

# **Annual Report**

**of Town Officials, Departments,  
and Committees**

## **Town of Acworth**

**New Hampshire**



**July 10, 2023 Flood - Crane Brook Road**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Please bring this Report to Town Meeting**  
**on Tuesday, March 12, 2024**



**NH Route 123A**



**Charlestown Road**



**Lynn Hill Road**



**Forest Road**



**Crane Brook Road**



**Putnam Road**



**Ball Road**



**Thayer Brook Road**



**Derry Hill Road**



**Crane Brook Road**



**Putnam Road**



**Underwood Drive**

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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**Selectmen** 603-835-6879 Fax: 603-835-7901 Email: [townoff@sover.net](mailto:townoff@sover.net)  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Meetings: First, Third & Fifth Monday, 6:30 p.m.

**Town Clerk** 603-835-6879 Email: [atclerk@sover.net](mailto:atclerk@sover.net)  
Wednesday 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 - noon

**Tax Collector** 603-835-6879 Email: [taxcoll@sover.net](mailto:taxcoll@sover.net)  
Monday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Planning Board** Fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Conservation Commission** Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** First Wednesday of the month only for new business at 7:00 p.m.

**Cemetery Trustees** Regular or Special meeting dates posted  
Contact Charley Brown, Sexton

**Library Trustees** As needed, Guy Russell

**Trustee of Trust Funds** Regular or Special meeting dates posted  
Contact Ann Kosa

**Health Officer** 860-601-2223, Jennifer Bland

**Emergency Management Director** 860-601-2223, Jennifer Bland

**Highway Garage** 603-835-6866, Collin Crosby, Road Agent

**Transfer Station** 603-835-2425, Charlie Bradt; John Comeau  
Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**Library** 603-835-2150  
Tuesday & Thursday 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Emergency** 911  
Fire 603-352-1100  
State Police Troop C 603-358-3333

## TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Jim Jennison	Selectman	Term Ends 2026
Ray Leonard	Selectman	Term Ends 2024
Kathi Bradt	Selectman	Term Ends 2025
Charlotte Comeau	Town Administrator	
Charlotte Comeau	Town Clerk	Term Ends 2025
Marianne Nevelson	Tax Collector	Term Ends 2024
Melinda Loiselle	Treasurer	Term Ends 2024
Lisa DeValk	Local Auditor	Term Ends 2024
John Luther	Moderator	Term Ends 2024
Marianne Nevelson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2030
Elizabeth Gowen	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2026
Karen Dillon	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2028
Sandra Binion	Inspector of Elections	Term Ends 2026
Linda Christie	Inspector of Elections	Term Ends 2026
Robin Luther	Inspector of Elections	Term Ends 2026
Overseer of Public Welfare	Board of Selectmen	
Health Officer	Jennifer Bland	Term Ends 03/2026
Ann Kosa	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2026
Sandra Binion	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2024
Laurie Luther-Houghton	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2024
Guy Russell	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Doug Robinson	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Andrea Alderman	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2024
Mary Hildreth	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2024
Melinda Loiselle	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2025
Lillie LeBlanc	Cemetery Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Claudia Istel	Cemetery Trustee	Term Ends 2024
Helen Frink	Cemetery Trustee	Term Ends 2025

## TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Judy Aron	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2026
Sue Metsack	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2026
Jennifer Bland	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2024
Conan Cook	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2024
Claudia Istel	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2025
Cheryl Sanctuary	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2025
Jim Jennison	Ex-officio Member	
Mike Aaron	Planning Board	Term Ends 2026
Joe Fedora	Planning Board	Term Ends 2023
Mark Girard	Planning Board	Term Ends 2024
Rob Vogel	Planning Board	Term Ends 2024
Jim Neidert	Planning Board	Term Ends 2025
Ann Marie Kosa	Planning Board	Term Ends 2025
Ray Leonard	Ex-officio Member	
Gregg Thibodeau	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026
Mark Girard	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2024
Scott Travers	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2024
Jennifer Bland	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026
Janet Slocum	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2025
Robert Traver	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026
Robin Ungeheuer	Alternate Member	Term Ends 2024
Kathi Bradt	Ex-officio Member	
Ray LeClair	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2026
Jennifer Bland	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2024
Linda Christie	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2024
Brenda Melius	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2025
Brian St Pierre	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2025
Recreation Committee	Board of Selectmen	
FMRSD Board	Sarah Vogel	Term Ends 2025
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades	
Town Forester	Jeff Snitkin	
Tree Warden	Vacant	


## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTIES AND VALUES

Town Hall and Land 229-1	185,900	
Flagpole Lot 229-2	20,400	
Town Common 229-3	30,500	
Library and Land 229-32	142,200	
Hill/Lynn triangle 229-49	11,200	
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	148,700	<b>\$538,900</b>
<b>Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:</b>		
Hurd 201-107	238,200	
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Murzda 206-1	15,100	
Farrell 206-8	30,600	
Owner unknown 210-20.1	3,200	
Augustinowicz 210-27	40,100	
Town Forest 211-1	23,500	
Town Forest 201-135	99,600	
Owner unknown 222-21	3,600	
Farnsworth (Ball Field) 222-4	57,400	
Buss Lot 226-1	2,300	
Ball 230-3	12,000	
Callum 234-18	32,200	
Owner unknown 234-19	45,900	
Roberts 236-10	42,000	
Jennison 240-9	69,200	
Prouty 250-2	6,900	<b>\$1,047,700</b>
<b>Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:</b>		
Pierce Brook 209-7	48,700	
Ward 218-4	24,900	
Town Wetlands 225-6	7,300	
Town Wetlands 226-9	3,400	
Conservation Associates 225-7	7,900	
Hamblet 226-8.1	3,000	
Stebbins Road 229-58	10,800	
Five Points School House 231-8	12,400	
Nye Road Cemetery 234-8	2,700	
Lubetkin/Cemetery 234-13	17,900	
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	4,600	
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	37,700	
Prince 246-57	2,500	<b>\$183,800</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,770,400</b>

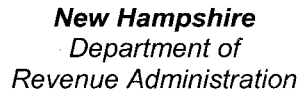


**ANNUAL TOWN SAMPLE BALLOT  
ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

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

<b>SELECTMAN</b> 3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	RYAN "RYANNE" E SCHOONOVER <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)	<b>MODERATOR</b> 2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	JOHN LUTHER <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> 3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO	STEPHEN MURRAY <input type="radio"/> ROBERT VOGEL <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in) _____ (write in)
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b> 1 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	MARIANNE WIERENGA NEVELSON <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)	<b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b> 3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	SANDRA BINION <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)	<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> 3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO	ANDREA ALDERMAN <input type="radio"/> MARY J HILDRETH <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in) _____ (write in)
<b>TREASURER</b> 1 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	MELINDA LOISELLE <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)	<b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b> 1 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	LAURIE LUTHER-HOUGHTON <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)	<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> 3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO	JENNIFER BLAND <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in) _____ (write in)
<b>LOCAL AUDITOR</b> 1 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	LISA DEVALK <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)	<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b> 3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	CLAUDIA ISTELE <input type="radio"/> _____ (write in)		



**2024  
WARRANT**



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**Article 01 Election of Officers**

To Vote by Non-partisan Ballot for the following Town Officers

Selectmen: 1 for 3 Years  
Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year  
Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year  
Local Auditor 1 for 1 Year  
Moderator 1 for 2 years

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Years  
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 1 Year  
Library Trustees: 2 for 3 Years  
Cemetery Trustees: 1 for 3 Years  
Planning Board: 2 for 3 Years  
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Years

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**Article 02 Road Repairs Following the July 10, 2023 Flood**

To see if the Town will vote (1) to raise and appropriate up to \$1,000,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of restoring, repairing, and improving Town roads, including Crane Brook Road, Sam Putnam Road, Forest Road that suffered significant damages during the flash flood of July 10, 2023 (the "Project"); (2) to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) to fund costs of the Project and to authorize Town officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity, and other terms thereon; (3) to authorize Town officials to apply for, obtain, accept, and expend federal (e.g. FEMA), state, or other aid or grant monies in respect of the Project and to use such monies to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project, to prepay such bonds or notes, or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and (4) to authorize the selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The borrowing authority granted by this Article shall be contingent upon the Town first receiving reimbursements from FEMA/State of New Hampshire to fully pay off the amounts borrowed in 2021 for prior flash flood repairs. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Y, 1:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (3/5 ballot vote required)

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**Article 03 Long-Term Lease/Purchase of a 10-wheeler**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of up to \$300,000, payable over a term of five (5) years, to finance the purchase of a 10-wheeler truck to replace the Highway Department's Ford F550, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the first year's payment under the lease/purchase agreement, with \$20,000 of those funds to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000, \$22,133 to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the one-time highway payment received November 2023), and \$17,867 to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 1:Y, 2:N. (3/5 ballot vote required)

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**Article 04 Empower the Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

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**Article 05 Apply for TANs**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

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**Article 06 Fund the Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,515,778 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)



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**Article 07      Drainage on Cold Pond Road**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to replace culverts on Cold Pond Road and grader shim the affected areas in anticipation of a pavement overlay of the whole road in 2025. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 0:Y, 6:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 0:Y, 3:N) (Majority vote required)

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**Article 08      Fund the Fire Truck CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 09      Fund the Highway Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2000. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 10      Fund the Building and Grounds CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in 2020. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 11      Fund the Revaluation CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 12      Engineering for Forest Road Bridge**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$228,140 for the cost of Engineering Forest Road Bridge replacement with the sum of \$60,000 to come from the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014; \$72,746 to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the one-time bridge payment of \$54,948 received January 2023, and the one-time bridge payment of \$17,798 received December 2023), and \$95,394 to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Y, 1:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 13      Establish Position of a Building Inspector**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 674:51 and RSA 673:1 (III) to adopt the state building code (RSA 155-A) as the Town's local building code and to provide for the appointment of a building inspector who shall enforce the state building code. The building inspector shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall be compensated according to the level of compensation authorized by the adoption of the annual budget by the Town Meeting.

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**Article 14      Other Business**

To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.



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Proposed Budget

Acworth

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 14, 2024

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
Susan Metsack	Budget Committee	<i>Susan Metsack</i>
Conan Cook	Budget Committee	
Jennifer Bland	Budget Committee	<i>JN</i>
Claudia Istel	Budget Committee	<i>Claudia Istel</i>
Judy Aron	Budget Committee	<i>Judy Aron</i>
Cheryl Sanctuary	Budget Committee	<i>Cheryl Sanctuary</i>

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:  
<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:  
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
(603) 230-5090  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
4130	Executive	06	\$33,400	\$33,400	\$33,900	\$0	\$33,900	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	06	\$1,942	\$2,500	\$6,100	\$0	\$6,100	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	06	\$93,133	\$92,434	\$103,875	\$0	\$103,875	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	06	\$12,395	\$12,360	\$13,361	\$0	\$13,361	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	06	\$15,475	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	06	\$26,192	\$25,714	\$29,913	\$0	\$29,913	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	06	\$4,009	\$4,425	\$5,425	\$0	\$5,425	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	06	\$13,971	\$14,450	\$15,850	\$0	\$15,850	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	06	\$13,643	\$22,700	\$25,930	\$0	\$25,930	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	06	\$33,534	\$33,534	\$36,675	\$0	\$36,675	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	06	\$1,310	\$1,360	\$1,426	\$0	\$1,426	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$249,004</b>	<b>\$250,877</b>	<b>\$284,455</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$284,455</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210	Police	06	\$3,591	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0	\$3,900	\$0
4215	Ambulances	06	\$10,020	\$10,020	\$10,500	\$0	\$10,500	\$0
4220	Fire	06	\$50,500	\$50,500	\$53,000	\$0	\$53,000	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	06	\$217,356	\$212,000	\$365,300	\$0	\$365,300	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$281,467</b>	<b>\$276,420</b>	<b>\$432,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$432,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Highway Administration	06	\$13,870	\$13,500	\$14,560	\$0	\$14,560	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$275,090	\$316,293	\$390,964	\$0	\$390,964	\$0
4313	Bridges	06	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$3,658	\$3,800	\$3,700	\$0	\$3,700	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	06	\$128,571	\$114,360	\$117,500	\$0	\$117,500	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$421,189</b>	<b>\$448,953</b>	<b>\$527,224</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$527,224</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	06	\$78,759	\$78,005	\$84,840	\$0	\$84,840	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	06	\$6,001	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$84,760</b>	<b>\$84,005</b>	<b>\$93,840</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$93,840</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>								
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	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
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>								
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	06	\$1,028	\$400	\$550	\$0	\$550	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	06	\$6,082	\$6,082	\$6,826	\$0	\$6,826	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$7,110</b>	<b>\$6,482</b>	<b>\$7,376</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,376</b>	<b>\$0</b>





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<b>Welfare</b>								
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	06	\$494	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$494</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520	Parks and Recreation	06	\$2,016	\$1,850	\$2,225	\$0	\$2,225	\$0
4550	Library	06	\$42,700	\$42,700	\$42,700	\$0	\$42,700	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06	\$300	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	06	\$225	\$500	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
	<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$45,241</b>	<b>\$45,300</b>	<b>\$45,425</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$45,425</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611	Conservation Administration	06	\$1,485	\$14,102	\$14,710	\$0	\$14,710	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	06	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$4,485</b>	<b>\$17,102</b>	<b>\$17,710</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$17,710</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	06	\$41,110	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	06	\$0	\$1,500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$41,110</b>	<b>\$792,500</b>	<b>\$25,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$24,692	\$26,588	\$18,048	\$0	\$18,048	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06	\$49,998	\$350,500	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500	\$0
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$74,690</b>	<b>\$377,088</b>	<b>\$78,548</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$78,548</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$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
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$1,515,778</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,515,778</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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Special Warrant Articles

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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
4313	Bridges	12	\$228,140	\$0	\$228,140	\$0
		Purpose: Engineering for Forest Road Bridge				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	03	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
		Purpose: Long-Term Lease/Purchase of a 10-wheeler				
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	02	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
		Purpose: Road Repairs Following the July 10, 2023 Flood				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	08	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		Purpose: Fund the Fire Truck CRF				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		Purpose: Fund the Highway Equipment CRF				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
		Purpose: Fund the Building and Grounds CRF				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		Purpose: Fund the Revaluation CRF				
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$1,265,640	\$60,000	\$1,325,640	\$0



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Individual Warrant Articles

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4312	Highways and Streets	07	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Purpose: Drainage on Cold Pond Road						
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Charge Taxes for General Fund	06	\$9,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	06	\$29,825	\$16,000	\$16,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	06	\$0	\$30	\$30
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	06	\$35,299	\$32,000	\$32,000
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$74,624</b>	<b>\$53,030</b>	<b>\$53,030</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	06	\$210	\$100	\$100
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	06	\$229,516	\$208,900	\$208,900
3230	Building Permits	06	\$2,955	\$2,500	\$2,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	06	\$2,799	\$2,800	\$2,800
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$235,480</b>	<b>\$214,300</b>	<b>\$214,300</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	06	\$80,596	\$80,596	\$80,596
3353	Highway Block Grant	06	\$173,834	\$181,399	\$181,399
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	06	\$144	\$145	\$145



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<b>State Sources</b>					
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$254,574</b>	<b>\$262,140</b>	<b>\$262,140</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	06	\$16,019	\$16,000	\$16,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$16,019</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	06	\$20,088	\$500	\$500
3502	Interest on Investments	06	\$5,319	\$8,000	\$8,000
3503	Other	06	\$1,065	\$800	\$800
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	06	\$4,255	\$3,150	\$3,150
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$30,727</b>	<b>\$12,450</b>	<b>\$12,450</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	12	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	06	\$0	\$14,710	\$14,710
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$74,710</b>	<b>\$74,710</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources	02	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
9996	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	12, 03	\$0	\$72,746	\$94,879
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,072,746</b>	<b>\$1,094,879</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$611,424</b>	<b>\$1,705,376</b>	<b>\$1,727,509</b>



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Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,515,778	\$1,515,778
Special Warrant Articles	\$1,265,640	\$1,325,640
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$2,781,418	\$2,841,418
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,705,376	\$1,727,509
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$1,076,042</b>	<b>\$1,113,909</b>





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Supplemental Schedule

<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$2,841,418</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
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 (Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)	\$0
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)</b>	<b>\$2,841,418</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%)	\$284,142
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>	
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
<b>12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</b>	
	<b>\$3,125,560</b>

## 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2023

ACWORTH TOWN HALL, 13 TOWN HALL ROAD

Elections – 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots opened at 2:55 p.m. finished at 3:15 p.m.

Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – 9:25 p.m.

Polls closed at 9:25 and business meeting adjourned. Counting of ballots began

Counts given to Town Clerk beginning at 9:45

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE ONE:** To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Results of ballots cast – declared winners' names are noted in **bold print**

Selectmen – One person for three-year term	
Frank Emig	81
<b>Jim Jennison</b>	<b>133</b>
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term	
<b>Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson</b>	<b>206</b>
Treasurer - One person for one-year term	
<b>Melinda R Loiselle</b>	<b>207</b>
Local Auditor – One person for one-year term	
<b>Lisa DeValk</b>	<b>196</b>
Trustee of Trust Funds – One person for three-year term	
<b>Ann Kosa</b>	<b>192</b>
Cemetery Trustee – One person for three-year term	
<b>Lillie K Leblanc</b>	<b>209</b>
Library Trustee – One person for three-year term	
<b>Douglas Robinson</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Guy Russell</b>	<b>177</b>
Planning Board – Two persons for three-year term	
<b>Michael Aron</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>Victoria Wuest (write in)</b>	<b>10</b>
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term	
<b>Judy Aron</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Cheryl Sanctuary</b>	<b>187</b>
Supervisor of the Checklist – One person for six-year term	
<b>Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson</b>	<b>205</b>

## 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**ARTICLE TWO:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Article III: General Provisions, Section D: Signs, as follows: *(New language is in italics.)*

1. **Change:** "No neon, tubular gas, or privately owned flashing electric signs shall be allowed" to *"No signs with internal illumination or flashing shall be allowed"*.
2. **Add:** *"It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, replace, alter, or relocate any sign, as defined in this Ordinance, without first obtaining a sign permit and complying with the provisions of this ordinance and other applicable Statutes."*
3. **Add:** *"The following signs do not require a permit: Property numbers; Street signs; Legal notices such as "No Trespassing" or "No Hunting"; Flags with the word "Open"; Historical markers; "For Rent" or "For Sale" signs placed by a property owner or realtor; Portable signs used for a temporary purpose."*

The following question will appear on the Official Ballot: "Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board regarding signs? The amendments disallow flashing and internally lit electric signs and require permitting for signs except ordinary use signs such as For Sale, historical markers and temporary purpose signs?" *Planning Board recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)*

**Results of Article Two Cast Ballot Vote: YES 152 NO 79**

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Article III: General Provisions, new Section M: Tiny Houses and Yurts, and Article XVI: Definitions as follows: *(New language is in italics.)*

Article III: **Add:** "M. Tiny houses and Yurts

1. *Tiny houses and yurts which meet this Ordinance's definitions are allowed in order to provide opportunities for green and affordable housing in the Town and pursuant to filing a building permit application with the Board of Selectmen.*
2. *Tiny houses and yurts shall be subject to the same standards used for dwellings including compliance with State sanitary rules, boundary setbacks and all other provisions of this Ordinance and shall be subject to taxation as deemed appropriate by Town assessors."*

Article XVI: **Add:**

*"S. Tiny house means a dwelling that is 400 square feet or less in floor area excluding lofts.*

*T. Yurts, for purposes of this Ordinance, means those structures designed for year-round living with heating, cooking and sanitary facilities as opposed to those which are unheated, temporary, seasonal living quarters."*

The following question will appear on the Official Ballot: "Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to allow permitting of tiny houses and year-round yurts as dwellings and adding definitions of tiny houses and yurts to the Ordinance?" *Planning Board recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)*

**Results of Article Three Cast Ballot Vote: YES 155 NO 76**

## 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

At 7:00 Moderator John Luther announced for people to see the Supervisors of the Checklist to get their secret ballots. John called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. He announced that the polls were suspended and would be open after the meeting for those that had not had a chance to vote. He welcomed everyone and set ground rules asking everyone be civil to one another. He then asked everyone to stand, the men to remove their hats, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARTICLE FOUR ROAD REPAIRS FOLLOWING THE JULY 29-30, 2021 FLOOD:** To see if the Town will vote (1) to raise and appropriate \$750,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of restoring, repairing, and improving Town roads that suffered significant damages during the flash flood of July 29-30, 2021 (the "Project"); (2) to authorize the issuance of not more than \$750,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) to fund costs of the Projects and to authorize Town officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; (3) to authorize Town officials to apply for, obtain, and accept federal (e.g. FEMA), state, or other aid or grant monies in respect of the Project and to use such monies to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project, to prepay such bonds or notes, or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and (4) to authorize the selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. *Selectmen recommend this article (2:Y-0:N-1:A), Budget Committee recommend this article (5:Y-1:N). (3/5 ballot vote required)*

A motion was made by Mike Aron. Seconded by Sally Eaton.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the Article. Much discussion took place.

On a motion by Kathi Bradt. Seconded by Torrey Greene, the following amendment was presented to add to the article:

*"To require that the Town shall first begin to receive reimbursements from FEMA/State of New Hampshire before the Selectmen could borrow more funds pursuant to this warrant article. Funds to be borrowed may not exceed the amount reimbursed."*

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the amendment. After some discussion, the amendment was moved to vote by voice vote.

### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE FOUR PASSED BY A MAJORITY

On a motion by John Balla. Seconded by Tara Balla, a second amendment was presented to add to the article:

*"This vote subject to the Town using an Engineer who is independent from the Contractor."*

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the amendment. After some discussion, the amendment was moved to vote by voice vote.

### SECOND AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE FOUR FAILED BY A MAJORITY

After further discussion on the article as amended, the Moderator announced to use secret ballot "G" to vote on the article as amended. The votes were collected at 8:20 p.m. The Moderator announced that the vote will remain open for one hour. The ballots will be counted at 9:20 p.m.

Results of Cast Secret Ballot Vote Article Four as Amended: YES 78 NO 14

## **2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Continued)**

**ARTICLE FIVE:** To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers. *(Majority Vote Required)*

**A motion was made by Helen Frink. Seconded by Brenda Melius.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Being none, it was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE FIVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. *(Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Jim Neidert. Seconded by Brenda Melius.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. After some discussion, the Moderator moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE SIX PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,551,727 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. *(Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Sally Eaton. Seconded by Judy Aron.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Being none, it was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** Polling hours in the town of Acworth are now open at 10 o'clock in the morning and close at 7 o'clock in the evening. Shall the Town vote to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 11 o'clock in the morning and close at 7 o'clock in the evening for all town and state elections? *(Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made Claudia Istel. Seconded by Carolyn Jerard.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. After some discussion, it was moved to vote by voice vote. With uncertainty of the result, the Moderator asked for a show of hands.**

### **ARTICLE EIGHT FAILED BY A MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. *Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Jim Jennison. Seconded by Laura Butson.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. After some discussion, it was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE NINE PASSED BY A MAJORITY**

## **2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Continued)**

**ARTICLE TEN:** To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014. This sum to come from the Acworth Special One-Time Bridge Payment. (No New Taxation) *Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Kathi Bradt. Seconded by Judy Aaron.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. After some discussion, it was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE ELEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2000. *Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Ed Metsack. Seconded by Sue Metsack.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Being none, it was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE TWELVE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. *Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Ken Cubberley. Seconded by Mike Aron**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. After some discussion, it was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE TWELVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN:** Shall the town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$200 per year to \$300. *(Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Carole Wallace. Seconded by Dennis Eaton.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Charlotte stated there is an amendment for this article.**

**On a motion by Judy Aron. Seconded by Jim Jennison, an amendment was presented:**

***"Shall the Town re-adopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property, and modify the amount of the credit from \$200 to \$300."***

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the Amendment. After some discussion with an explanation on why this was necessary, the amendment was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE THIRTEEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**With no further discussion, article thirteen as amended was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE THIRTEEN AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Continued)**

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN:** To see if the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Acworth, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$32,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$48,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. *(Majority vote required)*

**A motion was made by Mike Aron Seconded by Linda Christie.**

**The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion. After some discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE FOURTEEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN:** To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

**Mike Aron thanked John for doing a great job as the moderator. He said we need people to get involved in our government. He said they are looking for alternates join the Planning Board or other boards. He said the Planning Board will be updating the Town's master plan and wants others to be involved.**

**Gerry Demuro informed everyone about grants that are currently available.**

**Marianne noted that we lost a lot of people this past year that will be sorely missed.**

**Charlotte asked if people would like the town report in a larger book. Majority of the public were in favor of this.**

**Discussion on using a microphone. John said we could try it next year.**

**Judy Aron thanked Kathi Bradt and Mike Aron for organizing the meeting with the FMSD to postpone the meeting due to the winter storm on the 14<sup>th</sup>. John Luther stated that he was so appreciative to Mike for stepping in.**

**The Moderator announced at 9:20 p.m. that the business portion of meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so. Polls closed at 9:25 p.m. Meeting was recessed at 9:25 p.m. to count ballots.**

**Counting of ballots completed at 10:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. All information was given to the Town Clerk to compile and complete necessary paperwork.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Comeau  
Acworth Town Clerk

## 2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT

### TAX COLLECTOR

The Board of Selectmen issued Warrants for the collection of 2023 property taxes in the amount of \$3,095,338.00. Tax Collector remitted to Town Treasurer \$2,121,323.70 in 2023 Real Estate tax payments or 68.5%. The tax bills were dated 12/11/2023 and were due on January 8th, 2024.

In addition, the Board of Selectmen issued a warrant for 2023 Yield Tax in the amount of \$30,351.31. On 12/31/2023 the balance due on 2023 Yield tax was \$902.93. There were Warrants for Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$9,500.00.

The delinquency notices for the 2023 Taxes will be mailed in the middle of February 2024 to taxpayers in arrears alerting them to their delinquency and to notify them of the lien date for 2023 Taxes: August 5th, 2024.

All properties with uncollected 2023 taxes on August 5, 2024, will receive a Tax Lien **regardless of the amount of taxes**. Liens are an expensive proposition – 14% interest plus various fees for taxes assessed after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Please pay.

The unpaid Tax levy of 2021 is scheduled for tax deeding on August 5th, 2024. **Please note the change in the tax deed date.** I recommend that those taxpayers start paying off immediately and contact me with their plan regarding their tax debt. Having a plan places you in a stronger position with Board of Selectmen when a tax deed decision must be made. I would like to stress that the threat of taking the real estate and issuing an eviction notice is not an idle threat.

In 2023, forty-three real estate liens for the levy of 2022 were executed. Three Taxpayers were scheduled for Tax Deeding for the levy of 2020. Three Waivers were issued by the Board of Selectmen to the Tax Collector until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Two of the Taxpayers were able to pay their arrears thanks to the NH Homeowners Assistance program.

Please note: Tax Deed waivers can be rescinded with a thirty-day notice and only the act of executing a tax deed to the Town of Acworth is waived. All back taxes and interest stay in effect.

Tax Payments can now be made on the Town of Acworth website – Tax Collector's button. Apologies for the confusion about the due date on the web site for the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue tax bill. This has now been resolved.

Payments are entered as received on the day of the postal cancellation. You do not have to wait for a Monday to see me personally. Payments can be dropped off at the Town Offices, but I prefer that you put your payments in the mail. If everything else fails, you can call me to make an appointment for when it is convenient for you.

Thank you, taxpayers for your prompt payments, your cooperation and your good cheer.

Marianne W Nevelson,  
Tax Collector



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## TAX COLLECTOR'S TRIAL BALANCE

Levy	Invoice Description	Ath Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2023	PROPERTY TAXES			3,095,338.00	-2,121,323.70		4,831.00	978,845.30
	INTEREST CHARGES			958.65	-958.65			
2022	PROPERTY TAXES		1,188,663.06		-1,092,420.60			96,242.46
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES				-91,570.74			-91,570.74
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-4,323.00		-4,323.00
	TAX ABATEMENTS					-348.72		-348.72
	INTEREST CHARGES		22.95	8,113.39	-8,136.34			
	OTHER CHARGES			19.50	-19.50			
2023	LAND USE CHANGE			9,500.00	-9,500.00			
	INTEREST CHARGES			5.42	-5.42			
2022	LAND USE CHANGE			120.00				120.00
2023	YIELD TAXES			30,351.31	-29,448.38		1,781.92	2,684.85
	TAX ABATEMENTS					-1,781.92		-1,781.92
2022	YIELD TAXES		376.73		-376.73			
	INTEREST CHARGES			1.64	-1.64			
2022	TAX LIENS			98,289.41	-27,784.81			70,504.60
	INTEREST CHARGES			4,620.92	-4,620.92			
2021	TAX LIENS		75,216.47		-21,499.48			53,716.99
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-4,127.27		-4,127.27
	INTEREST CHARGES			4,656.29	-4,656.29			
2020	TAX LIENS		61,955.57		-50,728.74			11,226.83
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-3,955.36		-3,955.36
	INTEREST CHARGES		66.56	12,291.08	-12,357.64			
	OTHER CHARGES		205.44		-185.44			20.00
	TAKEN BY DEED (COSTS)					-20.00		-20.00
2019	TAX LIENS		7,999.80		-4,086.83			3,912.97
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-3,912.97		-3,912.97
	INTEREST CHARGES			1,423.98	-1,423.98			
	OTHER CHARGES		17.50		-17.50			
2018	TAX LIENS		3,708.32		-3,708.32			
	INTEREST CHARGES		17.25	1,556.16	-1,573.41			
2022	COSTS NOT LIENED			1,420.00				1,420.00
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES				-1,420.00			-1,420.00
***** Grand Totals			1,338,249.65	3,268,665.75	-3,487,825.06	-18,469.24	6,612.92	1,107,234.02

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## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN



**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue  
Administration

**2023**  
**\$25.33**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Acworth

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,037,428	\$123,119,660	<b>\$8.42</b>
County	\$319,639	\$123,119,660	<b>\$2.60</b>
Local Education	\$1,533,148	\$123,119,660	<b>\$12.45</b>
State Education	\$221,350	\$119,325,960	<b>\$1.86</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,111,565</b>		<b>\$25.33</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$3,111,565
War Service Credits	(\$15,500)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,096,065

*Sam Greene*

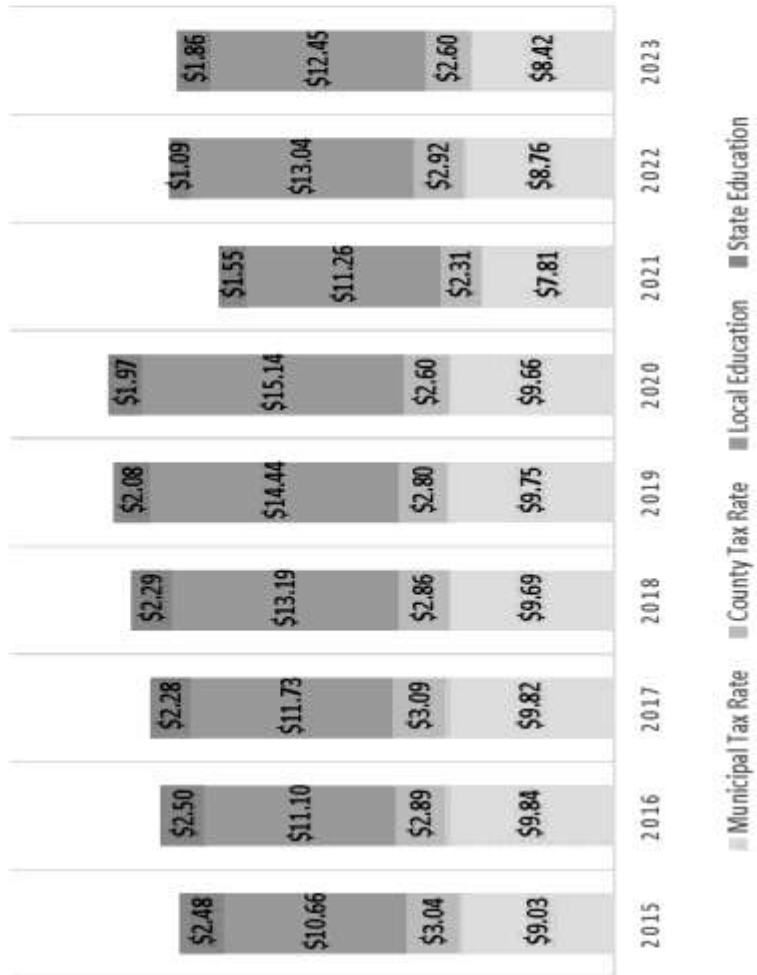
12/6/2023

Sam Greene  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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### HISTORICAL TAX RATE

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 9.03	\$ 9.84	\$ 9.82	\$ 9.69	\$ 9.75	\$ 9.66	\$ 7.81	\$ 8.76	\$ 8.42
County Tax Rate	\$ 3.04	\$ 2.89	\$ 3.09	\$ 2.86	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.31	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.60
Local Education	\$ 10.66	\$ 11.10	\$ 11.73	\$ 13.19	\$ 14.44	\$ 15.14	\$ 11.26	\$ 13.04	\$ 12.45
State Education	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.86
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$ 25.21</b>	<b>\$ 26.33</b>	<b>\$ 26.92</b>	<b>\$ 28.03</b>	<b>\$ 29.07</b>	<b>\$ 29.37</b>	<b>\$ 22.93</b>	<b>\$ 25.81</b>	<b>\$ 25.33</b>



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### TOWN CLERK

I want to thank the residents of Acworth for your continued support.

As a reminder, providing your old registration is required by state law, RSA 261:148, IV. We only accept cash and checks and smaller bills are appreciated.

Town Clerk hours are Wednesday 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 am - noon. **There is not always a car parked outside however, there is a light in the window which will be on when the offices are open.**

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2024. This is something that not every dog owner in Acworth is complying with. Per state law RSA 466:100 "every dog, 3 months of age and older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Young dogs shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached 3 months of age." The 2023 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed.

I would like to take this opportunity to list some of the services available at this office:

- Register and title vehicles
- Complete marriage license applications
- Process birth, marriage and death certificates
- File wetland permit applications, and pole licenses
- Issue dog licenses
- Accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot
- Administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official
- Notary Public services

There is more information as well as various printable forms on the Acworth website at [www.acworth.net](http://www.acworth.net)

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather and/or illness. If you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 603-835-6879. If you are connected to the answering machine it means we are not in the office. Updated information will also be posted on the town website.

Charlotte Comeau,  
Town Clerk

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### TOWN CLERK FINANCIAL REPORT

#### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

Vehicle Registration	219,283.83
Clerk Fees	3,118.00
Title Fees	567.00
Title Transfer Fees	330.00
Municipal Agen Fees	4,650.00
E-Log Fees	193.00
Returned Check Fees	<u>125.00</u>
	<b>228,266.83</b>

#### **DOGS**

Licenses Issued: <b>168</b>	
Town Fees	610.00
State Fees	316.00
Late Fees	<u>37.00</u>
	<b>963.00</b>

#### **MARRIAGES**

Licenses Issued: <b>5</b>	
Town Fees	35.00
State Fees	<u>215.00</u>
	<b>250.00</b>

#### **FILING FEES**

Vital Record Copies: <b>13</b>	
Town Fees	85.00
State Fees	<u>95.00</u>
UCC	<b>210.00</b>

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Miscellaneous	18.50
Mail in fee	2.00
NH Statewide Checklist	<u>400.00</u>
	420.50

<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	<b><u>\$230,290.33</u></b>
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## 2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT

### TREASURER

#### Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 2023</u>
<b>4130 Town officers' salaries</b>	
Selectmen - Jim Jennison	3,000.00
Selectmen - Ray Leonard	3,000.00
Selectmen - Kathi Bradt	3,000.00
Treasurer - Melinda Loiselle	2,499.90
Deputy treasurer	1,000.00
Tax collector - Marianne Nevelson	7,600.06
Deputy tax collector -	999.96
Town clerk - Charlotte Comeau	8,999.90
Deputy town clerk	1,799.98
Health officer -	1,000.00
Deputy health officer -	-
Local auditor - Lisa Devalk	500.00
	<u>33,399.80</u>
<b>4140 Elections and vital statistics</b>	
Stipends-election officials	1,631.92
Postage	-
Public notices	-
Training	-
Vital record fees	310.00
Miscellaneous	-
	<u>1,941.92</u>
<b>4150 Town office expenses</b>	
Wages-administrative assistant	57,542.94
IRA substitute	2,217.48
Wages-office help	-
Health insurance	13,440.24
Computer, software and support	1,581.34
Deed office recording fees	160.29
Dues to Associations	1,252.00
Miscellaneous	-
Office equipment	1,748.25
Office supplies	2,081.88
Outside consultants	-
Postage	477.42
Public notices	463.60
Services of forester	-
Telephone	1,982.78
Health officer expenses	-
Tax collector expenses	6,780.07
Town clerk expenses	2,361.11
Town reports and Town Meeting	701.52
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	342.05
Workshops and training	-
	<u>93,132.97</u>
<b>4152 Revaluation of property</b>	
Property assessing	7,595.00
Mapping	2,000.00
Revaluation maintenance	2,800.00
	<u>12,395.00</u>

## 2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT

### TREASURER (Continued)

#### Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 2023</u>
<b>4153 Legal expenses</b>	
Compliance	-
General Services	15,475.02
	<u>15,475.02</u>
<b>4155 Payroll tax expenses</b>	
Payroll contingencies	-
Payroll taxes - FEMA	-
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	171.35
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	1,176.35
Payroll taxes-election officials	124.84
Payroll taxes-forest fires	-
Payroll taxes-EMD	382.52
Payroll taxes- Flood 2023	3,375.18
Payroll taxes-health officer	76.50
Payroll taxes-highway	13,100.91
Payroll taxes-highway admin	443.70
Payroll taxes-planning board	290.28
Payroll taxes-road projects	-
Payroll taxes-town office	4,571.67
Payroll taxes-town officials	2,478.57
Payroll taxes expenses - other	-
	<u>26,191.87</u>
<b>4191 Planning and zoning</b>	
Wages - building compliance	2,000.00
Wages - planning board	1,794.00
Master plan expenses	-
Miscellaneous expenses	72.00
Public notices and postage	143.47
Recording and other expenses	-
Training	-
	<u>4,009.47</u>
<b>4194 Town hall expenses</b>	
Building compliance	470.11
Wages - cleaning and shoveling	2,239.81
Electricity	1,835.69
Fuel oil	4,836.45
Mowing	2,825.00
Repairs & maintenance	1,505.50
Supplies	258.84
	<u>13,971.40</u>
<b>4195 Cemeteries</b>	
Brush removal	-
Corner markers	-
Lawn Care	13,552.50
Miscellaneous expenses	90.00
Tree work	-
	<u>13,642.50</u>

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### TREASURER (Continued)

#### Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 2023</u>
<b>4196 Insurance</b>	
Property and general liability	22,266.00
State unemployment insurance	2,482.00
Workmens compensation	<u>8,786.00</u>
	33,534.00
<b>4197 Regional planning associations</b>	
UVLSRPC annual dues	1,310.21
<b>4210 Police</b>	
Contract services	190.82
Dispatch	<u>3,400.00</u>
	3,590.82
<b>4215 Ambulance</b>	10,020.00
<b>4220 Fire &amp; Rescue services</b>	50,500.00
<b>4290 Emergency management</b>	
Planning & Mitigation	562.50
Wages - EMD	5,000.00
Wages - July 2023 Flood	35,742.23
Wages - July 2023 Flood - Overtime	8,217.62
FEMA grant expense road repairs	
July 2023 Flood - Admin	815.58
July 2023 Flood - Allen Rd	3,428.31
July 2023 Flood - Bascom Hill Rd	2,217.00
July 2023 Flood - Black North Rd	2,969.00
July 2023 Flood - Charlestown Rd	5,910.39
July 2023 Flood - Cobb Hill Rd	742.50
July 2023 Flood - Cold Pond Rd	1,159.50
July 2023 Flood - Crane Brook Rd	81,274.90
July 2023 Flood - Currier Rd	1,380.00
July 2023 Flood - Derry Hill Rd	1,485.00
July 2023 Flood - Duncan Rd	9,704.50
July 2023 Flood - Forest Rd	3,102.50
July 2023 Flood - Gates Mtn Rd	240.00
July 2023 Flood - Heino Rd	605.00
July 2023 Flood - Hoagland Rd	899.00
July 2023 Flood - Holden Hill Rd	207.50
July 2023 Flood - Luther Hill Rd	10,395.14
July 2023 Flood - Lynn Hill Rd	7,052.89
July 2023 Flood - Milliken Brook Rd	1,650.00
July 2023 Flood - Nelson Rd	736.00
July 2023 Flood - Parson Rd	1,530.00
July 2023 Flood - Putnam Rd	130.00
July 2023 Flood - Quarrier Rd	192.50
July 2023 Flood - Sam Putnam Rd	990.00
July 2023 Flood - Trucking	14,841.00
July 2023 Flood - Underwood Dr	6,175.50
July 2023 Flood - Misc Expenses	<u>8,000.00</u>
	217,356.06



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### TREASURER (Continued)

#### Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 2023</u>
<b>4311 Highway administration</b>	
Wages - highway admin	13,870.00
<b>4312 Highway maintenance</b>	
Wages-highway	132,549.81
Overtime wages-highway	23,250.42
IRA substitute	7,544.03
Health insurance	24,009.22
Calcium chloride	4,774.11
Crack sealing	-
Culverts	13,894.00
Equipment Rental	150.00
Materials	5,218.52
Miscellaneous	120.89
Pot hole repair	-
Road grading	-
Road signs	5,610.00
Roadside mowing	-
Salt	42,938.26
Small maintenance projects	5,847.30
Tree work	1,750.00
Trucking	7,433.50
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<b>4313 Bridge repairs</b>	-
<b>4316 Street lighting</b>	3,658.04
<b>4319 Highway - general expenses</b>	
Building compliance	208.94
Building maintenance	62.43
Diesel fuel	36,697.26
Drug testing	1,048.00
Electricity	4,516.04
Emergency tow	1,473.75
Gas	1,667.04
Heating fuel	6,286.32
Miscellaneous	877.99
New equipment	3,865.15
Radio communication	474.05
Repairs, parts	62,506.04
Safety	1,017.14
Supplies - office	1,052.51
Supplies - shop	2,740.18
Telephone/Internet	2,168.61
Training	645.00
Uniforms/clothing	1,265.00
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## 2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT

### TREASURER (Continued)

#### Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 2023</u>
<b>4324 Solid waste</b>	
Wages-dump attendant	15,377.11
Capital improvements	-
Clothing	122.31
Comingle bin w/o glass disposal	3,735.48
Compactor truck/rent/disposal	28,105.00
Compliance	33.00
Demolition disposal fees	13,124.56
Electricity	1,736.93
Electronics recycling	622.81
Equipment	-
Fluorescent disposal	322.87
Freon extraction	416.00
Glass/ceramic disposal	967.04
Hazardous waste disposal	1,070.76
Metal disposal fees	1,250.00
Miscellaneous	35.43
Mixed paper disposal	6,062.36
Propane	-
Repair, maintenance, and permitting	132.00
Safety	60.96
Telephone	567.90
Tire disposal	1,011.25
Training	225.00
Waste Oil Disposal	3,780.00
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	78,758.77
<b>4325 Landfill closure</b>	
Monitoring and maintenance	6,001.11
<b>4414 Animal control</b>	
Dog tags	99.21
State fees	928.50
Vet and boarding	-
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	1,027.71
<b>4415 Health and other agencies</b>	
Alstead Food Shelf	1,000.00
American Red Cross	413.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	1,000.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	1,000.00
Monadnock Family Services	1,066.00
S W Community Services	753.00
West Central Behavioral Health	850.00
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	6,082.00
<b>4445 Welfare</b>	493.78

## 2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT

### TREASURER (Continued)

#### Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 2023</u>
<b>4520 Recreation</b>	
Electricity	211.26
Mowing	1,805.00
Recreation - other	-
	<u>2,016.26</u>
<b>4550 Library</b>	
Wages-library	23,736.90
Payroll taxes-library	1,815.87
Lawn maintenance	1,675.00
Miscellaneous	97.24
Library appropriation paid	15,374.99
	<u>42,700.00</u>
<b>4583 Memorial Day expenses</b>	300.00
<b>4589 Other culture and recreation</b>	
Maintain items of value	224.57
<b>Other</b>	-
	<u>224.57</u>
<b>4611 Conservation commission</b>	
CC association dues	310.00
Crescent Lake testing	225.00
Miscellaneous expenses	950.00
	<u>1,485.00</u>
<b>4619 Conservation preservation</b>	
Crescent Lake Host Program	3,000.00
<b>4721 Long Term Note Interest (2021 Loan for Flood Repairs)</b>	41,110.37
<b>4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note</b>	-
<b>4902 Machinery, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	
Equipment - Loader replacement	18,048.66
Equipment - Backhoe replacement	-
Equipment lease - International replace	-
Equipment lease - roller	6,643.00
	<u>24,691.66</u>
<b>4909 Improvements other than buildings</b>	
Gravel crushing	49,998.00
Culvert replacement	-
Road/Town Projects and paving	-
Town pit development	-
Town properties	-
	<u>49,998.00</u>

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### TREASURER (Continued)

#### Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 2023</u>
<b>4912 To special revenue funds</b>	
Cemetery lot sales reimbursement	-
<b>4915 To capital reserve funds</b>	
Capital reserve - bridges	10,000.00
Capital reserve - buildings & grounds	-
Capital reserve - Fire truck 2020	10,000.00
Capital reserve - highway equipment	20,000.00
Capital reserve - revaluation	8,000.00
Capital reserve - transfer station	-
	<u>48,000.00</u>
<b>4916 To expendable cemetery trust fund</b>	
Transfers to trustees of trust funds	-
<b>4919 Conservation commission fund</b>	-
<b>Warrant Articles Voted</b>	
Small truck replacement	-
International replacement	-
<b>Total Appropriation disbursements for 2023</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,257,549.82</u></b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	
4931 Sullivan County	319,639.00
4933 FM Regional School District	1,754,498.00
4199 Abatements/tax refunds/prepaid items	-
4199 Abatements/tax refunds/prepaid items	6,612.92
Cemetery Unanticipated Expense	1,574.00
2021 Flood Loan Repayment	743,126.98
FY23 One Time Highway Block Grant	73,568.51
CC - Conservation Commission expenses	-
FMF - Forest maintenance plan expense	-
<b>Fairpoint Settlement</b>	-
<b>Flood Loan Expenses - FEMA</b>	
Admin, Audit, Town Wide	55,805.05
<b>Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2023</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,954,824.46</u></b>
<b>Conservation commission savings account</b>	
Beginning balance 1/1/23	17,447.09
Land Use Change Tax	4,750.00
Forest Management Plan deposit	(950.00)
Interest income	17.66
Ending balance 12/31/23	<u>\$ 21,264.75</u>
<b>Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account</b>	
Beginning balance 1/1/23	3,905.41
Timber sale proceeds	-
Forester expense	-
Interest income	3.92
Transfer to general fund	-
Ending balance 12/31/23	<u>\$ 3,909.33</u>

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## TREASURER (Continued) Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2023

	Jan - Dec 2023
<b>3100 Received from tax collector</b>	\$ 2,923,722.89
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	2,923,722.89
<b>3200 Received from town clerk</b>	231,664.33
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	231,664.33
<b>3319 From Federal sources</b>	
3319.1 FEMA funds for 2021 Flood road repairs	680,719.02
<b>3350 From State sources</b>	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	80,595.50
3353 Highway block grant	173,833.81
3356 Forest land reimbursement	143.54
3359.2 Other State grants	-
3359.4 COVID ARPA Funds	-
	254,572.85
<b>3400 Revenue from services</b>	
3404 Transfer station fees	16,018.50
<b>3500 Miscellaneous sources</b>	
3501.1 Sale of Municipal properties	19,688.35
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	400.00
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	5,319.05
3503.1 Rent of town property	1,065.00
3509.1 Income from departments	-
3509.21 Recycling proceeds - fibers (mixed loose)	-
3509.22 Recycling proceeds - metal	3,254.93
3509.4 Reimbursement from FMRSD	-
3509.3 Reimbursed from Cemetery Assoc.	1,000.00
3509.7 Reimbursed overpayments	-
3230.2 Building permit fees	2,955.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	300.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	345.00
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	191.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	24.00
3292.7 Equipment purchase reimbursement	-
	34,542.33
<b>3915 From special revenue funds</b>	
3915.2 Transfer from capital reserves for equipment	-
3915.4 Transfer from capital reserves for reval/maps	-
3915.7 Transfer from capital reserves for bridges	-
	-
<b>3916 Trust and agency funds</b>	
3916.1 Cemetery grants and trust funds	-
<b>3917 Transfers from Conservation funds</b>	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	-
<b>3934 Proceeds from L/T Bonds (Loan for Flood Repairs)</b>	97,958.35
<b>Amount voted from fund balance (Surplus)</b>	-
<b>Unanticipated Income</b>	
2021 Flood repair fund balance	-
2021 Land & Equipment sales	-
	-
<b>Unanticipated Income</b>	
FY23 One Time Bridge Payment	64,947.88
FY24 One Time Bridge Payment	17,797.86
FY24 One Time Highway Block Grant	23,797.80
<b>Total cash receipts for 2023</b>	<b>\$ 4,345,741.81</b>

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### TREASURER (Continued) Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	(427,817.36)	(252,941.77)
Money market	769,349.92	510,611.54
Savings - Conservation Commission	21,264.75	17,447.09
Savings - Forest Maintenance Fund	3,909.33	3,905.41
Admin & Highway Dept Debit Card Account	3,137.95	676.15
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
	371,494.59	281,348.42
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	985,095.34	1,195,225.78
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	902.93	376.73
Tax liens receivable - 2018	-	3,725.57
Tax liens receivable - 2019	-	8,017.30
Tax liens receivable - 2020	7,271.47	62,227.57
Tax liens receivable - 2021	49,589.72	75,216.47
Tax liens receivable - 2022	70,504.60	-
Allowance for abatements-property tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,113,364.06	1,344,789.42
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,484,858.65</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,626,137.84</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	806.52	5,353.54
Deferred revenue - Prepaid property taxes	6,250.04	6,562.72
Employee advances	-	(2,500.00)
School district payable	741,094.70	1,013,403.30
TAN	-	-
Performance bond refundable	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	749,651.26	1,024,319.56
Long Term Liabilities		
Flood Loan	1,356,160.91	2,001,329.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>2,105,812.17</u></u>	<u><u>3,025,649.10</u></u>
Fund equity		
Opening balance Equity	(1,356,160.91)	(2,001,329.54)
Fund equity - assigned	94,878.39	71,903.36
Fund equity - unassigned	202,340.81	175,664.85
Fund equity - encumbered - R&D Paving	274,987.50	-
Fund equity - encumbered - UVLSRPS Culvert Inventory	4,437.50	-
Fund equity - Conservation Comm.	21,264.75	17,447.09
Fund equity - Forest Maintenance	3,909.33	3,905.41
Potential Net Income	<u>133,389.11</u>	<u>332,897.57</u>
	(620,953.52)	(1,399,511.26)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 1,484,858.65</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,626,137.84</u></u>

## **2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT**

### **SELECT BOARD**

Select board agendas for 2023 began and ended the year with Flood Response at the top of the page.

By the 2023 Town Meeting repairs for the July 2021 flood disaster which had accumulated to over three million dollars, remained incomplete and without any FEMA reimbursement. The lack of reimbursement prevented faster repairs and caused interest on the Town's two-million-dollar repair loan to accrue. The Town engaged our elected representatives, sought media coverage and generally employed every means available to speed the FEMA process. Finally, by summer 2023 reimbursement began to trickle in and each installment was applied to the reduction of the loan. By the 2024 Town Meeting we are in hopes that the loan will be repaid. That will be in time for us to turn our attention to repairs from the second flood disaster which took place in July 2023.

Many of the repairs to the 2023 flood were completed by our own Highway Department. As a result of that flood, Selectmen increased the department to a four-man crew including Road Agent Collin Crosby. The projects the crew were not able to complete were reconstruction of Crane Brook and Thayer Brook Roads and replacement of the Forest Road Bridge. The NH State Bridge Program offers towns an 80% reimbursement on bridge projects and it was the Board's decision to join the program for the Forest Road Bridge replacement. Crane Brook and Thayer Brook Roads will involve FEMA. Crane Brook in particular will require engineering and FEMA's program for hazard mitigation so that we can prevent the current level of damage in the future.

Last year we wrote that in 2022 compliance with the Zoning Ordinance was becoming an ongoing issue and that did not change for 2023. Most instances involve property owners who are new and have not looked into Town regulations such as obtaining driveway and building permits, and the Ordinance requirement that permanent dwellings have State approved septic systems. In 2023 the Board had to bring Town Counsel in to issue a cease-and-desist order on a compliance violation. There has also been increased pressure on the Town from mortgage companies to produce occupancy permits. From Town Counsel and the Municipal Association, we have learned that the Town would be on firmer ground in enforcing the Zoning Ordinance and meeting the occupancy permit need if we were to formally adopt the State building code and engage a building inspector. There will be more about this on the Town Meeting warrant.

On the positive side, there is consensus to make what we do better. Charlotte has helped the Board meet the ever-expanding legal requirements imposed on town governments. Collin has a strong and capable crew at Highway and John Comeau has come on to help manage the ever-increasing use of the Transfer Station. Jennifer Bland is engaged in emergency management training that will add to her already tested skills in this changing world. There is a core group of residents who frequent Selectmen's meetings and that is a good thing.

The Selectmen meet the first, third and fifth Mondays monthly and all are welcome.

Jim Jennison, Ray Leonard, Kathi Bradt

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### **HIGHWAY**

The Highway Department began the new year with back-to-back snow and ice storms which kept the crew out on the roads creating safe travels for all. At that time, Highway was running a two-man crew until the board interviewed and hired Acworth resident Brian Clough as a new Highway Dept. employee. In April the Board of Selectman appointed Collin Crosby as our Highway Dept. Road Agent.

After the snow melted and spring arrived, the Highway Dept. completed regular annual maintenance which included, ditching, grading roads, brush removal, checking and cleaning culverts while continuing with regular maintenance on all our town trucks and equipment. The Highway Dept. attended the Certified Culvert Maintainer course, where all three members passed and now hold the Certification for being Certified Culvert Maintainers for the town.

As spring rolled into summer, we found that the months of June and July were the rainiest we have seen in a long time. The crew was out checking roads and culverts and making repairs to any surface damage the rain created to our roads and shoulders. July 10, 2023, the town once again endured a rain storm which caused catastrophic damage to our roads. Several of the roads that were impacted by the July 2021 flood were impacted in this storm. Crane Brook Rd, Sam Putnam Rd, and Forest Rd Bridge were the hardest hit and still remain closed. Our Highway Dept. mobilized, working nonstop assuring that every resident had a way out and emergency vehicles had a way in. The crew kept most all the road repairs in house only having to contract out for additional trucking to haul in material so that they could continue to complete these repairs. Select Board member Ray Leonard came to operate equipment and help with the road repairs. DMS Quarry located in Acworth generously donated the shot rock which was used to make repairs to our roads and line our ditches. The donation from DMS Quarry was an important part of completing flood repairs which helped with our regular maintenance of our roads. Due to the extent of the damages sustained from the flood and the amount of work that needs to be completed, along with regular maintenance it was determined that the Highway Dept. needed a fourth employee, Logan Yeatman was hired for that position.

The Highway Dept. has a significant amount of work that needs to be done on an annual basis. The Highway Dept. has observed what insufficient maintenance does, which not only increases town wide vulnerability, but it also can decrease our eligibility for reimbursement in future weather-related events. The Highway Dept. is working to implement a regular maintenance schedule and has a crew that can complete these repairs, while keeping costs down.

The 2012 Ford 550 will not pass inspection in September 2024. The truck presents with a cracked frame and cab mounts, as well as transmission issues. The truck needs to be replaced with a truck that will allow highway to continue to keep the work in house cutting the costs of contracting the work out. It is essential to have the proper equipment to be able to maintain our roads on a regular schedule preventing further deterioration of our many miles of roads and even more important to keeping the majority of this work in house, using saved money from vehicle repairs for the imperative flood repairs.

The Acworth Highway Dept. would like to thank everyone who supported the department this past year.

Road issues can be reported by phoning Highway Garage, 835-6866. Highway matters are discussed at every regular scheduled Selectmen's meeting, the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month. Suggestions are always appreciated.



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### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As we started with 2023, work continued on the July 2021 flood with FEMA and HSEM. There were several representative changes with FEMA and HSEM, which caused numerous delays and frustration. In addition, the town still had not received any reimbursement from FEMA. Emergency Management and the Highway Department continued meeting with FEMA representatives twice a week to continue to reassess roads damaged in 2021; we have walked Crane Brook too many times to count. Finally, near the end of August, the town started to obtain reimbursement for the damages that were sustained in 2021.

Currently FEMA has reimbursed the town \$1,943,190.33 which has been paid toward the loan. The town has requested a 50% portion of reimbursement from the state in the amount of \$102,798.79. Four remaining projects from the 2021 flood are being reviewed by Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP).

Emergency Management has submitted a request to update our 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan through a federal grant. Hazard Mitigation is a community driven plan to help reduce or eliminate long term risks caused by hazards or disasters. Hazard Mitigation is beneficial to the town as it creates awareness of hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities that would impact our community. This grant has been awarded to Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission who is now in the initial stages.

The Acworth Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) was recently revised to better prepare Highway Dept., Law Enforcement, Fire Department and other Emergency Personnel, to respond to all critical incidents which may occur. The revised plan helps assist how a response is coordinated with Federal, State and Local assets.

Just as progress was being made with road repairs, Acworth was once again struck with similar circumstances on July 10, 2023. Many of the damages sustained in the 2021 flood were experienced again with the 2023 flood. The Town Hall was opened as the Emergency Operations Center to the public, emergency operations were established with the Highway Dept., Acworth Fire and other emergency personnel. New Hampshire Emergency Operations Center and New Hampshire Department of Transportation were notified of current road conditions. During this time, Fire Dept. personally evacuated residents from flooded areas. Emergency Management, Highway Dept., Fire personnel, and volunteers worked to close roads, place signs, barriers, and direct traffic.

The next morning, Emergency Management and Highway Department went out to assess roads and culvert damage, prioritizing the roads of residents with medical needs, elderly, and residents whose road access was washed away completely. Emergency Management and Highway Dept. met regularly with the Select Board informing them of road status, progress of road repairs, and worked to implement a plan for the roads that were impacted more severely and remained closed. These roads include Crane Brook Rd, Thayer Brook Rd, Sam Putnam Rd, Forest Rd and Forest Rd Bridge.

As meetings with FEMA and HSEM continued we began working on the 2023 flood while wrapping up work on the 2021 flood. Emergency Management and the Highway Dept. were preemptive from our experience on the 2021 flood, we identified and documented damage, cataloguing all the new damage by road. Site inspections were scheduled and completed by the end of November. Emergency Management and the Highway Dept. continue to meet with FEMA multiple days a week working to streamline the process for the July 10, 2023 flood.

A special thanks to all those who assisted and volunteered their time during the 2023 flood including the Highway Dept. Collin Crosby, Eddie Baker, Brian Clough and Henry Levesque, Bascom's Maple Farm, Greg Bascom, Logan Bascom, Ezra DeGraff, Blake Gowen, JP Trucking, Brenda Melius, Rob DeValk, Norm Bernaiche, Henry Santolucito, Mark Goodwin, Selectman Ray Leonard, Ray LeClaire, Todd Porter, Acworth Fire Dept., Dave Bland, Taylor Bland, and Logan Yeatman. We are a long way from full recovery, but everyone's valuable assistance has gotten us closer to repairing our roads quicker. Acworth might be small but when we all come together, we sure are mighty! You all are truly what makes Acworth such an amazing place to live.

Jennifer Bland  
Emergency Management Director

## 2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT

### TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING

	TYPE	SHIPMENTS	TONS/UNITS	COST	INCOME
<b>Waste Disposal</b>	C&D	19	81.47	13,379.06	
	MSW	29	191.86	26,966.01	
	Bulbs	2	N/A	322.87	
	Comingle	8	12.12	3,191.60	
	Electronics	1	N/A	622.81	
	Freon	1	/52	416.00	
<b>Waste Recycled</b>	Glass	2	N/A	1,568.00	
	Metal	7		1,750.00	3,254.93
	Paper	16	30.3	5,440.70	
	Tires	1	/283	1,011.25	
	Waste Oil	1		<u>3,780.00</u>	
<b>Total Cost</b>				<b>58,448.30</b>	
<b>Transfer Station Fees</b>					<u>16,018.50</u>
<b>Total Income from fees and recycling proceeds</b>					<b>19,273.43</b>
<b>Total Cost after fees and proceeds</b>				<b>39,174.87</b>	

Measurable tonnage shipped for disposal:

Construction, Demolition Debris, Bulky Waste	81.47 tons
Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	191.86 tons

Measurable recyclables shipped for processing: 42.42 tons

**Total Waste and Recyclables** **315.75 tons**

C&D has decreased by 5.39 tons from last year

MSW has decreased by 7.39 tons from last year

Recyclables have increased by 19.42 tons from last year

Acworth paid \$1,071 for residents to participate in the Keene household hazardous waste collections. This consists of 24 collections per year with 12 in the Spring and 12 in the Summer/Fall. The dates are posted at the PO, the transfer station and on the website when available. The collections are held at the Keene Solid Waste Facility off Route 12 North from 8am-1pm.

A sticker is required to use the transfer station. This can be obtained through the town office.

If you have any questions about where to place disposables, please ask the attendant.

Board of Selectmen office

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# Northeast Resource Recovery Association

*"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"*

## ACWORTH, NH, TOWN OF

### CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SUCH ACTIVE RECYCLERS!

Recycling isn't just good for your wallet, it's great for the environment, saving energy and resources.

*The Northeast Resource Recovery Association – your recycling nonprofit – helped market the recyclable materials listed below to be processed into raw materials, ready to be remanufactured into new products!*

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	2023 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is just one benefit of recycling materials, rather than manufacturing new products from virgin resources.
ELECTRONICS	3,074 LBS	 You saved enough energy to power <b>86</b> homes for 1 day!
GLASS	44,500 LBS	 You saved about <b>266</b> trash bags from ending up in a landfill!
PAPER &/OR CARDBOARD	60,600 LBS	 You saved <b>515</b> trees!
TIRES	7,130 LBS	 You saved <b>170</b> gallons of oil!

### 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 **242,977** lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions. This is equivalent to removing **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).

2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234 | 603.736.4401 | [info@nrrarecycles.org](mailto:info@nrrarecycles.org) | [www.nrrarecycles.org](http://www.nrrarecycles.org) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NRRAreCycles) /NRRAreCycles

## 2023 TOWN OF ACWORTH ANNUAL REPORT

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of Trust Funds met five times in 2023; January, April, May, August and November.

#### **January Meeting:**

Tim Perry, bookkeeper announced that he would not be running for another term. His term will end as of Town Meeting, March 2023.

Bookkeeper's (Tim Perry) report: Capital Reserve deposits made in December 2022 based on voting at Town Meeting, March 2022 in the amount of \$58,000.00. Also, \$37,800.00 was deposited in January 2023 from the Fall Mountain School District.

#### **April Meeting:**

Town Meeting elections and warrant articles were reviewed. Ann Kosa was elected as a Trustee. No election of officers as Dennis Eaton announced he would be resigning soon as he would be relocating.

Ann Kosa to contact Bar Harbor to review changes in trustees.

Marianne W Nevelson resigned as recording secretary.

#### **May Meeting:**

Ann Kosa was nominated and accepted the position of bookkeeper/accountant. Sandra Binion was nominated and accepted the position of Chair.

Bar Harbor investment representatives were guests and reviewed the Town's investment policy and year end statements. We agreed this would be a yearly event.

Dennis Eaton tendered his resignation as a Trustee. Trustees Sandra Binion and Ann Kosa agreed to submit Laurie Luther-Houghton to the Selectboard to assume Dennis Eaton's term.

#### **August Meeting:**

Laurie Luther-Houghton was officially welcomed as a Trustee. She was nominated and accepted the position of recording secretary.

Discussed the need to review documents and organize/purge from file cabinets. Work Session scheduled for August 21, 2023.

#### **November Meeting:**

Bookkeeper's report - Ann Kosa reviewed that the 2022 Audit was completed with no issues.

The ending balances (principal and income) on December 31, 2023, are Capital Reserve Funds \$338,893.76, Perpetual Care Funds \$151,281.82, Library Funds \$99,605.74 and Mitchell and Jeffrey Funds \$75,417.06.

For the Trustees of Trust Funds

Ann Kosa

Bookkeeper



Town of Acworth MS-9  
Year Ending December 31, 2023

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### CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

#### PRINCIPAL - ACCOUNTS 8000006913 and 8000006912 ANNUAL TOTALS

#### INCOME - ACCOUNTS 8000006913 and 8000006912 ANNUAL TOTALS

Date	TRUST NAME	Type	Purpose	How Invested	% OF TOTAL	BALANCE 12/01/23	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE 12/31/23	BALANCE 12/01/23	Gross Income	Mgmt Fees	Transf/Income/Exp	BALANCE 12/31/23	Total Cost	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value
01/02/1900	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	11.133%	25,229.80	20,000.00	(1.34)	-	45,228.46	2,245.69	748.40	(134.57)	-	2,859.52	48,087.98	(742.78)	47,345.20
01/03/1900	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	6.512%	13,186.38	-	(0.78)	-	13,185.60	2,883.16	437.72	(78.70)	-	3,242.18	16,427.78	(253.75)	16,174.03
01/04/1900	C P Road Paving	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.459%	7.49	-	(0.08)	-	7.41	1,126.32	30.88	(5.53)	-	1,151.67	1,159.08	(17.90)	1,141.18
01/05/1900	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	21.598%	51,966.87	-	(2.64)	-	51,964.23	1,333.28	1,451.85	(261.08)	-	2,524.05	54,488.28	(841.64)	53,646.64
01/06/1900	2010 Real CRE	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	10.036%	23,815.16	8,000.00	(1.23)	-	31,813.93	951.60	674.62	(121.33)	-	1,504.89	33,318.82	(514.65)	32,804.17
01/07/1900	Bridge Repair or Replacement	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	25.944%	60,901.22	10,000.00	(3.14)	-	70,898.08	3,125.69	1,744.01	(313.64)	-	4,556.06	75,454.14	(1,165.48)	74,288.66
03/10/2020	Acworth Fire & Rescue Fire Truck Purchase	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Police/Fire	Common Investment	12.146%	29,818.71	10,000.00	(1.45)	-	39,817.26	155.18	816.48	(146.82)	-	824.84	40,642.10	(627.76)	40,014.34
03/10/2020	Building and Grounds CRF	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	4.049%	9,912.77	-	(0.47)	-	9,912.30	79.65	272.18	(48.96)	-	302.87	10,215.17	(157.79)	10,057.38
12/15/2021	Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	8.123%	19,981.84	-	(0.99)	-	19,980.85	63.79	546.02	(98.20)	-	511.61	20,492.46	(316.53)	20,175.93
12/21/2022	Fall Mt Capital Reserve Fund	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.000%	-	37,800.00	(1.52)	-	37,798.48	-	979.31	(169.84)	-	809.47	38,607.95	(596.33)	38,011.62
Capital Reserve Fund Totals					100.00%	234,820.24	85,800.00	(13.64)	-	320,606.60	11,964.36	7,701.47	(1,378.67)	-	18,287.16	338,893.76	(5,234.61)	333,659.15

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### **ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY - LIBRARIANS**

Last summer, we hosted two programs for our Summer Reading participants. The UNH Marine Docents presented Beaches and Dunes and the Children's Museum of NH presented Amazing Animal Builders. Both programs got the children involved in hands-on activities and were well attended.

We are happy to have the Acworth School students visit us weekly.

During 2023, we had 3,198 patron visits; 2,476 adult books were borrowed; 1,545 children's books were borrowed; 320 DVDs were borrowed and our patrons borrowed 412 books from other libraries through the State Library's Inter-Library Loan service. We had 367 patron visits to use our computers or wireless internet. We welcomed 30 new patrons.

During 2023, we added 473 titles to our collection, adding new books -fiction, non-fiction and children's - every month.

Please visit or email/phone us with questions or requests.

We thank our patrons, visitors, trustees and all who assisted us during the past year.

Susan Metsack, Kathi Bradt and Opal Wright, Librarians

Phone 835-2150; Email: [acworthlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:acworthlibrary@gmail.com)

Hours: Tues/Thurs 11:30am to 5:30pm, Sat/Sun 11:30am to 4:30pm.

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### **ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

It has been a busy year for the library. We were pleased to host the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Dessert Event at the Acworth Meetinghouse/Church on the Hill on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The event was well-attended, with attendees enjoying a winter afternoon sampling a plethora of home-made goodies, a raffle, children's activities, and fellowship. A book sale was held at the Town Hall on July 8<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Acworth Community Charitable Trust's Garden tour. In addition, on that date, the library sponsored a bake sale—by donation—next door at the Meetinghouse. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, the library was converted into a movie set, as it was one of the local venues featured in Ceara Comeau's film, "The Haunting of Haven Lane". We were also invited to help provide refreshments for the Acworth premiere of the film on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you to all the volunteers, contributors, and attendees who made this year's events both enjoyable and successful.

The trustees continue with maintenance and beautification of the library building and grounds. Thanks to a grant from the Acworth Community Charitable Trust, pointing of the exterior bricks has been completed. Exterior painting is finished, including a newly painted front door—the color being called "Black Cherry". Overgrown brush and trees have been culled from the plantings around the building.

Thank you to all who generously responded to our annual appeal letter. There is still some tree-work that needs to be done in addition to other maintenance projects that will be addressed this coming year. As always, we are grateful for your support and patronage of our very special library.

We look forward to 2024 with optimism and thank our wonderful library staff for making the Acworth Silsby Library a place for community and of life-long learning.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Acworth Silsby Library Trustees  
Guy Russell, Melinda Loiselle, Doug Robinson, Andrea Alderman, Mary Hildreth

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### ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY - TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>		<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	
CHECKING		\$41.06	\$64.71	
SAVINGS (Gen & Income Accts)		\$2,721.71	\$3,848.13	
SAVINGS (Building Maint Acct)		\$0.00	\$2,981.31	
CD		<u>\$12,219.28</u>	<u>\$12,210.31</u>	
		\$14,982.05	\$19,104.46	
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Variance to</u>
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>INCOME</u>				
TOWN APPROPRIATION		\$42,700	\$42,700	\$0
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)				
OTHER INCOME				
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST		\$35	\$17	(\$18)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$750	\$400	(\$350)
RESTRICTED INCOME :	TRUST FUNDS & GIFTS, GRANTS	\$7,500	\$10,033	\$2,533
DESIGNATED INCOME :	BK SLS, FINES, EQUIP FEES	\$985	\$765	(\$220)
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (Jeffrey Fund Int. for books)		\$0	See note below	
		<u>\$51,970</u>	<u>\$53,915</u>	<u>\$1,945</u>
<u>EXPENSES (Library &amp; Town Funds)</u>				
SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	( includes snow removal )	\$27,000	\$25,553	(\$1,447)
BOOKS (ADULT) & PERIODICALS		\$6,000	\$4,533	(\$1,467)
BOOKS (CHILDREN)		\$1,000	\$1,197	\$197
OTHER MATERIALS - DVDs		\$300	\$215	(\$85)
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL		\$5,000	\$2,991	(\$2,009) (a)
ELECTRICITY		\$2,400	\$1,322	(\$1,078) (b)
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & INTERNET)		\$2,000	\$2,110	\$110
SUPPLIES & EXPENSES		\$500	\$467	(\$33)
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG		\$150	\$229	\$79
GROUNDKEEPING (MOWING)		\$1,200	\$2,245	\$1,045 (c)
DUES / FEES / TUITION		\$45	\$60	\$15
PROGRAMS / EVENTS		\$1,200	\$752	(\$448)
COMPUTER / COPIER (HARDWARE & SOFTWARE)		\$1,325	\$1,348	\$23
MISC. EXPENSE		\$350	\$390	\$40
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		\$3,500	\$6,381	\$2,881 (d)
		<u>\$51,970</u>	<u>\$49,792</u>	<u>(\$2,178)</u>
<u>2024 RESTRICTED / DESIGNATED / RESERVED LIBRARY FUNDS</u>				
Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund Accumulated Interest		\$9,888	(restricted gift)	( in CD & Savings )
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund Accumulated Interest		\$3,822	(restricted gift)	( in CD & Savings )
Designated account for building repairs		\$2,981	(designated income)	
Designated income account from income-producing equipment		\$240	(designated income)	

(a) Heating fuel - significant savings by installing a storm door and new 7-day programmable thermostat

(b) Electricity - 2022 rate increase didn't impact 2023 expense as much as anticipated

(c) Groundskeeping - Lawn mowing, shrubs maintenance, & gravel cleanup after July 2023 flooding

(d) Building maintenance paid for with grants and designated gifts



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### **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board began work on the next Master Plan update early in 2023. Members attended State planning workshops and community volunteers were sought for help drafting a questionnaire for property owner input. The questionnaire was completed by fall and distributed in the fall tax bills. By year end members were beginning to collate questionnaire responses. During 2024, those responses will be used to draft changes or make additions to the Town's existing Master Plan which was adopted in 1979 and was last updated in 2019. Anyone attending regularly scheduled meetings can participate in Master Plan discussions.

Work on the Board's annual update of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) also started early. The CIP is a summary of capital projects such as road construction and equipment replacement projected out as much as six years. Capital expenses are those with a multi-year life expectancy, as opposed to maintenance expenses which are often repeated annually. The Board tracked major equipment repairs and usage in order to predict each machine's replacement. Members of the Highway Department met with the Board in July to describe the condition of existing equipment and make recommendations for improvements. Glenn Elsesser began meeting with the Board in August on a table of roads which will need project level improvements over the next several years. The CIP final draft was submitted to the Selectmen in November for use in developing the 2024 budget and is posted for viewing on the Town website.

During the year the Board held public hearings on a minor subdivision, a lot line adjustment, and for tree work on Scenic Roads. There were several driveway permits, two lot mergers, and a review of a building permit for a Class 6 road property as is required by State law.

The Board hosted the 2023 Joint Boards Meeting in April. In addition to discussion about the Master Plan, the Conservation Commission described its work on a Town Conservation Plan which will include information and goals around water quality and wildlife corridors. Separately, the Board heard presentations on predictions for our area around climate migration and changing weather. It was noted that those topics may impact local zoning, land use and public works and there was general consensus in favor of follow up.

The Planning Board meets on the fourth Monday monthly. This year one full member will not be renewing and there will be an opportunity for someone wishing to file for full member status on the March ballot. All meetings are open and the public is welcome.

Acworth Planning Board

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### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2023 was a great year for our Acworth Conservation Commission (ACC). We have 7 members and 1 alternate with one more person that has expressed interest. The best news is several of our members have conservation, ecology, or geology backgrounds and/or experience. We have been developing a Conservation Plan that will define our natural resources, our high value areas, and our goals. This plan will create continuity from one ACC to the next. Our plan is approaching a point that we will start soliciting feedback. Some of the topics covered include the natural resource inventory, an index of natural resources, habitats, forest management, wetlands, conserved lands and monitoring, watersheds, water bodies, rare & endangered species, and invasive species. The biggest climate change concern that is projected for our area is increase in annual rainfall, an increase in flooding events and the effects of increasing carbon emissions. These topics will also be addressed in our Conservation Plan. We will be sharing what we've created and solicit feedback in 2024.

We reviewed 15 intents to cut, reviewed and addressed 16 conservation complaints or inquiries and 4 DES statutory permit by notifications (SPBN) or other notices. Included in that work was 4 conservation impact assessments.

Our commission members with assistance from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) and Conservation Land Stewardship team (formerly known as LCIP) conducted 7 monitoring assessments covering over 2400 acres of conservation lands and town forests. Our conservation lands and town forests did not demonstrate significant damage or misuse and our town forests have harvesting opportunities that we will begin in 2024.

We completed a review of the surveyors' preliminary findings on 2 properties on Crescent Lake that the commission would like the town to consider conserving. Additional survey work is required and in-progress, and a list of boundary follow-ups was identified. This would permanently protect 19 acres for wildlife access and waterfowl nesting areas on Crescent Lake.

The commission identified a land-locked town owned property that has significant conservation value that we have recommended for inclusion into Honey Brook State Forest. The Select Board and our attorneys agreed, and we had state, and our attorneys draft up a transfer of property easement. The actual transfer will occur in 2024 and permanently protect 25 acres in Acworth.

Our new town forester, Full Circle Forestry was contracted to begin creating a forestry plan for our South Acworth Forest (81 acres) and in 2024 complete the plan which will include a harvesting schedule. Our goal is to start harvesting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2024.

Water quality in our primary waterbodies and watersheds remains impaired for aquatic life and fish consumption. Some areas are also impaired for swimming. High levels of acidity, mercury and bacteria account for several of the impairments. We partnered with a new Crescent Lake Water Quality Group that has begun work on a Crescent Lake Water Quality assessment. Improvements and actions identified in that work will positively impact water quality for our Cold River Watershed which impacts hundreds of residents. We look to increase our activities in water quality in 2024.

We had some very good results in cleaning up our roads during Green-Up day. Five major roads were covered through the dedication of several volunteers, and we collected close to the same amount of garbage that we have collected in the past.

Thank you for your support in 2023, and please consider joining our commission efforts in our cause to protect and conserve our natural resources in 2024.

The Acworth Conservation Commission

- Jennifer Bland, Co-Chair
- Gregg Thibodeau, Co-Chair
- Mark Giard
- Scott Travers
- Rob Traver
- Janet Slocum
- Robin Ungeheuer (alternate)
- Kathi Bradt (Ex-officio)

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### CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION

The Crescent Lake Acworth/Unity saw increased rains, storm run-off and witnessed several lakes and rivers around New Hampshire challenged by new invasives, cyanobacteria and increased incident of diminished water quality. At Crescent Lake, thankfully, we avoided cyanobacteria – though we were likely at a tipping point several times throughout the season.

We witnessed a drop in boating this past season, largely due to the consistent rains throughout the summer, still over 1000 boats had courtesy inspections done. **Our Lake Host program, now in its 22nd year, had 6 paid Lake Hosts and volunteers with total program costs exceeding \$14,000.**

Your annual funding to our program not only makes a big difference, it ensures the visiting boats (typically the carriers of invasives) get inspected at a greater number as we added shift hours this year. We had no “saves” this season (we’re not complaining) and yet we are still surrounded by other lakes that are indeed witnessing milfoil and other invasive species in their lakes.

From a general Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) standpoint, we did encounter ‘**Asian Mystery Snails**’ in the early part of the season. Three snails were located, and NH DES confirmed they were ‘Asian Mystery Snails’ – of which there is no remedy currently. We have added these snails to our watch list.

We also received warnings from NH DES of ‘**spiny water fleas**’ being discovered across the state. This invasive is very difficult to see and we will need to adopt a stronger “boat wash” protocol for visiting boats to attempt to avoid this species. Again, there is no remedy to eradicate this invasive. At the present time, we are evaluating the potential to increase the operational facility at our public launch to accommodate additional screening protocols.

A notable concern this season was **cyanobacteria**. A large culprit that feeds cyano growth, is storm water run-off and the storms of summer 2023 had us on edge. The fact that we had no outbreak is only temporarily a relief – we know the ingredients for cyano are largely in place waiting on a tipping point.

We acted this season to build up our resilience to all these challenges by hosting a **Water Quality Forum** on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Unity Elementary School with professionals from NH DES presenting current and historical data on invasives and ways to mitigate certain impacts on water quality. Over 100 people attended.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> the Crescent Lake membership voted to stand up a formal process to identify water quality challenges and propose ways for CLA members to meet those challenges. The CLA Water Quality Group is now working on the establishment of processes and metrics to define areas of concern and working with NH DES and our partners to maintain a clean and resilient Crescent Lake.

The Water Quality Group (WQG) is comprised of dedicated volunteers from Sullivan County Conservation District, Acworth Conservation Commission, Unity Conservation Commission, and members of the CLA Board of Directors.

The WQG is building its awareness of watershed issues that are impacting both the physical infrastructure (roads, culverts) and water quality. We expect to apply for state and federal grants that will assist in the funding of this work, which could easily take a decade to complete. Our goal is to provide the towns of Acworth and Unity situational awareness of our work that is intended to help the towns in assessments of impacts Crescent Lake is witnessing.

Our decades-long relationship with NH Lakes is of high priority. We know, based on previous “saves” that the Lake Host program indeed works – when deployed effectively – and we’re now evaluating options that hopefully will help us support a resilient and clean Crescent Lake for many more years.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Brenker, Chair  
Crescent Lake Association  
Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

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### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year past has been a period of progress and change. Trustees and Sexton now have up-to-date printed maps of the new part of the Hill Road cemetery, thanks to volunteer Lorraine LaCasse. The new map shows the location of burials, the purchasers of vacant lots, and the lots still available. Mark Goodwin has begun work on mapping the old part of the Hill Road cemetery. In that section, burials only take place when space is available to descendants of families already placed there.

Sexton Kris Fenderson, who has served in that capacity without remuneration since 2006, is retiring. We are most grateful for his deep knowledge of Acworth families and their connections, and for his professional expertise in caring for cemetery trees and plantings. Trustees recommend the Town hiring Charley Brown as Sexton; he has done mowing and routine maintenance in the cemetery for several years. The Sexton's responsibilities include answering inquiries by email and phone, showing available lots to townspeople, communicating with Keene Monument Company about monument installation, and liaison with local funeral directors regarding burials.

To provide more burial space, trees will be cut in the northeast corner of the Hill Road cemetery. Work to be done in 2024 will include removing tree stumps, creating paths for vehicles, and marking out lots. An additional town appropriation may be necessary for this work.

The cemetery budget proposed for 2024 resembles the 2023 budget. We did not spend any funds for monument repair in 2023, and the cemetery was spared tree damage caused by strong winds. Again, this year we did not draw on cemetery trust funds due to insufficient interest income.

Cemetery guidelines and lot prices are posted on the town website. A great deal of information on burial locations and monument epitaphs can be found at [www.findagrave.com/](http://www.findagrave.com/) For questions about purchasing a cemetery plot (the right to inter), or questions about available space in an existing lot, contact Trustee Helen Frink (603-863-4455; [hfrink@keene.edu](mailto:hfrink@keene.edu)).

Acworth Cemetery Trustees,  
Claudia Istel  
Lillie LeBlanc  
Helen Frink, Chair

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### VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC

Incident Type	Total
<b>Incident Type Category: 1 - Fire</b>	
111 - Building fire	6
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
	Total: 8
<b>Incident Type Category: 3 - Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>	
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	2
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	55
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	4
	Total: 64
<b>Incident Type Category: 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>	
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
444 - Power line down	4
	Total: 8
<b>Incident Type Category: 5 - Service Call</b>	
521 - Water evacuation	1
553 - Public service Assistance (Exclude Service to Governmental Agencies)	1
554 - Assist invalid	4
	Total: 6
<b>Incident Type Category: 6 - Good Intent Call</b>	
611 - Dispatched and cancelled en route	3
6113 - Dispatched and cancelled en route - Fire Call	3
	Total: 6
<b>Incident Type Category: 7 - False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>	
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2
	Total: 6
<b>Incident Type Category: 8 - Severe Weather &amp; Natural Disaster</b>	
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	2
8131 - Tree limb burning/smoldering on wire	2
	Total: 4
<b>Grand Total:</b>	102

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### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Acworth Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2023

<u>Person A's Name</u>	<u>Person B's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Skinner, Graham P.	Porter, Jandee Lee	Acworth	10/28

#### Acworth Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2023

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Fairbank, Michael Taylor Joseph	03/25	Keene	Fairbank, Garrett Anthony Smith, Sarah Lynn
Kaufhold, Louisa Ursaline Cyra	07/05	Acworth	Curtis

#### Acworth Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2023

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Page, Hector O	101	Holyoke, MA	02/10
Balla, Ralph L	92	Keene	02/19
Rotundo, Nicholas	62	So. Acworth	03/03
Luther, Esther	93	Springfield, VT	03/11
Brown, Ella	81	So. Acworth	03/16
Skow III, Julius A	80	Acworth	03/17
Brown, Richard	84	So. Acworth	04/21
Barth, Caroline S	91	Unity	06/03
Toner, Peter F	82	So. Acworth	08/16
Weidler, Thomas C.	57	Lebanon	10/29
Bantle, William F.	61	Acworth	12/29



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