifics, we're waiting for guidance on that.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Okay. In this, and Ken mentioned it and explained it on Monday night, but the \$570,000.00 is not in our Operating Budget, so I think, mechanically, I don't think this is something that we would even be able to vote on. I think that we have to wait and see first of all, if the money comes in the way we think it will, and then, second of all, figure out the parameters around what it can be used for. So, I'm not sure how we would incorporate this in this moment. Does anyone else have thoughts on this?

[Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair, says something, but cannot be heard.]

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Ken, you're hard to hear right now; I don't know what's going on. You sound very far away.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: I agree with you. I think it's premature. I think that what Kevin Connally is saying is give the voters the opportunity to provide input is totally appropriate. It's just now is not the time.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Right. We don't have the money yet, which is key.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: That opportunity will be available at a Board meeting in the future, once we know how much, when, and what the restrictions are.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Exactly. So, I agree. I think this is a good suggestion; I just don't think that it's something we can actually act on now, because it's still hypothetical. Okay, is everybody good with this? All right, so, moving on to Article 7, Authorization to Rent the Bates Building.

ARTICLE 7 – Authorization to Rent Bates Building:

Catharine (Matteo) Ledoux - 108 Park Ave.

Article VII, I would like to see language added to this Article that not only allows the Lease terms to exceed a one year period, but also has language added to it *limiting the total years overall that the lease term is allowed to cover*, such as 5 years or 10 years. So, allow a lease term/agreement to exceed a one year period, but also prevent a lease term/agreement to be written for anything longer than a 5 year or 10-year period. Obviously, there should be an opportunity to renew said lease at the end of the term/agreement, but I would like to see language added that includes a cap to the amount of years the initial lease term/agreement is allowed to be written for, as well.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: This suggestion would add language that limits the total years, overall, that a lease term is allowed to cover, so just five or ten years. So, this is an interesting thought. I'm not entirely sure I agree with it, but, because it seems like the point of

this is to open options for us, in terms of negotiating and figuring out best case for a tenant in that building, and I'm not sure really what this gets us, but others?

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: I think, actually, under State Law, regardless of whether we add language, we're limited to five years, anyway.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Well, that is a helpful fact. Okay.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: So, I don't think we need to do anything, then, because we're already limited to five years.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: I'm okay with five years; I think that's fine. The goal of this is to allow a potential tenant to be able to amortize any improvements they might make and not have us throw them out after a year or eighteen months. I think this is a good Article, and if there's already a five-year limit in place, then I think we're fine.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: All right. That makes sense to me. Anyone else? All right, thank you for that helpful material fact, Steven. All right, so I think we can move on. All right, this is a comment on Article 12, which is SB2.

ARTICLE 12 – SB2:

Bob LaPree, 25 Highland Ave.

Thanks for the excellent information session, easy to access remotely. I listened to Steve's discussion regarding SB2, I absolutely agree that the present structure of the SB2 deliberative session and long hiatus before the vote is an invitation to reduce civic participation in the town meeting process. Some of the arguments for adopting SB2 include the accessibility of in-person meetings can be a challenge for many residents. Steve said that contacting the Board for assistance is a vague solution. We have found through virtual meetings required by pandemic restriction that residents can meaningfully participate through Zoom. I request the Board to implement Zoom style access for all public meetings on a permanent basis. I expect there are software packages that will enable automated meeting origination without the direct hands-on of Neal. Hardware requirements would need to be invested in to make access available throughout the Town facilities. Money from the Covid-19 relief funds could be applied for. There likely are some law changes to make remote participation a valid part of official meetings. Setting up such a system would enable more residents to participate in civic affairs which can only be considered a worthwhile endeavor. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: This person, Bob LaPree, agrees the present structure of the SB2 deliberative session and long hiatus before the vote is an invitation to reduce civic participation; okay. But the rest of this goes on to say we have found through virtual Town Meetings required by the pandemic restrictions, that residents can meaningfully participate

through Zoom. I request the Board to implement Zoom-style access for all public meetings on a permanent basis. And comments include hardware requirements, potentially, money from COVID-19 relief funds could be applied.

So, again, I think this is a good suggestion, and actually, I don't think this is the first time we've heard this, but I don't think, similar to some of the other comments, I don't think it's something we actually can or should vote on right now, so, it's something we can definitely put a pin in and keep under consideration, but. Anyone have anything else they want to add on this? I think more access is always a good thing.

Okay, so I think that brings us to the end of our limited comments. So, next...what do we have next, Neal?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Just a review of the ballot questions, just to make sure they're exactly what you want.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Okay.

Article 3: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 7,662,087 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 7,662,087 for general municipal operations? This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

*(The Select Board and Budget Committee **Recommend** this article)*

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: The only one that I'm recommending you amend, just to clean up, is the land swap; so, number 3 is as is.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Neal, could you stop for a second? On the ballot question, at the end of it, it says Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Could we say *unanimously* recommend this Article?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: I think you probably can, if you want to.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Does it cause you any heartburn or extra work to do that?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Not that much.

[**Neal Cass, Town Administrator**, inserts amended wording under ballot question and asks: How is that?]

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: Again, just for people who haven't been following this closely, I think it provides additional information.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: I agree with that. Okay.

Article 4: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$706,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Police/Fire Radio Replacement	\$ 13,000
New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	220,000
Road/Bridge Rehabilitation	38,000
Police Vehicle Replacement	28,000
Transfer Station Equipment/Facilities	45,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	75,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	200,000
Library Building Systems	10,000
Revaluation	22,000
Recreation Facilities	20,000
Sewer Equipment/Sludge Removal	35,000
TOTAL	\$ 706,000

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$706,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Police/Fire Radio Replacement	\$ 13,000
New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	220,000
Road/Bridge Rehabilitation	38,000
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Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	200,000

Library Building Systems	10,000
Revaluation	22,000
Recreation Facilities	20,000
Sewer Equipment/Sludge Removal	35,000
TOTAL	\$ 706,000

*(The Select Board and Budget Committee **Recommend** this article)*

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: And I bet Ken is going to recommend that same thing here.

Ken Traum, Select Board Vice Chair: I'm going to recommend the same thing on all the ones that mention Budget Committee.

Article 5: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500 to be added to previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows:

Library Building & Grounds	\$ 7,000
Town Facilities Maintenance	60,000
Recreation Facilities	5,500
TOTAL	\$ 72,500

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500 to be added to previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows:

Library Building & Grounds	\$ 7,000
Town Facilities Maintenance	60,000
Recreation Facilities	5,500
TOTAL	\$ 72,500

*(The Select Board and Budget Committee **Recommend** this article)*

Article 6: Financial Software Update

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 61,300 for the purpose of purchasing, installing, and training for new financial software. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 61,300 for the purpose of purchasing, installing, and training for new financial software? This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*(The Select Board and Budget Committee **Recommend** this article)*

Article 7: Authorization to Rent the Bates Building

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease all or a portion of the Bates Building for a period exceeding one year under such terms and conditions as determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease all or a portion of the Bates Building for a period exceeding one year under such terms and conditions as determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town?

*(The Select Board **Recommends** this article)*

[Neal Cass, Town Administrator, inserts amended wording under all ballot questions with Budget Committee votes.]

Article 8: Authorization to Sell Land at Corner of Currier and Beech Hill Roads

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell land located at the corner of Currier Road and Beech Hill Road, a portion of which is identified on the Town Tax records as Map 259, Lot 024-000, and a portion which is the old road, consisting of approximately .33 acres; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell such lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to sell approximately 0.33 acres of land located at the corner of Currier Road and Beech Hill Road, a portion of which is identified on the Town Tax records as Map 259, Lot 024-000, and a portion which is the old road; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell such land upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town?

*(The Select Board **Recommends** this article)*

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: This is the Sell Land. It seems slightly...

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Before we move on to this one, shouldn't we vote on those other changes?

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Wait, you mean vote on the addition of "unanimous?"

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Yes.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Yes. Do we need to vote on...?

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: We're making a change.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Do we have to vote on them individually or can we agree to all the changes once we're done with them?

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: I was going to make a motion to add "unanimously" to, what was it, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: Second.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: That seems reasonable. Okay. Thank you, Steven; thank you, Anna. So, I guess we need to do roll call vote.

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Okay, so we've added "unanimously." Thank you.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: 7 stayed the same and 8. This, I think the new wording makes it clearer, but I'm not sure the original one was written as well as it could be. It does the exact same thing, it just makes it, I think it reads better and is clearer.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: The question, Neal, still after a portion *of which* is the old road... [he directs Neal where to make amendment in the ballot question for Article 8]

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Can you fix that above, then, too, Neal? Oh, never mind. Okay, I think this looks good. Do we want to add "unanimous" here?

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: We did on the other ones.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: It does read a lot better.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: It seems a little clearer.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Okay. So...

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: We need to adopt the change.

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Second.

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Thank you. Okay, so we've adopted that.

Article 9: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund? No funds to be raised by taxation.

*(The Select Board and Budget Committee **Recommend** this article)*

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: Add "unanimously?"

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Please.

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
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Ken Traum	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Steven Whitley, Select Board Member: Motion to add “unanimously” to 9.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Second.

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Thank you. All right, excellent.

Article 10: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0))

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund? No funds to be raised by taxation.

Ken Traum, Select Board Member: Yes. [As Neal Cass, Town Administrator, makes amendments.]

Jeff Donohoe: I move that we add the recommendations on the ballot question for 10.

Ken Traum, Select Board Member: Second.

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes

Jeffrey Donohoe **Yes**
Steven Whitley **Yes**

Motion passed 5-0

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Thank you. All right.

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: And then it's the two petition articles. And Article 12 is the statutory language.

Article 11: Resolution for Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting – Petition Warrant Article

Because redistricting has often been used to gerrymander (unfairly draw partisan districts based on partisan considerations), by petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Hopkinton to see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voter without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Hopkinton to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Hopkinton to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seats(s) in the NH House of Representatives, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to Hopkinton's state legislators, informing them of the requests from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

By Petition

(Majority vote required)

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

Article 12: Adoption of Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday of March?

(By Petition)

(3/5 Ballot vote required)

(The Select Board does not recommend this article (5-0))

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: This looks fine to me. Anyone?

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: It's a petition. We can't change it, anyway, right?

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: All right. Can we go down to the SB2 one, to see, 'does NOT recommend 5-0.' Okay, yes. Okay. So, that it?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: That's the whole Warrant.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Okay. Do we need to take any other action at this moment? Everybody's good with this? And so, timing and process-wise, the ballot will be available by tomorrow.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: At 9 a.m.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: At 9 a.m., and a reminder that people have to actually use a ballot that's given to them on voting day, and that's the rules we were given by the State; we didn't make those up, so you can't print it and fill it out at home, just like the School.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Neal, does it still fit on one page, front and back?

Neal Cass, Town Administrator: It does.

Jeff Donohoe, Select Board Member: Excellent.

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: So, people can print it at home, they just can't use it as a ballot to vote from. So, if you want to print it at home, fill it out, so that you have it, and you can just transfer the bubbles over, that is fine. But you'll have to fill out the ballot that you receive on Saturday morning.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: So, a reminder that voting will be this Saturday, May 1, at the high school, starting at 8:30, ending at 2:00. And it should be, knock on wood, nice and smooth, and a beautiful day, just like for the School vote. So, hopefully, people will show up and vote and we appreciate everybody who tuned in on Monday and tonight, and people who commented and reached out. Anything else? Yes, Sara.

Sara Persechino, Town Moderator: I just want to clarify that folks should use the Kearsarge Ave entrance for voting. You will not be able to get in on Park Ave. There's going to be more going on Saturday than we had at the School District meeting, because the Interact Club has a fundraiser yard sale in the front of the high school, on Park Ave. You will not be able to get from there to the Kearsarge Ave entrance; you would have to drive around, if you were doing both of those things. There are also high school games going on at the ball field. Just be very cautious of everyone who is walking around. It should be fine with lots of signage and traffic people helping out. If you are looking for a time that won't be as busy, any time except for 8:30 would be recommended. And just a reminder for folks to wear their masks when they have their windows down and talking to our poll workers, out of courtesy; that would be helpful.

Anna Wells, Select Board Member: And walkers and bikers are also welcome; very welcome, in fact.

Sabrina Dunlop, Select Board Chair: Thank you everybody who has worked on this. A lot of work goes in behind the scenes on every election, so, thank you to everybody who is volunteering their time. Anything else on voting, before we switch into Select Board Meeting mode? [Town Meeting portion ended and transition to Select Board Meeting commenced.]

Transcribed by C. Johnson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Harless".

Approved by Carol A. Harless
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

RESULTS

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING - 2021
DRIVE-THROUGH VOTING WRITTEN BALLOT - MAY 1, 2021**

TOWN MEETING BALLOT	
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS	
TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice like this: ●	
Question 1 - ADOPTION OF MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES	
Are you in favor of approving the alternative meeting procedures authorized by HB 1129 and consisting of virtual information sessions and drive-through voting? (Majority vote required) IF THIS VOTE FAILS, then all other votes shall be deemed to have failed.	YES 446 NO 22 PASSED
Article 3 - Operating Budget	
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$7,662,087 for general municipal operations? This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (The Select Board and Budget Committee unanimously Recommend this article)	YES 394 NO 74 PASSED
Article 4 - Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds	
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$706,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows: Police/Fire Radio Replacement - \$13,000 New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept. - \$220,000 Road/Bridge Rehabilitation - \$38,000 Police Vehicle Replacement - \$28,000 Transfer Station Equipment/Facilities - \$45,000 Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance - \$75,000 Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions - \$200,000 Library Building System - \$10,000 Revaluation - \$22,000 Recreation Facilities - \$20,000 Sewer Equipment/Sludge Removal - \$35,000 (The Select Board and Budget Committee unanimously Recommend this article)	YES 389 NO 79 PASSED
Article 5 - Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds	
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500 to be added to previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows: Library Building & Grounds - \$7,000 Town Facilities Maintenance - \$60,000 Recreation Facilities - \$5,500 (The Select Board and Budget Committee unanimously Recommend this article)	YES 373 NO 75 PASSED
Article 6 - Financial Software Update	
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,300 for the purpose of purchasing, installing, and training for new financial software? This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation (The Select Board and Budget Committee unanimously Recommend this article)	YES 404 NO 66 PASSED
Article 7 - Authorization to Rent the Bates Building	
Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease all or a portion of the Bates Building for a period exceeding one year under such terms and conditions as determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town? (The Select Board Recommends this article)	YES 443 NO 27 PASSED

RESULTS

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING - 2021
DRIVE-THROUGH VOTING WRITTEN BALLOT - MAY 1, 2021**

<p>Article 8 - Authorization to Sell Land At Corner of Currier and Beech Hill Roads Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to sell approximately 0.33 acres of land located at the corner of Currier Road and Beech Hill Road, a portion of which is identified on the Town Tax records as Map 259, Lot 024-000, and a portion of which is the old road; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell such lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town? (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES 446 NO 24 PASSED</p>
<p>Article 9 - Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund? No funds to be raised by taxation. (The Select Board and Budget Committee unanimously Recommend this article)</p>	<p>YES 429 NO 42 PASSED</p>
<p>Article 10 - Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund? No funds to be raised by taxation. (The Select Board and Budget Committee unanimously Recommend this article)</p>	<p>YES 445 NO 23 PASSED</p>
<p>Article 11 - Resolution for Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting Because redistricting has often been used to gerrymander (unfairly draw partisan districts based on partisan considerations), by petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Hopkinton to see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voter without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Hopkinton to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Hopkinton to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seats(s) in the NH House of Representatives, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to Hopkinton's state legislators, informing them of the requests from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. By Petition (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES 408 NO 58 PASSED</p>
<p>Article 12 - Adoption of Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday of March? By Petition - 3/5 Ballot vote Required (The Select Board Does Not Recommend this article)</p>	<p>YES 122 NO 347 FAILED</p>

Administrative Reports



Report of the Select Board

Dear Hopkinton residents:

On behalf of the Select Board, I would like to thank the residents of Hopkinton for stepping up—once again—during the pandemic, and continuing to make our town a supportive, caring community. Over the past two years, we have certainly seen the best of Hopkinton, and the character of this town is something we should all appreciate. Even through these difficult times, we continue to have a very strong sense of community, with people working together to make Hopkinton a wonderful place to live.

Our town employees have helped return us to some sense of “normal,” with many meetings and services returning to in-person. We all continue to benefit from their hard work and willingness to be nimble and flexible, as the pandemic continues to present challenges. We are incredibly fortunate to have such strong departmental leadership throughout the town, from the Department of Public Works, keeping our roads clear and safe (fingers crossed that the freezing rain is behind us!), to the Recreation Department, modifying events to make them safe for all to enjoy, to all the daily work in between, including maintaining our fields, town facilities, and protecting our community. We owe a debt of gratitude to all our town employees.

Helping keep everything running is our extraordinary Town Administrator, Neal Cass, who is simply one of the best in the state. His thoughtful leadership sets the tone at Town Hall, and he works exceptionally hard on behalf of the town. Thank you, Neal, for all that you do for Hopkinton!

We are in the midst of a busy election year, and once again, I want to express sincere thanks to Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Carol Harless; Town Moderator, Sara Persechino; the Supervisors of the Checklist; and everyone else who steps up to make our elections run smoothly. They take a tremendous amount of hard work, and the past couple of years have been extremely difficult, considering the changing guidance on how to safely hold our elections during the pandemic.

There were a few notable retirements that were bittersweet: Chief Steve Pecora stepped down after more than 21 years with the Hopkinton PD; Robin Buchanan retired as Administrative/Assessing Assistant after 12 years; Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw, as Human Services Director, after more than 25 years; Matt Cox, as a Firefighter/AEMT, after 20 years; and Kevin Culpon, as a Fire Captain/Paramedic, after more than 15 years. Thank you all for your incredible service to this town. You will all be missed, though we are very fortunate that each of these roles has been filled by talented, capable people!

As for the Select Board, we were very sad to see Anna Wells, who has been a phenomenal Board member the last three years, step down. She will be missed, though we will all benefit from her expertise and commitment to town, as she continues her economic development work as the town’s first Economic Development Director. We were also pleased to appoint Thomas Lipoma to the Select Board when Anna stepped off—thank you to Thomas for stepping up!

In closing, thank you to all the dedicated residents of Hopkinton, who contribute in a broad variety of ways for the betterment of this community every day. Our collective goodwill and civility toward one another should inspire conviction that—together—we can navigate whatever challenges lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
on behalf of the Hopkinton Select Board,
Sabrina Dunlap, Chair

Report of the Town Administrator

In what seems like a blink of an eye, another year has come and gone. Even as we continue to deal with the pandemic and its effects, it has been a good year with accomplishments and some challenges.

Our biggest challenge throughout the year was staffing. We simply have not had applicants for open positions. A position at the transfer station was open for most of the year, we have had a highway position open, and currently we are down three police officers out of seven. This situation is not unique here in Hopkinton. Having open position takes its toll on the staff that must cover the workload with fewer people. Thank you to all the staff that have stepped up and met this challenge.

Two Department Heads retired after many years of excellent service to the town. Human Services Coordinator Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw retired in August after more than 25 years of service and Police Chief Stephen Pecora retired at the end of October with more than 20 years of service to the town. We wish them both well as they embark on new adventures. Welcome to Alicia Presti our new Human Services Coordinator and TJ Hennessey who was promoted to Police Chief.

A transition also took place at the Town Hall with the retirement of Administrative Assessing Assistant Robin Buchanan who had held the position for over 12 years. We wish her well in her well-deserved retirement. We were pleased to welcome Cara Johnson to this position, transferring from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector office.

There are numerous items that are worth noting in this report:

- Due to the pandemic, the 2021 Town Meeting was held virtually with drive-through voting. Thank you to all who worked extremely hard to make this possible.
- All meetings returned to in-person during 2021. Select Board and Budget Committee meetings are being held in person and on Zoom with the goal of providing access to more citizens.

- The new financial software that was approved at the 2021 Town Meeting has been installed and is being used. This should improve efficiency in our accounting process.
- The Tyler Bridge on Penacook Road received a new joint during the fall eliminating the need for the metal plate that has been added due to the condition of the bridge. We appreciate residents dealing with the inconvenience of the bridge being closed and are pleased that the work was completed on schedule and slightly under budget.
- The land swap with the State of New Hampshire approved several years ago has finally been completed with the Town now owning three of the four corners at the Maple Street/202 intersection and the State owning a conservation piece of land abutting the Mast Yard Forest.
- The Select Board adopted an alcohol use policy for Town property allowing events with alcohol to take place under strict guidelines.
- We continue to work on ways to slow the speed of traffic throughout the town. Collaborating with the police we are hopeful that progress can be made.
- We continue to use our website www.hopkinton-nh.gov and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/HopkintonNH to help keep you informed. We encourage you to check them both out on a regular basis.

Along with my sincere appreciation for the town staff, I am thankful for the support of the Select Board and the residents of the town. It is an honor to serve here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator

Indefinite Delegation of Authority

For many years, a number of articles appeared on the Town Meeting Warrant each year delegating specific powers to the Select Board and Library Trustees. These articles were often referred to as “boilerplate articles”. State law changed allowing towns to “authorize indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority” meaning that the articles no longer must appear on the Warrant each year. Town Meeting has voted the following Indefinite Delegation of Authority:

Select Board:

Authority to Accept Grants – Voted to accept the provision of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. **March 9, 1994, Article 18**

Authority to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes – Voted to accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes. **March 9, 1994, Article 20**

Authority to Convey Real Estate Acquired by Tax Deed – Voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by tax collector’s deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction, or the property may be sold by advertising sealed bids or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require, pursuant to RSA 80:80. This authorization will remain in effect indefinitely, until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting. **March 9, 1994, Article 21**

Authority to Accept Gifts of Personal Property – Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the Town for any public purposes. This authorization in accordance with RSA 31:95-e shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting. **March 9, 1994, Article 22**

Authority to Accept Dedicated Streets – Voted to Delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority to accept dedicated streets in accordance with the provision of RSA 674:40-a. **March 9, 1994, Article 24**

Authority to Accept Gifts, Legacies, and Devises – Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purposes, as permitted by RSA 31:19. This authorization will remain in effect indefinitely, until rescinded by a vote the Town Meeting. **March 13, 1996, Article 20**

Authority to Acquire Land – Voted that as permitted by RSA 41:14-c that the Town adopt the provision of RSA 41:14-a that will grant the Board of Selectmen the authority to acquire land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition to both the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation

by those bodies, and after recommendations from both bodies, they shall hold two public hearings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a. **March 13, 2002, Article 19**

Library Trustees:

Authorization to Accept Unanticipated Revenue – Voted to accept the provision of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. **March 9, 1994, Article 19**

Authority to Accept Gifts of Personal Property – Voted to adopt the provision of RSA 202-A:4-D authorizing the library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. **March 12, 1997, Article 23**

Retain Money Collected – Voted to permit the town library to retain all money it receives from its income generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income generating equipment. **March 8, 2005, Article 3**

Conservation Commission

Authority to purchase land outside Town – Voted to adopt the provision of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body. **March 13, 2010, Article 24**

Authority to Contribute to “Qualified Organizations” – Voted to adopt the provision of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property. **March 13, 2010, Article 25**

Department, Board, Committee and Supported Organization Reports



Report of the Budget Committee

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Budget Committee is “to assist its voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds. The Budget Committee, in those municipalities which establish one, is intended to have budgetary authority analogous to that of a legislative appropriations committee.” (RSA32.1). Throughout the year, the committee works toward completing its ultimate assignment: to prepare the budgets presented to voters at the Annual Meetings in March.

THE BUDGET PROCESS

At monthly meetings, the four governing bodies—the Select Board, the School Board, the Contoocook Village Precinct, and the Hopkinton Village Precinct—provide financial updates to the Budget Committee. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 at the Town Hall. These meetings allow the Budget Committee to keep current on expenditures and revenue as well as updates on projects.

Toward the end of the year, department heads and administrators lay out their anticipated needs for expenses and revenues to their respective governing bodies. The governing bodies then review and adjust those requests and present a budget to the Budget Committee in the December to January timeframe.

The Budget Committee carefully reviews all budgets from the four governing bodies and works to balance these requests against a manageable tax load. These meetings take place in the public domain, are open to the public, and attendance is welcomed, as are suggestions and questions. The final budgets are recommended and presented at the Budget Committee’s Public Hearing in February.

The Public Hearing, our end of budget season meeting, gives the community a further opportunity to give input to the Budget Committee before we give our final recommendations of the governing bodies’ budgets to the voters to vote on at the annual meetings.

Many times, the Budget Committee and the governing bodies agree on budgets, but if they do not, it is the Budget Committee’s recommended amount to raise and appropriate funds that appears on the warrant at the annual meetings. At this point, it is up to the voters to decide, with their vote, how much money they want to spend. Our system of government leaves the final decision on taxation up to the legislative body.

This budget season saw the return to in-person meetings at the Town Hall, with appropriate COVID protocols. We welcomed Michael Flynn, our new Superintendent of Schools, and listened to his ideas on eliminating the Fund Balance method of managing school finances and continuing on with programmatic budgeting, and we learned the school building project is complete, on time, and under budget. Two new collective bargaining agreements, one with Hopkinton Educational Support Staff and one with Hopkinton Education Association, have been negotiated and will be sent to the voters. On the Town side, we learned the Houston Barn is in serious need of repair and costs to repair the barn will be discussed at Town Meeting. We heard

inflationary pressures are driving up costs on things like wages paid to employees, road salt, parts, vehicles, etc., and the Select Board is working hard to minimize those increases.

The Budget Committee would like you to know that throughout the year, our community's budgets were tracked carefully to keep tax expenditures as low as possible. We would like to encourage members of the community to attend our meetings to see how budgets are developed and to attend other public meetings to become informed voters. Thank you to the employees and to the volunteers in our community who make Hopkinton a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

HOPKINTON BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mark Zankel, Chair	Donald Houston, Representative, Contoocook Village Precinct
Jonathan Cohen, Vice Chair	Thomas Lipoma, Representative, Hopkinton Village Precinct
Christa Scura	Norm Goupil, Representative, School Board
Deb Norris	Ken Traum, Representative, Select Board
Steve Reddy	
Rich Houston	



CAPITAL AREA MUTUAL AID FIRE COMPACT

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The 2021 annual report is prepared for the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact as a summary of general activities and events occurring through December 31, 2021. It is also provided to the Town offices of the Compact's member communities for information and distribution as desired.

The Compact serves 23 communities in 4 counties. The Compact's operational area is 817 square miles with a resident population of 148,595. The Equalized Property Valuation in the area we protect is over 18.4 billion dollars. We also provide and receive mutual aid responses with communities beyond our member area.

The Compact continued to feel the impacts of the pandemic during 2021. Call volume increased in the fall as the pandemic spread. The pandemic limited our training opportunities, our ability to meet as a group, and the ability of our vendors to complete projects.

The Compact provides 24/7 emergency dispatch service to member communities. This service is contracted with the City of Concord Fire Department's Communications Center under the

direction of dispatch supervisor Captain Elisa Folsom. A detailed activity report by town/agency is attached.

During 2020, we selected a vendor, signed a contract, and began the process of replacing our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software with a new cloud-based CAD. At the end of 2021, our CAD vendor announced that they were unable to deliver us a working CAD and that they were suspending any further development of their product. We begin 2022 with another search for a CAD vendor that can meet our needs.

The 2021 Compact operating budget was \$ 1,369,319. Funding for all Compact operations is provided by the member communities. We continue to apply for State and Federal Grant Funds when available.

During 2018, we received a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$387,415.00 to replace the existing dispatch console equipment. Work on that project began in 2019 and was expected to be completed during 2020. Work extended into the final weeks of 2021, due to delays caused by the pandemic. This grant-funded project is now complete, and we are awaiting the final reimbursement from the State.

The Compact and Hazmat Team have received over 3.65 million dollars in grant funding since 1999. These funds have been used for communications improvements, training, and equipment. The direct benefit that your community has realized from these grants is made possible by your participation in the regional service that we provide.

During 2021, efforts were made to secure funding for a Class B foam response unit and a supply of Class B foam for all Compact fire agencies. This would improve our ability to respond to flammable liquid fires. It would replace the legacy Class B foam that many agencies had. That foam has been determined to be an environmental and health hazard. The Compact applied for Directed Funding from the Federal Government through Senator Shaheen's office. We were not successful in acquiring those funds. A grant application was made to the 2022 Homeland SHSP program. We will find out in 2022 if we were successful with this application.

During 2021, several communications projects were undertaken. In cooperation with Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid and the State of NH, our microwave link between Belknap Mountain and Mount Kearsarge was replaced with a more robust system. This should be more resistant to damage at these ice prone sites than our old system and it can carry more traffic, allowing us to share this resource with the State & Lakes Region. The microwave link between Wolf Hill and Craney Hill was reprogrammed and relicensed to provide better performance. The radio antenna on Gould Hill was relocated due to an expansion of that tower.

As Chief Coordinator, I responded to 611 incidents, a 12% increase over 2020. In addition to responding to provide command post assistance at those mutual aid incidents, I also aid all departments with response planning and updating addressing information, and I represent the Compact with several organizations related to public safety.

Compact officers serving during 2021 were:

President: Chief Jon Wiggin, Dunbarton
Vice President: Deputy Chief Ed Raymond, Warner
Secretary: Chief Guy Newbery, Concord/Canterbury
Treasurer: Chief Jeff Yale, Hopkinton

The Training Committee activities spent another year on hold due to the pandemic.

The Central New Hampshire Hazmat Team represents 58 Capital Area and Lakes Region communities and is ready to assist or respond to hazardous materials incidents in our combined areas. The Team responded to 17 hazmat incidents during 2021.

Please visit the Compact website at <https://www.capareafire.org/> for incident photos, news, scheduled events, training info, SOGs, and department profiles.

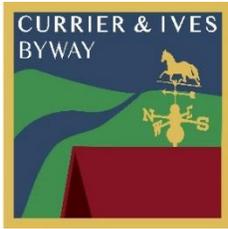
All departments are encouraged to send representation to all Compact meetings. Your input is needed. The Compact was created for the mutual benefit of member communities and active participation is a necessity to ensure the needs of all are being met.

I invite anyone with questions or comments to contact me. I thank all departments for their cooperation. Please contact any Compact officer or the Chief Coordinator if we may be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Gilbert, Chief Coordinator

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

<i>2020 Incidents vs. 2021 Incidents</i>				
ID #	Town	2020 Incidents	2021 Incidents	% Change
50	Allenstown	821	816	-0.6%
51	Boscawen	196	240	22.4%
52	Bow	1,144	1,155	1.0%
53	Canterbury	303	364	20.1%
54	Chichester	463	541	16.8%
55	Concord	8,869	9,715	9.5%
56	Epsom	958	1,086	13.4%
57	Dunbarton	227	240	5.7%
58	Henniker	1,020	1,002	-1.8%
59	Hillsboro (includes Windsor)	1,011	1,028	1.7%
60	Hopkinton	1,199	1,404	17.1%
61	Loudon	843	971	15.2%
62	Pembroke	382	355	-7.1%
63	Hooksett	2,256	2,583	14.5%
64	Penacook RSQ	906	1,093	20.6%
65	Webster	210	220	4.8%
66	CNH Haz Mat	7	17	142.9%
71	Northwood	624	715	14.6%
72	Pittsfield	892	1,017	14.0%
74	Salisbury	162	194	19.8%
79	Tri-Town Ambulance	1,287	1,362	5.8%
80	Warner	506	573	13.2%
82	Bradford	230	215	-6.5%
84	Deering	241	248	2.9%
86	Washington	181	163	-9.9%
89	Windsor	49	47	-4.1%
		24,938	27,317	9.5%
CAPAREAC1	Chief Gilbert	547	611	11.7%
<i>Additional Dispatch Center Activity</i>				
Fire Alarm Systems Placed out of, or in service for maintenance		5,264	5,446	3.5%
Inbound Telephone Calls		45,268	51,402	13.6%
Outbound Telephone Calls		7,926	8,175	3.1%



Report of Currier & Ives Scenic Byway

The Currier and Ives Scenic Byway is a 40-mile-long state-designated route that passes through the towns of Salisbury, Webster, Warner, Hopkinton, and Henniker. It is part of the New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byways Program administered by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT).

The Currier & Ives Scenic Byway Council is a volunteer organization with representatives from each of the five Byway towns. Byway Council members are appointed by their town's Select Board.

During 2021, the Council began an outreach program called Byway Spotlights, where the Council partnered with local businesses or organizations to highlight their valuable contributions to our Byway communities. These spotlights were shared on social media with the new hashtag #BywaySpotlights and can be found on the Byway's webpage at

<https://currierandivesbyway.org/byway-spotlights/>. For the program's inaugural year, the Salisbury Fire and Rescue Department and the Henniker House Bed & Breakfast were featured. The Byway Council would also like to thank all the businesses and organizations located along the Byway that support the Council on a continuing basis. If any businesses would like to be featured on #BywaySpotlights, please reach out to us for more information.

The Byway Council is currently working with NHDOT to install Byway Wayfinding signs along Rt. 103 and Kearsarge Mountain Road in Warner. This has been a long-term goal of the Council since the route extension was added in 2017. Wayfinding signs have been installed along the other portions of the byway route for many years. It is anticipated that the signs will be installed in Warner in 2022.

The Byway Council would like to thank all of its volunteers and the staff and residents of our five towns for their continued support throughout another challenging year. While our outreach shifted to be more web-based this year, it is our hope that we will see more of you all face to face in 2022!



BYWAY WAYFINDING SIGN IN WEBSTER

The Currier & Ives Byway Council is currently looking for volunteers. Local residents, businesses owners, or others affiliated with the community are welcome. The Council meets quarterly on a rotating basis among the five Byway towns. Meetings are open to the public, and all interested parties are welcome. Information is available on the Byway website at www.currierandivesbyway.org.

The Central NH Regional Planning Commission provides administrative support to the Byway Council and can be reached at cnhrpc@cnhrpc.org. You can also check out the Currier & Ives Scenic Byway's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/currierandivesbyway!](https://Facebook.com/currierandivesbyway)

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2022-2027

Establishment of CIP Committee

The current CIP Committee was authorized by Town Meeting vote in March, 2015 by the following Warrant Article:

To see if the town will vote to modify its vote at the 1979 Town Meeting establishing a Capital Improvement Program Committee to make it compliant with NH RSA 674:5, and authorize the Select Board to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee consisting of 5 members, at least one of which shall be a member of the Planning Board, to prepare and amend a recommended program of capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years. The Capital Improvements Program may encompass major projects being currently undertaken or future projects to be undertaken with federal, state, county and other public funds. The purpose and effect of the Capital Improvements Program shall be to aid the Select Board and Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget.

Background

Hopkinton's CIP identifies the capital needs of the town and indicates how these needs might be funded over a six-year period. It describes long-term capital needs for all town departments, the Hopkinton School District, Hopkinton Village Precinct, and the Contoocook Village Precinct.

The CIP is a planning document and as such, it is updated annually and subject to change as the needs of the town change. Adjustments are made for new regulations, growth in population, transportation alternatives, changes of priorities, available funding, or other needs. The CIP provides for advance project identification, public discussion, project design and definition of scope, cost estimating, and financial planning.

Process

The CIP Committee asked Department Heads for their recommendation for specific capital projects to be undertaken over the next 6 years. It was determined that capital projects would be defined as those projects outside normal operations and maintenance and having the following characteristics:

1. A gross cost of at least \$10,000; and
2. A useful life of at least 5 years; and
3. Is non-recurring (not an annual budget item); OR
4. Any project requiring bond financing

The Committee met with the Department Heads for departments where changes were requested, a School Board Representative, and the Town Administrator to review requested projects. The CIP Committee then determined its recommendations for the Town, which are included in this report. Those recommendations are then provided to the Select Board. The Select Board determines the final list of items to be presented to their respective annual meetings. The Select Board has adopted all the CIP Committee's recommendations. Voters at the Town Meetings have the final say on all projects through their votes?

The School District has begun working on a comprehensive capital plan, but the CIP Committee did not feel that it is at the point where they could adopt it at this point. Suggestions were provided to the School as they continue to create their plan.

Purpose

The goal of the CIP is to establish a system of procedures and priorities by which to evaluate public improvement projects in terms of public safety, public need, project continuity, financial resources, and the strategic goals for the Town. The CIP allows town departments to establish a methodology and priority system to provide efficient and effective services. It also provides an opportunity for citizens and interested parties to voice their requests for community improvement projects.

Recommendations

The next two pages of this report summarize the recommendations of the committee.

Project Description	Balance in Trust/CRF	Planned Year of Expenditure	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total Project Cost
Transfer Station								
Transfer Station Capital Appropriation	65,727		65,000	100,000	100,000	65,000	50,000	Ongoing
Loader		2027					39,000	117,000
Recycling Building Rebuild		2025				(100,000)		100,000
Trailer Replacement (have 3)		Ongoing	(105,000)		(56,250)			Ongoing
Vertical Bailer 1		2022	(20,000)					20,000
10 Yard Packer		2023		(112,250)				112,250
Sewer Department								
Sludge/Sewer Equipment Appropriation	84,706		35,000	110,600	80,000	60,000	30,000	Ongoing
Equipment Replacement		Ongoing	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	Ongoing
Sewer System Automation		2025				(75,000)		50,000
Generator Replacement		2024			(70,000)			
Sludge Removal		2023		(200,000)				200,000
Recreation								
Recreation Fields	16,241		50,000	100,000	110,000	125,000	100,000	Ongoing
George Park Bathrooms		2023		(100,000)			75,000	100,000
George Park Well & Pump House		2023		(15,000)				15,000
George Park Baseball Field		2024			(40,000)			40,000
George Park Blood Field		2026					(100,000)	100,000
George Park Clark Field		2027					(90,000)	90,000
Park Avenue Field Irrigation		2024			(70,000)			70,000
Well/Pump Houston Fields		2022	(20,000)					20,000
Field 3 & 4 Well & Pump		2025				(25,000)		25,000
Rebuild Houston Field #1		2025				(100,000)		100,000
Field #2 Irrigation		2024		(30,000)				30,000
Library								
Library Systems Appropriation	50,216		10,000	51,000	73,000	20,000	5,000	Ongoing
Generator for Sprinkler System		2021	(13,500)					13,500
Large Window Replacement		2022-2023	(10,000)	(10,000)				20,000
Improve Access		2024	(10,000)		(75,000)			85,000
Replace Air Conditioning Units		2020-2021	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)			50,000
Municipal Bond Payments								
2020 Bond-Road and Refinance			688,070	681,803	675,028	672,105	658,163	4,080,500
Highway Garage			55,402	54,225				530,566
Open Space - Rice			22,510	22,250	21,375	20,655		467,900
Municipal Totals								
Proposed Appropriations			705,000	951,600	1,043,000	1,038,000	911,000	880,000
Bond Payments			765,982	758,278	696,403	692,760	658,163	414,448
Total - Municipal			1,470,982	1,709,878	1,739,403	1,730,760	1,569,163	1,294,448

Project Description	Balance in Trust/CRF	Planned Year of Expenditure	2022	2023	2024	2025			Total Project Cost
Contoocook Village Precinct									
Water treatment plant upgrade required in the future									
Hopkinton Village Precinct									
Did not submit									
Project Description									
	Balance in Trust/CRF	Planned Year of Expenditure	FY23 2022-2023	FY24 2023-2024	FY25 2024-2025	FY26 2025-2026	FY27 2026-2027	FY28 2027-2028	Total Project Cost
Hopkinton School District									
HSD Vehicle Replacement Appropriation	9,853		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	Ongoing
Ma inthance Van		FY 22							23,000
Fully Accessible Bus		FY23							50,000
HSD Maintenance Trust	122,141	Ongoing	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	Ongoing
Harold Martin School		Ongoing	(169,000)	(17,000)	(5,000)	(185,000)	(95,000)	(45,000)	Ongoing
Maple Street School		Ongoing	(75,000)	(136,181)	(135,000)	(30,000)	(5,000)	(15,000)	Ongoing
Middle/High School		Ongoing	(85,544)	(984,487)	(520,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	Ongoing
District/SAU		Ongoing	(64,850)	(67,500)	(71,900)	(52,033)	(52,033)	(56,720)	Ongoing
Hopkinton School District - Bond Payments									
School Renovation Bond		FY20	582,555	578,931	578,760	577,567	580,483	582,378	9,796,692
Hopkinton School District Totals									
Proposed Appropriations			165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	
Bond Payments - Actual			832,800	813,200	793,600	774,400	774,400	774,400	
Total - School District			997,800	978,200	958,600	939,400	939,400	939,400	
GRAND TOTAL ALL ENTITIES									
Town of Hopkinton			1,470,982	1,709,878	1,739,403	1,730,760	1,569,163	1,294,448	
Contoocook Village Precinct			-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hopkinton Village Precinct			-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hopkinton School District			997,800	978,200	958,600	939,400	939,400	939,400	
Grand Total			2,468,782	2,688,078	2,698,003	2,670,160	2,508,563	2,233,848	

Report of the Cemetery Trustees

The three Cemetery Trustees are entrusted with caring for the Town's cemeteries. Responsibilities include the sale of Rights to Bury, helping families arrange for interments, and managing the care and maintenance of the five active cemeteries: Contoocook Village, Old Hopkinton, New Hopkinton, Stumpfield, and Blackwater; two inactive: Putney Hill and Clement Hill, and three private cemeteries.

During the 2021 calendar year, there were twenty-two interments in the Contoocook Village Cemetery, including one in the Memorial Garden; eleven in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery; one in New Hopkinton; four in Blackwater; and one in the Stumpfield Cemetery, which adjoins Contoocook Village. Ten purchases of Rights to Bury were made.

Maintenance efforts are extensive at the five active cemeteries, and considerable work was performed at Clement Hill Cemetery in anticipation of the Hopkinton Historical Society's biannual Cemetery Walk, and also at the private Putnam Cemetery located on Granite Valley, off Kearsarge Avenue in Contoocook.

Among the many projects undertaken during the year, several are of note. An ornamental Red Maple tree was planted at the New Hopkinton Cemetery in memory of Erin Boss. Efforts are underway to identify other memorial opportunities. Sienna Larson, who maintains the two memorial gardens at CVC and OHC, obtained a small grant from the UNH Master Gardeners Alumni Association to assist in her identification of trees in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery for the creation of a Tree Identification Walk, which will be formally introduced to the community in the spring of 2022. A broken water main was replaced at Old Hopkinton, and several water valves were replaced.

A preliminary draft of a five-year plan was made to help identify funding priorities for capital improvement projects, such as the ongoing surveying and mapping of the cemeteries, the replacement of the storage shed in Contoocook Village, beautification efforts, which include the replacement of trees damaged by storm and disease (e.g. dying trees caused by emerald ash borers in New Hopkinton), and preparation for cemetery expansion in Contoocook Village, and the Old and New Hopkinton cemeteries.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the many people who play a role in the annual running of the cemeteries: Kenneth Soucy of Pinnacle Landscape Services and his crew, for their lawn and ground maintenance efforts; Dan Blanchette and his crew at the Public Works Department; at Town Hall, Deborah Gallant, the Town's Finance Director, in particular, but also Neal Cass and Cara Johnson, for their support which is manifested in a myriad of ways, large and small, throughout the year; volunteers with the American Legion, for their placement of flags on the gravesites of our Veterans for Memorial Day weekend; the members of the Select Board, as well as Steve Lux and the Trustees of the Trust Funds, for their oversight efforts that

make possible the funding that pays for the ongoing maintenance and improvements of the cemeteries; Sienna Larson, for her professional care of the Memorial Gardens at the Contoocook Village and Old Hopkinton Cemeteries; Gerry Courser, our gravedigger, who has served for many years; and our Sexton, Joe Tristaino, who graciously interacts with the public during sales of Rights to Bury, supports bereaved families preparing for interment, and does a yeoman's job of keeping our extensive grounds and monuments in good repair for the enjoyment of the many who visit gravesites and those who enjoy the open grounds.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge the many visitors to our town's cemeteries, including the loved ones and families of those interred or being interred, whose interests are paramount, and also the many walkers who avail themselves of our cemeteries during the four seasons.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Clark, Chair
Judy Hampe
Gayle Kimball



CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. Clarke Kidder (CNHRPC Executive Committee) is the Town's representative to the Commission.

CNHRPC's mission is to comply with State statute (RSA 36:47) by preparing and adopting regional land use and transportation plans and a regional housing needs assessment. CNHRPC evaluates developments of regional impact (RSA 36:54-58) and provides data, information, training, and high-quality, cost-effective services to our member communities. CNHRPC also provides technical assistance services, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, circuit rider assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation planning guidance, and Planning Board process training. CNHRPC advocates for member communities and assists and encourages them in both municipal and regional endeavors.

In 2021, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Hopkinton and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Provided assistance related to the development of the draft Existing and Future Land Use and Economic Base chapters for the Master Plan update. Staff also provided general economic development planning assistance as requested.

- Initiated the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment that is scheduled to be completed in 2022 in coordination with the NH Office of Planning and Development and the other eight NH regional planning commissions.
- Provided continued hazard mitigation plan development and implementation assistance in communities throughout the region. The Hopkinton Hazard Mitigation Plan update is scheduled to begin in 2022.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2021, CNHRPC held five TAC meetings. The CNHRPC TAC participated in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan and the update to the CNHRPC Transportation Improvement Program concurrently with the NHDOT 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan Update.
- Assisted the Currier and Ives Scenic Byway Council with its member towns of Henniker, Hopkinton, Webster, Warner, and Salisbury. Additional information can be found at currierandivesbyway.org.
- Conducted over 200 state and local traffic counts throughout the region. In Hopkinton, CNHRPC collected traffic data at ten locations.
- Continued to lead on regional trails planning, particularly on rail trails and primary trail corridors that span the region and state, but also with municipal trail systems that span neighboring communities.
- Provided coordination assistance to the CommuteSmart NH program that works to support transportation demand management services and rideshare coordination across the state using newly implemented Agile Mile transportation demand management (TDM) software.
- Maintained a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) database for the region and each CNHRPC community. CNHRPC is ready to serve a wide range of GIS services to member communities using this GIS data, software, and existing map templates. GIS data is obtained from a range of sources, or is developed by CNHRPC.

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or visit us at www.cnhrpc.org. CNHRPC Commission meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Report of the Conservation Commission

The pandemic did not alter the work and dedication of the Conservation Commission; we continued to protect the open spaces in our town in 2021.

One of our tasks is to monitor and maintain all the town properties. Commission members Rob Knight and Jonathan Bradstreet led the effort to monitor lands to make sure they are not being misused and that easement requirements are followed.

Our vigilant and active Trails Committee made sure our extensive trail network was safe and clear of downed trees. Ron Klemarczyk serves as a liaison with the Boy Scouts, who have helped create and maintain some of our trails. In 2021, Eagle Scout candidate Jonah Nepveu

erected a kiosk at the trailhead of the Little Tooky Trail and candidate Anthony Cauley built a new trail along the western perimeter of the Houston Fields. A third candidate began planning to work on some bridges on the trail in the Hawthorne Forest.

Under the supervision of Town Forester Ron Klemarczyk, a timber harvest was conducted on about 22 acres of the 31-acre Foote Town Forest, which is located along Eugene Foote Road on the Weare Town Line. Chuck Rose was the high bidder and harvested 116,000 board feet of sawlogs, 150 tons of pulpwood and 12 cords of firewood. The logs were sold to local sawmills and the pulp wood ended up in the paper mills in Maine. The firewood was sold to area residents. Ron also reported that the wood from two harvested pine trees from the Kimball Lake property were used to repair some rotten logs in the refurbished cabins.

We are thankful to the Hopkinton citizens who alerted us that milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant species, was spotted in Kimball Pond and Kimball Lake. The Department of Environmental Services was notified and found that while some of the milfoil is invasive, most of it is native. The invasives need to be mapped before a plan for control can be implemented.



Using conservation funds and grant money, we purchased a 5.7-acre property on the banks of the Contoocook River across from the Bohanan Farm, which we are calling Tyler Landing. This piece offers lovely views of the river, a small hay field, and woods. Plans for a trail and a canoe/kayak access to the river are in the works.

Photo by Bob LaPree

Over the past year, the Abenaki Project has reminded us of our Native American ancestors. We are consulting with local resident, Darryl Peasley, regarding ways we can recognize and celebrate the Abenaki heritage here in Hopkinton.

Finally, the Commission is in the beginning stages of considering a Natural Resource Inventory. This is a complicated process which may require an outside consultant and collaboration with other town agencies, but ultimately would give us a more accurate and updated idea of our natural resources.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Bradstreet
Bonnie Christie
Melissa Jones, Treasurer
Ron Klemarczyk
Rob Knight, Secretary

Bob LaPree
James Newsom, Chair
Julianna Dapice (alternate)
Molly Hardenbergh (alternate)
Stephanie Kratsios (alternate)

Report of the Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) continues its work to cultivate the businesses already within our great community, while at the same time taking steps to entice new businesses to locate here. Both have the goal of increasing non-residential tax revenues to defray the tax burden felt by the residents. The EDC meets every month to work towards these goals. We welcome input and participation from the public!

The EDC wishes to express its condolences for the passing of Tom Congoran. Tom was a valued member of the EDC for many years, and he will be missed.

The EDC reports on the following:

- The EDC is pleased that one of its members, Anna Wells, has been hired by the Town to serve as the next Director of Economic Development. When she begins that role, Anna will step down from membership on the EDC. Anna has been a great asset as an EDC member and the Town will benefit from her experience, expertise, and knowledge of the Town in her new role as Director.
- Continue to engage with the NH DOT, Hopkinton Select Board, and Henniker EDC and Select Board, to advocate for improvements to Routes 202/9 at the Maple Street intersection. This project was moved up in the NH DOT's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, with engineering proposed to begin in 2023.
- Fill the vacant seats in the TIF Advisory Boards in the two TIF Districts created at the 2018 Town Meeting; the districts are located at Hart's Corner and Exit 6. The TIF Advisory Boards are primarily made up of property owners in or adjacent to the respective districts and advise the Select Board on the most appropriate uses of those funds for capital improvements within each district.
- Continue to implement and adapt a Strategic Economic Development Plan to guide this particular EDC and those of the future to accomplish the goals of the EDC.
- Promote the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (also known as 79E). This program provides tax relief on qualifying replacement or existing building rehabilitation in certain areas of town where the Select Board recognizes a public benefit from the proposed development.
- Continue outreach to property owners within the TIF, ERZ, and 79E areas to educate owners about those opportunities and incentivize development within Hopkinton.

The EDC continues to review the Town's zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure that these regulations promote the best interests of the Town while not unreasonably limiting development potential within town.

The public is always welcome and there are openings on the committee if you have an interest!

Respectfully Submitted,
Hopkinton Economic Development Committee

Meredith Lee
Jim Fredyma, for the Planning Board

Andrea Folsom

Anna Wells
Steven Whitley, Chair, for the Select Board

Greg Sagris

Report of the Fire Department

We have completed another difficult year in the throes of COVID. We have all endured school and work shutdowns, delays getting goods, and even changes to the operational hours of our favorite establishments. But through all of these adversities, we have remained a strong and resilient community. In contrast to what we have had to endure, the members of the Fire Department were able to celebrate some good news. Captain Kevin Culpon and FF/AEMT Matt Cox both retired this year. Kevin and Matt served this town with honor and distinction for 21 years. These members were a mainstay for professionalism and quality within this organization. The Department and I want to acknowledge and congratulate them on this important milestone and wish them a happy and healthy retirement. Thank you both for everything you have done.

Emergency and non-emergency requests were up approximately 15 percent from 2020. This past year, we responded to 1,407 calls. This does not take into account our other daily requests for service, including inspections, written burn permits, smoke detector service calls, and even informational calls we receive to the station. I am very proud of how well our members have handled the increased workload.

As with every year, the majority of our responses were for medical emergencies, which totaled 739. Other major responses include motor vehicle accidents at 37, alarm activations at 80, and 10 brush fires. Hopkinton Fire Department responded to a total of 14 building fires within the town and our mutual aid departments. This was a busy year, indeed.

Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector twice a year. If you have any questions regarding smoke detectors, please call the station and we will gladly assist you in any way we can. We also recommend that you have an escape plan and a meeting spot worked out with your family ahead of time. Never a bad thing to practice, especially if you have young children. Additionally, please remember to keep your house number visible from the street. It is very important to us that we can see the number of your home to more quickly help if the need arises.

As we close out this past year, I look back with a sense of appreciation to our members and their families. Both have had to deal with their personal struggles with COVID and still respond to others' requests for help. I am reminded of the quote by Lt. Col. James Dolittle, "There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." I hope every citizen remains strong throughout this upcoming year, keeping yourself and your neighbors safe. Check on others frequently and know that if you need help during any emergency, we will be here for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Jeffrey Yale

Report of Forest Fire Warden

We were very fortunate to have record breaking rainfall, starting in late spring and throughout the summer—enough to surprisingly bring us out of drought. The Fire Department responded, both locally and through the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact, to communities and to the Mast Yard State Forest before the rains arrived after snowmelt.

State Forest Rangers and I continue to promote Safe Burning Practices by Education. A permit to kindle a fire MUST be obtained, even when raining, unless there is a 100-foot diameter of frozen precipitation around the brush you wish to burn. A phone call to the Fire Station at 603-746-3181 would be appreciated BEFORE you burn. Permits are issued on Class 1 (low) and Class 2 (moderate) Fire Danger Days. For \$3.00, you can purchase a permit online at www.NHfirepermit.com. Daily classification is posted by 10 a.m. on the sign next to the carved image of Smokey Bear, located at the Contoocook Fire Station. Also, residents are encouraged to sign up for free daily information on time-sensitive details about burning, weather, and other community safety interests, at www.nixle.com. The NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) provides an informational pamphlet, which explains in detail the hours and what is—and is NOT—permitted to be burned.

Landowners should ATTEND and have ADEQUATE means to suppress the fire BEFORE lighting; you are responsible for damages AND suppression costs, should your fire get out of control.

Have a Fire Safe Year!

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Weldon, Captain/Warden
Hopkinton Fire Department

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Despite a brief flurry of wildfire activity across the state this spring, the summer and fall months saw weather conditions which kept the fire danger consistently at low levels. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

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

Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

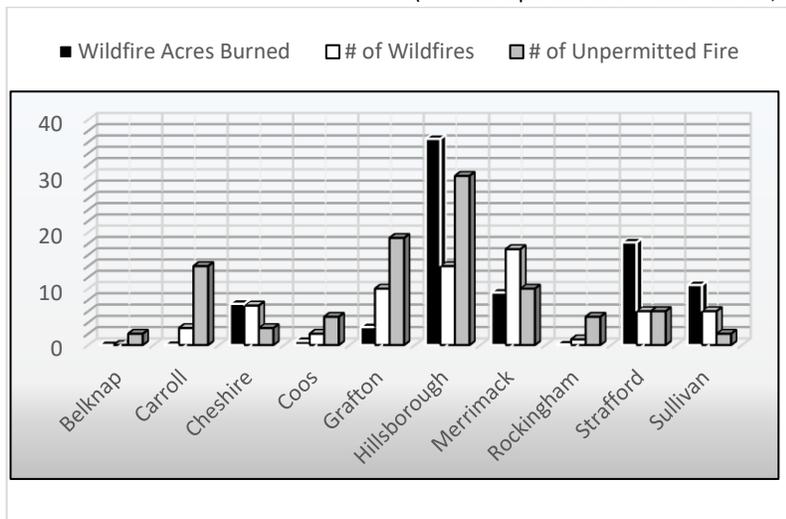
The long-lasting drought effects in Coos County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of northern Coos remains in the abnormally dry category, with the northeastern portion still remaining in moderate drought. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey’s message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC’s: **Always Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **“Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”**



As we prepare for the 2022 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or fire department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17), a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire’s forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**

2021 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2021)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES EPORTED								
(These numbers do not include the WMNF)								
Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc
1	81	25	0	7	1	4	2	41

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

Report of the Human Services Department

This office operates as mandated by state law RSA 165:1. Pursuant to the law, citizens of our community are assisted and served or as the law states “relieved and maintained.” A heartfelt thank you to Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw, who retired from the Department of Human Services in August, after 30 years of serving the community of Hopkinton. She not only provided welfare assistance and navigation through social services, but also touched the hearts and lives of many and will be missed in this department.

Human Services would like to thank the many volunteers who have assisted with the transition of program coordinator. Because of their time, dedication, and guidance, programming has continued to run smoothly. Tammy Saltmarsh oversees the Food Pantry. The Advisory Committee, consisting of Allita Paine, Pamela Manus, Nan McNicholas, Dawn Berry, and Mary Reidy, assists with programming initiatives and logistics of outreach. Additionally, there are numerous individuals and community organizations that regularly step forward to provide goods and services, ranging from food and transportation to fuel and holiday assistance. Hopkinton is a caring and generous community.

Because of COVID 19, the Food Pantry has continued with biweekly drive-through distribution. Approximately fifty-five households are served on a regular basis and upwards of 70-plus during holidays. Fresh produce during harvest season contributes to the food available via Shared Harvest of Hopkinton, our local Farmers Market, and NH Gleans.

Got Lunch is a program that provides food to families with children one weekend a month during the school year, over school vacations, and every other week during the summer. Eight families and a total of eighteen children are currently accessing this program.

This summer, donations supported twenty-four students with the Back-to-School Backpack Program and over \$2,800 in scholarships were given for summer camp participation. In the fall, the Hopkinton Family Support Team was reinstated. Human Services collaborates with the schools in order to provide a wraparound approach to assisting families in the Hopkinton community.

Operation Holidays pairs with the Food Pantry, Capital Regional Food Program, local churches, businesses, and individuals, to provide meals and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas. During 2021, seventy-one households were assisted, including forty-one children and forty-nine older adults. Thank you to all of those who displayed such great generosity!

The areas of greatest need since taking the position of Human Service Coordinator have been housing, food, and heat. This year alone, the cost to rent an apartment in the town of Hopkinton has increased significantly. Affordable housing options are few. Oil and food costs have also climbed. With the continuation of the COVID 19 pandemic, many seeking assistance have been underemployed and often lack childcare. The community is fortunate to receive donations which have supported the Food Pantry and Fuel Assistance program.

The following is the breakdown of 2021 expenditures:

Food	\$348.05
Housing	\$43,864.84
Heating Fuel	\$1,615.94
Electricity	\$3,156.80
Other	\$173.34
Totaling	\$49,158.97

Additional Expenditures:

\$8,293.25 was distributed from donations for fuel/energy assistance.

\$14,807.15 from the Human Services Donation Account covered camp scholarships, "Operation Holidays," the "Back to School" program, medical assistance, and various other needs in the community not covered in the Human Services General Fund.

It is a great honor to have taken the position of Human Service Coordinator for the town in which I live. Please don't hesitate to reach me with referrals or to inquire about Human Service programming.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Presti
Human Services Coordinator

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Funds for the Warner Area Center are primarily generated from three main sources. The sources for the operation of the Center are funded by local tax dollars in conjunction with funding from the Electric Assistance Program (Utility Companies) and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (Federal). The Center is the local service delivery network for Agency programs in your community. The local support of our Center is vital for us to continue intake and referral, outreach and contact with residents of your community.

The attached budget reflects the minimum costs of maintaining the Center. We will continue to work closely with your welfare officer to ensure the maximum availability of resources from our programs, as well as continue to mobilize any resources other than local tax dollars that become available to help serve residents of your community.

Included is a brief description of Agency programs accessed by Hopkinton residents through the Center. This includes the number of residents served and the dollar amount of assistance

provided by the Center staff. As always, we will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

Therefore, on behalf of the Warner Area Center and the \$145,057.68 worth of service dollars provided to residents of the Town of Hopkinton utilizing Federal, State and local funds, we respectfully request consideration of our services and submit the following recommendation to the Budget Committee: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,900.00 for the continuation of services to the low income residents of Hopkinton through the Warner Area Center of the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.”

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our programs. I can be reached at 603-225-3295 Ext 1150 or bheyward@bm-cap.org

Sincerely,
Beth Heyward
Community Services Director



Warner Area Center

Town's Served-Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Henniker, Hill. Hopkinton, Newbury, New London, Salisbury, Sutton, Warner, Webster, and Wilmot

Hopkinton Town Services

Program	Units of Service	Household/People	Value
Fuel Assistance Program is available to income eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.	Applications-47		\$48,581
Electric Assistance Program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 9% to 77% on electric bills for income eligible households.		Households-62	\$19,051
Emergency Food Pantries provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$5.00 per meal.	Meals-5,392	People-444 Households-213	\$26,960
Weatherization improves the energy efficient of income eligible households.		People-3 Households-2	\$18,209
UCARES Covid Relief		People-23 Households-9	\$32,256.68
Total Services			\$145,057.68



Report of the Hopkinton Town Library

Learning your ABCs at the Library...

A is for audiobooks, **B** for Baby Storytime, **C** for Consumer Reports Online, **D** for Downloading (we can help!), **E** for Energy efficiency, **F** for Friends of the Library members who underwrite Museum Passes, **G** for Games to Borrow, **H** is for Hanging art in our gallery, **I** for the I Spy Cabinet, **J** for Juvenile fiction and non-fiction, **K** for Kids programming, **L** for Loaning Books and **M** for Movies, **N** for napping on our beautiful porches, **O** for online offerings, **P** for photocopier and fax machine, **Q** for questions—we're here to answer them!, **R** for **READING**, **S** for Staff who are here to help, **T** for Telescope for loan, **U** for Universal Class online education, **V** for volunteers who help get things done, **W** for the Welcome Desk, **X** for xoxoxos for our patrons, **Y** for *Yankee Magazine* and so many more including, e **Z**ines for online magazines.

This sampling of services and so much more is made possible by the excellent work of Karen Dixon, Reference Librarian; Elissa Barr and Catherine Ryan, part time reference librarians; Leigh Maynard, Children's Services; and Laura Mackenzie, Barb Diaz, Cindy Garland and Nancy Raymond in Circulation Services. In 2021, we bid farewell to Elissa and Catherine, who moved on to new challenges, and we welcomed back reference librarian, Emily Welsh, and new reference staff, Louisa Burdette.

For the latest update on our services, call the library at 746-3663 or email us at info@hopkintontownlibrary.org.

<i>Statistics</i>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 <i>Lightning strike</i>	2019 <i>Lightning strike</i>	2020 <i>Covid</i>	2021 <i>Covid</i>
Items Circulated-All formats	70,661	71,644	75,910	74,930	56,035	50,816	59,207	79,580
Downloadable - Content Only	5,822	8,086	9,019	9,487	11,608	10,571	16,206	17,223
Programs - Child and Adult	318	340	377	411	364	488	240	284
Collection: Items added	2,616	2,998	3,087	2,886	2,233	2,006	1,933	2,265
Collection: Items deleted	1,569	2,878	2,048	2,947	1,951	3,842	1,782	2,020
Community Use of Public Spaces	653	644	710	744	551	802	259	343
Gallons of Fuel Used: (From 2006-08, an average of 7658 gallons of fuel were used per year.)	4823	5598	5418	4671	5483	5439	3502	3787

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Skarmeas, Board Chair
James O'Rourke

Sarah Chiappetta
Amy Stone

Jason LaCombe
Donna V. Dunlop, Library Director

Report of the Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee was created to advise the Hopkinton Select Board about land protection projects that are worth considering for Town funding through an Open Space bond passed by voters in 2003. In recent years, when town budgets have been constrained, the Committee has worked with the Hopkinton Conservation Commission and other conservation partners to secure funding from competitive grant programs and other public and private revenue sources. The photo above shows the new kiosk at Little Tooky Trail, on land protected by Open Space bond funds (photo credit: Bob LaPree). To date, over 1,000 acres of land have been protected through efforts of the Open Space Committee.



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Tyler Landing Protected: In 2021, the Open Space Committee successfully completed the acquisition of a 5.7-acre parcel of prime farmland and forested shoreland on the Contoocook River, upstream from Tyler Bridge on Penacook Road. This purchase helps achieve Hopkinton's Master Plan goal of permanently preserving prime farmland and undeveloped river frontage. Funds for the acquisition were provided by the Hopkinton Conservation Commission and the State of New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund, which provides grants for projects that protect community water sources. Located within four miles of the Riverhill intake for the City of Concord water supply, this acquisition permanently protects 1,100 feet of river frontage on the Contoocook River.

The property will be called Tyler Landing Town Forest, a reference to the ferry that shuttled travelers across the Contoocook River from this property in the late 18th century, before a bridge was built. The Conservation Commission intends to establish a hiking trail along the river, as well as a hand-carry boat launch, giving the community recreational access to the river. The field along Penacook Road will continue to be farmed by the neighboring Contoocook Creamery at Bohanan Farm, and refugee families will continue to maintain garden plots on the property.

Pending Projects: As of late 2021, the Committee has several properties under consideration for protection and is actively researching funding sources. The Committee's selection criteria prioritize the protection of shoreland, prime farmland, scenic views, and large tracts of forestland, especially those that expand and connect existing conservation lands.

Recreational Access: The Open Space Committee continues to collaborate with both the Hopkinton Conservation Commission and the Recreation Department to promote awareness of open space properties in town and create opportunities for public access. The Conservation Commission maintains over 20 miles of trails on properties owned by the Town and generous private landowners. The Town's Conservation Lands website offers trail maps and information on the many protected properties in town: <http://hopkintonconservationland.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,

The Open Space Committee

Dijit Taylor, Chair

Robert Knight

Lucia Kittredge

Ron Klemarczyk

Bob LaPree

Erin Vanden Borre, alternate

Sabrina Dunlap, Select Board Representative

Report of the Kimball Lake Committee

May 2021 saw the Kimball Lake Cabin Crew resume their volunteer efforts for the season. The first project was to finish getting a second coat of the KLC Brown stain on Cabin #2. The porch railings were finished and several minor repairs were completed.

Cabin #4 was pretty much cleaned out in the fall of 2020, in preparation for 2021. The unsafe porch was removed, one of its granite support posts was replaced, and the porch was framed up with treated dimension stock. Locally bought rough sawn hemlock was nailed down as decking, in an attempt to keep the cabin looking much like its original construction. The porch roof supports were replaced, and some roof boards repaired. The cabin's roof was then strapped, and a new green metal roof was installed.

The original "bump out" along the cabin's rear wall was removed to stop further water damage to the cabin's rear wall. Several of the rotten lower logs were removed and replaced with newly peeled logs, and the cabin's rear corners were repaired. We found a company that makes wooden window



reproductions, and all new windows were purchased, stained, and installed.

We hope the work resuming in the spring of 2022 will focus on continuing to make Cabin #4 weathertight by chinking its exterior log walls and applying at least one coat of stain.

It continues to be amazing how much can be accomplished by a cooperating group of volunteers, donated funding, and continued Town and public support. Contact the Hopkinton Recreation Department for information regarding your proposed Kimball Lake Cabin use. Those wishing to make a tax-deductible donation may do so at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
The Kimball Lake Cabin Committee

Report of the Planning Department

The Planning and Building Department provides technical and administrative support to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, other related groups, and the general public. The Department is responsible for coordinating the review process for commercial and residential developments, including subdivisions and site plans, and assisting in implementing the Master Plan.

The Department is also responsible for issuing building, electrical, plumbing, and other associated permits, performing building code compliance inspections, and issuing Certificates of Occupancy.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 proved to be a busy year as the Department processed over 445 applications, which also called for numerous inspections.

During this same time, the Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed thirteen applications, approving eight Special Exceptions, two Variances, and one Equitable Waiver. The Planning Board acted on twenty-three applications, granting nine applications for Site Plan Review, six applications for Lot Line Adjustments, two requests to remove and trim trees along Scenic roads, and four applications for Subdivisions creating ten new lots.

In addition, working at the direction of the Planning Board, the Department researched and prepared draft amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. A total of nine amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were developed and recommended for adoption in 2021. The amendments included modernizing definitions, so they are consistent with current usage and state law, and increasing the maximum number of residential units permitted in a building, in an effort to encourage reuse of existing buildings while creating more housing opportunities. All amendments passed.

For the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, the Planning Board recommends three amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The first amendment is intended to correctly define the term "Bed and Breakfast Inn" from what was inadvertently omitted from the previous year's revision. Another

amendment strikes a paragraph limiting the maximum number of dwelling units in a multi-family dwelling to eight, which conflicts with the 2021 amendment, in which the residents voted to increase the allowed number of units to 12 or 24, depending on the zoning district. Lastly, the Planning Board recommends amendments to the Conservation Subdivisions Ordinance.

Amendments include definitions and a procedure to review phased developments and developments of regional impact. It also eliminates the formula approach of determining the base number of buildings and dwellings and exceptions associated with that approach and removes the requirement that multi-family buildings have ground-level living space. It also increases density bonuses and incentives that encourage affordable and elderly housing.

Additional work and review should continue to refine the Zoning Ordinance to provide a more diversified housing strategy that promotes affordable housing and a more livable community. The Department will continue to work with the Planning Board in 2022 to recommend zoning amendments to meet this goal.

In 2021, we welcomed Bob Pike as the Building Inspector; Bob replaced John Pianka, a long-time employee who retired earlier in the year. We miss John and wish him well in his retirement. Bob brings over 40 years of building experience, is also the Building Inspector for the Town of Bow, and is very familiar with the building codes.

The Planning Department is always available to assist residents and business owners with Town ordinances and regulations and how they relate to their property. Information and applications may be obtained at the Town Hall, from the Town's website (www.hopkinton-nh.gov), or by contacting the Planning Department at (603) 746-8243 or at planzone@hopkinton-nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robertson, Planning Director

Report of the Police Department

It is my pleasure to present my first Annual Report of the Hopkinton Police Department as your newly appointed Police Chief. The Town of Hopkinton continues to enjoy a very low crime rate and is considered one of the top ten safest towns in the State of New Hampshire. We continue to strive to make Hopkinton the safest town, and we look forward to working with the community to make this happen.

The Police Department continually works to maintain priority services to the residents and the businesses of Hopkinton, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. At the same time, the Department has continued to receive calls from residents for numerous concerns around town. We had approximately 3,600 calls for service in 2021, with August being our busiest month. We encourage residents to report things that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary, and we are here 24 hours a day. With over 44 square miles in town, it is not physically possible to be everywhere at once. We rely on our residents to report things that they see to help us keep our community safe. Please do not hesitate, no matter the time or day, to report something that seems out of

place. We would rather you report it and have us investigate it, than not report it and have something bad happen.

The Police Department made 67 arrests and over 3,500 motor vehicle stops in 2021. Many of the motor vehicle stops were conducted during grant patrols from the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety. These grants put extra patrols on the road to enforce all traffic laws to reduce the number of crashes in the state. A total of 90 motor vehicle crashes were reported in 2021; thankfully, only 20 of those with injury, and no fatalities.

The retirement of Chief Steve Pecora and Sergeant Bill Simpson left a big hole in our department. Between these two officers, a wealth of knowledge left with them; knowledge not just about police work, but the town itself, which, no matter who comes after them, will never be replicated. Thank you, Steve and Bill, for your service to the Police Department and the Town of Hopkinton, for a combined total of 51 years. May the future hold great things for you. We wish you both a happy and a healthy retirement.

I am proud of this department, and it is an honor to serve with the officers that are here. As a new Police Chief, I hope to bring innovative ideas to assist us with helping the citizens of Hopkinton, to make our community safer and an enjoyable place to live.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas J. Hennessey, Chief of Police

Report of the Recreation Department

The goal of the Recreation Department is to provide quality programming and special events to all our residents and to increase the quality of life in Hopkinton. The Recreation Department is incredibly appreciative of the continued community support that we receive!

We could not provide all the wonderful recreational opportunities without our dedicated volunteers! We have a very strong volunteer base, especially within the Recreation Committee and Senior Recreation Council. In addition, the Recreation Department is fortunate to work with the Kimball Cabins Committee and Hopkinton Conservation Commission, who assist with events at Kimball Cabins. There are also so many community groups, school groups, and individuals who willingly volunteer to lead or assist with programs and events or to work behind the scenes for the Recreation Department. Volunteers, please know that you are most appreciated!

The Recreation Department would also like to thank the other Hopkinton Town Departments as they help support us in our endeavors. They are very community-minded and are always willing to assist us with our mission. We are very thankful for their support!

The Hopkinton Recreation Department had a very busy year. In 2021, the Recreation Department thrived despite the pandemic obstacles that we faced. Since the pandemic started, the Recreation Department encountered stalls, delays, restrictions, and cancellations. Yet,

despite the challenges, the Department continued to be creative and was determined to provide community programs and events. With the support of the Recreation Committee volunteers, we held several events, including Meet the Easter Bunny; July 4th Tooky Cookie Bake-off; Halloween Holler; Scarecrow Contest; Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot that raised \$1500 for the Hopkinton Food Pantry and Operation Christmas; Gingerbread House Workshop; Pet Photos with Santa and Breakfast with Santa that raised \$800 for Operation Christmas.

The Recreation Department also offered many community programs, including Hopkinton Track and Field; several camps (British Soccer, Science, Art and Ceramics, Summer Camp, and Lacrosse); various nature programs (Birding, Tree ID, Junior and Tiny Explorers, Full Moon Hike, and Snowshoeing); several online contests; swimming lessons; craft workshops; and nutrition programs.

The Recreation Department also oversees the daytime senior activities at the Slusser Center, which provides a place of community and social and physical wellness for our seniors. The daytime activities are run completely by senior volunteers, and we are very appreciative for the hundreds of hours that they provide each year! During 2021, we were able to switch back to our in-person programs from the Zoom programs and bingo, quilting, scrabble, memoirs, knitting, billiards, and the 50+ Strong Living exercise programs were well attended. Lunch continues to be prepared and served every Wednesday by the Recreation Department.

The Recreation Department is fortunate to have beautiful Town facilities to use. Kimball Pond, on Rollins Road, offers public swimming in the summer months. We also enjoy the use of Kimball Lake Cabins, currently being renovated by the Kimball Cabins Committee, who supply many volunteer hours each week to restore the cabins. We also enjoy promoting the Hopkinton Greenway Trail system, a joint project by the Hopkinton Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee. We also are happy that we can offer a Town sledding hill at Hawthorne Town Forest, that the community can enjoy in the winter.

The Recreation Department is excited for a busy and fun year ahead. We look forward to serving the community so that all may enjoy the recreational opportunities that Hopkinton has to offer!

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Simpkins, Hopkinton Recreation Director

Report for the Department of Public Works

Highway Department

Many challenges faced the Public Works Department in 2021; everything from culverts to material crushing to equipment supplies were either delayed or could not be ordered. With the ability to do most things “in house,” we were able to produce solutions to these problems and get a lot of projects accomplished. In 2021, Irish Hill Road and the entrance to George Park were overlaid with a 2” topcoat. Granite Valley, Wildwood, Fletcher Lane, and 2,600 feet of

Stumpfield Road were chip sealed. The Highway Department also rebuilt 2,600 feet of Pine Street and 1,500 feet of Bound Tree Road. These two roads were completely boxed out, removing an inadequate base material, and replacing it with a more suitable material and installing an underdrain system to remove water from the base material. After the base was secured, a three-inch asphalt base was installed, to be followed by a two-inch topcoat in 2022. Along with the aforementioned, the travel planks were replaced on the Rowell Covered Bridge, the trees for the decking were procured from Chuck Rose and they were sawn out by Robert Pearson, keeping jobs local and saving the taxpayers \$15,000. Weaver Bros Construction started and finished the final box culvert on Briar Hill Road and ED Swett fixed the failed expansion joint on the Tyler Bridge.

Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds crew has been very busy, as they have been understaffed through most of the year. As I write this report, a new employee is in the process of being hired for the Highway Department, and Dave White of the Highway Department will transfer over to Building Maintenance. The biggest project of the year was the completion of phase one of the George Park revitalization plan. The Building and Grounds crew continues to maintain numerous Town-owned buildings, athletic fields, dog parks, skate parks and hiking trails.

Wastewater

The Sewer Department continues to provide Contoocook with a reliable way to remove wastewater from their houses and businesses. Throughout the year, there have been many issues with the aeration system, which we hope will be resolved in 2022. Sam has started the process of coming up with a master plan to upgrade the system and move toward some automation, which should cut costs in the long run. The influent and effluent controls have been upgraded, which is a step in that direction. Along with the above mentioned, many manholes have been inspected and a few have been repaired. We are on the waiting list to get the system scoped with cameras to determine the status of the pipes within the wastewater network.

Hopkinton/Webster Solid Waste Facility

The Transfer Station saw another increase in household solid waste; the total tonnage went up 170 tons over 2020. Unfortunately, the recycling did not see an increase but went down 110 tons. This was unfortunate, as some recycling prices went up, but we grossed \$43,000 more in revenue despite the downfall. It would be in everyone's best interest to recycle as much as you can because even if prices drop, the amount saved from being thrown in with the trash can still save on the amount the respective towns have to pay out. On a positive note, the combined demolitions went down around 95 tons.

At this time, I would like to thank all the employees of the Public Works Dept. that make everything run smoothly and efficiently: Bob McCabe, Kent Barton, Greg Roberts, Brian Cayer, Mike Henley, Jolene Cochran, Tom Geer, Adam Pearson, Dave White, Jason Ekstrom, Sam Currier, Chris Bentley, Christina Balassone, Ted Valley, Brian Hall, Mason Moran, and David Blanchard.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works



Northeast Resource Recovery Association

"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

HOPKINTON, NH, TOWN OF

CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SUCH ACTIVE RECYCLERS!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment. The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	2021 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources.
ALUMINUM CANS	9.20 TONS	 You conserved enough energy to power 15.63 homes for a year!
PLASTICS	39.37 TONS	 You saved 1,559.05 trash bags from ending up in a landfill!
SCRAP METAL	160.09 TONS	 You conserved enough energy to drive a car 1,766,242.08 miles!
PAPER	370.19 TONS	 You conserved enough energy to charge 150,853,128.07 cell phones!
STEEL CANS	11.28 TONS	 You conserved enough energy to swap 782.61 incandescent lightbulbs for LEDs!
TIRES	22.83 TONS	 You conserved the equivalent of 9,587.55 pounds of coal being burned!

AVOIDED EMISSIONS



Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you avoided about **1,925,892.33 tons of carbon dioxide emissions**. This is the equivalent of removing **418,672.25 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year.

***The above data was calculated using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Reduction Model (WARM).*

Report of UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County

UNH Cooperative Extension serves residents in each of Merrimack County's 27 towns with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family Resiliency. Extension is the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, bringing information and education into NH's towns, helping to make individuals, businesses, and communities more successful, and keeping NH's natural resources healthy and productive.

Food & Agriculture

We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. An ongoing programmatic highlight is the peach and nectarine variety trial being hosted at Apple Hill Farm in Concord. On-farm collaborative research allow for productive, collaborative learning that ultimately benefits the larger agricultural community. Jeremy DeLisle oversees the progress and data collection of the planting, measuring fruit size, cold hardiness, average harvest date, incidence of bacterial disease issues, and will be conducting taste testing in conjunction with point-of-sale opportunities. The cold hardiness portion of the trial is being conducted in cooperation with researchers from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. 2021 was the first year of data collection for cold hardiness, and plans are in place to conduct a second year of testing in the winter of 2022. Additionally, UNH Extension Merrimack County is partnering with NH Conservation Districts, NRCS and Xerces Society on a grant funded project to expand our weather station network across the state and conduct on-farm trials investigating the feasibility of utilizing insect exclusion netting to control spotted winged drosophila, the major insect pest of blueberry in NH. The weather station component allows for the collection of on-farm data to be uploaded to the [Network for Environment and Weather Applications](#) (NEWA), which creates models and data sources that provide farmers with decision making tools, helping them better make crop management decisions.

Natural Resources

Our natural resources team provides research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a "boots on the ground" approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. This year, 1,075 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and email correspondence. At least 607 County residents participated in-person, outdoors, educational events: Tree Farm Field Days, NH BioBlitz walks, Tree ID Walks, Invasive Plant Control workshops, Wildlife Tracking field tours, White Pine Management workshops, and Forest Ecology Field Tours for Middle School Science Classes. This year's educational offerings were augmented by a wide variety of virtual meetings and Facebook Live webinars (<https://www.facebook.com/nhwoods.org>), to comply with the COVID-19 restrictions and to provide resident with virtual learning opportunities. Volunteers from the N.H. Coverts project (496 volunteers) and the Natural Resource Stewards program (457 volunteers) contributed 34,252 hours conserving and managing natural resources in Merrimack County.

Community and Economic Development (CED)

The CED team provides programming and technical assistance to communities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations around New Hampshire. The CED team's work focuses on revitalizing main streets, retaining and growing local businesses, supporting entrepreneurs and innovators, improving quality of life, and leveraging tourism and the recreation economy. Central to the CED team's work is engaging individuals from throughout the community in developing a vision, designing an approach, and moving to action. The Merrimack County CED played a key role revitalizing a portion of the former Beede Electric Building in Penacook and launching an 8,500 square foot makerspace and shared workspace to increase entrepreneurship and innovation in the region. They worked with Northfield to launch the Foothills Foundation, an organization that plans to make the area a hub for mountain biking and recreation through collaboration, promotion, and trail building. They spearheaded a range of events to increase entrepreneurship and spur business growth.

4-H/Youth & Family

4-H is the youth educational program of UNH Cooperative Extension that provides youth the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning opportunities that spark their passion for life after 4-H, while learning important life skills such as communication and leadership. Programming is delivered utilizing 4-H volunteers that involve youth in the learning process through youth-adult partnerships. For the first part of the program year, COVID-19 guidelines impacted the ability of 4-H clubs to meet in-person and perform normal activities. To support 4-H youth, leaders, and families during this time, three virtual 4-H clubs were established. Twenty-six youth from Merrimack County took part in these clubs. By the late spring, guidelines relaxed and allowed for in-person programming to resume. Members and leaders alike were happy to return to "normal." A highlight for many of our 4-H members was being able to exhibit at the Hopkinton State Fair again. In 2021, 96 members brought their animals to exhibit during the fair, and six participated in the NH 4-H Livestock Auction. Clubs and families filled the Ruth Kimball Exhibit Hall with 4-H displays to showcase their work during the past year. The Merrimack County Leaders' Association also had a successful fair, selling ice cream in the 4-H Ice Cream Parlor and engaging 40 4-H members and families in this fundraiser. Despite a challenging year, Merrimack County 4-H interacted with over 400 youth and volunteers through the program.

Nutrition Connections

Nutrition Connections is a no-cost, hands-on nutrition education program that provides limited-resource families the knowledge and skills they need for better health. During this past year, Nutrition Connections was able to pivot programming to adapt to changes brought on by Covid-19. Merrimack County Extension Teachers reached youth through virtual and remote programming, using curricula like Pick a Better Snack, Team Nutrition Cooks, and Families Eating Smart Moving More. Adults and families were engaged in virtual programming, like Cooking Matters at Home, Cooking Matters at the Store Tour, and Families Eating Smart Moving More. Nutrition Connections continued to seek creative ways to meet people where they are. A newsletter geared toward older adults was created and over this past year, its reach continued to grow. This monthly newsletter features recipes, resources, tips, and activities, and now reaches limited-resource older adults across New Hampshire. Additionally, the Arthritis

Foundation's Walk with Ease program was adapted into a virtual format. After a successful pilot, the virtual program is now available for use by Extension teachers across the state.

Youth & Family Resiliency

Melissa Lee, Field Specialist and Certified Prevention Specialist, provides information, training grounded in research to help young people and their families succeed and thrive, and programs such as Youth Mental Health First Aid Training and community coalition development. Melissa is working collaboratively with schools and public health partners to increase prevention and early intervention for mental health and wellness and substance misuse in communities. Since late 2020, Melissa and her teammates have brought three diverse funding streams to UNH Extension to support work in their field. Melissa is serving as Project Director for the NH Opioid Prevention Project, funded by SAMHSA, which is bringing opioid prevention education to audiences across NH. This project has focused on expanding implementation and access to the evidence-based Chronic Pain Self-Management Program. Virtual access to this program is now available for community members through UNH Extension and area partners.

We would like to thank our Advisory Council that consists of 13 citizens of Merrimack County, and a representative of the County Commissioners office and County Delegation.

These advisors assist Extension program staff to evaluate current programming, identify local educational and research needs, and to consider new programming across the county. Our 2020/2021 council members included: Larry Ballin, Mindy Beltramo, Lorrie Carey, Janine Condi, Ayi D'Almeida, Ken Koerber, Josh Marshall, Tim Meeh & Jill McCullough, Page Poole, Chuck & Diane Souther, Anya Twarog, State Rep. Werner Horn, and Commissioner Stuart Trachy.

Connect with us: <https://extension.unh.edu/facility/merrimack-county-office>

Report of the Waste Reduction Committee (formerly the Recycling Committee)

The Waste Reduction Committee continued its mission to reduce the amount of waste our town produces. We do this for two reasons; the first is to save money for taxpayers. Every bag of trash that goes into the hopper and all other non-recyclable waste that gets disposed of costs the taxpayers money. Our waste tonnage for 2021 increased by 150 tons, to a total of 3,228. Our recycling rate was only 14%, which compares with 21% in the previous year. Although our waste volume has risen steeply, our recycling rate has fallen dramatically. This combination means paying for many tons of waste that could be diverted to recycling or composting. In addition, in 2021 we entered a new five-year contract with Waste Management, Inc., the company that disposes of our waste. Our cost went from \$72/ton in 2020 to \$82/ton in 2021 and will increase each year through 2025, at which time we will be paying approximately \$98/ton. Therefore, every ton of waste we do not send to the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester is a ton for which we do not have to pay.

Recycling markets soared in 2021 after a period of volatility. Markets remain strong going into 2022 and are predicted to improve even more in the coming years, as our state and the nation begin to reevaluate our waste management strategies. For example, in 2020 we received \$2,200.00 in revenue for recycling plastics. In 2021, that revenue rose to \$29,432.00. This illustrates how much markets can change within just one year.

Thus, it will be our goal in 2022 to maximize this source of revenue for the town by installing improved signage and providing volunteers at the recycling center to help residents do a better job of sorting materials and reducing contamination in the recycling bins. Clean, properly sorted recycling streams always provide the best returns. We also plan to offer community education programs at the library when COVID restrictions are lifted, to help residents learn how to reduce waste sources at home.

The second reason this committee works to reduce waste is to reduce methane, a very potent greenhouse gas produced by anaerobic decomposition of organic materials - mostly food scraps - in landfills. Methane is about 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide in its ability to accelerate climate change. The HWRC undertook a research project over three months last summer to get a snapshot of what percentage of the average household's waste is composed of organics - mostly food scraps - that could be diverted from landfills by composting. A dozen volunteer families who participated in our project diverted 590 lbs. of food scraps for composting, which would have otherwise been landfilled. Our data showed that on average per household, food scraps made up 44% of total waste. Thus, through composting, we see an opportunity for the town to ease its tax burden by decreasing waste tonnage, to address climate change, and to produce a usable product for residents and town grounds crews. In 2022, we will be monitoring the new regulations that are forthcoming from DES, to enable communities to set up composting sites at their transfer stations or at other locations in town.

We welcome residents at our meetings, which are held on the third Thursdays of the month in the Community Room at the Library. We welcome all to participate in our annual Roadside Cleanup Day in April, which coincides with Earth Day, and we encourage all to live by the 6 Rs whenever possible: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Rot.

We thank those who use their green bags to offset our cost of waste removal in town and increase recycling rates, and so appreciate the hard work and dedication of staff at the Transfer Station, under the direction of Manager Jolene Cochrane.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Christie, Chair

Report of the Warner River Local Advisory Committee



The Warner River Local Advisory Committee (we'll shorten that to "WRLAC") is pleased to report on our activities during 2021. We have statutory authority to advise state and local governments on federal, state, and local permit applications and other environmental issues within the Designated Warner River Corridor, which is a half mile wide (a quarter mile as measured outward from each riverbank), as the river flows through our five riverfront towns. Hopkinton's share of the Warner River extends from the Webster town line to the river's confluence with the Contoocook River, just downstream of Contoocook Village (something like 1.6 river-miles).

Calendar year 2021 was a quiet time on the Hopkinton reach of our river, matching the mostly calm and quiet river passing unseen down the hill east of Route 103. There were no Hopkinton permit applications that required our attention during 2021. We did field several inquiries regarding a riverbank erosion concern on Deer Path, and we were able to provide some cursory guidance. There was much more permitting and development activity in some of the upstream river towns.

Early in 2021, we finalized our Corridor Management Plan (one of our statutory mandates) with the assistance of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission and a financial grant from Department of Environmental Services. The Corridor Management Plan is our catalog of river-based resources and a (very!) long list of goals and action items that we will work to accomplish over the next several years (the action items are in Appendix B of the Corridor Management Plan on our website: www.wrlac.com). We need the assistance of our Hopkinton neighbors to accomplish some of our goals! More on this in a minute.

We introduced ourselves to the Hopkinton Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, as well as to our friends in the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee – who knew that Hopkinton has representatives on two local river advisory committees? We expect the two LACs will work well together in advancing the interests of our rivers, as they meet in Contoocook!

Our website (www.wrlac.com) is up-and-running; not bad for a bunch of volunteers! We're getting the hang of blog-posting and making our maps more interactive, and spreading the good

word about the river (GO SEE!). I especially like the real-time connection to the USGS river gaging station at Davisville! As we move forward from here, we expect to have additional ecological and river-related content of interest to our Hopkinton neighbors, regardless of where you live in town.

The DES-funded Instream Flow Study of the Warner River began in the fall of 2020 and continued through 2021. This Study will evaluate the historical river flows and existing habitats in the river in order to determine the critical flows necessary to sustain fish survival and human water use. These data will be combined into an Instream Flow Water Management Plan for the Warner River, which will be a road map of how to ensure there is an adequate flow of water to preserve a healthy river ecosystem as balanced with human water needs. We hope to disseminate a brief progress report about that to our riverfront towns during 2022, as we anticipate this study will be completed in 2023 (there have been some Covid emergency delays already included in the study's timeline).

One other important aspect of our Warner River duties is to provide basic water-quality monitoring at several points along the Warner River and selected tributaries during the warm months of the year. This program began in 2017 under the auspices of DES's Volunteer River Assessment Program. While the pH is usually a little low due to our New Hampshire bedrock, the other water-quality parameters indicate that the Warner River is healthy and continues to have high-quality water. Our monitoring has not detected any water-quality concerns. Our friends at Trout Unlimited (Basil W. Woods, Jr. Chapter) tell us that the brook trout are healthy and plentiful, further testament to the high quality of the river.

We've lost a few of your neighbors who have stepped down from representing Hopkinton on the WRLAC in order to pursue other interests. We thank Linden Rayton and Dave White for their selfless donations of time and effort on behalf of the Warner River these past three years, and we are pleased that Mike Norris is continuing his term of office (to "carry the torch"). That being said, WRLAC needs two new Hopkinton representatives, and this is your invitation! Please reach out to Mike (or me!) to volunteer your time and effort to help preserve and conserve the river's resources. Next: contact Mike (or me!) with any Warner River concerns. And last, come out and enjoy the Warner River! The Hopkinton reach is one of my favorites.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Milender, Chair

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Town of Hopkinton New Hampshire Warrant 2022

To the inhabitants of the TOWN OF HOPKINTON in the county of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTING DAY: You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, beginning at 7:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1 to 3, the election of officers, zoning amendments, and kenos. **The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

BUSINESS SESSION: You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. to act upon Articles 4 to 15.

Article 1: Election of Officers

To choose all necessary town officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated:

2 Select Board Members	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
2 Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
1 Library Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

Article 2: Zoning Amendments

To see what action the town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

1. *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 Section II, Definitions, to correctly define the term "Bed and Breakfast Inn" by adding the word "not," which was inadvertently omitted from the previous year's amendment.

"Bed and Breakfast Inn: Any Dwelling Unit, together with any accessory buildings thereto, located on one (1) Lot of Record, containing **not** more than seven (7) Lodging Units offered to the public for compensation for transient or semi-transient accommodations, provided that such Dwelling Unit and accessory building are owned and operated by an individual person or persons, and that all such owner(s) shall occupy the Dwelling Unit. A bed and Breakfast Inn shall be subject to the provisions of Section III, paragraph 3.7.2 and 3.7.5 of this Ordinance."

Yes No

- 2. *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 Section IV by striking "4.4.7 Maximum Number of Dwelling Units: The maximum number of dwelling units permitted in any multi-family dwelling shall be eight (8)." The paragraph conflicts with previous amendments that changed the maximum number of dwelling units allowed in any multi-family dwelling from eight (8) to twelve (12) or twenty-four (24), depending upon the zoning district.

Yes No

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

Amend Section VIII, Conservation Subdivisions, adding definitions for buffer, building envelope, conservation subdivision, and yield plan; adding a procedure to review phased developments and regional impacts; eliminating the formula approach method of determining the base number of buildings and dwellings and eliminating the exceptions associated with that approach; and eliminating the requirement that multi-family buildings have ground-level living space. The amendment would also increase available density bonuses, incentives, and the maximum height allowed for multi-family buildings; clarify the review process and plan requirements; and alter buffer and building separation requirements; permit new streets only for conservation subdivisions creating at least 4 lots; and clarify and streamline the review process, plan requirements, and related provisions found elsewhere, such as in the Subdivision Regulations.

Yes No

Article 3: Question on Keno

Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town?

Yes No

Article 4: Borrowing for Houston Barn Stabilization

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$272,000 for stabilization work to Houston Barn, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$272,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(3/5 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0-1)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: 2022-\$0.0, 2023-\$0.052, 2024-\$0.044, 2025-\$0.043, 2026-\$0.042, 2027-\$0.035, 2028-\$0.035, 2029-\$0.034, 2030-\$0.033, 2031-\$0.033, 2032-\$0.032

Article 5: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$8,283,516 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$5.961

Article 6: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$705,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Police/Fire Radio Replacement	\$ 16,000
New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	200,000
Police Vehicle Replacement	25,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	80,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	200,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	65,000
Revaluation	24,000
Library Building Systems	10,000
Recreation Facilities	50,000
Sewer Equipment/Sludge Removal	<u>35,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 705,000

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.890

Article 7: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 to be added to previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows:

Library Technology	\$ 5,000
Library Building & Grounds	6,500
Recreation Facilities	<u>5,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 17,000

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.021

Article 8: Creation of Payroll Liability Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Payroll Liability Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of paying out accrued payroll liabilities and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the December 31, 2021 undesignated fund balance; further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

Article 9: Designating Lots as Town Forest

To see if the Town will vote to designate the following Town owned lots as Town Forest:

Tyler Land	Map/Lot: 242-013-000
Cemetery Lot	Map/Lot: 251-008-001
Horne Lot	Map/Lot: 243-044-000

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

Article 10: Authorization to Sell Donated Lot - Net Proceed Going to Conservation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 10.24 acre lot identified on the Town of Hopkinton Tax Maps as Map/Lot 259-030-000 located on George Road owned by, or soon to be owned by the Town, with net proceeds going into the Conservation Fund; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell the lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

Article 11: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

Article 12: Reclassify a Portion of Bound Tree Road from Class VI to Class V

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify from Class VI to Class V, the portion of Bound Tree Road from the current Class V portion westerly 150 feet beyond the westerly boundary where it intersects with Bound Tree Road of property shown on the Town of Hopkinton tax map as Map/Lot 204-011-000. The road is to be upgraded to Class V standards to provide access to Map/Lot 204-010-000 at the expense of the property owner and a turn-around will be provided to the Town.

(Majority vote required).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

Article 13: Lease of Town Owned Land for Solar Farm

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease land owned by the Town shown on the Tax Map at lot 210-010-000 on Clement Hill Road. Further, the lease period shall not exceed a period of forty-one (41) years from the date upon which the solar farm is commissioned and authorized to generate electricity under local and state regulations. The lease shall include various easements to facilitate operation of the solar farm. The purpose of the lease is to enable the construction and operation of a solar farm on land owned by the Town of Hopkinton at the current gravel pit.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article 4-0)).

Article 14: Hand Count Ballots Petition Warrant Article

Shall the following provision pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot; and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices.

By Petition

(The Select Board DOES NOT recommend this (5-0)).

Article 15: Other Legal Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February 2022,

We certify and attest that on or before February 18, 2022, a true and attested copy of this Warrant was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Hall, made available on the town website, and the original was delivered to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.



Sabrina Dunlap, Chair



Ken Traum, Vice Chair

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Select Board, Hopkinton, New Hampshire

Attest:



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Town Meeting Warrant Narrative The Warrant Articles with Explanations

Each year this “Narrative Warrant” is prepared as a companion to the Town Meeting Warrant to give detail to each Warrant Article that will be voted on and discussed. The hope is that this section will provide you, the voter, with a better understanding of what you are being asked to vote on at Town Meeting. Additional information is available on the Town website at www.hopkinton-nh.gov. Please feel free to contact the Town Hall if you have questions. We hope you find this information useful as you prepare for Town Meeting.

Ballot Articles:

Articles 1, 2, and 3 are voted on by ballot either in-person or by absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, you should contact the Town Clerk’s Office (603-746-3180) or use the Absentee Ballot Request Form for Town/School Election, which is available on the Town website. Concern for COVID-19 exposure still qualifies as a reason to request an absentee ballot.

Voting will take place:

Where: Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium; 297 Park Avenue; Contoocook

When: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To protect the health and safety of our community, the wearing of a face mask is appreciated while indoors.

Voter Registration: If you are not registered to vote, you may do so on the day of voting, March 8, 2022. Please bring a photo ID and identification denoting your physical address. You cannot register to vote on Saturday, March 12.

Health and Safety Precautions:

- To protect the health and safety of our community, the Town Moderator requests the wearing of face masks while indoors for Town Election Day and Saturday Town Meeting.
- Seats on the floor of the gymnasium will be socially distanced.
- A separate seating area will be provided for those unable or unwilling to wear a mask.
- If you are concerned about potential COVID-19 exposure, you can request an absentee ballot for Election Day. Absentee ballot voting is not available for Town or School Saturday Business portions of the meetings, per state statute.
- Please note that the statute that provided for remote Town Meeting and drive-through voting the past two years has sunset.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated: (Candidates who filed for an open office are listed here alphabetically.)

2 positions - Select Board Member - 3-year term

Thomas Lipoma
Kenneth E. Traum

1 position - Moderator - 2-year term

Sara Persechino

1 position - Town Clerk/Tax Collector - 3-year term

Carol Harless

1 position - Supervisor of the Checklist - 6-year term

Candice M. Garvin

Michael Tocci

2 positions - Budget Committee Member - 3-year term

Robert Matteo

Debbie Norris

Mark Zankel

1 position - Library Trustee - 3-year term

Nancy Skarmeas

Michael Tocci

1 position - Cemetery Trustee - 3-year term

Judy Hampe

1 position - Trustee of Trust Funds - 3-year term

Christine Barton

Gayle Kimball

The following are the zoning amendments as they will appear on the ballot, followed by the complete text of the proposed changes.

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Yes **No**

Article 3: Question on Keno

Shall we allow the operation of Keno games within the town?

Yes **No**

Keno is allowed in New Hampshire in qualifying establishments, provided the town has voted to allow it. This article asks voters whether or not qualifying establishments should be allowed to have Keno.

Town Meeting Gathering - BUSINESS SESSION:

Where: Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium; 297 Park Avenue; Contoocook

When: Saturday, March 12, 2022

Hours: Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Summary of Tax Rate Impact

The Budget Committee has unanimously voted to present the Select Board's operating budget at the Town Meeting. The Committee is also recommending the money related Warrant Articles being proposed. With the Select Board's recommended use of a portion of the Unassigned Fund Balance, the estimated 2022 Town portion of the tax rate is estimated to be \$7.07 per thousand, which is \$ 0.53 or 8.03% higher than the 2021 rate. The tax rate impact of each article is listed with the article.

Article 4: Borrowing for Houston Barn Stabilization

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(3/5 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0-1)).

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The Select Board, with the unanimous support of the Budget Committee, is proposing a \$272,000 bond for the stabilization of Houston Barn. These funds will be combined with \$603,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, for a total of \$875,000, to be expended on the barn. This follows the recommendation of the Houston Barn Committee, to do structural repairs, jack the building, new foundation with waterproofing, set the building on a new foundation, and replace the roof with a standing seam metal roof. It is estimated that the bond will be for 10 years, at an interest rate of 2.0%. This is a conservative estimate of the rate, as the last NH Municipal Bond Bank bond sale in December was at a 1.41% interest rate

YEAR	Outstanding Principal	Principal Payment	Rate	Interest	Total Payment	Tax Impact	Cost \$350,000 Property
2023	272,000	32,000	2.00%	2,720	41,520	0.0524	18.34
2024	240,000	30,000	2.00%	4,800	34,800	0.0439	15.37
2025	210,000	30,000	2.00%	4,200	34,200	0.0432	15.11
2026	180,000	30,000	2.00%	3,600	33,600	0.0424	14.84
2027	150,000	25,000	2.00%	3,000	28,000	0.0353	12.37
2028	125,000	25,000	2.00%	2,500	27,500	0.0347	12.15
2029	100,000	25,000	2.00%	2,000	27,000	0.0341	11.93
2030	75,000	25,000	2.00%	1,500	26,500	0.0334	11.71
2031	50,000	25,000	2.00%	1,000	26,000	0.0328	11.49
2032	25,000	25,000	2.00%	500	25,500	0.0322	11.26
		272,000.00		25,820	304,620		\$ 134.56
2022 Estimated Valuation				792,316,169			

Article 5: Operating Budget

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(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$5.961

This article is the funding of the operating budget for the Town, not including any other Warrant Articles. The proposed amount of \$8,283,516 is an increase of \$621,430 over last year, an 8.118% increase. A breakdown of the budget by department follows:

Account	Approved Budget 2021	Actual Expense 2021	Budget Committee & Select Board Proposed Budget 2022	\$ Change 2021 vs 2022 Budget	% Change 2021 vs 2022 Budget
Executive	\$236,866	\$239,668	\$237,245	\$379	0.16%
IT Services	41,000	43,445	42,000	1,000	2.38%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	186,844	173,902	198,941	12,097	6.47%
Election Administration	8,660	6,032	13,800	5,140	59.35%
Financial Administration	127,522	123,934	131,843	4,321	3.39%
Assessing	79,870	81,973	81,110	1,240	1.55%
Legal	15,000	66,915	65,570	50,570	337.13%
Personnel Administration	959,350	846,947	1,058,034	98,684	10.29%
Planning and Zoning	126,852	140,856	148,861	22,009	17.35%
Government Buildings	127,396	111,310	132,606	5,210	100.00%
Cemeteries	23,368	18,019	24,169	801	3.43%
Property/Liability Insurance	78,575	59,555	89,066	10,491	13.35%
Police	879,213	903,315	910,845	31,632	3.60%
Ambulance	753,111	747,625	766,057	12,946	1.72%
Fire	301,713	264,936	309,089	7,376	2.44%
Emergency Management	1	-	501	500	50000.00%
DPW Administration	916,326	850,299	920,103	3,777	0.41%
Highway & Streets	775,000	792,649	840,525	65,525	8.45%
Street Lighting	2,340	2,100	2,340	-	0.00%
Transfer Station	611,709	635,308	633,128	21,419	3.50%
Solid Waste-Landfill	43,000	60,466	45,500	2,500	5.81%
Solid Waste-Community Well	21,987	18,986	22,295	308	1.40%
Animal Control	6,559	6,459	6,459	(100)	-1.52%
Community Health	5,900	5,900	5,900	-	0.00%
Human Services Administration	70,564	64,956	45,244	(25,320)	-35.88%
Welfare Vendors	50,000	49,199	55,000	5,000	10.00%
Recreation	108,752	101,946	118,933	10,181	9.36%
Buildings & Grounds	53,900	44,559	56,300	2,400	4.45%
Library	315,905	310,589	331,359	15,454	4.89%
Patriotic Purposes	3,000	2,700	3,000	-	0.00%
Conservation Committee	1	-	1	-	0.00%
Economic Development	22,500	5,602	26,715	4,215	18.73%
Principal on Bonds/Notes	330,208	470,232	568,557	238,349	72.18%
Interest on Bonds/Notes	196,425	162,595	197,425	1,000	0.51%
TAN	2,000	-	1	(1,999)	-99.95%
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$7,481,417	\$7,412,977	\$8,088,522	\$607,105	8.11%
Sewer Disposal	\$180,669	\$178,444	\$194,994	\$14,325	7.93%
TOTAL	\$7,662,086	\$7,591,421	\$8,283,516	\$621,430	8.11%

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Police/Fire Radio Replacement	\$ 16,000
New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	200,000
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TOTAL	\$ 705,000

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.890

For many years, the Town has maintained Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) to help to level the impact of major expenditures by putting funds aside annually. Replacement equipment for the next 20 years has been estimated and reviewed to create a spreadsheet indicating the required amount to be put in each fund each year, in order to maintain as constant an expenditure level as possible. \$705,000 is requested this year, an amount that is \$1,000 lower than last year.

Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement – This begins to fund the replacement of radios received 13 years ago through a federal grant. The life expectancy of the equipment is 10-12 years, and the estimated replacement cost is \$80,000.

New and Replacement Equipment and Vehicles for the Public Works and Highway Department – Established to purchase vehicles and equipment used by the Public Works Department. The expense scheduled from this fund for 2022 is the replacement of the tractor used to mow the fields and a dump truck.

Police Vehicle Replacement – For the regular replacement of our police vehicles. Vehicles are replaced at around 100,000 miles, when the engine time is substantially more than on a typical vehicle.

Transfer Station Equipment and Facilities – Established to purchase equipment used at the Transfer Station and amended to also include facility upgrades. Two of the trailers used to haul trash and a vertical bailer are scheduled to be replaced in 2022.

Replacement and Equipping of Ambulance – Established by Town Meeting in 2011 to replace and equip ambulances when required. An ambulance is replaced when it is 10 years old. Both Warner and Webster contribute toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions – Major Fire Department equipment and vehicles are purchased through this fund. Expenses in 2022 include replacement of a forestry vehicle, protective gear replacement, rescue equipment, and replacement of breathing apparatus.

Library Replacement Building Systems – Established to replace building systems, such as the heating system, at the library.

Recreation Facilities – This Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) was established in 2018 to be used for continuing maintenance of our fields. Following the established plan for George Park, the bathrooms are scheduled to be replaced in 2023.

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Library Technology	\$ 5,000
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Recreation Facilities	<u>5,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 17,000

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.021

Library Building Maintenance – This trust is used for building and window painting.

Recreational Facilities Maintenance – Established to help pay for the cost of maintaining our recreational facilities. Examples are the docks at Kimball Pond, Spirit Skateboard Park, and various nets used on the fields.

Article 8: Creation of Payroll Liability Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Payroll Liability Expendable Trust Fund, per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of paying out accrued payroll liabilities; to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the December 31, 2021, undesignated fund balance; further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

This Payroll Liability Trust Fund is being established at the recommendation of our auditors to assure that funds are set aside to pay out accumulated payroll liabilities. Largely, this fund will be used to pay out accrued vacation time when an employee retires or leaves employment.

Article 9: Designating Lots as Town Forest

To see if the Town will vote to designate the following Town-owned lots as Town Forest:

Tyler Land **Map/Lot: 242-013-000**

Cemetery Lot **Map/Lot: 251-008-001**

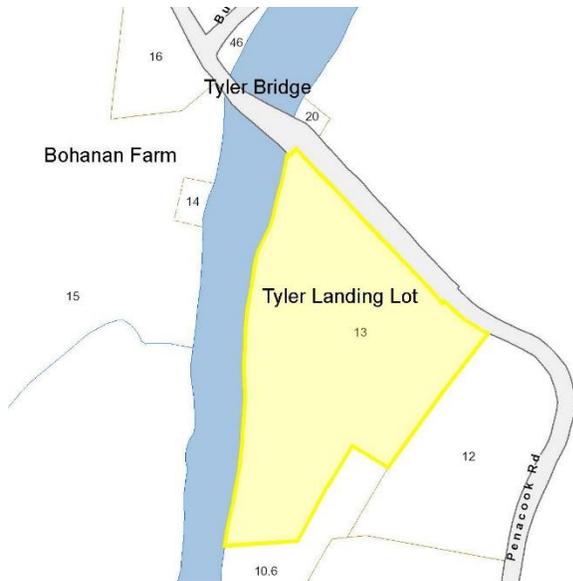
Horne Lot **Map/Lot: 243-044-000**

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

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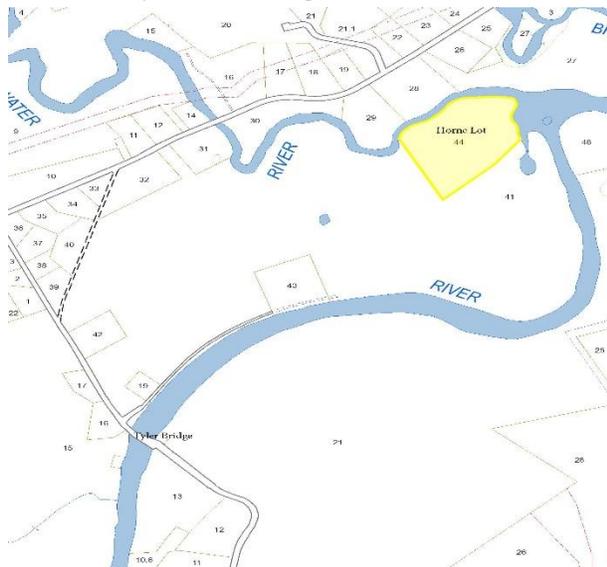
This article designates these three properties as Town Forest. According to NHRSA 31:111, the main purpose of a Town Forest shall be to encourage the proper management of timber, firewood, and other natural resources, through planting, timber stand improvement, thinning, harvesting, reforestation, and other multiple use programs consistent with the forest management program, any deed restrictions, and any pertinent local ordinances or regulations.



Tyler Landing Lot



Cemetery Lot



Horne Lot

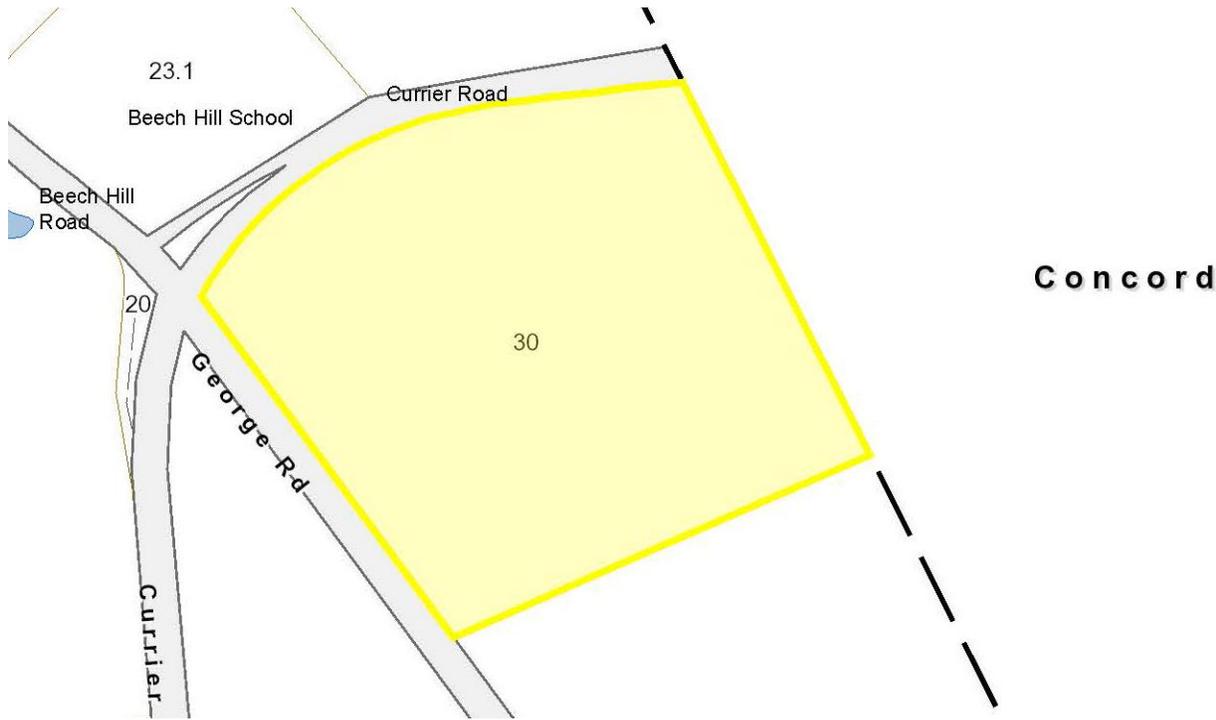
Article 10: Authorization to Sell Donated Lot - Net Proceeds Going to Conservation Fund
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 10.24 acre lot identified on the Town of Hopkinton Tax Maps as Map/Lot 259-030-000, located on George Road, and owned by, or soon to be owned by the Town, with net proceeds going into the Conservation Fund; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell the lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

This 10-acre building lot on Currier Road is a gift to the Town from John and Pamela Blackford, who lived in Hopkinton for almost 35 years. Their intent is that the lot be sold, with the proceeds to be used by the Conservation Commission for recreational and conservation purposes. The Blackfords are giving this gift because of their wonderful family memories of their time in Hopkinton and Contoocook. John was a partner with HMC Corporation on Maple Street, which he joined in 1956, until he and Pamela moved to a retirement community in 2011.



Article 11: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

When the Pay-by-Bag program was started by the Town Meeting in 2010, the warrant article required that all revenue from the sale of bags go into the Pay-by Bag Special Revenue fund. Monies in this fund can only be expended to offset the cost of solid waste collection and disposal, and can only be expended with Town Meeting approval. This article will allow the funds collected in 2021 to be used to offset Hopkinton costs at the Transfer Station.

Article 12: Reclassify a Portion of Bound Tree Road from Class VI to Class V

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify from Class VI to Class V, the portion of Bound Tree Road from the current Class V portion, westerly 150 feet beyond the westerly boundary, where it intersects with Bound Tree Road of property shown on the Town of Hopkinton tax map as Map/Lot 204-011-000. The road is to be upgraded to Class V standards to provide access to Map/Lot 204-010-000 at the expense of the property owner and a turn-around will be provided to the Town.

(Majority vote required).

Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation: \$0.00

This article reclassifies a 150-foot portion of Bound Tree Road at the end toward Henniker, as a Class V road, which will be maintained by the Town. The request for this change is to allow for a home to be built on land that currently is only accessible over the Class VI portion of the road. The property owners have agreed to bring the road up to Class V standards with no expense to the Town.



Article 13: Lease of Town Owned Land for Solar Farm

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease land owned by the Town shown on the Tax Map at lot 210-010-000 on Clement Hill Road. Further, the lease period shall not exceed a period of forty-one (41) years from the date upon which the solar farm is commissioned and authorized to generate electricity under local and state regulations. The lease shall include various easements to facilitate operation of the solar farm. The purpose of the lease is to enable the construction and operation of a solar farm on land owned by the Town of Hopkinton at the current gravel pit.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article 4-0)).

This would allow the Select Board to lease the current Town-owned gravel pit to a company that would build a solar farm. The Select Board would negotiate the details of the project.

Article 14: Hand Count Ballots Petition Warrant Article

Shall the following provision pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot, and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices.

By Petition

(The Select Board DOES NOT recommend this (5-0)).

This article was submitted by petition and calls for all ballots at all election held in Hopkinton to be counted by hand. Town Counsel has advised that this article is only advisory.

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Proposed Budget Hopkinton

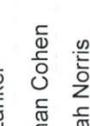
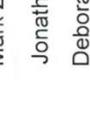
For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Zankel	Chair	
Jonathan Cohen	Vice Chair	
Deborah Norris	Member	
Richard Houston	Member	
Steven Reddy	Member	
Christa Scura	Member	
Ken Traum	For the Select Board	
Norman Goupil	For the School Board	
Don Houston	For the Contoocook Village Precinct	
Thomas Lipoma	For the Hopkinton Village Precinct	

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:
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NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090
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Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2021	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)
Health								
4411	Administration	05	\$6,459	\$6,559	\$6,459	\$0	\$6,459	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	05	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$0	\$5,900	\$0
	Health Subtotal		\$12,359	\$12,459	\$12,359	\$0	\$12,359	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	05	\$64,956	\$70,564	\$45,244	\$0	\$45,244	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	05	\$49,199	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$0
	Welfare Subtotal		\$114,155	\$120,564	\$100,244	\$0	\$100,244	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	05	\$145,276	\$163,652	\$175,233	\$0	\$175,233	\$0
4550-4559	Library	05	\$310,589	\$315,905	\$331,359	\$0	\$331,359	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	\$2,700	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$458,565	\$482,557	\$509,592	\$0	\$509,592	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	05	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	05	\$5,602	\$22,500	\$26,715	\$0	\$26,715	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$5,602	\$22,501	\$26,716	\$0	\$26,716	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2021	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	05	\$470,232	\$330,208	\$568,557	\$0	\$568,557	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	05	\$162,595	\$196,425	\$197,425	\$0	\$197,425	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	05	\$0	\$2,000	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$632,827	\$528,633	\$765,983	\$0	\$765,983	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$61,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$61,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$8,283,516	\$0	\$8,283,516	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	11	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
		Purpose: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Re				
4903	Buildings	04	\$272,000	\$0	\$272,000	\$0
		Purpose: Borrowing for Houston Barn Stabilization				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$705,000	\$0	\$705,000	\$0
		Purpose: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds				
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	07	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000	\$0
		Purpose: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds				
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	08	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		Purpose: Creation of Payroll Liability Trust Fund				
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$1,064,000	\$0	\$1,064,000	\$0



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	05	\$33,991	\$20,000	\$20,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	05	\$33,030	\$20,000	\$20,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	05	\$89,237	\$100,000	\$100,000
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	05	\$60,543	\$60,000	\$60,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal		\$216,801	\$200,000	\$200,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	05	\$1,335	\$1,000	\$1,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	05	\$1,394,415	\$1,360,000	\$1,360,000
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	05	\$27,026	\$23,900	\$23,900
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$1,422,776	\$1,384,900	\$1,384,900
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	05	\$420,559	\$385,000	\$385,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	05	\$187,004	\$190,000	\$190,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	05	\$444	\$400	\$400
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	05	\$192,927	\$200,498	\$200,498
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	05	\$17,789	\$10,460	\$10,460
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$818,723	\$786,358	\$786,358



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	05	\$882,195	\$1,040,594	\$1,040,594
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$882,195	\$1,040,594	\$1,040,594
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	05	\$11,243	\$102,500	\$102,500
3502	Interest on Investments	05	\$13,809	\$12,000	\$12,000
3503-3509	Other	05	\$52,662	\$34,000	\$34,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$77,714	\$148,500	\$148,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	11	\$1,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$1,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	04	\$0	\$272,000	\$272,000
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	08	\$61,300	\$10,000	\$10,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$270,000	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$331,300	\$282,000	\$282,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$3,750,509	\$3,902,352	\$3,902,352



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Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$8,283,516	\$8,283,516
Special Warrant Articles	\$1,064,000	\$1,064,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$9,347,516	\$9,347,516
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$3,902,352	\$3,902,352
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$5,445,164	\$5,445,164



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$9,347,516
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$568,557
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$197,425
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$272,000
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$1,037,982
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 1 less Line 6</i>)	\$8,309,534
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$830,953
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting:	
(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	
	\$10,178,469

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

General Operating Account

Balance at the time of settlement - December 31, 2020	\$	8,575,556.12
Receipts		
Receipts January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021		34,959,431.08
Interest Earned		13,809.48
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Total		34,973,240.56
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Disbursements January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021		(31,975,892.41)
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$	11,572,904.27
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Joel S. Moyer, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Hopkinton, NH

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OTHER TOWN ACCOUNTS

(Accounts held by the Town Treasurer designated for a specific purpose)

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENDED	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<u>Utility Fund</u>					
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,523.42	\$ 226,663.51	\$ 186,304.80	\$ 7.06	\$ 46,889.19
<u>Revolving Funds-Established by Town Meeting</u>					
Public Safety Revolving Fund	18,701.44	103,804.85	90,041.45	6.26	32,471.10
Recreation Revolving Fund	49,861.02	67,086.00	52,060.81	13.83	64,900.04
Recycling Revolving Fund	18,824.59	-	1,399.00	1.81	17,427.40
<u>Special Revenue Funds-Established by Town Meeting</u>					
Pay-by-Bag Fund	74,340.42	50,141.50	114,275.81	72.96	10,279.07
Slusser Center Rental Fund	1,002.35	-	997.99	0.05	4.41
<u>Conservation Funds</u>					
Conservation Town Forest Fund	66,642.28	80,045.26	120,093.02	3.54	26,598.06
Conservation Fund	24,573.75	90,729.70	66,385.00	7.86	48,926.31
<u>Other Funds</u>					
Fire Department Auxiliary Fund	10,442.97	2,708.00	2,561.25	1.10	10,590.82
Police Drug Forfeit	4,651.84	-	-	0.47	4,652.31
Police/Drug-State	3,391.51	-	-	0.34	3,391.85
<u>Donation Funds</u>					
Community Garden Fund	856.52	-	-	0.08	856.60
Dog Park Fund	1,313.52	-	-	0.13	1,313.65
Fire Station Fund	216.93	-	-	0.03	216.96
Human Services Fund	14,068.30	2,400.00	13,017.00	0.77	3,452.07
Human Services Fund - Fuel	18,726.29	7,550.00	8,567.92	1.66	17,710.03
Kimball Lake Cabins Fund	14,597.34	1,275.00	1,796.68	1.45	14,077.11
LUCAS Machine Fund	1,582.31	-	-	0.15	1,582.46
McKercher Police Fund	24,478.77	-	-	2.45	24,481.22
Slusser Center Fund	55,305.54	-	29,423.00	7,063.17	25,901.92
Spirit Skateboard Park Fund	137.32	-	-	0.02	137.34
<u>TIF District Funds</u>					
TIF District - Exit 6	233,330.56	-	5,657.37	114.98	227,788.17
TIF District - Harts's	4,712.01	-	-	0.47	4,712.48
TOTALS	\$ 648,281.00	\$ 632,403.82	\$ 692,581.10	\$ 7,300.64	\$ 588,360.57

Respectfully submitted,
Joel S. Moyer, Treasurer

TOWN OF HOPKINTON				
2021 BUDGET REVENUE SUMMARY				
YEAR END - FINAL - UNAUDITED				
	2021	2021	Actual Revenue	2021
	Estimated	Actual	Over/(Under)	Percentage
Department	Revenue	Revenue	Estimate Variance	Received
3120 Land Use Change Tax	\$ 20,000	\$ 33,991	\$ 13,991	169.95%
3185 Timber Tax	20,000	33,030	\$ 13,030	165.15%
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	105,523	89,237	\$ (16,286)	84.57%
3190 Interest & Penalties Taxes	70,000	60,543	\$ (9,457)	86.49%
3210 Business Licenses/Permits	1,000	1,335	\$ 335	133.50%
3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	1,325,000	1,394,415	\$ 69,415	105.24%
3290 Other Licenses & Permits	22,000	27,026	\$ 5,026	122.84%
3319 Federal Government	-		\$ -	0.00%
3352 Room & Meals Tax	420,559	420,559	\$ (0)	100.00%
3353 Highway Block Grant	187,052	187,004	\$ (48)	99.97%
3356 State & Federal Forest	444	444	\$ (0)	99.92%
3357 Flood Control	200,498	192,927	\$ (7,571)	96.22%
3359 Other From State	5,500	17,789	\$ 12,289	323.44%
3401 001-004 Planning/Building Fees	49,100	59,348	\$ 10,248	120.87%
3401-006 Ambulance Fees	417,000	455,949	\$ 38,949	109.34%
3401 007-008 Police/Fire Fees	1,800	1,485	\$ (315)	82.50%
3404 Transfer Station Income	341,000	365,413	\$ 24,413	107.16%
3501 Cemetery Lots/Markers	2,500	11,243	\$ 8,743	449.70%
3502 Interest-Bank Investment	12,000	13,809	\$ 1,809	115.08%
3503/3508 Rents-Fines-Ins.-Refunds	8,100	23,088	\$ 14,988	285.04%
3509 Other Income	25,900	29,574	\$ 3,674	114.19%
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 3,234,976	\$ 3,418,206	\$ 183,230	105.66%
3403-Sewer Fund 200	193,958	186,935	\$ (7,023)	96.38%
TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	\$ 3,428,934	\$ 3,605,142	\$ 176,208	105.14%

TOWN OF HOPKINTON						
2021 BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY						
YEAR END - FINAL - UNAUDITED						
		2021	2021	2021	2021	TOTAL
		Town Meeting	Actual	Over/(Under)	Percentage	Percentage
Department		Appropriation	Expenditures	Budget Variance	Expended	Budget
4130 Executive		\$ 236,866	\$ 239,668	\$ 2,802	101.18%	3.09%
4135 IT Services		41,000	43,445	2,445	105.96%	0.54%
4140 Town Clerk		186,844	173,902	(12,942)	93.07%	2.44%
4141 Election Admin.		8,660	6,032	(2,628)	69.66%	0.11%
4150 Finance		127,522	123,934	(3,588)	97.19%	1.66%
4152 Assessor		79,870	81,973	2,103	102.63%	1.04%
4153 Legal		15,000	66,915	51,915	446.10%	0.20%
4155 Personnel		959,350	846,947	(112,403)	88.28%	12.52%
4191 Planning		126,852	140,856	14,004	111.04%	1.66%
4194 Govt. Bldgs.		127,396	111,310	(16,086)	87.37%	1.66%
4195 Cemeteries		23,368	18,019	(5,349)	77.11%	0.30%
4196 Insurance		78,575	59,555	(19,020)	75.79%	1.03%
4210 Police		879,213	903,315	24,102	102.74%	11.47%
4215 Ambulance		753,111	747,625	(5,486)	99.27%	9.83%
4220 Fire		301,713	264,936	(36,777)	87.81%	3.94%
4290 Emergency Mgmt.		1	0	(1)	0.00%	0.00%
4311 Highway Admin/PW		916,326	850,299	(66,027)	92.79%	11.96%
4312 Highways & Streets		775,000	792,649	17,649	102.28%	10.11%
4316 Street Lighting		2,340	2,100	(240)	89.75%	0.03%
4324 Transfer Station		611,710	635,308	23,598	103.86%	7.98%
4325 Solid Waste		43,000	60,466	17,466	140.62%	0.56%
4327 Community Well		21,987	18,986	(3,001)	86.35%	0.29%
4411 Animal Control		6,559	6,459	(100)	98.48%	0.09%
4415 CAP		5,900	5,900	0	100.00%	0.08%
4441 Welfare		70,565	64,956	(5,609)	92.05%	0.92%
4445 Welfare Vendors		50,000	49,199	(801)	98.40%	0.65%
4520 Recreation		108,752	101,946	(6,806)	93.74%	1.42%
4521 Buildings & Grounds		53,900	44,559	(9,341)	82.67%	0.70%
4550 Library		315,905	310,589	(5,316)	98.32%	4.12%
4583 Patriotic/Band Concerts		3,000	2,700	(300)	90.00%	0.04%
4611 Conservation		1	0	(1)	0.00%	0.00%
4652 Economic Developmen		22,500	5,602	(16,898)	24.90%	0.29%
4711 Long Term Debt-Prin		330,208	470,232	140,024	142.40%	4.31%
4721 Long Term Debt-Int		196,425	162,595	(33,830)	82.78%	2.56%
4723 TAN		2,000	0	(2,000)	0.00%	0.03%
SUB-TOTAL		\$ 7,481,419	\$ 7,412,977	\$ (68,442)	99.09%	97.64%
4326-Sewer Fund 200		180,668	178,444	(2,224)	98.77%	2.36%
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET		\$ 7,662,087	\$ 7,591,421	\$ (70,666)	99.08%	100.000%

Report of the Tax Collector



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Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

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

Instructions

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- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
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- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

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

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

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



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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2020	Year: 2019	Year: 2018	
Property Taxes	3110		\$796,460.58			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$7,233.40			
Yield Taxes	3185		\$1,357.52			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$58,331.62			
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$13,707.81)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2020	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$24,588,660.85			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$81,827.60	\$9,140.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$40,488.94			
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189	\$316,915.06	\$88.61		

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	3110	\$51,113.80			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$8,179.07	\$21,832.32		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$25,073,477.51	\$894,444.05	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$23,683,996.59	\$620,887.46		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$51,607.60	\$16,373.40		
Yield Taxes	\$31,640.67	\$1,357.52		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$8,179.07	\$18,520.82		
Penalties		\$3,311.50		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$278,634.38	\$51,697.98		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$167,961.30		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$150,085.27	\$13,769.28		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$7,720.00			
Yield Taxes	\$8,848.27			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$632.35	\$564.79		
Current Levy Deeded	\$16,142.80			



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$781,481.01			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$22,500.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$36,913.53			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$4,904.03)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$25,073,477.51	\$894,444.05	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Lien Summary				
Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
	Year:	2020	2019	2018
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$125,491.55	\$141,059.05
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$177,345.93		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$3,342.48	\$3,926.37	\$25,689.41
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$180,688.41	\$129,417.92	\$166,748.46
Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018
Redemptions		\$92,759.21	\$32,597.22	\$50,982.38
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$3,342.48	\$3,926.37	\$25,689.41
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$85.68	\$1,824.60
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$26,936.73	\$26,020.93	\$33,598.81
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$57,649.99	\$66,787.72	\$54,653.26
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$180,688.41	\$129,417.92	\$166,748.46



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HOPKINTON (227)

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

Preparer's First Name	Preparer's Last Name	Date
Carol	Harless	1-6-2022

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

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

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

Carol A. Harless Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title

Financial Report of the Town Clerk

January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021

TOWN OF HOPKINTON RECEIPTS:

Auto/Boat:	
Permits:	\$ 1,365,702.84
Clerk Agent Fees:	\$ 25,500.00
Dog Licenses:	
Town Fees:	\$ 12,489.50
Town Vital Records:	
Certified Copies:	\$ 1,740.00
Marriage Licenses:	\$ 182.00
UCCs:	\$ 559.50
Miscellaneous:	\$ 2,345.00
Pay-by-Bag Bags:	\$ 1,335.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1,409,853.84

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RECEIPTS:

Auto/Boat:	
Permits:	\$ 452,821.10
Dog Licenses:	
State Fees:	\$ 3,756.50
State Vital Records:	
Certified Copies:	\$ 1,890.00
Marriage Licenses:	\$ 1,118.00
State Fish & Game Licenses:	
Fishing Licenses:	\$ 1,358.00
OHRV:	\$ 3,606.00
TOTAL:	\$ 464,549.60

PAID OUT:

Town Treasurer:	\$ 1,409,853.84
State of New Hampshire:	\$ 464,549.60
TOTAL:	\$ 1,874,403.44

Hopkinton Town Library-2021 Financial Report

BEGINNING BALANCE (General and Fines Accts.) **\$ 30,877.24**

REVENUES

Trust Funds	\$ 9,534.45
Gifts/Memorials	\$ 8,629.94
Interest	\$ 10.90
Misc (Fines, copier, used book sales, etc.)	\$ 3,095.99
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 21,271.28</u>

Subtotal **\$52,148.52**

EXPENDITURES

Revenue to Town of Hopkinton	\$ 15,000.00
Programs and Fees	\$ 3,359.30

Subtotal **(\$18,359.30)**

ENDING BALANCE **\$33,789.22**

Other Funds

Starting Balance	\$57,635.91
Ending Balance	\$57,678.05

Conservation Commission Financial Report 2021 Annual Accounts Summary

	CONSERVATION COMMISSION SAVINGS ACCT	TOWN FOREST ACCOUNT	TOTALS
Beginning Balance	\$24,573.75	\$66,642.28	\$91,216.03
Interest Income	\$7.86	\$4.08	\$11.94
Income	\$ 27,229.70	\$ 16,544.72	\$43,774.42
<i>Transfer to Town Forest Account</i>	\$ (63,500.00)	\$63,500.00	
Expenses	\$ 2,885.00	\$120,093.02	\$ 122,978.02
Ending Balance	\$48,926.31	\$26,598.06	\$75,524.37

EXPENSE DETAILS

Saving Special Places Reimbursement	\$35.00
NH Assn. of Conservation Commissions	\$350.00
Land Conservation Expenses	\$122,593.02
* (Costs associated with the purchase of Tyler Landing property)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$122,978.02

INCOME DETAILS

Interest (all accounts)	\$11.94
Land Use Change Tax	\$27,229.70
Foot Lot Timber Sale Proceeds	\$15,003.66
TOTAL INCOME	\$43,786.36

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE
January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Account Name	Balance 1/1/2021	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Interest	Ending Balance
Cortocook Village Precinct	\$ 1,090,346.02	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 42,777.69	\$ 224.01	\$ 1,297,792.34
School District Maint/Renovations	\$ 336,599.68	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 170,314.58	\$ 54.33	\$ 316,339.43
Hopkinton Village Precinct	\$ 135.88	-	-	-	\$ 135.88
Police Cruiser & Accessory Equipment	\$ 61,978.41	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 40,805.50	\$ 10.64	\$ 49,183.55
Sewer System Equip/Sludge Removal	\$ 49,692.06	\$ 35,000.00	-	\$ 13.59	\$ 84,705.65
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	\$ 20,718.64	\$ 45,000.00	-	\$ 8.53	\$ 65,727.17
Fire Dept. Vehicles & Equipment	\$ 39,252.75	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 21,369.77	\$ 25.95	\$ 217,908.93
Cortocook Revitalization	\$ 3.86	-	-	-	\$ 3.86
PW/HWY Dept. Vehicles & Equipment	\$ 26,444.93	\$ 237,161.06	\$ 144,052.94	\$ 15.92	\$ 119,568.97
Library Replacement Bldg. Systems	\$ 40,207.24	\$ 10,000.00	-	\$ 9.30	\$ 50,216.54
Town Hall Renovations	\$ 109,057.19	-	-	\$ 22.66	\$ 109,079.85
Police/Fire Radios & Equip. Replace.	\$ 53,293.97	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 4,530.85	\$ 11.86	\$ 61,774.98
Hop School District Vehicles	\$ 61,137.31	-	-	\$ 12.70	\$ 61,150.01
Ambulance Replacement & Equipment	\$ 130,512.59	\$ 75,000.00	-	\$ 34.17	\$ 205,546.76
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 14,694.40	-	-	\$ 3.05	\$ 14,697.45
Dam Maintenance & Construction	\$ 58,980.45	-	-	\$ 12.26	\$ 58,992.71
Revaluation	\$ 8,109.17	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 14,360.00	\$ 3.59	\$ 15,752.76
Road/Bridge/Culvert Rehabilitation	\$ 33,594.99	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 55,196.25	\$ 7.81	\$ 16,406.55
Recreational Facilities-Fields-2018	\$ 2,701.84	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,460.78	\$ 1.81	\$ 16,242.87
Cortocook Village Precinct Veh Replacement	-	\$ 5,000.00	-	\$ 0.47	\$ 5,000.47
Totals	\$ 2,137,461.38	\$ 1,128,161.06	\$ 499,868.36	\$ 472.65	\$ 2,766,226.73

Town of Hopkinton: YTD Ending Expendable Funds MCSB 8868 MS-9 Summary																	
12/31/2021																	
NAME OF TRUST FUND	TYPE	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	DATE OF CREATION	12/31/2020 BOOK VALUE	NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL GAINS OR (LOSS) OF SECURITIES	CAP GAINS	CASH	12/31/2021 BOOK VALUE	12/31/2020 BOOK VALUE	INCOME EARNED	EXPENDED INCOME	BALANCE 12/31/2021 BOOK VALUE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	MARKET VALUE
TOWN FACILITIES		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2002	46,577.29	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	94,629.29	3,412.36	52.20	(1,135.00)	2,329.66	96,566.85	0.00	96,566.85
RECREATION FACILITIES		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2002	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,959.69	644.28	7.28	(648.34)	2.62	10,959.31	0.00	10,959.31
LIBRARY BUILDING		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2003	17,756.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,756.40	1,396.13	16.66	(731.40)	61.39	16,367.99	0.00	16,367.99
HUMAN SERVICES		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2004	41,324.44	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,324.44	2,333.41	45.66	(41.00)	10.39	48,324.44	0.00	48,324.44
HOPKINTON TOWN GEMETERIES		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2001	26,324.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,324.44	2,333.41	26.19	0.00	2,361.60	29,686.04	0.00	29,686.04
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TECH FUND		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2021	-	143,457.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	119,867.28	1.00	32.30	0.00	32.30	119,899.58	0.00	119,899.58
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2022	-	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	25,001.00	0.00	25,001.00
GRAND TOTAL					136,188.13	240,957.88	-	-	-	302,085.76	8,218.41	175.19	(6,048.00)	5,349.60	307,435.36	-	307,435.36
* \$1,135.00 withdrawal from the Town Facilities Fund was a 2020 transaction posted in 2021.																	

Town of Hopkinton: YTD Ending Expendable Funds MCSB 1465 MS-9 Summary																	
12/31/2021																	
NAME OF TRUST FUND	TYPE	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	DATE OF CREATION	12/31/2020 BOOK VALUE	NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL GAINS OR (LOSS) OF SECURITIES	CAP GAINS	CASH	12/31/2021 BOOK VALUE	12/31/2020 BOOK VALUE	INCOME EARNED	EXPENDED INCOME	BALANCE 12/31/2021 BOOK VALUE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	MARKET VALUE
EDUCATING DISABLED CHILDREN		EXPENDABLE TRUST (RSA 31:19-A)	SAVINGS	2005	156,827.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	156,827.02	13,243.91	85.04	0.00	13,328.95	170,155.97	0.00	170,155.97
GRAND TOTAL					156,827.02	0.00	-	-	-	156,827.02	13,243.91	85.04	-	13,328.95	170,155.97	-	170,155.97

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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	14,548.45	\$1,990,376	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	38.78	\$16,482	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	1.51	\$21,230	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	5,652.04	\$195,607,100	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	549.07	\$9,639,200	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	20,789.85	\$207,274,388	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	7,866.94	\$20,344,500	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$499,064,066	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$15,437,800	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$51,800,000	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	17	\$275,534	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$566,577,400	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$47,608,900	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$30,408,000	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$804,259,788	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	2	\$722,000	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	1	\$5,182	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$803,532,606	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$30,000	7	\$210,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	80	\$10,332,100
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$100,000	3	\$300,000
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	47	\$265,000
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$11,107,100
21A	Net Valuation			\$792,425,506
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$4,051,208
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$788,374,298
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$788,374,298
22	Less Utilities			\$30,408,000
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$762,017,506
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$757,966,298



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Utility Value Appraiser

George Sansoucy

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

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION	\$0	\$1,112,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,112,500
NEW ENGLAND HYDRO TRANSMISSION CORP	\$0	\$9,414,600	\$0	\$0	\$9,414,600
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY	\$0	\$3,372,800	\$0	\$0	\$3,372,800
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$16,042,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,042,200
UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS INC	\$465,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$465,900
	\$16,508,100	\$13,899,900	\$0	\$0	\$30,408,000



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Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$500	279	\$139,500
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	2	\$1,400
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$4,000	15	\$60,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$500	28	\$14,000
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		324	\$214,900

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Deaf Income Limits	
Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0
Married	\$0

Disabled Income Limits	
Single	\$50,000
Married	\$60,000

Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$150,000
Married	\$150,000

Elderly Exemption Report

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year

Age	Number
65-74	2
75-79	1
80+	0

Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted

Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	21	\$120,000	\$2,520,000	\$2,132,500
75-79	20	\$145,000	\$2,900,000	\$2,258,600
80+	39	\$170,000	\$6,630,000	\$5,941,000
	80		\$12,050,000	\$10,332,100

Income Limits	
Single	\$50,000
Married	\$60,000

Asset Limits	
Single	\$150,000
Married	\$150,000

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)

Granted/Adopted? Yes Structures: 0

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:

Total Exemption Granted:

Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:

Current Assessed Value:



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Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	1,905.91	\$738,216
Forest Land	8,170.36	\$1,020,657
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,456.28	\$208,607
Unproductive Land	57.57	\$1,272
Wet Land	958.33	\$21,624
	14,548.45	\$1,990,376

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	1,060.01
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	60.00
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	337
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	552

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$28,282
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 50.00%	Dollar Amount: \$0
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$14,141
Monies to General Fund		\$14,141

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	0.00	\$0
Unproductive Land	0.00	\$0
Wet Land	0.00	\$0
	0.00	\$0

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	0.00
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	0
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	0



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Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
211/20 GOLF COURSE	38.78	1	\$16,482

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

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D				
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
17	17	1.51	\$21,230	\$275,534

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
000105	000018	000000	54	79D HISTORIC BARN
000264	000007	000000	75	79D HISTORIC BARN
000238	000069	000000	43	79D HISTORIC BARN
000240	000007	000000	65	79D HISTORIC BARN
000242	000009	000001	60	79D HISTORIC BARN
000210	000009	000000	50	79D HISTORIC BARN
000241	000030	000000	60	79D HISTORIC BARN
000104	000080	000000	50	79D HISTORIC BARN
000214	000004	000000	58	79D HISTORIC BARN
000231	000003	000000	46	79D HISTORIC BARN
000215	000013	000000	60	79D HISTORIC BARN
000106	000022	000000	50	79D HISTORIC BARN
000106	000008	000000	60	79D HISTORIC BARN
000232	000010	000000	45	79D HISTORIC BARN
000227	000041	000000	56	79D HISTORIC BARN
000265	000018	000000	70	79D HISTORIC BARN
000102	000049	000000	44	79D HISTORIC BARN

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
Exit 6 - TIF	3/17/2018	\$20,447,371	\$0	\$3,974,837	\$24,422,208
Hart's Corner - TIF	3/17/2018	\$300,697	\$0	\$76,371	\$377,068

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$200,941.00	3,229.47
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$0.00	0.00

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

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
WEBSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	\$100
HOPKINTON STATE FAIR ASSOC	\$20,629
BUREAU OF LAND MNGT	\$7,629
NFI NORTH INC	\$1,631
CONTOOCCOOK HYDRO	\$4,394
BEECH HILL SCHOOL	\$2,991



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KEARSARGE LODGE 23 IOOF	\$2,151
MERRMACK COUNTY 4-H	\$726
ST METHODIOS FAITH & HERITGAGE	\$65,272
	\$105,523

Notes

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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	544.06	\$107,950	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.28	\$1,500	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	667.35	\$38,990,400	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	220.00	\$4,224,000	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	1,431.69	\$43,323,850	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	185.19	\$2,430,800	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$106,074,441	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$76,800	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$22,124,000	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	3	\$74,659	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$128,349,900	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$32,008,700	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$0	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$171,673,750	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	1	\$337,900	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	1	\$5,182	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$171,330,668	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$30,000	3	\$90,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	23	\$3,403,600
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$100,000	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	10	\$55,000
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$3,548,600
21A	Net Valuation			\$167,782,068
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$167,782,068
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$167,782,068
22	Less Utilities			\$0
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$167,782,068
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$167,782,068

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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	171.05	\$19,327	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.27	\$880	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	283.46	\$13,691,500	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	19.14	\$531,100	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	473.92	\$14,242,807	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	314.92	\$2,274,100	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$32,732,937	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$0	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$2,050,600	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	4	\$39,863	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$34,823,400	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$11,249,200	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$0	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$49,066,207	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$49,066,207	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$30,000	0	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	1	\$145,000
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$100,000	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	1	\$10,000
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$155,000
21A	Net Valuation			\$48,911,207
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$48,911,207
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$48,911,207
22	Less Utilities			\$0
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$48,911,207
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$48,911,207

Schedule of Town Property

Map	Lot	Sublot	Location	Acres	Year Acquired	Description	Value
ROAD & OTHER RELATED PROPERTIES							
101	017	000	Cedar St	0.43		Public parking lot near Grange	\$71,100
101	039	001	Kearsarge Ave	0.71		Path to Houston Fields	\$59,300
101	052	000	Park Ave/Kearsarge Ave	0.05		Contoocook Village triangle	\$4,200
102	038	000	Cedar St/Maple St	0.03		Traffic island	\$2,100
103	017	000	Penacook Rd/Gould Hill Rd	0.47		Triangle at Gould Hill and Penacook Rds	\$7,400
103	022	000	Penacook Rd/Gould Hill Rd	0.15		Corner of Gould Hill and Penacook Rds	\$6,200
104	060	001	Main St	0.09		Triangle at Penacook Rd and Main St	\$2,700
221	104	000	Spring St	0.18		Turnaround	\$3,100
229	001	000	Gage Hill Rd	0.20		Turnaround	\$7,700
230	003	000	Little Frost Rd	0.05		Turnaround	\$15,000
249	021	000	Patch Rd	0.05		Triangle at Briar Hill Rd and Patch Rd	\$3,400
251	056	000	Garrison Ln	0.40		Triangle at Hopkinton Rd and Garrison Ln	\$17,900
259	020	000	Currier Rd	0.16		Triangle at Currier and Beech Hill Rds	\$6,400
259	024	000	Beech Hill Rd/Currier Rd	0.19		Triangle at Currier and Beech Hill Rds	\$5,500
265	027	000	Upper Straw Rd	0.06		Turnaround	\$3,700
			Totals	3.23			\$215,700
TOWN FACILITIES							
101	020	000	9 Pine St	1.10		Contoocook Fire Station	\$1,486,800
101	085	000	846 Main St	2.41	2002	Bates Bldg and public parking	\$369,200
102	009	000	Public Works Rd	46.78		Public Works and Sewer Dept	\$6,717,000
105	024	001	Old Putney Hill Rd	0.06		Town Pound	\$2,600
105	031	000	Hopkinton Rd	0.33		Triangle in HVP	\$45,500
106	003	000	185 Main St	52.50	1982	Horseshoe Tavern and Kimball Cabins	\$492,200
106	003	001	185 Main St	0.28		Horseshoe Tavern tax bill	\$368,500
106	023	000	330 Main St	0.47		Town Hall	\$736,900
106	049	000	110 Main St	1.20		Hopkinton Fire Station	\$310,700
210	010	000	Kast Hill Rd	95.00	2008	Gravel pit	\$193,700
210	099	000	Rowell Bridge Rd	-		Rowell Bridge	\$720,000
221	083	000	Houston Dr	67.85		Library, Senior Center, and fields	\$4,341,900
222	067	002	200 Kearsarge	16.00		George Park and garage	\$650,500
222	078	000	Park Ave	5.80	2004	Sports fields	\$77,400
239	037	000	1696 Hopkinton Rd	0.91		Police Station	\$739,300
244	006	000	491 E Penacook Rd	48.00	1958	Transfer Station	\$392,400
244	011	000	601 E Penacook Rd	85.00	1975	Community well	\$205,300
244	012	000	601 E Penacook Rd	14.24	2006	Access to community well	\$91,000
249	013	000	Patch Rd	33.46		Gravel pit and PD firing range	\$124,500
250	065	000	58 Rollins Rd	7.00		Kimball Pond swim area	\$259,200
			Total	478.39		Total	\$18,324,600
CEMETERIES							
102	064	000	Main St	20.04		Contoocook Village Cemetery	\$96,600
103	009	000	Main St	2.40		Stumpfield Cemetery	\$69,100
106	024	000	Main St	5.40		Old Hopkinton Cemetery	\$84,500
206	003	000	Bound Tree Rd	0.22		Hardy Cemetery	\$0
208	001	000	Clement Hill Rd	0.53		Clement Hill Cemetery	\$60,300
223	003	000	Granite Valley	0.90		Putnam Cemetery	\$0
224	046	000	Dustin Rd	1.30		Blackwater Cemetery	\$63,400
239	062	000	Putney Hill Rd	0.52		Putney Hill Cemetery	\$60,100
251	007	000	Greenleaf Ln	8.00		Cemetery	\$88,300
			Total	39.31		Total	\$522,300

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sublot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Year Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
OTHER PROPERTIES IN WHICH THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON HOLDS INTEREST							
101	021	000	33 Pine St	0.55		Leased to Contoocook Hydro	\$399,600
202	007	000	Camp Merrimac Rd	4.50	2005	Wetland	\$12,400
207	016	000	Bound Tree Rd/Clement Hill Rd	4.30	2003	Corner of Bound Tree and Clement Hill Rds	\$71,100
207	017	000	Bound Tree Rd/Clement Hill Rd	40.00	2003	Corner of Bound Tree and Clement Hill Rds	\$158,400
210	014	000	Bailey Rd	0.25	2003	Formerly known as School House Site	\$52,500
217	041	000	Barton Corner Rd	24.00	1958	Land-locked	\$45,200
			Total	73.60		Total	\$739,200
CONSERVATION LAND							
102	022	001	Carriage Ln	1.42		Land-locked; along river	\$26,100
103	016	000	Penacook Rd	46.78	2005	Conservation land	\$128,700
105	012	000	Old Henniker Rd	1.00		Public Works garage location	\$8,600
105	017	000	Old Henniker Rd	9.00	2008	Conservation land	\$78,700
204	015	000	Bound Tree Rd	50.60	2006	Conservation easement	\$15,400
206	019	000	Keararge Ave	18.00		Land-locked; adjacent to I-89	\$94,500
206	020	000	Keararge Ave	19.50	2006	Land-locked; adjacent to I-89	\$96,800
207	038	000	Bound Tree Rd	33.50		Conservation easement	\$14,200
208	099	022	Clement Hill Rd	6.10	2007	Conservation land	\$17,000
214	001	000	Hatfield Rd	41.50		Wear town line	\$152,100
219	012	000	Maple St	201.21	2008	Conservation land	\$202,300
220	035	000	Pine St	12.00		Land-locked	\$24,000
221	044	000	Pine St	45.50		Town Forest	\$146,600
221	126	001	Spring St	6.43		Conservation land; old rail	\$12,900
221	126	002	Spring St	4.81		Conservation land; old rail	\$9,700
222	021	000	Spring St	7.08		Land-locked; adjacent to rr	\$14,200
222	107	000	Kearsarge Ave	14.00		Between I-89 and rr	\$14,000
231	008	000	Bassett Mill Rd	9.70	1991	Turn-around	\$95,500
233	002	000	Eugene Foote Rd	31.00		Wear town line	\$120,500
237	038	000	Irish Hill Rd	1.30		Land-locked; adjacent to 202 and 9	\$2,600
237	039	000	Sugar Hill Rd	5.80		Land-locked; adjacent to 202 and 9	\$11,600
238	080	000	Old Henniker Rd	14.20	2004	Conservation land	\$94,500
239	038	001	Briar Hill Rd	63.53	2006	Conservation land	\$197,300
239	056	000	Old Putney Hill Rd	33.50			\$138,200
243	044	000	Burrage Rd	14.00	2008	Land-locked; adjacent to river	\$12,800
250	061	000	Rollins Rd	18.50		Town Forest	\$216,200
250	067	000	Briar Hill Rd	4.94		Conservation land	\$97,400
251	010	001	Hawthorne Hill Rd	92.54		Town Forest	\$238,100
251	061	000	Fieldstone Rd	16.19		Conservation land	\$31,100
256	002	000	Jewett Rd	9.40		Conservation land	\$9,400
256	003	000	Jewett Rd	10.10		Conservation land	\$6,100
256	005	000	Jewett Rd	16.40		Conservation land	\$94,200
265	002	000	Farrington Corner Rd	34.86		Conservation land	\$14,200
266	044	001	Farrington Corner Rd	96.20		Brockway Nature Preserve	\$219,400
			Total	990.59		Total	\$2,654,900

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sublot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Year Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
102	050	000	53 Maple St	0.32	2021		\$340,500
102	085	000	Maple St	0.67	1997	Land-locked	\$35,500
203	006	000	Camp Merrimac Rd	0.33	2021		\$10,200
206	010	000	Clement Hill Rd	0.52	2021	In Current Use	\$209
206	015	000	1846 Clement Hill Rd	36.00	2021	In Current Use	\$137,940
207	007	000	Clement Hill Rd	1.50	2008	Land-locked	\$38,400
208	003	0A9	A9 Sandy Beach Wy	-	2021		\$15,600
208	003	A13	A13 Beach Wy	-	2021		\$18,800
208	003	A24	A24 Chipmunk Wy	-	2021		\$9,800
208	003	C23	C23 Colonial Cir	-	2021		\$1,400
208	044	000	130 Rolfe Pond Dr	0.73	2021		\$193,300
209	058	000	Clement Hill Rd	1.20	2014	Between river and rr	\$4,400
210	025	001	1994 Maple St	0.45	2021		\$145,300
210	027	001	Kast Hill Rd	3.50	2008	Land-locked; along river	\$12,500
221	139	000	Pine St	0.40	2021		\$7,100
223	010	000	641 Park Ave	0.58	2021		\$78,400
224	017	000	146 Deer Path	-	2021		\$75,600
225	083	000	Bluebird Ln	0.21	1999	Adjacent to Houston Farm	\$400
238	049	000	Gage Hill Rd	0.31	1999	Intersection of Gage Hill Rd and Dolly Rd	\$12,200
243	044	000	Penacook Rd	14.00	2015	Land-locked; adjacent to river	\$12,800
256	019	000	434 Brockway Rd	5.20	2021		\$165,900
256	027	001	Brockway Rd	2.00	2014		\$4,000
			Total	67.92		Total	\$1,320,249
			Grand Total	1,653.04		Grand Total	\$23,776,949

2021 Tax Rate Calculation



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Tax Rate Breakdown Hopkinton

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$5,150,205	\$788,374,298	\$6.54
County	\$1,986,751	\$788,374,298	\$2.52
Local Education	\$15,708,082	\$788,374,298	\$19.92
State Education	\$1,434,605	\$757,966,298	\$1.89
Total	\$24,279,643		\$30.87

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Contoocook Village	\$283,552	\$167,782,068	\$1.69
Hopkinton Village	\$18,097	\$48,911,207	\$0.37
Total	\$301,649		\$2.06

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$24,279,643
War Service Credits	(\$214,900)
Village District Tax Effort	\$301,649
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$24,366,392

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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$8,587,887	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$3,514,934)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$61,300)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$270,000)
War Service Credits	\$214,900	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$193,652	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$5,150,205	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$1,986,751	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$1,986,751	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$19,831,847	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		(\$2,689,160)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,434,605)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$15,708,082	
State Education Tax	\$1,434,605	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$1,434,605	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$788,374,298	\$780,889,991
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$757,966,298	\$749,331,291
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$788,374,298	\$780,889,991

Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	
Contoocook Village	\$167,782,068	
Hopkinton Village	\$48,911,207	

Statement of Debt

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
2021 - STATEMENT OF DEBT
ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING BONDS AND LONG TERM NOTES**

Year	Open Space #2 Rice 2006-2025 Orig. Bond: \$467,900 Interest Rate: 4.00% Source: NHMIBB 05B		Highway Garage 2013-2023 Orig. Bond \$530,566 Interest Rate: 2.21% Source: Northway Bank		Fire Station 2014-2029 Orig. Bond \$2,995,041 Int. Rate: 3.49%/3.15%/1/2020 FSB/NHMIBB Refinanced		Road Bond 2017-2026 Orig. Bond: \$2,200,000 Interest Rate: 2.54% Bangor Savings/NHMIBB Refinance		NHMIBB Refinance \$1.8+ FS/Road \$2,670,000 2021-2031 Orig. Bond: \$4,470,000 Interest Rate: 0.765% Source: NHMIBB		Total Debt	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2021	20,000	3,360	53,057	3,505	192,119	60,286	205,056	58,166	495,500	37,279	470,232	162,595
2022	20,000	2,510	53,057	2,345					515,000	192,570	568,557	197,425
2023	20,000	2,250	53,053	1,172					535,000	166,803	588,053	170,225
2024	20,000	1,375							560,000	140,028	555,000	141,403
2025	20,000	665							575,000	112,105	580,000	112,770
2026									355,000	83,163	370,000	83,163
2027									370,000	59,448	370,000	59,448
2028									385,000	40,960	385,000	40,960
2029									145,000	21,708	145,000	21,708
2030									145,000	8,193	145,000	8,193
2031									145,000	2,248	145,000	2,248
Total	100,000	10,160	159,167	7,022	192,119	60,286	205,056	58,166	4,080,500	864,502	4,736,842	1,000,135
GRAND TOTAL		110,160		166,189		252,405		263,222		4,945,002		5,736,977

Total Debt Payment by Year												
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	TOTAL
Principal	470,232	568,557	588,053	555,000	580,000	575,000	355,000	370,000	385,000	145,000	145,000	4,736,842
Interest	162,595	197,425	170,225	141,403	112,770	83,163	59,448	40,960	21,708	8,193	2,248	1,000,135
TOTAL	632,828	765,982	758,278	696,403	692,770	658,163	414,448	410,960	406,708	153,193	147,248	5,736,977

2020 Independent Auditor's Report Summary



Due to the increased report length and rising printing costs the full Independent Auditor's Report will not be published in this document. We have included the letter from the auditors, the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Activities, and the Balance Sheet. Hard copies of the complete Auditor's Report are available in their entirety through the Finance Department located at the Town Hall, 330 Main Street, Hopkinton, NH 03229, in electronic form on the Town's website at www.hopkinton-nh.gov , or by calling (603) 746-8241.



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Hopkinton
330 Main Street
Hopkinton, New Hampshire 03229

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hopkinton, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1.B.3. to the financial statements, the Town has not determined its total liability or annual cost for postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) in governmental activities following the standards as required by GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Although the Town has recognized an OPEB liability, the portion related to the implicit rate subsidy was calculated using an old standard. Calculating the implicit rate portion using the new standard would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United

Town of Hopkinton
Independent Auditor's Report

States of America, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Hopkinton as of December 31, 2020 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

Unmodified Opinions

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hopkinton, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and budgetary comparison for the General Fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note I.B.5. to the financial statements, in the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town adopted new accounting guidance regarding the accounting and reporting for Fiduciary Activities. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension and OPEB related schedules on pages 32 - 35 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. 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.

The Town of Hopkinton has not presented a management's discussion and analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Hopkinton's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor and individual fund 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor and individual fund schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

October 15, 2021

Robert J. Shaw, PLLC

EXHIBIT 1
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,564,918
Investments	1,962,395
Intergovernmental receivable	2,630
Other receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles	1,478,303
Prepaid items	35,782
Tax deeded property held for resale	36,213
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	8,410,469
Intangible assets	323,900
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Land improvements	229,340
Buildings and building improvements	5,545,012
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	2,308,735
Infrastructure	4,630,104
Total assets	<u>34,527,801</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred amounts related to pensions	1,360,671
Deferred amounts related to OPEB	23,670
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,384,341</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	79,713
Accrued payroll and benefits	145,399
Accrued interest payable	37,260
Intergovernmental payable	7,900,011
Performance and escrow deposits	260
Noncurrent obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and notes payable	382,430
Capital lease payable	28,596
Compensated absences payable	5,625
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	21,750
Due in more than one year:	
Bonds and notes payable	3,210,050
Capital lease payable	157,308
Compensated absences payable	317,673
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	630,750
Net pension liability	5,785,579
Total OPEB liability	367,605
Total liabilities	<u>19,070,009</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unearned revenue	13,708
Deferred amounts related to pensions	162,870
Deferred amounts related to OPEB	6,229
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>182,807</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	17,562,195
Restricted for:	
Perpetual care:	
Nonexpendable	541,557
Expendable	337,394
Other purposes	537,741
Unrestricted	(2,319,561)
Total net position	<u>\$ 16,659,326</u>

EXHIBIT 2
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,729,767	\$ 58,775	\$ 26,868	\$ -	\$ (1,644,124)
Public safety	2,608,307	425,236	58,404	-	(2,124,667)
Highways and streets	2,227,050	-	-	191,685	(2,035,365)
Sanitation	1,225,553	451,326	-	-	(774,227)
Health	12,328	-	-	-	(12,328)
Welfare	148,282	-	16,230	-	(132,052)
Culture and recreation	585,551	25,450	15,378	-	(544,723)
Conservation	81,435	-	114,500	-	33,065
Economic development	5,021	-	-	-	(5,021)
Interest on long-term debt	116,051	-	-	-	(116,051)
Capital outlay	143,901	-	-	-	(143,901)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 8,883,246</u>	<u>\$ 960,787</u>	<u>\$ 231,380</u>	<u>\$ 191,685</u>	<u>(7,499,394)</u>
General revenues:					
Property taxes					4,514,474
Other taxes					303,489
Licenses and permits					1,345,299
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					725,610
Miscellaneous					146,447
Total general revenues					<u>7,035,319</u>
Change in net position					(464,075)
Net position, beginning					17,123,401
Net position, ending					<u>\$ 16,659,326</u>

EXHIBIT 3
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2020

	General	Capital Projects Expendable Trust	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,638,292	\$ 144,308	\$ 43,457	\$ 738,861	\$ 9,564,918
Investments	-	676,741	1,282,884	2,770	1,962,395
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles:					
Taxes	871,603	-	-	-	871,603
Accounts	318,289	-	-	54,422	372,711
Intergovernmental	2,630	-	-	-	2,630
Interfund receivable	462,549	9,322	-	105,669	577,540
Prepaid items	160,422	-	-	-	160,422
Tax deeded property held for resale	36,213	-	-	-	36,213
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,489,998</u>	<u>\$ 830,371</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,341</u>	<u>\$ 901,722</u>	<u>\$ 13,548,432</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 75,894	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,819	\$ 79,713
Accrued salaries and benefits	145,399	-	-	-	145,399
Intergovernmental payable	7,900,011	-	-	-	7,900,011
Interfund payable	103,358	-	2,311	471,871	577,540
Escrow and performance deposits	-	-	-	260	260
Total liabilities	<u>8,224,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,311</u>	<u>475,950</u>	<u>8,702,923</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Deferred revenue	662,917	-	-	35,086	698,003
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	196,635	-	762,350	-	958,985
Restricted	777	-	561,680	91,885	654,342
Committed	-	830,371	-	628,376	1,458,747
Unassigned	1,405,007	-	-	(329,575)	1,075,432
Total fund balances	<u>1,602,419</u>	<u>830,371</u>	<u>1,324,030</u>	<u>390,686</u>	<u>4,147,506</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,489,998</u>	<u>\$ 830,371</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,341</u>	<u>\$ 901,722</u>	<u>\$ 13,548,432</u>

2021 Vital Statistics



Resident Births

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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
01/01/2021-12/31/2021**

--HOPKINTON--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
WOOD, HARLOW POPPY	01/14/2021	LEBANON,NH	WOOD, MICHAEL	WOOD, ASHLEY
WOOD, ROMAN LORETTA	01/14/2021	LEBANON,NH	WOOD, MICHAEL	WOOD, ASHLEY
CARTLEY, CAILIN PRISCILLA	02/05/2021	CONCORD,NH	CARTWRIGHT, MICHAEL	TAPLEY, SONYA
BATES, WYATT PETER	02/22/2021	CONCORD,NH	BATES, ADAM	BLAKE, KELSEY
DANFORTH, GUINEVERE	04/16/2021	CONCORD,NH	DANFORTH JR, BRET	DANFORTH, OLIVIA
ZBYSZYNSKI, CARTER STEFAN	04/29/2021	MANCHESTER,NH	ZBYSZYNSKI, CHRIS	ZBYSZYNSKI, ASHLEY
WILLIAMS, GRAYSON	05/01/2021	CONCORD,NH	WILLIAMS, BRENT	WILLIAMS, ERIN
GARLAND, MADELINE RUTH	06/03/2021	CONCORD,NH	GARLAND, SAMUEL	MCCURDY, CAITLIN
HUGHES, MADELYN OLIVE	06/14/2021	CONCORD,NH	HUGHES, RYAN	HUGHES, MELISSA
GLOVER, ROBERT BRADFORD	06/24/2021	CONCORD,NH	GLOVER, BENJAMIN	STOPYRA, SAMANTHA
RICH, LOCHLAN MURPHY	06/25/2021	MANCHESTER,NH	RICH, GABRIEL	RICH, EMILY
BERGERON, SIMONE ISABELLE	07/01/2021	CONCORD,NH	BERGERON, LOGAN	BERGERON, BRITNEY
SLAVEN, OLIVIA ROSE	07/18/2021	CONCORD,NH	SLAVEN, PATRICK	SLAVEN, HANNAH
CLOUGH, JOSEPH ROCKWELL	07/20/2021	CONCORD,NH	CLOUGH, JOSEPH	GRUBMAN, JOANNA
MATTE, KINGSTON MADDOX	07/28/2021	CONCORD,NH	MATTE JR, JAMES	MATTE, ROSEMARIE
MATTE, BAILEY MARIE	07/28/2021	CONCORD,NH	MATTE JR, JAMES	MATTE, ROSEMARIE
MACIASZEK, BENJAMIN CEDAR	08/01/2021	CONCORD,NH	MACIASZEK, PETER	CORENTHAL, LILLY
HOLMES, BENJAMIN JAMES	08/09/2021	LEBANON,NH	HOLMES, EVAN	HOLMES, BRIDGETTE
KIRWIN, OLIVIA GRACE	08/18/2021	NASHUA,NH	KIRWIN, JUSTIN	KIRWIN, STEPHANY
PETRUCCELLI, ELIZABETH	08/19/2021	CONCORD,NH	PETRUCCELLI, BRYCE	PETRUCCELLI, MARIANNE
DYTEWSKI, MATTHIAS RUAH	08/26/2021	MANCHESTER,NH	DYTEWSKI, ANDREW	KELLY, SOPHIA
FITZGERALD, EVANGELINE	08/29/2021	MANCHESTER,NH	FITZGERALD, KELLY	FITZGERALD-TEMIANKA, ARIEL
FITZGERALD, EMERY SAGE	08/29/2021	MANCHESTER,NH	FITZGERALD, KELLY	FITZGERALD-TEMIANKA, ARIEL
EARLEY, PETER JAMES	09/01/2021	CONCORD,NH	EARLEY, JAMES	EARLEY, SARA
LAROCHELLE, LUCIEN	09/13/2021	CONCORD,NH	LAROCHELLE, NICHOLAS	LAROCHELLE, ZEA
WILLIAMS, CHARLOTTE ROSE	09/23/2021	CONCORD,NH	WILLIAMS, BRIAN	WILLIAMS, JULIA
GREEN, AUGUST ARTHUR	11/14/2021	CONCORD,NH	GREEN, BRIAN	GENOVESE, KATHERINE
ARIAS, ADELINE LEANNE	12/15/2021	CONCORD,NH	ARIAS, ARMANDO	ARIAS, JENNIFER
JONES, EMRY THOMAS	12/30/2021	MANCHESTER,NH	JONES, ZACK	JONES, LAURA

Total number of records 29

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021
--HOPKINTON, NH --

01/13/2022



Resident Deaths

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
MOORE, SUSAN LAMB	01/10/2021	HOPKINTON	LAMB, EARL	HINE, FAITH	N
BOGART IV, JOSEPH K	01/16/2021	CONCORD	BOGART III, JOSEPH	SYLVESTER, AUDREY	Y
GRAHAM, ROBERT JOSEPH	01/23/2021	CONCORD	GRAHAM, JOHN	MCCARTHY, LUCILLE	N
HAMILTON, GEAN M	01/23/2021	CONCORD	EMINO, GEORGE	CROUSE, ALMA	N
RAWSON, GAIL M	02/07/2021	ROCHESTER	SCARLATTELLI, JOSEPH	BORGOS, MURIEL	N
WRIGHT, JOYCE RUTH	03/02/2021	CONCORD	PERDUE, RAYMOND	STONE, RUTH	N
CARDIN, CAREEN MARIE	03/13/2021	HOPKINTON	DUBUC, VINCENT	LOEB, EDITH	N
ELLIS, WILLIAM DAVID	03/16/2021	CONTOOCOOK	ELLIS, KENNETH	RICHARDS, FLORENCE	N
HAYDINGER, CHRISTINE MARIANNE	03/22/2021	HOPKINTON	HAYDINGER, RICHARD	SEMENZA, MARIANNE	N
HAINES, RICHARD EDWARD	03/25/2021	CONTOOCOOK	HAINES, EVERETT	NORTON, CATHERINE	N
LONG, KATHERINE J	04/09/2021	CONCORD	SMALL SR, GEORGE	JONES, BARBARA	N
CHMURA, STELLA ANNE	04/20/2021	HOPKINTON	JEMOLO, JOSEPH	SZYMASZEK, ANNA	N
FIELDERS, ROBERT L	04/22/2021	HOPKINTON	FIELDERS, ROBERT	BARTON, ELIZABETH	N
CAREY JR, PAUL F	04/28/2021	LEBANON	CAREY SR, PAUL	YAKAVONIS, ARLEEN	N
DONNELLY SR, ROBERT WAYNE	04/30/2021	CONCORD	DONNELLY, ROGER	TROMBLY, VIOLA	N
HUNT, ROLAND R	04/30/2021	CONCORD	HUNT, ROLAND	WHITE, LEONA	N
WHEELER, ERIK STANLEY	06/06/2021	CONCORD	WHEELER, STANLEY	POWERS, DIANNA	N
PAGE, GERTRUDE	06/12/2021	CONCORD	PAGE, ALBERT	WOOSTER, EVELYN	N

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Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
ASHTON, ELLEN EBBA	06/17/2021	CONTOOCOOK	SMITH, EDGAR	EKELUND, EBBA	N
GORDON, IRL WARD	07/31/2021	HOPKINTON	GORDON, IRL	JONES, ADA	N
HASKELL, CHRISTOPHER R	08/10/2021	HOPKINTON	HASKELL, PETER	REALE, CINDY	N
MILES, MATTHEW JOHN	09/01/2021	CONCORD	MILES, RAYMOND	BORCZYK, JANET	Y
MCCABE, BARBARA SHIRLEY	09/07/2021	CONCORD	RIGG, WILLIAM	KIMBOROWICZ, HELEN	N
MCCABE, EDWARD PAUL	09/07/2021	CONCORD	MCCABE SR, JOHN	HAMEL, AURORE	Y
CONGORAN, THOMAS M	09/08/2021	HOPKINTON	CONGORAN, CHRISTOPHER	SCHMIDT, LAVERNE	Y
JACKSON JOHNSON, MARILYN SEEHUSEN	09/13/2021	CONCORD	SEEHUSEN, CLARENCE	ANDERSEN, MYRTLE	N
SMART, KENNETH H	10/07/2021	CONCORD	SMART, HAROLD	HOOD, RUTH	N
GREEN, JULIE A	10/14/2021	CONCORD	GREEN, MICHAEL	JEFFREY, KAREN	N
VANDYNE, SCOTT PHILIP	11/09/2021	AUBURN	VANDYNE, RICHARD	CHAMBERLAIN, SHIRLEY	N
DORN, MICHAEL SCOTT	11/22/2021	CONTOOCOOK	DORN, DONALD	MONTGOMERY, JOAN	N
O'DONNELL, JUSTICE	12/07/2021	CONCORD	O'DONNELL, BRIAN	RICHARD, STACEY	N
MERRILL, MALCOLM ALBERT	12/16/2021	CONCORD	MERRILL, FRED	AVERY, EVA	N
DERMOTT, RALPH ALLAN	12/22/2021	CONCORD	DERMOTT, HOWARD	WRIGHT, MARY	N
CUSHING, MILDRED HEATH	12/28/2021	WARNER	HEATH, CHARLES	MORRILL, BERNICE	N
HENRIKSEN, BRUCE ALLEN	12/29/2021	CONTOOCOOK	HENRIKSEN, DONALD	UNKNOWN, RUTH	Y

Total number of records 35

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

-- HOPKINTON --

Resident Marriages

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
KELLY, JERROLD A CONTOOCOOK, NH	WILCOX, LINDA M CONTOOCOOK, NH	HOPKINTON	HOPKINTON	02/17/2021
MCCLURE, CHAD D HOPKINTON, NH	GULSEREN, GIZEM HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	CONCORD	02/20/2021
CARNEY, TIMOTHY J CONTOOCOOK, NH	MARTIN, CHELSEA CONTOOCOOK, NH	HOPKINTON	CONTOOCOOK	02/21/2021
MOTT, JAMES L CONTOOCOOK, NH	WOODS, COURTNEY CONTOOCOOK, NH	HOPKINTON	PITTSFIELD	03/06/2021
MARTINEAU, MICHEAL S HOPKINTON, NH	TINE, JENNIFER D HOPKINTON, NH	CONCORD	CONCORD	04/03/2021
FLEMING, KATHERINE HOPKINTON, NH	TELUS, MAREK T HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	HOPKINTON	06/09/2021
CUSANO, JORDAN C HOPKINTON, NH	MORANO, AMANDA HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	HENNIKER	06/20/2021
HASTINGS, JOHN H CONTOOCOOK, NH	LANGLEY, KATHARINE L HOLLIS, NH	NASHUA	SARGENT'S PURCHASE	06/24/2021
PERRY, KELSEY E HOPKINTON, NH	RESSLER, JUSTIN M HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	MILFORD	06/26/2021
ADAMS, RICHARD M CONTOOCOOK, NH	HOULE, KIMBERLY A ROCHESTER, NH	ROCHESTER	EAST WAKEFIELD	07/24/2021
BOUCHARD II, ROBERT L DANVERS, MA	WILKEY, ALISON R HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	HOPKINTON	07/24/2021

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Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
HOLMES, SETH B HOPKINTON, NH	TURNER, TAMARA J HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	HOPKINTON	07/31/2021
MILLER, DAVID J HOPKINTON, NH	JACOBS, KATHLEEN L HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	HOPKINTON	08/28/2021
BLACKKEY, SAMANTHA A HOPKINTON, NH	MINER, SETH F HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	WOLFEBORO	08/28/2021
BENGTSON, BENJAMIN S CONCORD, NH	YIANAKOPOLOS, TAYLOR A HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	GOFFSTOWN	08/29/2021
BERNIER, MORRIGAN L CONTOOCOOK, NH	RUSH, NATHAN T CONTOOCOOK, NH	HOPKINTON	CONCORD	10/02/2021
BEVINS, LUCAS J CONTOOCOOK, NH	LEVINE, KATHRYN P CONTOOCOOK, NH	HOPKINTON	TAMWORTH	10/23/2021
DELEON, MELISSA L HOPKINTON, NH	COE, MICHAEL J HOPKINTON, NH	HOPKINTON	HOPKINTON	11/06/2021
ROSA, JONAH L HOPKINTON, NH	PEDEMONTI, ALICIA B HOPKINTON, NH	CONCORD	HOPKINTON	12/31/2021

Total number of records 19

Contoocook Village Precinct

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Precinct Commissioners (Elected by the Precinct)

Chris Boudette, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Michael Metcalf	Term Expires 2023
Thomas Yestramski	Term Expires 2024

Regular Meeting Schedule

1st Tuesday of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at
Wastewater Treatment Plant, Contoocook

CONTOOCCOOK VILLAGE PRECINCT
TOWN OF HOPKINTON
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT 2022

To the Inhabitants of the CONTOOCCOOK VILLAGE PRECINCT in the Town of HOPKINTON, County of MERRIMACK, in said STATE, who are qualified to vote in Precinct affairs:

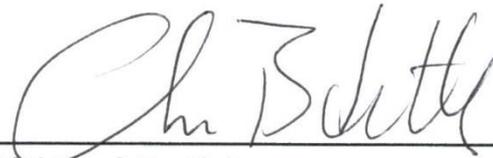
You are hereby notified to convene at the Annual Meeting of the Contoocook Village Precinct at the Slusser Center in said Precinct on Monday, the 21st day of March 2022 at 6:00 PM (local time) to act upon the following subjects:

- Article I:** To hear and act on reports of the precinct officers
- Article II:** To elect a MODERATOR for the ensuing year
- Article III:** To elect a TREASURER for the ensuing year
- Article IV:** To elect a CLERK for the ensuing year
- Article V:** To elect a COMMISSIONER for the ensuing term (3 year term)
- Article VI:** To select an AUDITOR for the ensuing year
- Article VII:** To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,129 for General Government Expenses:
- Executive – \$90,150
 - Financial Administration - \$12,501
 - Legal Expenses - \$5,000
 - Personnel Administration (FICA) – \$2,100
 - Insurance - \$7,278
 - General Government - \$1,100
- Article VIII:** To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for Street Lighting
- Article IX:** To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,051 for Water Distribution and Treatment
- Article X:** To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000, to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Repair, Replacement, and Improvements. This Article is recommended by the Commissioners 3-0
- Article XI:** To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000, to be added to the Precinct Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. This Article is recommended by the Commissioners 3-0
- Article XII:** Shall the Contoocook Village Precinct accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any village district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the commissioners to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the village district meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other

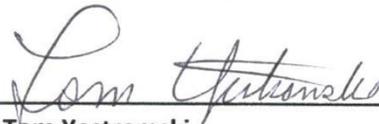
governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (Majority vote required.)

Article XIII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



Chris Boudette, Chair



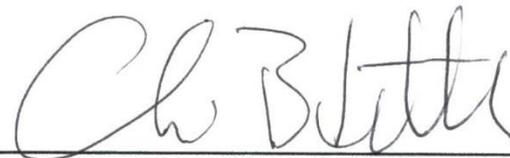
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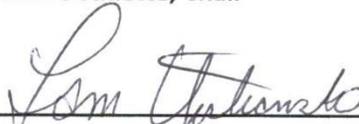
Mike Metcalf

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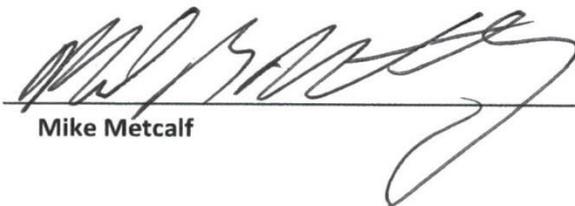
A true copy of Warrant-Attest:



Chris Boudette, Chair



Tom Yestramski



Mike Metcalf

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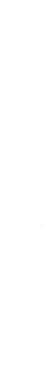
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BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Zankel	Chair	
Jonathan Cohen	Vice Chair	
Deborah Norris	Member	
Richard Houston	Member	
Steven Reddy	Member	
Christi Scura	Member	
Ken Traum	For the Select Board	
Norman Goupil	For the School Board	
Don Houston	For the Contoocook Village Precinct	
Thomas Lipoma	For the Hopkinton Village Precinct	

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General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	07	\$91,327	\$89,550	\$90,150	\$90,150	\$90,150	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	07	\$10,164	\$11,751	\$12,501	\$12,501	\$12,501	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	07	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	07	\$1,829	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4195	Cemetenes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance	07	\$4,956	\$6,669	\$7,278	\$7,278	\$7,278	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	07	\$701	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
			\$108,977	\$116,170	\$118,129	\$118,129	\$118,129	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								



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4311	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	08	\$12,929	\$18,000	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal				\$12,929	\$18,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0

Sanitation

4321	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Water Distribution and Treatment

4331	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	09	\$39,614	\$61,050	\$61,050	\$0	\$61,050	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other	09	\$90,917	\$47,001	\$46,001	\$0	\$46,001	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal				\$130,531	\$108,051	\$107,051	\$107,051	\$0

Electric

4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Health

4411	Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Welfare				
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Welfare Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation				
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550-4559	Library	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development				
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service				
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay				
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Operating Transfers Out					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$238,180	\$0	\$238,180	\$0



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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Capital Reserve Fund</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Capital Reserve Fund</i>						
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$256,000	\$0	\$256,000	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Commissioner's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	07	\$196,427	\$210,000	\$210,000
3409	Other Charges	07	\$3,006	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$199,433	\$214,000	\$214,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	07	\$300	\$50	\$50
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$300	\$50	\$50
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$199,733	\$214,050	\$214,050



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Item	Commissioner's Period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$238,180	\$238,180
Special Warrant Articles	\$256,000	\$256,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$494,180	\$494,180
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$214,050	\$214,050
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$280,130	\$280,130

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1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$494,180
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$494,180
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$49,418
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	
	\$543,598

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Precinct Commissioners (Elected by the Precinct)

Nick Casolaro

Term Expires 2022

Matthew Klein

Term Expires 2023

Thomas Lipoma

Term Expires 2024

Regular Meeting Schedule

3rd Thursday of the Month, 7:30 p.m. at
Hopkinton Town Hall, 330 Main Street, Hopkinton

Report of Hopkinton Village Precinct

The Hopkinton Village Precinct (HVP), through the oversight of its Board of Commissioners, supports several systems within its boundaries. If a resident is unsure if their property sits within the boundary of the HVP, there is a map of the HVP on the Town's website. The taxes from HVP residents pay for electricity for the precinct street lights, lights at the memorial, costs related to the historic clock in the bell tower of the First Congregational Church, and upkeep of the old fire station on Main Street.

Nick Casolaro, Thomas Lipoma, and Kelly McCaskill began the year as commissioners. The Board appointed Matthew Klein as a commissioner to replace Kelly upon her resignation, and he has remained in that position. Victoria Bram dutifully serves as Clerk and Suzi Calley continues to hold the position of Treasurer. The commissioners owe a significant debt of gratitude to Vicky and Suzi for their work on behalf of the Board. HVP residents should contact any of the commissioners if they have questions or concerns.

The HVP Board deals with the town, state and electric utility for precinct light. The commissioners monitor the precinct to determine when street lights need to be replaced. If you notice a light is out, please contact any commissioner directly so the appropriate repair or replacement request can be made.

HVP also has a water system, which provides water to most HVP homes and commercial sites. The Water Board of the HVP supervises the operation of the well and water system. Rick Desmarais, Michael O'Connor, and Sandy Bender comprise the Board. The HVP Water Board members donate their time and efforts to assure residents have good quality drinking water. Board members visit the well site on a regular basis to monitor the system and work with water and engineering professionals to plan and apply updates on the system. They also monitor the generator during electrical outages, supervise the business operations of the system, and maintains the grounds.

In recent years, the Water Board has led the process to update the water system, including significant upgrades to the system's tanks. Those updates are continuing and expect to be completed in 2022. We thank the Water Board members for the invaluable service they provide to the Precinct and its residents.

The clock, which chimes on the hour, is a special landmark for HVP. We appreciate and thank Lee Wilder, Thomas Lipoma, and Nicolas Kerr for their valuable assistance in dealing with the maintenance and upkeep of the clock. Nicolas Kerr regularly winds the clock to assure the clock accurately chimes and continues to add to the character of the Precinct.

HVP has its own Zoning Ordinance, Site Review Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations. It also has its own Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Planning Board. The HVP Zoning Ordinance will be reviewed this upcoming year. If you are interested in becoming a member of the HVP Board of Commissioners, HVP ZBA, or HVP Zoning Board, please contact any HVP Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted, HVP Commissioners

Nick Casolaro

Thomas Lipoma

Matthew Klein



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Name	Position	Signature
Thomas Lipoma	For the Village Precinct	<i>[Signature]</i>
Cherona Seves	Budget Committee	<i>[Signature]</i>
Norm Goupil	School Board	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kenneth E. Tramm	School Board	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jonathan Cohen	Budget Com.	<i>[Signature]</i>
STEVEN PERRY	BUDGET COMM	<i>[Signature]</i>
Richard C. Houston	Budget Committee	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Appropriations

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Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$9,177	\$10,150	\$10,150	\$0	\$10,150	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$9,177	\$10,150	\$10,150	\$0	\$10,150	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal								
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal								
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration	03	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4332	Water Services	03	\$0	\$76,800	\$132,800	\$0	\$132,800	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$81,800	\$137,800	\$0	\$137,800	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal								
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal								



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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2021	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	Commissioner's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	03	\$0	\$14,136	\$20,398	\$0	\$20,398	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	03	\$0	\$2,792	\$4,505	\$0	\$4,505	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$0	\$16,928	\$24,903	\$0	\$24,903	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$180,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$180,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations			\$189,364	\$189,364	\$0	\$189,364	\$0

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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Commissioner's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Commissioner's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	03	\$71,792	\$72,000	\$72,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$71,792	\$72,000	\$72,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	03	\$31	\$40	\$40
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$31	\$40	\$40
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$70,000	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	03,04	\$0	\$99,261	\$99,261
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$70,000	\$99,261	\$99,261
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$141,823	\$171,301	\$171,301



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Budget Summary

Item	Commissioner's Period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$189,364	\$189,364
Special Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$189,364	\$189,364
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$171,301	\$171,301
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$18,063	\$18,063



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Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$189,364
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i>	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$189,364
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i>	\$18,936
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items <i>(Prior to Meeting)</i>	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items <i>(Voted at Meeting)</i>	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 9 and 10)</i>	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: <i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</i>	
	\$208,300