



*Town of Newbury  
New Hampshire*

*Annual Report*

*2019*



*A curious bear checking out the hummingbird feeder.  
Photo Courtesy of Pamela Ritchie.*

**Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Selectboard, Treasurer, and other Town Officers**  
**for the**  
**Town of Newbury**  
**New Hampshire**



*A bald eagle visiting the fire pond by the Safety Service Building.  
Photo Courtesy DJ Smith*

**For**  
**the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2019**  
**with**  
**Vital Statistics for the year 2019**

*Cover photo – Winter Wonderland at Lake Solitude.  
Photo Courtesy Jennifer Parkhurst-Smith*

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**Town Officers**

**Selectboard\***

Edward Thorson, chair, term expires 2020  
Joy Nowell, term expires 2022  
Russell Smith, term expires 2021

**Town Administrator\*\***

Dennis J. Pavlicek

**Moderator\***

Nancy Marashio, resigned  
Sarah Christie, term expires 2020

**Assistant Moderator**

Robert Hemenway  
Steve Winter

**Representative to the General Court**

Karen Ebel  
Daniel H. Wolf

**Town Clerk and Tax Collector\***

Linda Plunkett, term expires 2021

**Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector\*\***

Jennifer Parkhurst-Smith

**Treasurer\***

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2020

**Deputy Treasurer\*\***

Debbie Johnson

**Trustees of Trust Funds\***

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2022  
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2020

**Library Trustees\***

Helen Wright, term expires 2022  
Lynne Tuohy, term expires 2021  
Patricia Sherman, term expires 2020  
Jeanne Palleiko, term expires 2020  
Ken Tentarelli, alternate, term expires 2022

**Newbury Member**

**Kearsarge Regional School Board\***

Richard Wright, term expires 2020

**Newbury Member**  
**KRSD Municipal Budget Committee\***

Robert Hemenway, term expires 2021

**Supervisors of the Checklist\***

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2025

Sue Russell, term expires 2023

Helen Wright, term expires 2021

**Cemetery Trustees\***

Knowlton Reynders, term expires 2021

Deane Geddes, term expires 2020

Judy Healey, term expires 2020

**Planning Board\***

Bruce Healey, chair, term expires 2021

Michael Beaton, term expires 2022

Richard Wright, term expires 2021

Howard Maurer, term expires 2020

Regina Cockerill, term expires 2020

Deane Geddes, alternate, term expires 2021

Russell Smith, Selectboard, ex-officio

**Zoning Board of Adjustment\***

Peter Fichter, chair, term expires 2021

Dave Blohm, vice chair, term expires 2020

Reed Gelzer, term expires 2022

Gary Budd, term expires 2020

Hank Thomas, alternate, term expires 2022

Alex Azodi, alternate, term expires 2020

**Conservation Commission\*\***

Katheryn Holmes, chair, term expires 2020

Eric Unger, vice-chair, term expires 2020

Bob Stewart, term expires 2020

Sue Russell, term expires 2020

Steve Russell, alternate, term expires 2020

**Chief of Police\*\***

Bradley Wheeler

**Chief of Fire Department\*\***

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

**Officer of Emergency Management\*\***

Wayne R. Whitford

**Health Officer\*\***

Wayne R. Whitford

**Code Enforcement Officer\*\***

Jack Shephard

**Highway Administrator\*\***

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

**Family Services Director\*\***

Gail Bostic

**Inspectors of Election/Ballot Clerks\*\***

Doris Newell

Cindy Peterson

Margo Steeves

Vincent Marzelli

Steve Russell, alternate

**Forest Fire Warden\*\*\***

Dave Smith

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens\*\*\***

Michael Bascom

John G. Croteau

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Ed Thorson

\* Elected at Town Meeting

\*\* Appointed by Selectboard

\*\*\* State appointment

## A Sincere Thank You

To know and work with Nancy Marashio is to understand the definition of civic generosity.

This year, we had to bid farewell to Nancy when she moved to a neighboring town. For the past 25 years, she has been our town moderator, a position she fulfilled with integrity, honesty, dignity and pride.

However, her position as moderator was only one of Nancy's many contributions to our town. In her consistently quiet and efficient way, Nancy participated in the daily workings of Newbury with a clear intent of improving and honoring the vitality and specialness of our town.

A partial listing of her contributions to Newbury include serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a member and on the Planning Board as a member and as chair for several years. Her involvement with the land use boards resulted in the development of town regulations that became a helpful guide for managed growth. She was also involved with the Newbury Historical Society and was always willing to lend a hand.



Nancy's service to the town extends well beyond land use involvement. Her deep love of the Newbury community, literature and the arts made her an unsurpassed leader on the Literary Arts Guild and an instrumental part of the Poetry Posse – a group dedicated to bringing poetry to Newbury through installations around town. A direct result of this group's efforts is the popular "Poetry Walk" at The Fells and the "Poetry Path" between the town library and the Velie Memorial Playground. Nancy collaborated with Lea McBain, Director of the Newbury Library, and Dianalee Velie, Newbury Poet Laureate, on these projects. Together, they combined their love of the natural landscape with a commitment to showing the world the life-changing beauty of poetry while honoring NH poets.

Through the Literary Arts Guild, Nancy helped to bring countless authors, writing workshops, poets and musicians to Newbury and the surrounding towns for the "Courage to Create" series. The Newbury Town Office became home of the annual Poetry Awards Ceremony and welcomed poets from all over NH.

Nancy's service to Newbury over the years is deep, indefatigable and touches every fabric of the town. She has (and had) the habit of championing the ideas of others, acknowledging the work of others, and appreciating the potential in all of us.

Thank you, Nancy, for all you have done for Newbury.

We will miss you!!!

## Gratitude

This year I would like to say “Thank You” to all town employees (my co-workers) for their dedication and hard work that they give each day to make Newbury a great place in which to work and live. Also, my thanks to all the committees, board members, and volunteers who give their time to serve our residents. Each one of you strives to make Newbury the best it can be, whether it is balancing our budget, stopping drunk drivers, plowing roads, registering boats, helping the injured, having events and programs, considering land use applications, or helping a resident with property questions. Every one of you goes “above and beyond” in your daily work – and it shows in the way Newbury is represented.

Our residents have a great place to call home. While not everyone will always agree on what is best for the town, we can all make a commitment to maintain open communication. Please know that you can always reach out to any town employee with any question you have – and keep in mind that it is always best to ask the question directly to be sure you receive the correct information.

It is my belief that open and respectful communication is the cornerstone of a strong and sensible future for our town. It is important for us to be prepared for the future – to offer the next generations a town that has been cared for in the best possible way. We need to embrace new ideas and adventures and actively seek new growth while not forgetting our aging population.

We want Newbury to always be the place that people want to come to, that people love to visit, and that people want to call home.

*Pam Bryk  
Administrative Assistant*



*Living our best life in Newbury!  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## **Newbury Selectboard**

Your Newbury Selectboard is a three-member board. It meets in public session every other Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office meeting room. If Monday is a federal holiday, the meeting is postponed until Tuesday. The agenda for every meeting is posted on the Friday before the scheduled meeting – at the Town Office Building, and the Transfer Station and on the town website. Any special meetings are posted in the same way. In 2019, the Selectboard met 26 times in public meetings.

### **Selectboard Meetings**

Everyone is invited to the bi-weekly meetings. The first item on each agenda is public input. We are always interested in your thoughts and concerns. The second agenda item includes reports from the Police, Fire and Highway departments. Next on the agenda is the daily business of running the town – duties and decisions delegated to us by Town Meeting and /or state statute. The Selectboard is most fortunate to have the assistance of a very knowledgeable Town Manager, Dennis Pavlicek, and a group of talented and hardworking town employees. The NH Municipal Association helps us stay up to date with applicable state legislature bills that affect Newbury and its citizens. The volunteers who staff the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Conservation Commission help implement the town regulations. We thank them all.

### **Police Update**

This year, we worked with Police Chief Brad Wheeler to expand the Police Department in a very tight job market. We are happy to announce the promotion of Aaron Sparks to Sergeant and look forward to hiring another officer for the department.

### **Town Office Changes**

It was recommended that we improve the security in our town buildings for the safety of our town employees. If you have done business in the town offices this year you have seen some of the changes. Personnel changes in 2019 included the loss of Rosie Johnson, Recreation Director, and Nancy Marashio, Town Moderator and ZBA member. Both moved out of Newbury and we thank them for their many contributions and wish them well. The new Recreation Director is Sydney Bryk and our new Town Moderator (to finish Nancy's term) is Sarah Christie. They join a team of exceptional employees and volunteers that make Newbury the vibrant town that it is.

### **Transfer Station**

Statewide statistics show that increasing amounts of solid waste are a continuing and growing problem for every municipality in NH. Our Transfer Station is meeting the current challenges and making plans for future needs. In 2019, we implemented a requirement of a Newbury resident transfer station sticker, which is issued when registering your vehicle with the Town Clerk. This requirement means that the Transfer Station accepts waste from Newbury residents only. Also, we are trying to hire additional help to aid our hard-working crew at the Transfer Station so they can assist you in disposing of things correctly.

### **Fire Station**

The need for a new Fire Station is well known. With the help of a newly formed committee, chaired by Bruce Healey, the committee conducted a broad-based public outreach designed to incorporate input and suggestions from Newbury residents regarding this proposed project. The committee's collated information and recommendations was presented to the Selectboard. The committee recommendations were shared with the project architect and the result was a newly designed building which has had a lot of positive feedback. The proposed fire station new design is on the 2020 warrant.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Mount Sunapee/Vail for their donation and volunteer work to make the Velie Playground safer with a new fence.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers and town employees who work to make Newbury the best that it can be.

*Ed Thorson, Chair  
Russell Smith  
Joy Nowell*



*Employees from Mount Sunapee Resort volunteering for Vail's Epic Promise Day.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## Town Administrator

Good news. Newbury benefitted from another year of strong economic indicators in 2019. We received the equalized property value for the town, and it increased for the second year in a row – this year by approximately 10%. That means the on-average property values in town increased by 20% in two years. However, tax assessments have not changed, unless there was new construction or changes to the property. A town-wide property reevaluation is scheduled in 2021 and all properties will be evaluated. It is anticipated that values will change for all classes of property. Tax rates overall have remained stable over the past couple of years and we expect that to continue in 2020.

### 2019 Highlights:

- Vehicle registrations continued to increase, although the percentage increase was not as high as in 2018. Expectations for 2020 are for continued – but gradual – increase.
- Our town tax rate went up slightly for the first time in three years. However, our full value tax rate (which recognizes the equalized value) went down again. That means our expenditures are at a lower level than that of our equalized property values.
- The Town is awaiting delivery of a new Fire Department rescue truck. The truck is currently under construction and should arrive in spring 2020. Our thanks to the Fire Department for shepherding this needed addition forward.
- The Town completed the purchase of the first pickup truck for the Police Department. It is being utilized by the PD for patrol and other essential police activities. Our thanks to the Police Department for completing the acquisition of this needed support vehicle.
- Improvements to Town facilities continued under Selectboard authorization. Security windows were installed in the Town Office and crash bars were placed on doors leading to the outside. Also purchased and installed was a 10-foot by 12-foot shed adjacent to the Town Office parking lot. The shed houses the snowblower, salt and the golf cart used by the Newbury Beautification Committee – making it easier for personnel to access equipment and supplies.
- A new fence was installed around the Velie Playground, thanks to Mount Sunapee Resort (Vail Corporation). The Resort provided all the materials along with 30 staff members who installed the fence in one day. This event was part of the Vail Epic Promise Day – a corporate-wide policy for community volunteering. We thank Vail and all its employees for participating and underscoring the importance of volunteering.
- Our Recreation Department underwent some changes throughout the year but continued to offer expanded activities and fun events for all ages. Rosie Johnson, Recreation Director, left to pursue opportunities in Lebanon, and we sent her off with our appreciation for her steadfast enthusiasm and creativity during her time with us. We were fortunate to welcome to our ranks Sydney Bryk who stepped forward as Recreation Director. Sydney brings her considerable energy, creativity and dedication to the department and we look forward to continued recreation activities and events that are open for ALL age groups in town. Please let us know what you would like to see for activities and trips in the future. We have some in the works, but we want to be inclusive and have residents involved.

### Fiscal Year-End Stats

As of December 31, 2019, the Town net assets have increased, and we do not have any General Fund Long Term Debt. These factors have resulted in a level and stable tax rate. Prices and costs continue upwards, but we were able to offset the upward trend by good fiscal performance. Thanks go out to the Selectboard, the Budget Committee, Pam Bryk, Administrative Assistant, and Debbie Prussman, Finance Director, for their assistance in preparing the 2020 budget.

## **State Road 103 & 103A**

An issue that came up at the end of the year concerned the deteriorating road surface on State Road 103 & 103A. The Selectboard sent a letter to the Governor, the Council, and our local state representative detailing the situation and expressing our serious concerns regarding safety. A response arrived in early 2020 with the news that Newbury is scheduled to have resurfacing done on both roads in 2020.

## **Warrant Articles**

Warrant Article #4 asks the Town if they would appropriate \$3,750,000 for the design, construction and the original equipping of a new Fire Department Building. There are changes this year from the prior year's bond article.

How We Got There: The Selectboard appointed a diverse group of residents from the town. The committee reviewed, addressed and debated all aspects of a new Fire Department building. The committee listened to all residents to give them the opportunity to voice their concerns and address their questions. This information was then presented to the Selectboard. With this information in hand, the Selectboard empowered the building committee to come up with new ideas to incorporate the resident-driven suggested changes. The result was the newly redesigned fire station plan. Town residents gave their input, and, thanks to the dedicated citizens involvement, we are moving on to a less expensive design. The proposed fire station design is smaller than past designs, and the layout is different. Instead of having five bays, the proposed building has three drive-through bays. Our thanks to all committee members for getting us to this point.

Funding: Currently, the Town has no long-term debt in the General Fund. (Previous long-term debt involved the highway garage and the Town Office addition.) Interest rates for municipalities are relatively low right now – in fact, the last sale by the NH Municipal Bond Bank was 2.35% for a 20-year bond. However, bond rates will not stay this low forever. Indicators are for higher interest rates in the future. The property tax impact for town residents will be 31-cents per thousand – which translates to \$76 for a median value property (\$250,000 is considered a median value property in Newbury). There will be no payment necessary for fiscal year 2020. Repayment of the long-term debt would commence in fiscal year 2021.

Warrant Article #5 is the article pertaining to the budget. It shows an increase of \$215,984. The major changes to the budget include elections, police department, safety communications services, and the transfer station. This year, we have four elections instead of one, which accounts for the increased cost. The Police Department budget is higher because of personnel costs, computer software updates, the purchase of new armored vests (grants will offset part of the cost), and radios that badly need updating. Dispatch services that we receive from the Town of New London also went up 10% due to increased calls for service. Transfer station costs have gone up because of much-needed added staff, an increase in waste volume, and new procedures for brush disposal. Overall, the town is benefitting from increased revenue, which will help offset the budget increases. The budget changes this year will be up 2-cents, or less than 1%.

Warrant Articles # 6 & #7 are asking residents to add to existing Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds. The amounts are determined during the annual planning process conducted by the Capital Improvements Committee. This annual process is an integral part of keeping our tax rate stable.

Warrant Article #8 asks residents to raise and appropriate \$270,000 to be used for designing a new addition to the existing library. Expenditures will include geotechnical work, design fees, site permitting, and associated costs. This article will also fund any emergency repairs that need to be done before any future construction is approved.

Warrant Article #9 is a housekeeping article that transfers the sale of lots into the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund.

Warrant Article #10 asks residents to appropriate the sum of \$39,500 for the purchase of a new 2020 all-wheel drive Dodge Durango pursuit-rated police vehicle. The article will be offset by \$9,850 from the December 31, 2019 undesignated fund balance, which represents the insurance reimbursement for the old cruiser. The balance will be raised by general taxation. The above purchase price includes striping, lights and radio installation.

Warrant Article #11 asks residents to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck for the Highway Department. The purchase will include the dump body, plow, sander and wing. After the trade-in value is determined, the balance (no more than \$180,000) will come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

If all the Warrant Articles pass, the increase to the Town Tax Rate would be 16-cents in the 2020 Tax Rate Final Bill. However, this increase may decrease, if revenues exceed expectations.

### **A Thank You**

I hope you'll join me in thanking our dedicated staff in the Town Office. Each day they always exhibit a quiet professionalism, grace and humor with every challenge that is presented to them. Our thanks go out to Debbie Prussman, Pam Bryk, Tiffany Favreau, Linda Plunkett, Jennifer Parkhurst-Smith, Donna Long and Meg Whittemore. Newbury is very fortunate to have such an experienced, dedicated and capable group of professionals.

As always, please contact me with your ideas and suggestions on how OUR TOWN can better serve the needs of its residents. If you would like to become more involved in town functions, consider volunteering to serve on any of the many town boards and committees. Our citizen volunteers are critical to us, so I hope you will consider volunteering and become a part of this wonderful town called Newbury.

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

*Dennis J. Pavlicek  
Town Administrator*

**Town Warrant  
State of New Hampshire – 2020**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:00 a.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the Tenth (10) day of March, next at eleven of the o'clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.
3. To vote on amendments to the existing building regulation.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to revoke the current **ARTICLE 17 PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES** in its entirety and to readopt the completely rewritten **ARTICLE 17 PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES** in its entirety. The amendment also includes new or amended definitions in **ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS** related to Personal Wireless Service Facilities.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this amendment is to replace the current **ARTICLE 17 PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES** with a completely rewritten **ARTICLE**. The new **ARTICLE** incorporates the changes in federal directives and state laws pertaining to a new Personal Wireless Service Facility installation.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend exist definitions in **ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS** to distinguish small wind energy system related definitions from definitions for Personal Wireless Service Facilities and to amend the definition of **Use**.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this amendment is to differentiate definitions related to small wind energy systems from definitions for Personal Wireless Service Facilities and to amend the definition of **Use**.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 7 SHORELAND OVERLAY DISTRICT** to add a new **SECTION 7.14 SHORELAND RESTORATION**.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this **SHORELAND RESTORATION SECTION** is to require restoration of shorelands after a property owner has violated the ordinance by failure to obtain a tree cutting permit and/or by removing more vegetation than allowed in the waterfront buffer and/or the natural woodland buffer.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Building Regulation?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Newbury Building Regulations* proposes to add a new **ARTICLE 3, Section D. Collocation Applications and Modification Applications** for Personal Wireless Service Facilities.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate the requirements for Collocation Applications and Modification Applications for Personal Wireless Services as required by amendments in the state laws.

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The Town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunapee Lodge at Mount Sunapee – off Route 103 in Newbury.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750,000 for the design and construction and the original equipping of a new Fire Department Building located beside the Veteran's Memorial and related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,750,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,369,614 for general operations:

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2020</b>
Executive	238,866	8,906	247,772
Elections	5,236	6,654	11,890
Financial Administration	665,004	28,777	693,781
Legal Expenses	23,000	0	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,000	0	5,000
Planning	52,045	2,169	54,214
Zoning	18,880	1,041	19,921
General Government Buildings	73,114	6,517	79,631
Cemeteries	26,100	0	26,100
Insurance	70,840	-11,034	59,806
Other General Government	13,300	0	13,300
Police Department	577,758	51,129	628,887
Fire Department	250,619	8,297	258,916
Forest Fire	1,126	20	1,146
Code Enforcement	46,132	1,643	47,775
Emergency Management	6,417	0	6,417
Highway Maintenance	744,929	40,766	785,695
Highway Reconstruction	235,000	0	235,000
Street Lighting	7,000	0	7,000
Transfer Station	302,409	27,555	329,964
Health Agencies	70,317	2,687	73,004
Welfare	23,269	0	23,269
Information Booth	7,877	191	8,068
Parks and Recreation	116,981	6,333	123,314
Library	230,191	14,058	244,249
Conservation Commission	3,586	76	3,662
Historical Society	1,000	1,000	2,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Sewer Department	292,919	8,039	300,958
Bond/Note Principal	0	0	0
Bond/Note Interest	0	0	0
Safety Communication Services	44,615	11,160	55,775
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,153,630</b>	<b>215,984</b>	<b>4,369,614</b>

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$296,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 210,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$ 75,000
BRIDGES	
RECREATION FACILITIES	\$ 11,000

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established:  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

DOCKS	\$ 10,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 35,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$ 8,000
PAVING	\$ 15,000

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270,000 to be used for covering expenditures for designing a new addition to the existing library. The expenditures will include geotechnical work, design fees, site permitting, and other associated costs. This article will also fund any emergency repairs that need to be done before construction is approved. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,200 from the December 31, 2019 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,500 for the purchase of a new 2020 All-Wheel Drive Dodge Durango Pursuit rated police vehicle and Furthermore authorize the use of \$9,850 from the December 31, 2019 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. This amount represents the insurance reimbursement for the old cruiser. The balance will be raised by general taxation. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required).

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a new 6-wheel Dump Truck for the Highway Department. The purchase will include Plow, Sander and Wing. The Town furthermore authorizes the withdrawal of up to \$ 180,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The amount to be expended out of the capital reserve will be the difference between the trade/auction amount and the total cost of the vehicle. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required).

12. We, the town of Newbury, hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Newbury's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Newbury's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Newbury's Selectboard, within 30 days of this vote.

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

**Newbury Selectboard**

\_\_\_\_\_ Edward Thorson, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Russell Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joy Nowell

February 20, 2020 Date Posted

## NOTES

**Budget and Comparative Statement of Expenditures  
for  
The Town of Newbury, NH  
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year</u>
<b>RSA 32:3v</b>			
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive	238,866	240,461	247,772
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	5,236	4,913	11,890
Financial Administration	665,004	670,607	693,781
Legal Expenses	23,000	12,367	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,000	6,315	5,000
Planning	52,045	51,258	54,214
Zoning	18,880	19,233	19,921
General Government Buildings	73,114	89,180	79,631
Cemeteries	26,100	24,617	26,100
Insurance	70,840	37,969	59,806
Other General Government	13,300	26,803	13,300
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	577,758	566,439	628,887
Fire Department	251,745	249,127	260,062
Code Enforcement & Inspection	46,132	43,474	47,775
Emergency Management	6,417	5,514	6,417
Safety Communications Services	44,615	46,408	55,775
<b>Highway</b>			
Administration/Maintenance/Constr.	979,929	916,254	1,020,695
Street Lighting	7,000	6,788	7,000
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	155,309	137,857	169,364
Solid Waste Disposal	120,600	123,603	127,100
Solid Waste Recycling	26,500	29,107	33,500
<b>Health</b>			
Health/Community/School Programs	70,317	70,317	73,004
<b>Welfare</b>			
Administration & Direct Assistance	23,269	11,207	23,269
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>			
Parks & Recreation	116,981	112,381	123,314
Library	230,191	215,640	244,249
Other	8,877	7,910	10,068

<b>Conservation Commission</b>			
Administration & Operations	3,586	3,535	3,662
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Land	0	0	0
Improvements – bridges and study	196,691	195,755	270,000
Machinery/Vehicles /Equipment	248,680	237,616	219,500
Buildings	0	0	3,750,000
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
To Special Revenue Fund	292,919	266,734	300,958
To Capital Reserve Fund	186,000	186,000	296,000
To Expendable Trust Funds	124,800	124,800	89,200
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>4,909,801</b>	<b>4,740,189</b>	<b>8,994,314</b>

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>2019 Revenue Estimate</u>	<u>2019 Actual Revenue</u>	<u>2020 Revenue Estimate</u>
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	25,000	64,167	25,000
Yield Taxes	10,000	8,029	15,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	27,826	28,497	29,500
Other Taxes	12,000	8,327	12,000
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	65,000	48,362	65,000
Excavation Activity Tax	500	232	500
<b>Licenses/Permits &amp; Fees</b>			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000	465	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	600,000	584,299	630,000
Building Permits	30,000	30,543	33,000
Other Licenses/Permits & Fees	25,000	11,443	40,000
<b>From State</b>			
Shared Revenue	16,802	16,803	20,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	110,528	110,528	115,000
Highway Block Grant	121,581	121,606	125,000
Forest Land Reimbursement	500	499	500
Other	6,661	6,661	6,500
From Other Governments	225,000	208,920	225,000

<b>Charges For Services</b>			
Income From Departments	80,000	45,437	80,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	25,000	4,010	25,000
Interest on Investments	50,000	50,479	55,000
Other	6,000	10,850	6,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>			
Special Revenue Funds	286,258	286,258	300,958
Capital Reserve Funds	200,000	195,508	180,000
Cemetery	0	0	0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	3,750,000
Surplus	135,800	135,800	185,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	<b>2,060,456</b>	<b>1,977,723</b>	<b>5,924,958</b>

Year 2020 With Articles

Year 2019 With Articles

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	8,994,314	4,909,801
<b>LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	5,924,958	2,060,456
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	3,069,356	2,849,345
<b>ADD OVERLAY</b>	23,000	36,680
<b>ADD WAR SERVICE CREDITS</b>	80,500	80,500
<b>AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE</b>	<b>3,172,856</b>	<b>2,966,525</b>
<b>LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION</b>	770,500,000	752,348,611
<b>PROJECTED TOWN TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$4.12</b>	<b>\$3.94</b>
<b>TAX RATE % CHANGE</b>	<b>4.52%</b>	
Tax Rate \$ Change Per Thousand	\$0.18	

## Town Clerk

### Debits

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$584,299.13
Dog Licenses Issued	3,727.50
UCC Filings	465.00
Boat Registrations	8,326.86
Vital Records	2,179.00
Miscellaneous	1,824.23

**TOTAL** \$600,821.72

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*Old Home Day Fireworks.  
Photo Courtesy Jennifer Wright*

**Treasurer  
General Fund 2019 Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector	\$ 12,085,388.70
Received from Town Clerk	601,149.45
Received from Selectmen's Office	676,734.67
Interest	50,581.42
Total	\$ 13,413,854.24
Transfers to/from Investment Accounts	(239,004.68)
Beginning Balance January 1, 2019	3,779,336.94
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	16,954,186.50
Selectmen's Orders Paid	(13,312,704.05)
Balance on December 31, 2019	\$ 3,641,482.45

*Jennifer J. Goin  
Treasurer*

## Investment Accounts

### **NH Public Deposit Investment Pool**

Balance January 1, 2019	\$ 1,322.52
Plus: Interest	28.72
Plus: Deposits	0.00
Less: Transfers	0.00
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ 1,351.24

### **Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account**

Balance January 1, 2019	\$ 67,902.99
Plus: Deposits	0.00
Plus: Interest	1,474.21
Less: Transfers	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ 69,377.20

### **Conservation Commission**

Balance January 1, 2019	\$ 150,560.98
Plus: Interest	3,306.88
Less: Transfers	0.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>32,141.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ 186,009.36

### **Recreation Revolving Fund**

Balance January 1, 2019	\$ 26,237.07
Plus: Interest	8.96
Less: Transfers	(21,780.94)
Plus: Transfers	<u>16,688.52</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ 21,153.61

### **Lake Sunapee Savings Account**

Balance January 1, 2019	\$ 0
Plus: Interest	0
Less: Transfers	0
Plus: Transfers	<u>0</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ 0



**Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Newbury, NH  
December 31, 2019**

DATE OF FUND CREATION	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	% OF TOTAL	2019 TOTALS			2019 TOTALS			GRAND TOTAL 12/31/19					
					BALANCE 01/01/19	NEW FUNDS GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE 01/01/19	GROSS INCOME	EXPENSED DURING YEAR						
<b>CEMETERY FUNDS:</b>																
Various	Various Cemetery Fund Names	Perpetual Care	Stocks & Bonds	1.87%	15,512.61	-	335.14	0.00	15,847.75	22,716.22	1,120.48	(317.38)	(2,271.62)	21,247.70	37,095.45	
<b>LIBRARY FUNDS:</b>																
<b>Total Cemetery Funds:</b>																
					1.87%	15,512.61	-	335.14	0.00	15,847.75	22,716.22	1,120.48	(317.38)	(2,271.62)	21,247.70	37,095.45
1954	Jennie J. Robson Library	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.16%	3,001.38	-	27.96	-	3,029.34	55.05	91.68	(25.93)	(55.05)	65.74	3,095.08	
1966	Shirley Powers Library	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.05%	1,002.95	-	9.34	-	1,012.29	18.39	30.43	(8.67)	(18.39)	21.97	1,054.26	
2000	Paulina W. Steinfeld Library	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.81%	15,657.95	-	145.69	-	15,783.62	286.80	477.66	(135.12)	(286.80)	542.55	16,126.15	
2002	White Library Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.25%	4,765.99	-	44.38	-	4,808.38	87.37	145.52	(41.16)	(87.37)	104.33	4,912.73	
2004	Marian Smith Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	1.65%	31,398.22	-	292.52	-	31,690.74	575.84	999.05	(271.31)	(575.84)	687.73	32,378.49	
2006	Perkins Library Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	1.65%	31,640.17	-	292.06	-	31,932.23	574.92	987.52	(270.87)	(574.92)	688.63	32,378.49	
<b>Total Library Funds:</b>					4.53%	87,152.57	-	811.96	-	87,964.53	1,598.37	2,662.06	(733.07)	(1,598.37)	1,908.99	89,873.52
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:</b>																
<b>Total Library Reserve Funds:</b>					4.53%	87,152.57	-	811.96	-	87,964.53	1,598.37	2,662.06	(733.07)	(1,598.37)	1,908.99	89,873.52
1962	Town of Newbury Highway Equip	Highway Equip	Money Market	18.02%	276,431.75	75,000.00	(70.97)	-	351,360.78	399.20	6,977.55	(1,204.37)	-	6,172.45	357,533.23	
1971	Town of Newbury Fire Equip	Fire Equip	Money Market	40.23%	698,146.50	100,000.00	(61.73)	(25,418.94)	770,565.83	13,966.37	16,502.08	(2,915.63)	-	27,552.82	798,118.45	
1984	Town of Newbury Safety Service Buildings	Safety Service Buildings	Money Market	0.65%	10,095.63	-	(2.70)	-	10,095.94	2,387.85	287.60	(51.63)	-	2,823.81	12,917.75	
1993	Town of Newbury Ambulance Fund	Ambulance Fund	Money Market	2.45%	44,495.23	-	(10.47)	-	44,484.86	4,744.82	1,116.66	(200.48)	-	5,671.00	50,155.86	
1996	Town of Newbury Kennel Club	Kennel Club	Money Market	2.87%	45,235.02	11,000.00	(11.56)	-	56,223.46	1,781.08	1,125.04	(194.90)	-	2,711.25	57,004.88	
1997	Town of Newbury Facility	Facility	Money Market	0.02%	408.68	-	(0.09)	-	408.59	9.98	9.49	(1.70)	-	17.77	426.57	
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds:</b>					64.33%	1,070,483.91	186,000.00	(257.31)	(25,418.94)	1,231,207.66	23,669.41	26,018.39	(4,568.72)	-	44,949.08	1,276,156.74
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>																
1977	Town of Newbury Dock Repairs	Dock Repairs	Money Market	6.52%	116,995.67	12,000.00	(26.83)	339.91	129,222.75	132.92	2,766.32	(488.92)	(2,209.18)	221.14	129,443.89	
1964	Town of Newbury Town Bldgs	Town Bldgs	Money Market	2.54%	40,921.60	30,000.00	(13.57)	(20,670.95)	50,237.07	130.48	1,211.14	(198.10)	(1,022.18)	121.34	50,358.41	
1995	Town of Newbury Office Equip	Office Equip	Money Market	1.27%	17,791.96	12,000.00	(5.73)	(4,705.98)	25,080.25	26.25	516.14	(84.93)	(406.52)	50.94	25,131.19	
2002	Town of Newbury Millfoil	Millfoil	Money Market	0.17%	3,204.91	5,000.00	(1.49)	(4,902.37)	3,301.05	10.27	119.62	(13.25)	(97.65)	14.01	3,315.05	
2004	Town of Newbury Cemetery Maint	Cemetery Maint	Money Market	0.47%	8,315.62	800.00	(1.90)	-	9,111.72	15.41	196.32	(34.73)	-	177.00	9,288.72	
2006	Town of Newbury Fire Dept - PPE	Fire Dept - PPE	Money Market	3.54%	71,391.44	5,000.00	(16.02)	(6,192.27)	70,183.15	162.24	1,689.07	(296.44)	(1,403.67)	131.21	70,314.36	
2014	Town of Newbury Pavilion Fund	Pavilion Fund	Money Market	14.76%	240,016.49	60,000.00	(60.80)	(7,611.70)	292,344.00	381.72	6,011.30	(1,040.57)	(4,838.30)	514.15	292,858.15	
<b>Total General Trust Funds:</b>					29.27%	488,549.69	124,800.00	(126.34)	(45,743.36)	579,480.00	879.29	12,489.97	(2,161.95)	(9,377.48)	1,229.78	580,709.77
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>					100%	1,672,098.78	310,800.00	765.45	(69,162.30)	1,914,499.93	48,693.28	42,290.83	(7,801.12)	(13,847.47)	69,335.55	1,983,835.48



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<b>Debits</b>					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2018	Year: 2017	Year: 2016
Property Taxes	3110		\$266,951.74		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185		\$777.21		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		\$20,492.76		
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	3110	\$11,886,809.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$64,167.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$8,029.34		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$232.44		
Other Taxes	3189	\$286,272.00		

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	2017	2016
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,778.00	\$10,748.00		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$5,421.02	\$22,993.99		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$12,252,708.80</b>	<b>\$321,963.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



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<b>Credits</b>				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies	
			2017	2016
Property Taxes	\$11,352,323.92	\$274,280.74		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$64,167.00			
Yield Taxes	\$5,057.28	\$777.21		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$5,421.02	\$22,993.99		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$232.44			
Other Taxes	\$268,883.54	\$20,492.76		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies	
			2017	2016
Property Taxes	\$2,865.00	\$3,419.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded	\$922.00			



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2018	Year: 2017	Year: 2016
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$72,060.19	\$40,392.70	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$127,414.88			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$1,233.51	\$4,352.58	\$15,390.84	
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$128,648.39</b>	<b>\$76,412.77</b>	<b>\$55,783.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2018	2017	2016
Redemptions	\$27,350.83	\$21,995.86	\$38,573.06	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$802.26	\$3,734.04	\$15,343.34	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$2,494.33	\$466.50	\$1,505.23	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$98,000.97	\$50,216.37	\$361.91	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$128,648.39</b>	<b>\$76,412.77</b>	<b>\$55,783.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$552,836.60</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	<b>\$148,579.25</b>

## Newbury Assessing Office

2019 was an active real estate market with more sales than usual. All segments of the market showed great gains and this past year saw about a 7% gain in overall property value. We are hovering around an assessment ratio of about 84.7%. That means a house that sells for \$200,000 is, on average, assessed for \$169,400.

An interesting fact about property values: In Newbury, 48% of taxable property is either direct waterfront or has water access, and 39% of the town's taxable property is residential.

### Data Conversion

We completed the data conversion from the Vision assessing software to Avitar assessing software. Avitar is a New Hampshire-based company and is much less costly than Vision. The conversion was completed in-house by staff, thus allowing us to become quite familiar with the new software. We continue to adjust tables, re-define codes so they are familiar to us, and customize the software to suit our needs. We will continue to use Vision to produce assessments for 2020 and switch to Avitar for the 2021 state-mandated revaluation.

We ask that you visit our website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)) and proceed to the assessing department where there is lots of information to help you understand the assessing process, or just to view all the publicly available data.

We would like to thank Tiffany Favreau, Land use Coordinator, for her hard work and dedication which enables us to deliver a superior assessment program. We would also like to thank the entire Newbury Town Office staff for their support, along with the Selectboard. Lastly, we thank the taxpayers of Newbury for making Newbury what it is – a great place to work!

**Always remember to periodically review your assessment card for accuracy!**

*Normand G. Bernaiche, Chief Assessor  
Kristen McAllister, Assessor*



*Boat View of Blodgett Landing.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

**Summary Inventory of Valuation  
2019 Assessed Valuation**

<b>Value of Land Only</b>			
	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Current Use	12,041	\$698,211	
Residential	5,272	\$376,705,586	
Commercial/Industrial	1,692	\$8,727,060	
Farm Land	2	\$654	
<b>Total of Land</b>	<b>19,007</b>		<b>\$386,131,511</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable			
	3,272	(\$36,513,324)	
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>			
Residential		\$338,056,000	
Manufactured Housing		\$372,700	
Commercial/Industrial		\$23,039,200	
Farm Structures	12	\$87,300	
<b>Total of Buildings</b>			<b>\$361,555,200</b>
Tax Exempt & Non Taxable			
		(\$13,819,900)	
<b>Public Utilities</b>			
Electric			<b>\$4,916,900</b>
Water			
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>			<b>\$752,603,611</b>
Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)		\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Elderly/Disabled Exemptions (Number: 3)		\$165,000	<b>\$165,000</b>
Wood Heating/Wind/Solar Exemptions (Number: 18)		\$90,000	<b>\$90,000</b>
<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$255,000</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed</b>			<b>\$752,348,611</b>
<b>Revenues Received From Payments in Lieu of Taxes</b>		\$27,826	
State and Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land		\$1,174	

## Tax Credit

	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$2,000	7	\$14,000
Veterans, Spouses and Widows	\$500	133	\$66,500
Total War Service Credits		140	\$80,500



*The color of fall.  
Photo Courtesy Jennifer Parkhurst-Smith*

### Inventory of Town Property

Location	Assessed Value	Use
Newbury Traffic Circle	\$ 31,800	Cemetery
365 Bowles Road	2,600,100	Sewer treatment lagoons
Chestnut Road	1,700	Vacant land
Park 10 Road	1,800	Vacant land
937 Route 103	937,700	Town Office/Library
Route 103A	437,500	Lakeside Cemetery
Off Route 103	1,100	Old Railroad Bed
952 Route 103	768,600	Safety Services Building
967 Route 103	719,800	Parking and Docks
977 Route 103	739,200	Beach/Train Station
Route 103	1,275,900	Info Booth/Caboose
Lakeview Avenue	17,700	Vacant land
Stoney Brook Road	20,500	Bean Cemetery
Baker Hill Road	23,800	Baker Hill Cemetery
Chalk Pond Road	500	Vacant land
Chalk Pond Road	34,900	Vacant land
Blodgett Brook Road	33,900	Vacant land
Old County Road South	17,400	Vacant land
Bartlett Road	38,100	Vacant land
Off Province Road	30,100	Cemetery
Old Post Road	591,200	Fishersfield Park
Route 103	6,800	Vacant land
Route 103/Colburn Farm Road	4,800	Vacant land
Mountain Road/Route 103	46,800	Vacant land
Newell Road	29,800	Marshall Cemetery
Pleasant View/South Roads	32,900	Booth Sherman Cemetery
20 Sutton Road	170,200	Old Highway Shed
Sutton Road	1,000	Simon's Cemetery
Sutton Road	19,000	Vacant land
44 Pine Street	95,400	Blodgett Fire Station
7 Sutton Road	109,200	Storage Shed
133 Village Road	320,300	Sherman Hall/Grange Hall
Southgate Road	13,900	Fire Pond
Washington Street	89,400	Town Park
Washington Street	89,400	Town Park
201 Old Post Road	123,900	Transfer Station
Brookside Road	29,100	Vacant land
33 Lake Avenue	192,300	Blodgett Docks
Skytop Drive	22,500	Vacant land
50 South Road	812,900	Highway Garage
Village Road	41,300	Vacant land
7 Lower Crest Road	25,400	Tax Deeded
331 Old Post Road	93,436	Tax Deeded
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,693,036</b>	

*Note: Vacant land includes dry hydrant locations, easements, retention ponds, etc.*

## Budget Committee

The Newbury Budget Committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and its related warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. The Committee meets in public session bi-weekly as a scheduled agenda item at regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings. The Committee meets from mid-October until the public hearing in February of the following year. The Committee is composed of the Selectboard, the Town Administrator, and three appointed Newbury residents.

The Committee reviews the individual line item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal department heads, boards, trustees and commissions. The department head or representative chairperson is present during the scheduled budget proposal to provide clarity and rationale.

A properly noticed public hearing on the 2020 proposed budget and warrant articles will be held in February 2020. The final budget and warrant articles will then be approved by the Selectboard for presentation at the annual Town Meeting.

If all warrant articles pass, the 2020 proposed budget and warrant articles will reflect a projected town tax rate of \$4.12.

The Committee wishes to thank all department heads, boards, trustees and commissions for all their work in presenting thorough budget presentations. The Budget Committee recommends the passage of the proposed 2020 budget, and all attending warrant articles, as submitted by the Selectboard.

*Ed Thorson, Russell Smith, Joy Nowell, Newbury Selectboard  
Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator  
Christine McDaniels, Alison Kinsman, At-Large Members*



*Recreation kids decorating gingerbread cookies at the afterschool craft day.*

*Photo Courtesy Syd Bryk*

## **Police Department**

2019 proved to be a challenging year for the Police Department. After being fully staffed for most of the year, we experienced some staff changes which placed some strain on our personnel resources. Officer Brian Reopel moved into a part-time status with the department after taking another job outside of police work. Officer Selfridge resigned from the department and took a full-time police position with another agency.

We welcomed Officer Joshua Fisher in 2019 as the newest full-time member of the department. He has replaced Officer Reopel's position and we remain one full-time officer short at this time.

### **2019 Stats**

In 2019, the department handled over 4,900 calls for service in town – an increase of 555 calls over the previous year. Additionally, we stopped over 1,700 motor vehicles for various motor vehicle violations. Our department had a very busy year.

Crimes against persons and property continued in 2019, but I am pleased to say that most of the incidents were solved by our department and property was returned to the rightful owners.

### **Training**

All officers completed required yearly training which included a day of simulator training at the NH Police Academy. This day-long training allows officers to handle simulator scenarios that are from Newbury and surrounding towns. Also, Officer Aaron Sparks completed another week-long FBI leadership class, and Officer Thomas Harriman completed training for instructor status of the preliminary breath test unit. He also serves as the department's firearms instructor. Officer Joshua Fisher served as a trainer at the 2019 NH Cadet Academy, a week-long training for youths who are interested in becoming future police officers.

### **See Something, Say Something**

I personally feel that a lot of the department success is a direct result of the attentive involvement of the people who come into our office and provide information about things they see. We encourage you to continue doing this because it significantly assists us in our job. It only takes a minute to stop in or call if you see anything that appears out of the ordinary.

The Police Department remains ready to serve you 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Please do not hesitate to call the office for assistance at 763-4101, or our 24-hour dispatch number, 763-2221. Our door is open, and you are always welcome to drop by anytime.

We all thank you for your continued support of this department, and wish you a safe, happy and healthy 2020.

*Bradley Wheeler*  
*Chief*

Officer Aaron Sparks  
Officer Thomas Harriman  
Officer Joshua Fisher  
Officer Brian Reopel  
Officer Neill Cobb  
Deborah Lacombe, Administrative Assistant

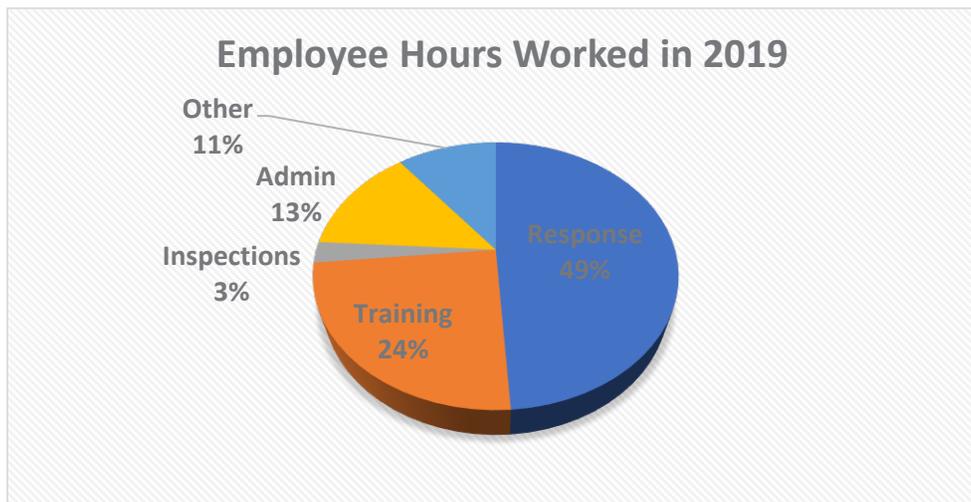
<b>Newbury Police Department Calls for Service 2019</b>	
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Total</b>
Death/Suicide/Unattended	7
Assault/Sexual	2
Assault/Battery	6
Arson	1
Criminal Threat	3
Criminal Trespass	5
Criminal Mischief	21
Burglary	2
Theft/Shoplifting	29
Fraud/ID Fraud	13
Drugs/Possession	2
Property Lost	14
Property Found	17
Property Return	1
Neighborhood Disputes	9
Domestic Dispute	15
Disturbance (Noise)	15
Weapons Permits/Renewals	26
Shots Fired	7
Fireworks Violations	1
Harassing Communication	9
Disorderly Conduct	2
DUI - Drunk	5
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	1
VIN Inspection	13
Abandoned Vehicle	19
MV Unlock	26
Road Hazard/Obstruction or Placing Snow/Debris on Road	41
Traffic Offense Warning	1,040
Traffic Offense Citation	659
Parking Violations/Town Ordinance	36
Criminal Citations	91
Curfew Violations	1
Motor Vehicle (MV) Checks	26
MV/Traffic Complaint/Manner of Operation	69
Assist-Stranded Motorist	44
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury/Property Damage	57
Traffic Crash/Non-Reportable	14
MV Repossession	1
Reckless Driving	2
Littering - Illegal Dumping	4
OHRV Complaints	3
Animal - Complaints/Unlicensed Dogs	65
Animal - Cruelty/Vicious	12
Animal - Stray	46

Animal - Nuisance	5
Animal - Bite	1
Animal - Livestock Complaint	3
Animal - Wild	11
Assist - Fire/Police In-State/Out-of-State	101
Assist - Newbury Fire	76
Assist - Newbury Medical/Rescue	80
Assist - Town Office	10
Assist - Public Works	12
Assist - Social Service Agencies/Court	8
Alarm - Business	9
Alarm - House/Public Building	77
911 Hang-up	7
Juvenile Complaint/Runaway	2
Citizen Requested Assistance	134
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	125
Unwanted Subject	5
Civil Issue/Stand-by	50
Welfare Check	32
Open Door/Window/Gate	20
Public Relations - Talk or Lecture	3
Paperwork Relay	8
Paperwork Service	36
Warrant - Criminal/Civil	13
Sex Offender Registration	11
Missing Person	2
Protective Order (Violations)	5
Case Follow up	48
Selective Enforcement Request	322
Fingerprints/School, Work	6
Police Information	152
House Check Request	157
Building Check - Business	1,116
Building Check - Public/Residential	829

## Newbury Fire Rescue Department

### 2019 Activity

Many Newbury residents are not aware of the full extent of the activity of the Newbury Fire Rescue Department. Everyone has seen the apparatus – the trucks and vehicles – and some residents may have experienced the Fire Rescue team in action. Responders show up for calls for emergency medical services, an activation of a smoke or carbon monoxide detector, or some other emergency service.



In 2019, the Newbury Fire Rescue emergency response calls totaled 372. The calls for emergency service, however, are less than half (49%) of the activity and hours worked by Newbury Fire Rescue employees.

Department and outside employee training accounted for almost a quarter of department members' time. A total of 58 training classes were held during the year, which was 24% of the annual payroll time devoted to the department by the Firefighters and EMTs. Many of the classes are required emergency medical training in order to maintain the emergency medical services professional licenses.

During the year, fire prevention staff conducted 64 inspections that included businesses and residences (required for places of assembly), building permits, and heating equipment inspections (state-required oil heating and town-required gas and wood heating).

#### Permits issued by Newbury Fire Rescue included:

Outside Burning Permits	191
Fireworks Permits	35
Fire Alarm Permits	39
Assembly Permits	19
Gas Appliance Permits	22
Oil Burner Permits	3

Administrative duties included compiling reports and completing applications required by the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and Department of Safety Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, budgeting and human resources paperwork, purchasing equipment and supplies, maintaining the Facebook page and department internet website, and other administrative duties.

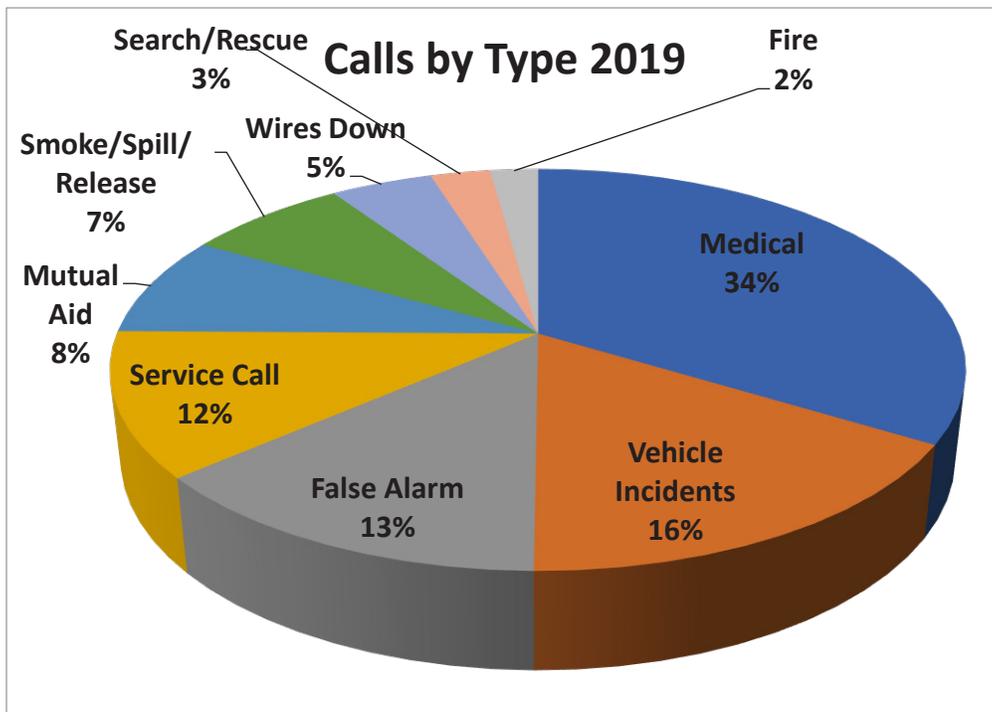
Other duties, such as building and equipment maintenance, community outreach (community First Aid and CPR classes), attendance at meetings, and other duties totaled 11% of the hours worked.

Newbury Fire Rescue has no full-time employees. The firefighters and EMTs are paid by the calls for service to which they respond, and on an hourly basis for other duties such as training, fire prevention, administrative, maintenance and other duties.

### Calls

There were 372 emergency calls for service during 2019, which was slightly lower than the 2018 record of 379. Medical calls totaled 126 and accounted for about one third of the total emergency calls. There were 61 vehicle incidents, which accounted for 16% of the total, a 5% increase from 2018. Severe winter weather resulted in the increase in vehicle crashes. False alarms increased from 8% in 2018 to 13% in 2019. Service calls declined from 21% in 2018 to 12% this past year.

Mutual aid was up slightly from 5% to 8%. The 30 mutual aid calls included 10 building fires in the towns of Bradford (3), Sutton (2), Newport (1), Sunapee (2), and New London (2). Although there were only eight fires in Newbury in 2019 (five were brush fires), the experience gained from fighting structure fires in the surrounding towns was valuable training for our firefighters.



Although not a major part of the calls, Search & Rescue activity doubled from 5 to 10 responses. This increase was due to four rescues on Mount Sunapee hiking trails and six boat rescues on Lake Sunapee.

### Training

As noted above, training accounted for 24% of employee hours with 58 classes attended during the year. Newbury Fire Rescue conducts formal in-house firefighting and emergency medical training twice a month. About half of the trainings are conducted by experienced department firefighters and EMTs – the remaining classes include guest instructors. During 2019, instructors from New London Hospital, Eversource Electric, NH Fish & Game, and Sunapee Fire Department participated in our training sessions. Department members attended outside training conducted by the New Hampshire Fire Academy, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Littleton Hospital, New London Hospital, Midwestern NH Hazmat District, New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs, New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society, PRIMEX, NH Municipal Association,

New Hampshire Dept of Forests & Lands, NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Colby Sawyer College, *Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities (SOLO)* Medical Training and other organizations.

### **Permits**

After several years of successfully offering alarm permits and fireworks permits on the Newbury Fire Rescue Website [www.newburyfd.org](http://www.newburyfd.org), another permit form was added to the site – Outside Burning Permit. Online renewal simplified the permit renewal process which can now be done electronically. Because of certain restrictions, the online permits are only for the renewal of seasonal Category I and Category II (campfire) permits. New permits require an inspection by the Forest Fire Warden or a Deputy Warden before a permit is issued. Permits for Category III (brush burning) can only be issued by the Forest Fire Warden or a Deputy Warden. Please see the website for application forms and complete information on the state outside burning regulations.

### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that results from the burning of fuels that can be dangerous and even deadly to anyone who is exposed to the fumes. Improperly vented furnaces, boilers, stoves, fireplaces and portable generators are the most common sources of CO. Often people are not aware of carbon monoxide in the home until they become ill. The only early warning of carbon monoxide is to have carbon monoxide detectors in the home. Detectors should be located on every level of the house and outside of each bedroom. When the carbon monoxide detector sounds, you should call 911 and evacuate the house. Batteries should be replaced on an annual basis and keep in mind that CO detectors are only good for five to seven years and should be replaced after that time. It is recommended that when you travel, you purchase a travel CO alarm that will protect you if the hotel is not equipped with carbon monoxide detectors.

*Henry E. Thomas Jr., Fire Chief*

David Smith, Assistant Chief

Nick Bibeau, Captain

Michael Bascom, Kenneth Burnell, Tim O'Neill, Lieutenants

Wayne Whitford, Administration/Fire Prevention/EMS Training

Mike Croteau, Mike Menino, Vicki Hayward, Standing Committee

## Forest Fire Warden

2019 had another unusually wet spring and early summer and it wasn't until mid-August that the ground really dried out – and by early October, the rains came again! As a result, forest fire activity was very low for the year and the only (small) fire events occurred during the dry spell.

I want to thank the Newbury Fire Department for responding quickly and efficiently to the calls that were reported. Also, I want to thank our deputy fire wardens for their commitment to our town. They write many of the permits, answer many of your questions, and maintain their up-to-date training knowledge through attendance at the annual training session offered by our State of NH Forest Rangers.



*Celebrating Smokey's 75th Birthday at Old Home Day.  
Photo Courtesy Syd Bryk*

### Points to Remember

- All outside burning requires a written fire permit whenever the ground is not covered with snow.
- All Category I and II campfire permits expired on December 31, 2019 and must be renewed annually.
- Category III Brush Fire Permits will only be issued when weather conditions allow, and between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., or while it is actively raining.
- All permitted fires must be attended by the individual responsible for the fire and they must be on the same property as the fire.
- Written landowner permission is required to obtain a permit on another person's property.
- Brush and wood cannot exceed five (5)-inches in diameter. No combustible domestic waste, treated wood, or composite materials may be burned.

### To the citizens of Newbury:

**Thank You! for complying with the state rules and regulations.**

Because of your observance of our regulations, we have not had that many issues in recent years. The few events that we have had we have been able to handle with just a bit of education about the state fire permit laws. Please contact us with your questions – it is much easier to explain the rules and regulations upfront than to resolve an issue later on.

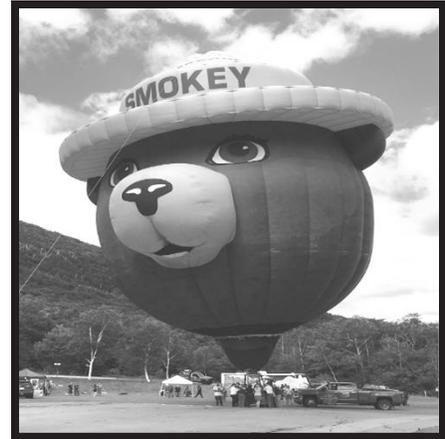
*Dave Smith  
Forest Fire Warden*

## State Forest Ranger

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildfire activity throughout the state. Your local fire department and the NH Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

### The Wildland Urban Interface

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year in New Hampshire, there are fires that threaten or destroy structures – a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your home free of flammable materials – specifically keeping the roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the NH Forest Rangers by being fire-wise and fire-safe!



### Smokey Turns 75!

The Forest Protection Bureau and local fire departments were very busy this year celebrating Smokey the Bear's 75<sup>th</sup> year of preventing wildfires. Many events were held at local libraries and this program was so successful we will be offering it again in 2020. We were fortunate enough to partner with the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact and brought the Smokey Hot Air Balloon to Franconia Notch in August. (above) The weather was fantastic, and hundreds of people got the chance to ride in Smokey's hot air balloon!

**Smokey's Message** has always been about personal responsibility – his ABC's:

Always **Be** Careful with fire.

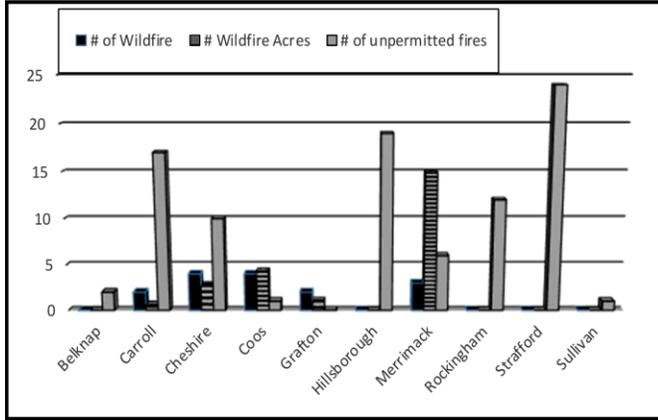
If you start a fire, put it out when you are done.

### Moving Forward

As we prepare for the 2020 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing **ANY** outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdf/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/).

**“Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”**

**2019 Wildland Fire Statistics**  
(All fires reported as of December 2019)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159
2015	143	665	180

\* Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED								
(These numbers do not include the WMNF)								
Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	3

## Code Enforcement Officer

2019 was an awesome year and I would like to thank all Newbury property owners for taking the extra time to meet prior to filing town permits for your projects. The goal of pre-construction meetings is to create an efficient process throughout your building project.

I welcome emails with all questions regarding any projects no matter how large or small. Proper planning and establishing expectations for all projects will ensure a smooth job from start to finish. Please take a few moments to call and schedule a meeting with me prior to commencing any construction project that may require a permit.

### Permits

There were 245 permits issued in Newbury in 2019. These include 32 Buffer Cut Inspections and 27 Septic Permit inspections for the basil area (the base of the leach field, non-disturbed.) The State of New Hampshire relies on this department to inspect this portion of leach fields.

Single Family Homes	10	Commercial Alteration	1	Mechanical	14
Sheds	3	Solar Systems	8	Manufactured House	1
Porches	1	Generator	8	Garages	9
Pools	1	Additions	6	Demolition	10
Signs	3	Decks	8	Plumbing	22
Home Improvements	37	Commercial	1	Septic	27
Barns	1	Electrical	42		

For property owners who have filed and have not yet completed – or received – a certificate of occupancy (or certificate of completion) for their project, please call to schedule a final inspection. Please reference the permit number when calling for all inspections.

### Helpful tips for planning your next project:

- Permits are required for all sheds – whether permanently affixed to the ground, or not.
- Permits are required for any change to the original plumbing or electrical system. However, you do not need a permit if you are simply changing a plumbing fixture or a light switch.
- New heating systems, replacement heating systems, all central fire and security systems need permits. These permits can be obtained from the fire department. Contact Chief Henry Thomas at (603) 344-9381 or email [newburyc1@aol.com](mailto:newburyc1@aol.com).
- Shoreland protection permits, wetland permits, buffer zone development, and stormwater management plans are critical for the preservation of our lakes, ponds, and streams.
- The town has strict guidelines on cutting trees in the waterfront buffer and woodland buffer zones around lakes and ponds.
- Please review our zoning regulations and building regulations for Best Practices regarding work in and around our lakes, ponds, rivers, streams or wetland areas.

*Jack Shephard*  
*Code Enforcement Officer*

## Highway Department

Beginning on October 27, 2018 and running through April 10, 2019, we had 72 events, which required the Highway Department to plow and/or sand the roads – using approximately 5,500 tons of sand.

Along with our usual duties of snow removal, grading, culvert replacement, ditching, sweeping, mowing, etc., the Highway Department completed the following projects:

- In the Southview subdivision, 2,270 feet of the roads were reconstructed with fabric and 1,330 tons of hard pak gravel.
- On Birch Grove Road, 1,500 feet of road was reclaimed and paved.
- On South Road, 13,000 feet of road was shimmed and overlaid with 1.5 inches of pavement.
- Several hundred feet of culverts were replaced at various locations in town.
- On August 9, 2019, we applied for a wetlands permit from the NH DES to replace the existing culvert on Bay Point Road. The state required the town to hire an archeologist, who found nothing on the site. After the DES requested an extension on their own deadline, our application was finally approved on December 6, 2019. Because of the DES requests, we had to encumber the funds from last year.

I would like to take this time to thank the highway crew for “going above and beyond” this past year as we were down one person from November 22, 2018 through September 19, 2019. Then, we were down two people - with the well-deserved retirement of Joe Branch after 21 years of service. On November 2, 2019, we were back to a full crew when we were fortunate to acquire two experienced people.

Winter sand is still available at the old highway shed on Sutton Road for all town residents.

As always, my sincere thanks to the residents for all their support, the Selectboard, Town Office staff, and the entire Police and Fire departments.

*Cal Prussman  
Highway Administrator*



*The Highway Department's Trunk or Treat display.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## **Emergency Management Director**

### **Weather Emergency Contact List**

Emergency Management oversees the Newbury Storm Emergency contact list which identifies Newbury residents who may be disabled, without transportation, or may need assistance in a major weather event such as a blizzard or ice storm. Residents sign up for the contact list and, in the event of a storm or power failure, they are contacted by telephone to see if they need assistance. If the phone is not answered, the fire department will send someone to the residence to check on the person. The call list was activated several times during 2019 with very positive results. The people who received calls were very appreciative. To be added to the list, please fill out the form on the Newbury Fire Rescue website [www.newburyfd.org](http://www.newburyfd.org) or stop by the Police Department Administrative Assistant's Office.

### **Emergency Management Training**

In June, several town employees attended the State of New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Emergency Preparedness Conference held in Manchester. Attendees participated in classes on school safety, active shooter, emergency communication, sheltering public works, mutual aid, and other preparedness topics.

### **Ice Melting Devices**

Prior to and during the winter months, Emergency Management works with the Town Clerk, Conservation Commission, Fire Rescue Department, and the NH Marine Patrol on tracking Aquatherm ice melting bubblers that keep open water around boathouses and docks. Under New Hampshire law, these devices must have a permit from the local town clerk and the owner is required to post "Danger Thin Ice" signs.

In 2019, the state legislature updated the law to limit the amount of open water and to prohibit the device from restricting public access to the ice-covered lake. The Fire Rescue Department uses the information on the permits to identify areas where a rescue may be needed and where there may be open water for firefighting purposes. Most property owners obtain the permits, post the signs, and put their devices on a timer so that ice is only melted around the dock. The Conservation Commission hosted a seminar in the fall on the updated law and its requirements. Unfortunately, there are property owners who do not obtain the permits and follow the requirements. Two years ago, an ATV went through the ice near one of these devices - fortunately, there were no injuries. Last year, a bubbler that was not set properly resulted in open water extending 100-feet from the dock. The department attempts to work with property owners to remedy the violations.

### **Website Resources**

Emergency Management continues to provide timely storm and weather related emergency information through the Town of Newbury website [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org). Weather warnings and alerts are posted on the alert section at the top of the page, with preparedness and safety information for the community in the Bulletin Board section. General Emergency Management resources and information can be found in the Emergency Management section.

Don't forget to visit the State of New Hampshire Emergency Preparedness website [www.Ready.NH.gov](http://www.Ready.NH.gov) for information on family emergency planning, putting together a family emergency kit, signing up for emergency alerts, and things to think about before, during and after a disaster.

### **Mount Sunapee Resort**

The acquisition of Mount Sunapee Resort by Vail Resorts resulted in some positive things for the Town of Newbury. Most residents are familiar with the fence at the playground that was donated and installed by Mount Sunapee Resort employees for Vail's Epic Promise Day.

During the year, meetings were held with Vail/Mount Sunapee representatives, with Newbury Emergency Management, Fire and Police. Discussions at the meetings focused on coordination between the town and the resort in the event of emergencies at the resort.

During the summer months there were two rescues by the Newbury Fire-Rescue Department of hikers who were injured on the mountain and had to be assisted down by emergency responders. Although the rescues went well, with good

coordination between resort and town staff, Vail's Safety Department wanted to update their emergency plans to improve the cooperation between their employees and the responders. Emergency contact lists for mountain staff and after-hours response procedures were updated, especially during the off season. Plans were made for Mount Sunapee Resort to provide equipment and vehicles for the responders as needed and improve communication. Mapping and improved marking of hiking trails is ongoing. We expect this continued cooperation between Mount Sunapee Resort and town emergency responders to continue in 2020.



*Santa arriving in Engine #4 for the children's Christmas Party.  
Photo Courtesy Wayne Whitford*

*Wayne Whitford  
Emergency Management Director*

## **Health Officer**

### **Regional Public Health Planning**

During 2019, the Newbury Health Officer participated with the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network in the planning for response to public health emergencies throughout the area. This year's focus was on the ability to provide medications in the event of a public health outbreak to facilities such as hospitals, colleges, nursing homes, and other institutions in the area. In the event of an outbreak, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) sends out medications to the states, which are then distributed by the Public Health Networks.

In September, the Public Health Network conducted a trial exercise of the plan at the regional point of distribution (POD) which is located at Mount Sunapee Resort. Simulated pallets of medications were delivered to the POD and members of the health network – which included Newbury health and fire departments – allocated the medications. Representatives from the institutions came to Newbury and picked up the simulated allotment of medications for their facilities. In accordance with CDC and other governmental requirements, all the medications had to be tracked and complete identification had to be provided by the representatives.

Following the exercise, an evaluation meeting was held, and a required final report was completed and delivered to the NH Department of Health and Human Resources. It was determined that the exercise went well, but a few things were identified that needed improvement.

### **Influenza**

The seasonal flu remains the most significant public health concern for the area. Each year the Lake Sunapee Area Visiting Nurses conduct flu clinics in Newbury at the library and the South Newbury Union Church. The Newbury clinics are always well attended. Although it is late in the season, the vaccine does prevent the flu – so please get your flu shot.

### **Public Health Information**

You are invited to visit the Health Officer's page on the Town of Newbury website [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org). Public health information for the community and links to state and federal public health resources can be found on the page, along with timely public health information postings.

### **Child Care Inspections**

One of the duties of the local health officer, delegated by the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is the health inspection of foster homes and childcare facilities. DHHS requires these childcare facilities to be licensed and a requirement of the license is a Health Officer inspection.

If you are considering setting up family childcare in your home, please see the DHHS Childcare Program section of the DHHS website for complete information and to ensure you are in full compliance with state regulations. Homes where foster children are placed also need to have a Health Officer inspection.

*Wayne R. Whitford*  
*Health Officer*

## Joint Loss Management Committee

The New Hampshire Department of Labor requires every employer in the state to have a safety committee and the Newbury Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) meets that state requirement. During 2019, the Newbury JLMC consistently exceeded the state's minimum quarterly meeting requirements by meeting every other month. The JLMC includes department supervisors and workers as required under the state guidelines.

### 2019 Highlights

During 2019, the Newbury JLMC:

- Reviewed the playground equipment at the town's playgrounds and made recommendations on safety concerns.
- Worked with the police department to conduct a security evaluation at town buildings and made recommendations for enhancing employee safety and security.
- Ordered new first aid kits for several town departments.
- Conducted CPR and first aid classes.
- Coordinated employee safety training with PRIMEX, which the town's insurance coverage provided.

The Newbury JLMC consistently exceeds state requirements by not only examining employee safety, but also considering potential safety hazards to the public at town buildings and facilities.

*Wayne Whitford, Chair*



*Sadie Dewkett reads about fairies at the Library's Fairy Jar Program.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

## Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Blodgett Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant had a good year in 2019. There were no problems at the plant or at the pump stations. The nitrate and ammonia levels remained steady throughout the year at the below-state-limit levels (10 milligrams per liter). Testing for Ph nitrates and ammonia were conducted on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

The plant had 20,000 gallons of sludge removed. We also purchased two new flow meters.

I want to thank Mary Thayer and the Newbury Highway Department for their continued assistance throughout the year.

*Tim Mulder  
Chief Operator*



*The Vermont Institute of National Science joined the Library to bring a program on Owls and their Calls.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

## Newbury Public Library

*"To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if roadmaps are necessary now that there are so very many roads."*

Jon Bing (1944-2014)

### Director's Report

First and foremost, we would like to thank Newbury for their continued support and patronage throughout the year. We remain inspired to create engaging and exciting programs and services, and a collection that meets the needs of our community.

#### Patrons

In 2019, 75 new members joined our library, giving us a total of 1,608 registered patrons. Newbury Public Library also serves 244 other libraries through the New Hampshire State Library's Interlibrary Loan program.



*Shoshanna Cote reads the Poetry of Nobel Laureate Nelly Sachs  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

withdrew 1,106 items. The library's collection includes current bestsellers, up-to-date non-fiction, an engaging children and young adult collection, magazines and newspapers, a large DVD library, audiobooks, large-print titles, and other items including a telescope, microscopes, and our childhood literacy bookbag collection called the "Reading Railroad". In addition, Newbury patrons have access to the NH State Library's Downloadable Books collection, which lends free e-books and audiobooks to all cardholders.

#### Programs

In 2019, we held a total of 209 programs (for all ages) that were attended by 2,641 people. Our range of offerings for children and adults were held several times a month and included the following: after school programs for school-aged children; story hour; book discussions; poetry; author visits; local history talks; health and wellness programs; craft programs; a writer's group; gardening and more. All our programs are free, open to the public, and made possible by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library and other community partnerships and grants.

#### Book Discussions

In 2019, the following books were featured for monthly discussion:

**January:** Open Choice

**February:** "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz

**March:** "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain

#### Patron Visits and Checkouts

In 2019, we had 20,267 visits to our library, and we had 18,975 physical items checked out during the year. In addition to physical materials, we had 3,770 downloaded eBooks, audio books, and magazines checked out in 838 virtual visits using the NH State Downloadable Books library. Newbury Public Library loaned 904 items and borrowed 1,152 items through the NH State Interlibrary Loan program.

#### Our Collection

At the end of 2019, the Newbury Public Library had 16,138 items on its shelves. To keep our collection current, we added 1,387 items and

**April:** “America For Beginners” by Leah Franqui  
**May:** “Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot  
**June:** “Hidden Figures” by Margot Lee Shetterly  
**July:** “The Art Forger” by B. A. Shapiro  
**August:** “Circe” by Madeline Miller  
**September:** “Nineteen Minutes” by Jodi Picoult  
**October:** “We Have Always Lived in the Castle” by Shirley Jackson  
**November:** “Asymmetry” by Lisa Halliday  
**December:** “The Dinner” by Herman Koch

Our monthly book discussions are open to all, and generally held on the first Monday evening of every month. Titles discussed are chosen by the group, and copies of the books are available in advance at the library.

### Grants

The Newbury Public Library received a grant from the New London Rotary's Literacy Committee to complete our “Cat in the Hat Learning Library”, which broadens our Easy Reader collection and introduces basic science concepts through each of the titles chosen. We received the “Kids, Books and the Arts” grant through the NH State Library which helped us bring CactusHead Puppets to perform at our Summer Reading Program. We also received two “Humanities to Go” grants to help bring in speakers – actor Mike Francis as Galileo, and Dr. Damian Costello who spoke on Black Elk. In November, we also received a “Walmart Giving” grant to help fund our afterschool programs.



*Lillian Deane with her artwork.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

### Adult Community Program Highlights

- **Poetry:** The library holds monthly poetry meetings with the John Hay Poetry Society, led by Newbury's Poet Laureate Dianalee Velie.
- **Owls:** The Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) joined us in February for a special program on Owls and their calls, bringing several live owls for viewing. This packed program taught us about several owls native to our area and thrilled adults and children alike.
- **Newbury EMS/Fire Department CPR Training:** The Newbury Fire Department and EMS partnered with us for CPR and First Aid training.
- **Gardening series:** The Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) partnered with the library to bring four master gardening programs in 2019. Topics included pest-control, container gardening, and preparing your garden for winter. We will be partnering with them again in 2020 with several new topics.
- **Galileo:** Actor Michael Francis brought Galileo Galilei to life in this magical “Humanities to Go” program, as we ventured into the topic of astronomy. We learned about Galileo's many inventions and astronomical observations during his life.
- **Mimi Schwartz:** Author and Professor Mimi Schwartz joined us for a memoir writing workshop, in partnership with the Literary Guild of the Center for the Arts, Lake Sunapee Region. Participants learned key skills for writing their family stories.
- **Writer's Group:** Our Writer's Group, which meets monthly, shares works written by members, and offers advice and discussion. It is open to all interested in writing.
- **Lowell Observatory:** Lowell Putnam, the sole trustee of the Lowell Observatory, joined us for a presentation on the observatory and its history. The observatory is known for its discovery of Pluto and for its work on the Apollo lunar mappings.

- **Blodgett Landing History:** John Greenwood presented a history of Blodgett Landing using photographs, postcards and other resources from his informative and well-researched website, *Lake Sunapee History*. He covered the origins of Blodgett Landing and its varied residents over time.
- **Craft programs:** We held a variety of craft programs throughout the year – Sunday craft group, workshops on needle-felting, beading, confetti glass, fairy jars, and more. We also started a lunch-hour group in collaboration with the Friendship House that meets monthly in South Newbury. Supplies are brought in or participants can bring projects they are working on. All these programs – like all our other programs – are free and open to all.
- **Ancestry:** Thanks to a generous donation, the library was able to purchase a subscription to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) for use within our library. As a result, we held a training program last year on basic genealogy research. Participants were able to explore the site and get started on discovering their own family trees.

### Children and Young Adult Programming

We were sorry to say goodbye to Children's Librarian Emily Squibb and we wish her the best of luck as she returns to her teaching career. Emily created vibrant and diverse offerings of programs and services for children and families and was beloved by all she worked with. In November, Nancy Gove joined us as our new Children's Librarian and jumped right into the role with excitement and energy. She brings with her a love of libraries, education and many years of experience working with students in the Kearsarge District.

Here are the 2019 program activities:

- **Story time:** We had 181 children and 131 adults attend our story time programs. Story time is on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., is open to all ages, and provides a fun, vibrant place filled with stories, songs, activities and crafts. Special story times in 2019 included Yoga story time with Laura Hanson, and story time with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association.
- **After-school programs:** The library's afterschool programs run during the school year in 5-week sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays and focus on a variety of fun educational topics for children. In 2019, we explored other cultures and world geography and tried our hand at Lego Robotics and coding. We went down to Sweet Beets in Bradford as part of their educational outreach program and learned about gardening and growing our own food. We also hosted an art club where children created artwork to display for Newbury's Old Home Day. In September, children joined us for Tinker Club, where we experimented with kitchen chemistry, engineering, robotics and learned about parts of a flower with help from generously donated flowers from Lake Sunapee Flower Farm. Later in the fall, we held the Creativity Club, and children were challenged to write stories, build Lego creations, make musical instruments, and use their imagination. Thanks to a "Walmart Giving" grant, our After-school program is funded for 2020.
- **Summer Reading:** Our 2019 reading challenge included 28 participants who read a total of 208.5 hours. The Summer Reading program, "A Universe of Stories", kicked off with the Science Tellers who presented their program *Aliens Escape from Earth!* Subsequent topics included *Space Jam* with Miss Julieann, "Kids, Books and the Arts" grant presenter CactusHead Puppets (with their *The Magnificent Monster Circus*), and *The Comet Show* with the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. In addition to our speaker programs, programs were planned every week for families that complemented the space theme – from solar system necklaces to rocket launches, to edible Mars Rovers. We ended the summer reading program with our annual party at Mount Sunapee with mini-golf and ice cream and celebrated all the children who participated in the reading challenge.

We couldn't have made our Summer Reading as fun and special without help from our community partners. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Bubba's Bar & Grille, Meg's Cut Above, the Tackle Shack, Mount Sunapee Adventure Park, and Hannaford Supermarket. Thank you for all you do for your community!

- **Family Programs:** Throughout 2019, we hosted many programs for families at the library.
  - During the February vacation week, we ran a week of poetry-themed programs – Dianalee Velie, Newbury's Poet Laureate, provided us with resources, and local author, Matt Forrest Esenwine, joined us to teach the art of “found poetry”. We also ran a Poetry Tea Party, where children dressed up, had a tea party, and created their own poems.
  - During April vacation, children were invited to come and create bird feeders out of recycled materials, which were then hung around the library, or taken home to hang outside. The “Turtle Lady” joined us later in the week for a visit, teaching children about turtles and their habitats. We also built beautiful light-up Fairy Jars for families to take home with moss, flowers, tealights and tiny fairies.
  - In August, we held a one-off family program as a teaser to our after-school programs, called “Messy STEM Day”. Families joined us for slime-making, painting egg bombs, exploding sidewalk chalk, and experiments with ice. This messy outdoor program was a blast, and excited children for the upcoming afterschool “Tinker Club” sessions.
  - In December, we held a special storyteller event with Simon Brooks for Family Fun Day, right before the Town Tree Lighting Ceremony. Families gathered and made ornaments at the library before heading over to the Center Meeting House to sing carols and light the town tree.

### Other Services and Amenities

#### **Homebound Delivery & Accessibility**

The Newbury Public Library offers a free delivery service to anyone who has difficulty getting to the library due to short- or long-term health issues, or the loss of a car or license. We are happy to visit and bring books, movies and audiobooks and we have CD players to lend, if needed. Deliveries are on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis depending on patron needs, and deliveries are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We are happy to accommodate any patron interested in this service, and we can hand-pick items based on interests or get specific titles for you. Call Lea at (603) 763-5803 for more information.

Our library is also wheelchair-accessible, and we are happy to help accommodate any patron's needs.

#### **Computers, Printing, Faxing and Scanning**

The library has six computers for free public use, with black and white printing available. We also offer free photocopying, scanning and faxing to anywhere in the U.S. Our scanner can scan photos, documents, film negatives, and slides.



*Kylie Buckley at Art Club afterschool at the Newbury Library.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

Our library offers access to NH Downloadable books, EBSCO, and [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). Call (603) 763-5803 or visit the library for more information. Also, the library has free Wi-Fi available to the public on all library computers, and patron devices. Wi-Fi is accessible 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Website**

Our website is <http://www.newburynhlibrary.net> and lists our calendar of events, services and other news, as well as Trustee information, Friends of the Library information and Foundation information. We also have a Facebook page. Our website was made possible by generous grants from Bar Harbor Bank and Trust/Lake Sunapee Bank, Sugar River Savings Bank, and the Friends of the Newbury Public Library.

### **Museum Passes**

The library has a large selection of free museum passes to local and regional museums available to all patrons and their families. These passes may be reserved up to three months in advance by phone, email or in person. The museum passes held include: The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens, Strawberry Banke, The Currier Art Museum, VINS, the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, the See Science Center, the Warner Telephone Museum, and Billings Farm. These passes were generously donated by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library and the Newbury Beautification Committee.

### **Volunteers**

Our volunteers are invaluable. In 2019, they contributed 173 hours and 30 minutes of time and helped with our book sales, carefully repaired books, sorted books in our basement, spent hours shelving books, worked on craft projects, made us beautiful, tended our garden, helped with computer instruction, and so much more.

#### **Thank you to our 2019 volunteers:**

Cheron Barton, Judy Hale, Ashley Clark, Aeryn Cousino, Jeff Duquette, Liz Tentarelli, Ken Tentarelli, Mark Tentarelli, Sharon Tentarelli, Paula Falkowski, Don Falkowski, Mickey Noyer, Heather Jacques, Rémi Jacques, Maël Jacques, Liz Moulton, Bill Moulton, and Regina Cockerill.

**We appreciate all the hard work and time each dedicated volunteer devoted to us. You truly make us a community library!**

Finally, we want to thank the community for your continued support!

*Lea McBain, Library Director*

Laura Pezone, Assistant Director  
Nancy Gove, Children's Librarian  
Pete Mitchell, Library Aide  
Sophie Shields, Intern  
Kaden Von Kanneurff, Intern  
Shannon Storm, Library Substitute  
Liz Frantz, Library Substitute  
Jenny Blaschik, Library Substitute  
Joan Burritt, Library Substitute  
Sherry Edmonds, Library Substitute

## **Friends of the Library**

Through our annual community appeal and book sales, the Friends of Newbury Public Library had another successful year of fundraising. We are a 501-c3 organization that meets quarterly. All are welcome to attend our meetings! All money that we raise goes directly to support the library, from funding all programs to enhancing the book budget, purchasing all DVDs, and supporting the technology budget.

We were able to support a multitude of library programs that were well attended, thanks to a successful year of fundraising through our annual community appeal letter and through several book sales held on Memorial Day and Old Home Day. Our library seems to have become well known in the area for the large selection of programs that are offered for both children and adults - and that is thanks to your financial contributions to the Friends and Newbury Public Library. In summary, the library held 209 programs with over 2,500 in attendance! Some of the highlights included the VINS owl program, Cruising NH History, making Fairy Jars, and many after school programs like Lego Robotics, the partnership with Sweet Beet, Art Club and Tinker Club.

If you are interested in helping with the Friends, please join us at one of our meetings. We are looking for several new board members for next year. If you are interested, please join us at our next meeting or let our librarians know of your interest. Our meetings are posted at the library and online at the library website. Once again, many thanks to all who have supported our fundraising this year and allowed us to give back to our town library, a much-loved and well-used entity.

*Liz Moulton, President*

Walter Hennings, Treasurer  
Paula Falkowski, Secretary  
Heather Jacques, Mickey Noyer, and Linda Sue Porter, Directors

## **Newbury Library Trustees**

2019 was a year filled with strategy sessions for more effective public outreach, brainstorming meetings on library expansion plans, and accommodating personnel changes.

### **2019 Highlights**

- In February, the Trustees met with the Friends of the Library to discuss how to improve public outreach efforts, specifically, how to attract teens to the library, develop programs for homeschoolers, and create a coffee klatch to bring community members together in a casual and conversation-laden setting.
- Throughout the year, Trustees met to discuss the challenges of getting out information on the many programs offered by the library. Challenges to improved publicity included the absence of a town newspaper. Strategies included launching more advertising in the *Kearsarge Shopper* and utilizing multiple social media platforms to maximize community outreach.
- Trustees reviewed personnel and patron behavior policies developed by Regina Cockerill and Lea McBain, Library Director, with the goal of enhancing a positive environment for workers and patrons alike.

### **Personnel Changes**

The Trustees and library staff coped with the loss of our vibrant children's librarian, Emily Squibb, who ended her tenure in July to take a full-time teaching job. It was a frustrating and challenging task for Lea and Laura Pezone, Assistant Director, to find a qualified replacement. Lea and Laura were stalwart in their resolve and were rewarded with the application – and eventual hiring – of Nancy Gove in November. The

Library Board endorsed the selection and welcomed another stellar and energetic addition to the library staff. Lea and Laura are to be commended for their tireless efforts to maintain the children's programming during the absence of a children's librarian.

### **Board Changes**

- In March, Helen Wright was elected to the board and is a welcome addition, with her background in human resources and overall street smarts!
- Regina Cockerill was also elected to the board in March and took on the mammoth job of leading the Newbury Library Foundation of New Hampshire, a 501-C3 organization, created by the trustees to solicit donations for the \$1.7 million library expansion plan.
- Lisa Correa, a trustee since 2015, resigned late fall to pursue other interests and the trustees endorsed the appointment of alternate Jeanne Palleiko, who also has a background in human resources to fill out her term. The Selectboard unanimously endorsed her appointment and she is on the March ballot.
- Ken Tentarelli continues to serve as an alternate trustee and is invaluable as the board's recording secretary.

### **“Little Libraries” Expansion**

The Mount Sunapee Resort implemented its own “Little Library” in the winter to benefit ski families and hikers alike. A sign is posted at the mountain's bookshelf to note that the books are provided by the Newbury library. This latest addition joins the three “Little Libraries” in Newbury – located in South Newbury, at the harbor, and in Georges Mills.

### **Library Expansion Plans**

Trustees decided not to pursue a warrant article for the \$1.7 million library expansion at the 2020 Town Meeting but will renew our request to be on the ballot at the 2021 town meeting. Trustees met with the Selectboard in late October and Selectboard members said they could not support a library expansion warrant article at the same time the fire department is pursuing \$3.75 million for a new fire station. A new fire station has been on the ballot at town meetings since 2016.

However, the Selectboard agreed to recommend \$270,000 in funding for any major repairs that might be needed in the interim, and to underwrite additional groundwork needed for the expansion project, which would reduce the price tag of the final expansion warrant article.

Foundation director and trustee Regina Cockerill says the foundation to date has raised in excess of \$173,000 to offset the cost of the expansion project. Regina and a handful of dedicated volunteers have run an exhaustive campaign to solicit donations and spare taxpayer expense, and we want to take this opportunity to recognize and applaud their efforts.

### **Moving Forward**

Heading into 2020, we are committed to addressing an evolving need for libraries as a source of electronic books and other digital information. Also, we remain committed to our library as a provider of stimulating programs targeting all age and interest ranges, and as a hub to discuss local events and unite as a community. We are proud to think of our library as “the town green” – a community gathering spot to remind us all of the uniqueness and beauty inherent in our town.

*Newbury Public Library Board of Trustees*

*Patricia Sherman, Regina Cockerill, Helen Wright, Jeanne Palleiko and Lynne Tuohy*

*Ken Tentarelli, Alternate*

## Newbury Poet Laureate

Serving as Poet Laureate of Newbury, NH, has been joyful and stimulating. The John Hay Poetry Society continues to meet on the second Monday of the month at the Newbury Library. It is a welcoming, poetry-loving crowd and all are invited to join us.

### Poetry Month

April in Newbury is chock full of poetry events. Every April is Poetry Month and I invite a visiting poet, or poets, to join us in Newbury. In April 2019, we enjoyed hearing Ala Khaki, an Iranian-born poet, read his powerful poetry. Ala Khaki's books were destroyed in Iran and he was imprisoned for speaking his poetic truths. Upcoming events include:

- Friday, April 3, 2020, - Alexandria Peary, New Hampshire's newly appointed Poet Laureate, will read and sign her books at the finale of the Center for the Arts Poetry Award presentations at the Newbury Town Office.
- Monday, April 13, 2020, - Marie Harris, former Poet Laureate of NH, will read and sign her books at 7:00 p.m. at the Newbury Town Library.

### 2019 Highlights

Newbury became the hub for poetry when we celebrated The Center for the Arts Poetry Contest winners at Town Office in April. The poetry contest is held every year and sponsored by the Literary Guild of the Center for the Arts. Ala Khaki was the 2019 judge and the theme for the contest was "The Courage to Create." The 2020 theme for the Poetry Contest is "Snapshots in Time." There are categories for adults, teenagers and children. Come celebrate and hear the poets read their winning poems at the Town Office on Friday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly, the *Interntown Record* features the Poetry Page – a collection of poems submitted from The John Hay Poetry Society and other area poetry fans.

As a member of the Literary Arts Guild of The Center for the Arts, we will be working on another book of poetry by the John Hay Poets in collaboration with local Historical Societies. This project is in the early stages of formation and we are sure it will be as successful as our first two books – *Visual Verse I, Art and Poetry Inspired by The Fells*, and *Visual Verse II, The Ripple Effect*. Like the previous two books, it will be made available in local bookstores.

Three Poetry Plaques have been installed on the Poetry Path between the Library and the Velie Memorial Playground. The installed plaques present poems by Donald Hall, Jane Kenyon and Maxine Kumin. The path will eventually display poems written by all the past and present Poet Laureates of New Hampshire. We have approval from the remaining New Hampshire Poet Laureates and/or their publishers. We are in the process of raising funds for these additional plaques. Please contact one of of The Poetry Posse, members – Nancy Marashio, Lea McBain, Director of our Library, or me – if you are interested in donating to this project. All donations should be made out to the Town of Newbury and are tax deductible.

The Poetry Posse, in collaboration with the Newbury Public Library and Brick Moltz, Director of Education at The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens, established a seasonal Poetry Walk along The Fells paths. Sixteen poems are chosen by season and location on The Fells property. This poetry installation is rotated two times a year to reflect the changing seasons. In addition, a logbook is kept for visitor's comments. We look forward to continuing this changeable exhibit on a yearly basis.

*Dianalee Velie*  
*Poet Laureate*

## **OLD HOME DAY, NEWBURY NH**

*Stay, stay at home, my heart, and rest;*

*Home-keeping hearts are happiest."*

*-Henry W. Longfellow*

Euphoria emanates around the Center of Newbury,  
glistening in the faces of tiny toddlers and elder  
statesmen alike.

Yesterday's torrential downpours have been hushed  
and the mountains are lush with greenery allowing  
Lake Sunapee to sparkle in her glory.

Even the mallard swimming at the town beach, downy  
feathers of sable and ecru as dazzling as the coat of the minks  
who run in and out from under the dock, seems to smile.

Traffic slows through town as families meander  
through food courts, games, fire eaters, acrobats, kiosks  
full of homemade crafts and bouncy obstacles of fun.

The cannon fires, the Meeting House bell tolls,  
laughter prevails until dusk begins to settle  
and fire works light up the night sky.

Neighbors drift home, more in love  
with Newbury than ever before,  
embraced in comfort and peace,  
nestled between her mountain and her lake.

## Recreation Department

The Newbury Recreation Department offers town residents and visitors a wide range of programs and events throughout the year incorporating outdoor and indoor activities. Our goal for 2020 is to offer a variety of programs and events that appeal to everyone's interests and likes.

Sydney Bryk became the director of the Recreation Department at the end of August. Syd is a full-time college student and has been a counselor at the Recreation Department camps for the past two years. 2020 plans include growing the Newbury recreation department through program expansion and community-driven outreach.

### Fishersfield Park

This year, pickleball became a popular sport at Fishersfield. Three times weekly, residents and visitors tested their skills on the reserved tennis courts. Fishersfield was actively in use throughout the summer and in the fall - Mount Royal Academy rented the fields for their high school soccer league. For 2020, we hope to encourage more use of our fields and courts to the public.

### Summer Programs

Several summer camps were hosted by the Recreation Department at Fishersfield and two of our morning camps were hosted by Lake Sunapee Protective Association and Lego Robotics. Afternoon camps included archery, soccer, field games, arts and crafts. We were also able to go to Mount Sunapee Adventure Park and the State Beach. A week-long soccer camp rounded out our summer activities.

As in years past, we offered summer swimming lessons at the harbor. Lessons are conducted by certified American Red Cross instructors during the summer for two weeks. We had a great turnout of children of all different ages and swim levels.



Mount Sunapee participating at Trunk or Treat.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk



Archery at Fishersfield during summer camps.  
Photo Courtesy Syd Bryk

### Summer Concert Series

The Newbury Summer Concert series offered eight live concerts at the Newbury Harbor. The Thursday night concerts started in the beginning of July and ended in the middle of August. Residents, visitors and families were treated to a variety of live music while enjoying their summer nights at the harbor.

### Old Home Day

Newbury Old Home Day is a town-wide event hosted by the Recreation Department with the help of all town employees and departments. This year we were able to raise \$4,950 in donations from businesses and \$4,645 in donations from residents. Thank you to all who contributed and made this day extra special.

### Trunk or Treat

In October, our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event attracted many town departments and businesses who participated and made sure their "trunks" were fully decorated and well-supplied with

candy. Even though it was a rainy day, we had a great group of kids dressed in costumes come out and enjoy the festivities. Our special guest was Marley, whose animal balloon creations added a lot of fun to the event.

### **Holiday Crafts**

At the October afterschool craft gathering, kids designed, carved and painted pumpkins. Their pumpkins were displayed at our Trunk and Treat event. In December, the afterschool craft was gingerbread houses and sleigh ornaments. We had one adult craft day in December, and it was well-attended. Participants made ornaments, reindeer cocoa jars, and frosted candle holders.

### **Light up Newbury**

Our third annual “Light up Newbury” contest was held in December. This year, Bob’s Beacon Marina stepped up their display and took home the trophy.

*Sydney Bryk  
Recreation Director*

## **Newbury Planning Board**

The Newbury Planning Board holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at Town Offices. The Board may also hold periodic work session meetings. During 2019, the Board held 12 regular meetings and one work session meeting – specifically to work with the Newbury Conservation Commission on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to the Shoreland Overlay District.

The Planning Board is comprised of six elected members. Each elected member serves for a term of three years. Also serving on the Board is one Selectboard ex-officio member, or ex-officio alternate, appointed by the Selectboard. The Planning Board may also have five alternate members who are appointed by the Board.

The Planning Board has three roles and responsibilities in town affairs: Planning, Legislative, and Regulatory.

### **Planning**

In its Planning capacity, the Board develops and promotes the town Master Plan which is a collective community vision for the future development of Newbury. The goal of the Master Plan is to preserve and enhance the unique quality of life and culture of Newbury as identified by the citizens of the town. One of the significant chapters of the Master Plan is “The Action Plan”. This chapter is a list of tasks that were identified by community input and other Town boards and committees with the express purpose of identifying projects and initiatives that ideally need to be addressed over the next ten years.

During 2019 the Planning Board worked on the following Action Items:

- Regional Context: RC – 1 Continue to participate with LSPA Watershed Committee. Planning Board member Regina Cockerill was a member of the LSPA Watershed Committee.
- Demographics and Housing: DH – 2, DH – 3 Housing alternatives. The Board will continue to work on this task in response to town residents-stated need for alternative housing.
- BR – 5 Amend Site Plan Review to require developers to identify Historic and Cultural Resources. This will be included in the next Site Plan Review amendments.
- Telecommunications: T – 2 Update Zoning Ordinance for Personal Wireless Service Facilities. Due to significant Federal and State changes in regulating telecommunications services and businesses (cell towers), our current zoning regulations are out-of-date. In 2019, the Board finalized a complete rewrite of this Zoning Ordinance Article and the proposed amendment will be placed on the March 2020 town Meeting ballot.
- Community Facilities: CFS – 5 Update Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to reflect initiatives in Master Plan. This was done for the 2020 CIP.

Annually, the Planning Board leads the effort to update the town’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which is a schedule of Newbury's capital expenditure needs for the next six years. Thanks goes out to the 2020-2025 CIP committee: Ivor Freeman (Chair), Regina Cockerill and Howard Maurer (Planning Board), Dennis Pavlicek (Town Administrator), Ed Thorson (Selectboard Representative), and Pam Ritchie, (At-Large.)

### **Legislative**

This role is one in which the Board writes and proposes zoning ordinances and amendments for discussion and adoption by ballot vote at Town Meeting. The Board also writes and adopts, after Public Hearings, Planning Board-specific regulations concerning property subdivision and commercial development.

During many 2019 Board meetings (and numerous Personal Wireless Service Facilities Sub-committee meetings), the Planning Board, with help from Ken McWilliams (Planning Board Advisor), completed three proposed zoning amendments as follows: Amendment #1 is to revoke the current Article 17: Personal Wireless Service Facilities, and adopt a completely rewritten Article; Amendment #2 is to amend existing definitions due to the rewrite of Article 17; and Amendment #3 is a new Shoreland Overlay District section titled Shoreland Restoration.

### **Regulatory**

In its Regulatory role, the Planning Board applies the town ordinances and Planning Board regulations specific to the needs of an application for a subdivision or commercial development. During properly noticed open public meetings, an applicant can choose to start a project with Conceptual consultation. Depending on the project and regulation, the applicant may then proceed to a Design Review phase or the Final Approval phase which are both conducted in a Public Hearing.

#### 2019 Applications Reviewed:

##### **Conceptual Consultations (11)**

General Town Regulations (2)  
Site Plan Review (6)  
Subdivision (2)  
Cottage Industry (1)

##### **Final Application Hearings (9)**

Site Plan Review (3)  
Conditional Use Permit (wetland buffer) (2)  
Minor Subdivision (1)  
Subdivision – Annexation (1)  
Subdivision – LLA (1)  
Cottage Industry (1)

##### **Voluntary Mergers of Lots of Record (1)**

### **A Final Word**

#### **As a Planning Board member, you can be part of Newbury's future.**

##### **IF...**

you live in Newbury and love what the town offers, and ...  
you are interested in preserving our small town, rural residential community, and ...  
you can spare a few hours a month, then ...

**Please consider joining the Newbury Planning Board in its important work for the town!**

*Bruce Healey, Chair*

Bill Weiler, Mike Beaton, Regina Cockerill, Howard Maurer; Richard Wright, Members.  
Deane Geddes, Alternate; Russell Smith, Ex-officio, Selectboard.  
Donna Long, Recording Secretary, Tiffany Favreau, Land Use Coordinator  
Kenneth McWilliams, Planning Board Advisor

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met 10 times in 2019, hearing a total of 16 applications, including 14 applications for Variance and two applications for Special Exception. While most applications were granted, two were continued to allow the applicant time to provide additional data in support of their application, and one application was withdrawn. A previous ZBA decision to grant a variance to an applicant was upheld by the State Superior Court on appeal.

The Board, at its April meeting, elected Peter Fichter as Chair and David Blohm as Vice-Chair.

As in past years, many applications were for projects in the Shoreland Overlay District. In all instances, the Board is vigilant in seeking a balance between property owner rights while ensuring appropriate robust stormwater management plans are incorporated in each project.

In the past, all applications filed for the upcoming month have been heard by the Board at its meeting on the second Monday of the month. This policy has resulted in several ZBA meetings having four – or more – applications scheduled for one meeting, resulting in long evenings for both the applicants and the Board. Consequently, the Board voted to change the Newbury ZBA Rules of Procedure to hear a maximum of two cases at its first session of the month, which is held the second Monday of the month. If more applications are submitted for a given month, the Board voted to add an additional hearing date to be held the fourth Monday of the month.

The ZBA has a close working relationship with the Newbury Code Enforcement Officer and receives tremendous support from Tiffany Favreau, Land and Use Coordinator, who prepares hearing documents and works with applicants to guide them through the application process.

It is with regret that we experienced the resignation of Nancy Marashio, who has been a valuable and insightful member of the Board. Nancy recently moved to New London. Her resignation was dictated by RSA – that a member of a Municipal Board shall be a resident of the Town. We will miss her greatly.

The ZBA's mission is to adjudicate appeals to Zoning Ordinances and Administrative Decisions, attempting to balance property owner rights with state and local ordinances. The Board is also guided by the Master Plan for the Town of Newbury.

I would like to thank the Board Members for their dedication in service on the Board and to the Town. I would also like to extend the opportunity to other town residents to consider joining the Board, either as a Member or Alternate.

*Peter Fichter*  
*Chair*

David Blohm, Vice Chair  
Gary Budd, Reed Gelzer, Members  
Alex Azodi, Hank Thomas, Alternates

## Transfer Station

2019 was a busy year at the transfer station and we have hired some new help which is making it easier to keep track of transfer station permits – and turn away those individuals who do not have a valid transfer station permit. Of note is that the brush pile has been moved across the town road and is no longer at the transfer station. Disposal of the brush pile will be handled differently than in the past. Throughout the year, we have had to deal with breakdowns of the compactor, which has resulted in some challenging moments for all.

We would like to thank everyone for taking recycling seriously. Please keep in mind that we need to put items in their proper places. Ask an attendant for help if you have any questions about where to place a recyclable item (or any other item). Finally, please have your permits clearly visible when entering the transfer station.

*Churchill Hesselton, Chief Operator*

Mark Wichtermann, Attendant

George Kalipolitis, Attendant

Ryan Cilley, Attendant



*The Recreation department in the Fourth of July Parade.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*



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 Email: info@nrna.net Web: www.nrra.net

“Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions”

## Newbury, NH

### Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2019	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Aluminum Cans	5,720 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 582,296 hours!
Electronics	13,363 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 1.7 houses for one year!
Fibers/Paper	75.5 tons	Saved 1,285 trees!
Scrap Metal	57.1 gross tons	Conserved 159,969 pounds of iron ore!

**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 have avoided about **572** tons of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the equivalent of removing **122** passenger cars from the road for an entire year.

## Information Booth

The Information Booth had our usual busy summer, despite several spells of cooler weather. A total of 3,726 people visited Newbury in 2019! Like past years, our visitors came from all over the world – including England, France, New Zealand, and Scotland.

We were very pleased to welcome Mary Thayer to the booth staff. Mary has helped us out in the past when needed and it was nice to welcome her as a regular member.

On July 3, we had a group of 30 teenagers and their leader stop at the Information Booth in preparation for their hike up the Newbury Trail. The next day, July 4, proved to be very busy with the usual holiday goers and the State Park Beach closed to visitors at 10:00 a.m. because they were full. That meant all the disappointed State Park beachgoers ended up at our town beach! Later in July, an injured man came to the booth and Mary called the police to get him some help, but he disappeared before they arrived.

In July, the State Park Beach was closed again, but this time it was because of coliform readings. The elevated coliform readings were a problem all over the state this season.

We welcomed a whole busload of children one day who arrived to enjoy our picnic area, the harbor, and our town beach and swimming area. It was gratifying to hear the shrieks of laughter and fun coming from the group. After their swim, the children spread out all around the information Booth for their picnic lunch – and a wonderful summer memory was made.

Throughout the summer, we were the popular spot for picnics, and couples and groups clearly enjoyed the proximity to the marina, gazebo, swimming area, docks and beach. Hikers were abundant too, and we had to replenish our hiking maps from the library one weekend.

All-in-all, it was another busy summer filled with satisfying numbers of people enjoying our beautiful state.

*Martha von Redlich  
Charley Killam  
Mary Thayer*



*Recreation Department Pumpkin Carving Event.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## Newbury Historical Society

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources announced in February 2019 that the State Historical Resources Council added the three community buildings in South Newbury to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. The three buildings sit side-by-side in the village center and represent a variety of civic uses over the past 150 years. They are:

**Old Town Hall** – Built in 1876, the front-gabled Greek Revival building with a bracketed entry hood served as a gathering place for public affairs for more than a century. Town and school meetings were conducted here as well as various receptions, dances, plays and entertainments. Prior to relocating to their present offices, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Police Department occupied the two front rooms of the building.

**Sherman Hall** – When space became inadequate in the Old Town Hall, Newbury voted to build a selectman's office in 1916. Notable for its gambrel roof, the structure is an example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century Colonial Revival town office building. In addition to office space and a fireproof archival vault on the first floor, the South Newbury branch of the town library once occupied the second floor. Named after former selectman and town historian Ernest Sherman, the building is currently home to the Newbury Historical Society.

**Sunapee Lake Grange #112** – On the former site of a blacksmith shop, the Grange was erected in 1902. The Grange sold the building to the town in 2004 but retains the right to use the first floor.

### 2019 Highlights

The Newbury Historical Society (NHS) had an interesting and educational series of meetings in 2019, including a morning hike on an abandoned section of the historic Province Road, which was the main road in the 1770s between Boscawen/Concord and Fort No. 4 at Charlestown. Using the same road General John Stark and the New Hampshire militia took during the Revolutionary War, we began near the Angel Hawk subdivision at the intersection of Province and Nelson Hill and walked west on the now class 6 road passing the cellar hole of the Shaw family and ended at the intersection of Cheney and Province Roads.

We conducted a boat tour of the steamboat landings on Lake Sunapee where Deane Geddes talked about summer life on the lake and the role of the railroad, steamboats and grand hotels. We also visited the Twiss, Gillingham and Simons cemeteries.

At our annual program in September, storyteller Jo Radner presented *Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them*. Participants practiced finding, developing and telling their own tales. This program was made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities program.

The Town History Committee continues to explore the feasibility of writing the town's first comprehensive history from the 1700s to the present. The History Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at



*The Historical Marker for the Old Town Hall, Sherman Hall and Sunapee Lake Grange #112.  
Photo Courtesy Paula Falkowski*

9:30 a.m. in the community room at the Town Office. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend – you don't have to be a member.

Board meetings are currently held the second Thursday of January, March, May, September and November at the town office at 2:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

*Paula Falkowski, Ashley Geddes, Deane Geddes*

*John Lyons, Gay Sheary*

*Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler*

Contact Information:

Newbury Historical Society

P.O. Box 176

Newbury, NH 03255

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Email: [info@newburyhistorical.org](mailto:info@newburyhistorical.org)

## Cemetery Trustees

Our first meeting with Nonie Reynders chairing the committee, and Judy Healey rejoining the committee, was held on November 2, 2019. Paul Riley, former chair, had several sessions with Nonie Reynders to acquaint her with the files, maps and procedures which he had implemented before he moved to Falmouth, MA.

Responsibilities have been delegated to Judy Healey and Deane Geddes. The committee handles and absorbs a lot of information – Judy Healey helps with deeds and connecting with Town Office personnel, and Deane Geddes handles the organization of some of the general maintenance. Deane will also be checking storm damage at the various graveyards throughout 2020.

### 2019 Statistics

There were 12 deaths in 2019, and there were 12 burials – two casket burials and ten crematory burials. Three purchased cemetery lots were sold in 2019. A letter will go out in early spring to remind those who have purchased a plot – but have not purchased their corner markers – to do so. Your deed is not processed until the markers are installed. There can be no burial unless the purchased area is marked with the corner stones and that process is supervised by a Cemetery Trustee.

There are 190 Veterans buried in our Newbury Cemeteries. Flags are placed on each gravesite each year accompanied by an appropriate marker.

### 2019 Projects

The Trustees have reassessed the costs of maintaining the graveyards. The committee feels that we should continue with our local vendors and look at each site separately instead of signing maintenance contracts on a yearly basis that have monthly charges. Each graveyard has different needs. We have chosen to tend to each graveyard separately to meet those needs.

The pruning was completed at Marshall's this summer. We will be looking into removing a large red maple that is dying and proves a hazard to the roadside gravestones, the fencing, and Newell Road. The tree was removed from the fence at Bean Cemetery and the fencing repaired. The fencing at South Newbury Cemetery is curing and we plan to have it painted in 2020. The pruning of large trees and overgrown gravesite plantings was finished at Lakeside this fall.

We are planning to update and restock the booklets on the town cemeteries, and they will be distributed to the Town Office and Town Library.

Burial and death certificates were catalogued for this past year and are now up-to-date in the Town Clerk's office.

The Cemetery Trustees wish to thank the Newbury Beautification Committee for the gift of over a thousand mixed daffodil bulbs and the planting of bulbs at the gates of several of our more visible roadside cemeteries. This has occurred during the autumn months of 2018 and 2019. It has made a distinct difference to the cemetery entrances in the spring and has been greatly appreciated by those who visit and pass by.

*Nonie Reynders  
Chair*

Deane Geddes, Judy Healey, Trustees

## **Newbury Beautification Committee**

The mission of the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) is to help promote and enhance the pride we have in our community through a range of annual activities and events. NBC is not limited to gardening activities – the group also partners with, and supports, many Newbury organizations and town events.

### **2019 Highlights**

- Throughout the year, the NBC was pleased to enhance the town with vibrant flowers in the summer and abundant greens for the holidays.
- At the March Town Meeting, we provided our traditional ham and bean supper. NBC volunteers served ham, homemade baked bean, coleslaw and rolls to town residents attending the meeting. We always appreciate the residents who bring cookies and desserts to round out the meal.
- In May, NBC held its annual Plant Sale. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase the soil and flowers that members use to fill the planters, window boxes, and beautiful hanging baskets in town, at the harbor, in South Newbury, and at all the “Welcome to Newbury” signs.
- Throughout the summer, NBC volunteers watered the NBC plantings. When you see the “Flower Power” golf cart or volunteers with water jugs at the Welcome signs and in South Newbury – give them a wave as you pass by!
- In July, we proudly marched in the Fourth of July parade in South Newbury. We had a great time tossing out candy to the kids (young and old) along the parade route.
- In October, NBC volunteers donned their costumes to participate in “Trunk or Treat” in the Town Office parking lot. Despite the rain and cold, we enjoyed giving out candy treats to the little ones all decked out for Halloween.
- In November, NBC members enjoyed lunch at Bubba’s before heading out to deck the town with green wreaths and red bows. The snow that followed shortly after was the perfect touch, making Newbury look festive for the holidays.
- November also brought the annual “Thanks for Giving” event hosted by the Center Meeting House. NBC was pleased to help provide refreshments afterward.
- November activities continued with our popular annual Wreath Sale the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We had plenty of fresh wreaths for sale which our NBC “elves” beautifully decorated for our customers.
- We ended 2019 by partnering with Center Meeting House for the annual town Tree Lighting. NBC provided refreshments for the many residents who attended.
- Throughout the year we partnered with the Newbury Library by funding passes to the SEE Science Center, VINS Nature Center, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, and by offering a four-part gardening series lead by NH Master Gardeners.

### **Internship**

For the first time, NBC was pleased to fund a landscape internship awarded to Newbury teen, Luke Kalpakgian. Luke spent four hours every week, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, keeping the harbor area looking its best. Thank you, Luke, for a job well done.

### **Scholarship**

NBC was also pleased to award academic scholarships to three Newbury seniors. We had our largest number of applicants in 2019, all worthy of consideration. Congratulations to our three recipients – Matt Noyer, Matt Strickland, and Jared Fortier.

*Bonnie Guterl  
President*

## Family Services

In 2019, 24 applicants sought assistance from the Town of Newbury. Of the 24, 12 met the Town Welfare Guidelines and were granted assistance. The assistance ranged from addressing electric “disconnect notices”, eviction notices, lack of heat, food, lodging and general welfare.

In addition to helping our residents in need through our Town Welfare program, another wonderful resource for the Town of Newbury is the Community Action Program in Warner. I have found them to be a caring, knowledgeable and helpful office. Also, for a while now, I have worked closely with Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM). Often, if a family in need does not meet the town’s welfare guidelines requirements, KREM can help with assistance. The volunteers are all caring and extremely efficient.

As always, thank you to the many residents and organizations that help supply those in need with necessary food and clothing. Included in the list is the ongoing food box at Newbury Bar Harbor Bank, the “Care and Share” day at Mount Sunapee, the Center Meeting House support, and all the other ways that the community steps forward to help. We are fortunate to have this group effort and are thankful for all the donations.

2019 was our 13<sup>th</sup> year sponsoring the annual holiday “Giving Tree” at the Town Office. Once again, the generosity of the Newbury residents ensured that a Christmas wish came true for many children. These gifts are distributed along with Christmas baskets. It is always a joy to watch the parents receive their baskets and special items for their children. A special “thank you” to our volunteers who could be seen sneaking around the “Giving Tree” – making sure that no child was missed.

In coordination with the South Newbury Union Church this year, 32 baskets were distributed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year, the Church’s food pantry was open each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We thank them for all their hard work.

I would be remiss not to mention the many phone calls that I receive from individuals, families, organizations, committees and businesses interested in volunteering and donating time, food, trees and holiday presents for those families in Newbury that are in need. My thanks to all.

Over the years, I have come to understand that New Englanders are proud people who find it difficult to ask for help. With that in mind, if you know of a situation where someone is in need, please call the Newbury Town Office at (603) 763-4940 and leave a message for me. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

No doubt about it, Newbury residents excel in compassion and generosity! I am very proud to be a part of this community and I thank you all for your help and support throughout the year.

*Gail Bostic*  
*Family Services*

## Newbury Conservation Commission

The Newbury Conservation Commission (NCC) is dedicated to preserving and protecting the land and the water in Newbury. We serve as an advisory board to town residents, boards and committees. The NCC provides oversight for tree applications (within the Protected Shoreland District), review logging permits (Intent to Cut), and collaborate with land conservation organizations, including Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest (SPNHF), Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), Sunapee Hills Association (Chalk Pond), Lake Todd Association, Trout Unlimited, and NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

### 2019 Highlights

The NCC had a busy year filled with lots of hard work on several projects.

- Shoreland Restoration Amendment

The NCC worked with the Planning Board to write an amendment to *Article 7 Shoreland Overlay District* of the Newbury Zoning Ordinance. Titled *7.14 Shoreland Restoration*, the amendment represents a new section of the existing Shoreland Overlay District. The Planning Board voted to accept the amendment at a public hearing in December and moved it to Town Meeting for a vote. Increased waterfront development on Lake Sunapee, Chalk Pond, and Lake Todd has surfaced the need for more information among new residents regarding shoreland protection. The Shoreland Restoration Amendment addresses this need. Waterfront development during the past several years has too often resulted in damaging erosion, degradation of lake water, and lack of compliance with town shoreland protection regulations. The Shoreland Restoration Amendment addresses these areas and offers an informational guide for all shoreland property owners, developers, contractors and agents. The amendment is based on the NHDES restoration rules and outlines how to utilize plantings and stormwater management strategies to ensure compliance and protect our pristine waterbodies.

- Newbury Conservation Connections

The NCC launched *Newbury Conservation Connections* newsletter in the summer. The bi-annual publication contains NCC news, events, and hands-on information to inform, uplift and encourage townspeople to join us in protecting and preserving our natural resources. Printed copies were available at Town Office and the library and the publication is posted in the NCC section on the town website.



- Annual Bubbler Workshop

The NCC hosted its annual Bubbler Workshop for residents and visitors with the goal of educating bubbler users about best practices when using bubbler/de-icers/agitators to ensure safety for winter sports enthusiasts and minimize negative effects on the lake. Proper use of a timer and temperature gauge were reviewed along with discussion on various models and methods of dock de-icing. NCC supports regulating bubbler devices to achieve a balance between dock protection and winter sports safety. (**Note:** The NH State Legislature passed a law in 2019 regulating the use of bubblers/de-icers/agitators. See RSA Section 270:33 and Section 270:34 for more information.)

- Warner River Watershed Conservation Project

Eric Unger, NCC Vice-chair, joined NH Fish & Game, Trout Unlimited, and local volunteers in conducting stream surveys in the Warner River Watershed. These surveys include electrofishing, water sampling, and aquatic macro-invertebrate identification. Conducted annually, the results are used to assess the health of NH streams and to develop strategies to protect wild brook trout habitat, aquatic ecosystems, and water quality. Of particular interest is the Warner headwater streams originating in Newbury on the eastern slopes

of Sunapee Mountain. The protection of these streams is essential to preserve the overall quality of the Newbury/Warner River system. The Newbury Conservation Commission will continue to participate and support this critical conservation initiative in 2020.

**A point of interest to trout lovers:** One of the largest native brook trout ever collected in these statewide stream surveys came from a Newbury stream. (The location is a secret!)

- Conferences

**Saving Special Places**

Several Commissioners attended the Annual “Saving Special Places” event, hosted by ASLPT. The informative day offered meaningful and educational workshops on the latest environment practices, from animal habitats, to forestry to fragile ecosystems.

**Municipal Law Conference**

Katheryn Holmes, NCC Chair, attended the Municipal Law Conference in November. The conference covered the new NH Department of Environmental Services rules ([www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)), strategies for effective conservation meetings, and collaborative interaction with municipalities, residents and other groups. Changes to NHDES rules included the importance of being inclusive and not exclusive in conservation approaches. With that in mind, the NCC strives to offer a collaborative approach to all its activities and welcomes input from interested parties. We are hopeful that our members may include more Newbury residents in 2020.

- Permit Review

The NCC regularly reviews a variety of permits at its monthly meetings. Following is a listing of the 2019 permit review activity:

- Buffer Zone Cuts (32): Lake Sunapee (22) and Chalk Pond (10)
- Intent to Cut (8)
- NHDES (59): Utility Maintenance Notification (1), Wetland PBN (10), Shoreland PBN (7), Wetland PBN (10), Standard Dredge & Fill Application (12), Seasonal Dock Notification (3), Minimum Expedited-Standard Dredge & Fill Application (1), Complete Forestry Notification (1), Shoreland Impact Permit (14)

The Town of Newbury is very fortunate to have dedicated people serving on the Conservation Commission. I am very grateful for their dedication and expertise. We would like to thank Meg Whittemore, our Recording Secretary, for her knowledge and enthusiasm, and for writing and producing our newsletter. We would also like to thank Jack Shephard, Code Enforcement Officer, and his collaboration with the NCC.

*Katheryn C. Holmes, Chair*

Eric Unger, Vice-chair  
Robert Stewart, Sue Russell, Steve Russell, Members  
Russell Smith, Ex-officio (Selectboard)

## Newbury's Veterans Committee

Once again, Newbury's Veterans Committee devoted the year to being of service to Newbury and to veterans in need, while also bringing a note of patriotism to the town.

September marked the time of our second annual clothing drive for homeless veterans. Newbury residents and people from the surrounding areas responded and, within a short period of time, a truck was filled with crates of winter clothing and was delivered to Liberty House in Manchester for distribution. This effort was matched in December by a blanket drive for homeless veterans done in partnership with the Honor Society of the Kearsarge Regional High School. Drop-off points for fresh blankets were designated throughout the area and soon a truckload was delivered to Liberty House for distribution in time for the winter.

Veterans Committee efforts in support of Newbury included our annual Memorial Day ceremony and pancake breakfast, participation in the Independence Day parade, Newbury's Old Home Day, and the Veterans Day ceremony and chili-chowder luncheon. The breakfast and luncheon were open to all residents and, together, drew upwards of 200 attendees along with a visiting Girl Scout troop.

The Newbury Veterans Committee is a close-knit group of men and women with an open door to any Newbury veteran interested in fellowship and service. Meeting times can be obtained by e-mailing either [brbcab40@yahoo.com](mailto:brbcab40@yahoo.com) or [ponderosen@tds.net](mailto:ponderosen@tds.net). We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you.

*Bruce Barton  
Chair*



*Fall at the fire pond.  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

## Old Home Day 2019

It started with a perfect sunny summer day and just got better with each passing hour. Newbury residents and visitors enjoyed the diverse offerings including wandering llamas, performing magicians, a dynamite book sale, leaping dogs, face-painted giggling kids, a French & Indian War camp re-enactment, goats that begged to be petted, a balloon artist, native plants for sale, music at the Harbor, tie-dye tee shirts, Smokey the Bear, fire truck visits, boat rides on the lake, and food, food, food!

Question: Where can you get cannolis, specialty grilled cheese, maple donuts, empanadas, smoothies, wood-fire pizza, pulled pork mac & cheese and cupcakes?

Answer: Newbury Old Home Day 2019!!!!

This was the year for food trucks, and we had a selection for every palate. Some of our favorites returned and we added new venues to the ever-growing popular lineup.

People arrived early and stayed late. The Velie Playground produced peals of laughter and squeals of fun as kids climbed, slid and jumped around the equipment while parents, grandparents and other kids-at-heart looked on.

This year, everyone celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Smokey the Bear with a big birthday party at the town office parking lot – complete with a Smokey-sized (big) birthday cake, candles, and lots of balloons. Children and adults alike sang “Happy Birthday” to round out the festivities.



*Mullett getting ready for the show.  
Photo Courtesy Jennifer Smith*

The adults milled around, picking up their favorite foods, checking out the library Book Sale, watching the variety of professional presentations and performing acts unfold in the Town Office parking lot, and ended up at the Harbor for the music, ambiance and fireworks.

The evening concert was Mullett, a 1980s rock band, and they delivered a musical walk down memory lane – leaving the crowds wanting more. The capstone of the day was the fireworks display over the lake. Atlas Fireworks delivered the



*Getting ready for Smokey's birthday.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Be sure to join us this year for Old Home Day on July 11, 2020!

*Pam Bryk  
Administrative Assistant*



**2019**  
**\$15.88**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Newbury

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,966,525	\$752,348,611	<b>\$3.94</b>
County	\$2,229,025	\$752,348,611	<b>\$2.96</b>
Local Education	\$5,225,543	\$752,348,611	<b>\$6.95</b>
State Education	\$1,516,222	\$747,431,711	<b>\$2.03</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,937,315</b>		<b>\$15.88</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Lake Todd Village	\$29,000	\$16,666,443	<b>\$1.74</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>		<b>\$1.74</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$11,937,315
War Service Credits	(\$80,500)
Village District Tax Effort	\$29,000
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$11,885,815</b>

 James P. Gerry Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/10/2019
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## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,909,801	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,924,656)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$800)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$135,000)
War Service Credits	\$80,500	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$36,680	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,966,525</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$2,229,025	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,229,025</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$6,741,765	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,516,222)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$5,225,543</b>	
State Education Tax	\$1,516,222	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,516,222</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

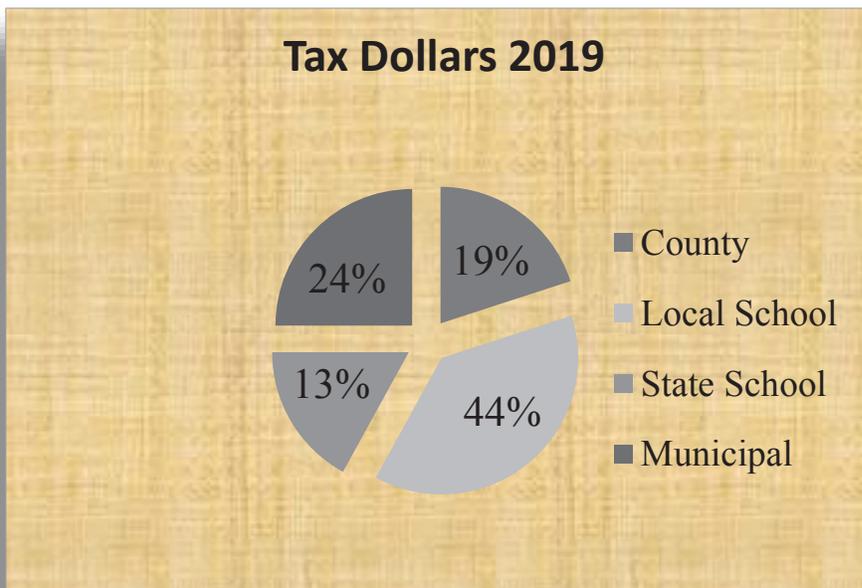
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$752,348,611	\$742,087,149
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$747,431,711	\$737,170,249
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$752,348,611	\$742,087,149

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
Lake Todd Village	\$16,666,443

**Your Tax Dollars 2019**

<b>County</b>	\$2.96	19%
<b>Local School</b>	\$6.95	44%
<b>State School</b>	\$2.03	13%
<b>Municipal</b>	\$3.94	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.88</b>	<b>100%</b>



**New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule**

Print Date: 11/3/2016  
 Total Disbursed: 2,729,898  
 Interest rate: 0.7200%  
 Administrative Fee: 2.0000%  
 Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury  
 Project Number: 333229-02

Ref Num	Due Date	Date Received	Beginning Balance	Principal Payment	Principal Forgiven	Interest Payment	Interest Rate %	Administrative Fees	Total Payment	Ending Balance
1	6/1/2011	12/29/2010	2,472,605.16	0.00	0.00	5,131.87	0.0100	0.00	5,131.87	2,472,605.16
2	6/1/2012	12/19/2012	2,607,028.30	0.00	0.00	54,495.76	0.7200	36,110.75	90,606.51	2,607,028.30
221487	6/1/2013	6/12/2013	2,729,898.06	70,919.40	1,364,949.03	309.09	0.7200	16,888.40	88,116.89	1,294,029.63
221650	6/1/2014	5/23/2014	1,294,029.63	52,919.29	0.00	9,317.01	0.7200	25,880.59	88,116.89	1,241,110.34
221799	6/1/2015	6/2/2015	1,241,110.34	54,358.69	0.00	8,935.99	0.7200	24,822.21	88,116.89	1,186,751.65
221956	6/1/2016	6/7/2016	1,186,751.65	55,837.25	0.00	8,544.61	0.7200	23,735.03	88,116.89	1,130,914.40
7	6/1/2017		1,130,914.40	57,356.02	0.00	8,142.58	0.7200	22,618.29	88,116.89	1,073,558.38
8	6/1/2018		1,073,558.38	58,916.10	0.00	7,729.62	0.7200	21,471.17	88,116.89	1,014,642.28
9	6/1/2019		1,014,642.28	60,518.62	0.00	7,305.42	0.7200	20,292.85	88,116.89	954,123.66
10	6/1/2020		954,123.66	62,164.73	0.00	6,869.69	0.7200	19,082.47	88,116.89	891,958.93
11	6/1/2021		891,958.93	63,855.61	0.00	6,422.10	0.7200	17,839.18	88,116.89	828,103.32
12	6/1/2022		828,103.32	65,592.48	0.00	5,962.34	0.7200	16,562.07	88,116.89	762,510.84
13	6/1/2023		762,510.84	67,376.59	0.00	5,490.08	0.7200	15,250.22	88,116.89	695,134.25
14	6/1/2024		695,134.25	69,209.23	0.00	5,004.97	0.7200	13,902.69	88,116.89	625,925.02
15	6/1/2025		625,925.02	71,091.73	0.00	4,506.66	0.7200	12,518.50	88,116.89	554,833.29
16	6/1/2026		554,833.29	73,025.42	0.00	3,994.80	0.7200	11,096.67	88,116.89	481,807.87
17	6/1/2027		481,807.87	75,011.71	0.00	3,469.02	0.7200	9,636.16	88,116.89	406,796.16
18	6/1/2028		406,796.16	77,052.04	0.00	2,928.93	0.7200	8,135.92	88,116.89	329,744.12
19	6/1/2029		329,744.12	79,147.85	0.00	2,374.16	0.7200	6,594.88	88,116.89	250,596.27
20	6/1/2030		250,596.27	81,300.67	0.00	1,804.29	0.7200	5,011.93	88,116.89	169,295.60
21	6/1/2031		169,295.60	83,512.05	0.00	1,218.93	0.7200	3,385.91	88,116.89	85,783.55
22	6/1/2032		85,783.55	85,783.55	0.00	617.64	0.7200	1,715.67	88,116.86	0.00
				<b>1,364,949.03</b>	<b>1,364,949.03</b>	<b>160,575.56</b>		<b>332,551.56</b>	<b>1,858,076.15</b>	

**New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule**

Print Date: 11/3/2016  
 Total Disbursed: 307,807  
 Interest rate: 0.9520%  
 Administrative Fee: 2.0000%  
 Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury  
 Project Number: 229-01

Ref Num	Due Date	Date Received	Beginning Balance	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Interest Rate %	Administrative Fees	Total Payment	Ending Balance
Adj 1	2/1/2008	1/18/2008	0.00	0.00	1,627.92	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00
220951	1/1/2009	12/29/2008	307,807.03	0.00	3,078.07	1.0000	0.00	3,078.07	307,807.03
221051	1/1/2010	12/29/2009	307,807.03	0.00	3,078.07	1.0000	0.00	3,078.07	307,807.03
221156	1/1/2011	1/7/2011	307,807.03	15,390.35	2,930.32	0.9520	6,156.14	24,476.81	292,416.68
221288	1/1/2012	1/6/2012	292,416.68	15,390.35	2,783.81	0.9520	5,848.33	24,022.49	277,026.33
221438	1/1/2013	1/4/2013	277,026.33	15,390.35	2,637.29	0.9520	5,540.53	23,568.17	261,635.98
221607	1/1/2014	1/13/2014	261,635.98	15,390.35	2,490.77	0.9520	5,232.72	23,113.84	246,245.63
221750	1/1/2015	1/8/2015	246,245.63	15,390.35	2,344.26	0.9520	4,924.91	22,659.52	230,855.28
221910	1/1/2016	2/5/2016	230,855.28	15,390.35	2,197.74	0.9520	4,617.11	22,205.20	215,464.93
9	1/1/2017		215,464.93	15,390.35	2,051.23	0.9520	4,309.30	21,750.88	200,074.58
10	1/1/2018		200,074.58	15,390.35	1,904.71	0.9520	4,001.49	21,296.55	184,684.23
11	1/1/2019		184,684.23	15,390.35	1,758.19	0.9520	3,693.68	20,842.22	169,293.88
12	1/1/2020		169,293.88	15,390.35	1,611.68	0.9520	3,385.88	20,387.91	153,903.53
13	1/1/2021		153,903.53	15,390.35	1,465.16	0.9520	3,078.07	19,933.58	138,513.18
14	1/1/2022		138,513.18	15,390.35	1,318.65	0.9520	2,770.26	19,479.26	123,122.83
15	1/1/2023		123,122.83	15,390.35	1,172.13	0.9520	2,462.46	19,024.94	107,732.48
16	1/1/2024		107,732.48	15,390.35	1,025.61	0.9520	2,154.65	18,570.61	92,342.13
17	1/1/2025		92,342.13	15,390.35	879.10	0.9520	1,846.84	18,116.29	76,951.78
18	1/1/2026		76,951.78	15,390.35	732.58	0.9520	1,539.04	17,661.97	61,561.43
19	1/1/2027		61,561.43	15,390.35	586.06	0.9520	1,231.23	17,207.64	46,171.08
20	1/1/2028		46,171.08	15,390.35	439.55	0.9520	923.42	16,753.32	30,780.73
21	1/1/2029		30,780.73	15,390.35	293.03	0.9520	615.61	16,298.99	15,390.38
22	1/1/2030		15,390.38	15,390.38	146.52	0.9520	307.81	15,844.71	0.00
									<b>409,371.04</b>
									<b>38,552.45</b>
									<b>64,639.48</b>
									<b>307,807.03</b>

## Center Meeting House

In 2019, the Center Meeting House continued to be a gathering place for residents and visitors alike, offering a wide range of wonderful events while supporting – and being supported by – other community organizations.

2019 was a good – and busy – year for the Center Meeting House.  
Here's rundown of events:

### May

Our “John Hay” bell was rung to commemorate Memorial Day.  
A few new names were added to our membership list during the May “Membership Month” campaign.

### June

Our annual “June Speaker Series” featured medical topics of interest.  
June 1 - Jim Culhane presented information on “The VNA and You”.  
June 8 - Dr. John Kirk, New London Hospital, addressed the topic of “Embracing Aging”.  
June 15 - Dr. Richard Barth, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital, offered up-to-date information on the incredible advances in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.  
June 22 - Dr. Cory Burchman returned to speak again about Medical Cannabis.  
June 29 - Patricia Martin returned to talk about her new book - *Welcome to Retirement - Thriving in Your Third Act*.  
(Note: Our 2020 “June Speaker Series” will focus on the subject of election laws and voting.)

### July

July 4 - Celebrations included the ringing of our “John Hay” bell.  
July 13 - the Center Meeting House was open all day as part of Old Home Day celebrations. Youngsters had the chance to pull the bell rope, and those who were strong enough actually made the bell ring! There were lots of visitors throughout the day, including some who had never been in the building.  
July 14 - Sunday Service was held in the Center Meeting House by the community from South Newbury Union Church.  
July 21 - Dick Wright gave us instruction on Integrated Pest Management.  
July 28 - Chuck Kennedy gave us a vivid description of local Vaudeville characters and events of the past.

### Annual Meeting

Our July Annual Meeting witnessed numerous changes. Joy Nowell stepped down as Chairman of the Board after serving three 3-year terms. Similarly, Patricia Sherman also retired. Jay Gamble also stepped down because his new job did not permit time for his duties as a board member. All were exemplary board members and they will be missed. Appropriate words of thanks and gifts were presented.

We welcomed to the Board, Susan Azodi, who has taken over the duties of Treasurer. Regina Cockerill and Bob Caia also joined the Board. Susan Azodi manages our website, Cookie Kimball our Instagram account, and Regina Cockerill manages Facebook. I stepped up as Chairman, and Judy Healey is Vice Chairman.

### Autumn into Winter

October 30 - A VERY large crowd turned out to hear Campbell Harman bring to life Edgar Allen Poe through readings and stories. It was a great event.  
November 24 - “Thanks for Giving” honored Dianalee Velie, who was ably introduced by Ed Wollensak,

Maureen Rosen retired in December after many years of stalwart work producing all our publicity materials and arranging advertising and PR write-ups in the local papers. We will miss greatly her creativity and energy.

Our final event for the year was the Tree Lighting which Joy headed up for us with another big crowd of children and parents. Wonderful refreshments were provided by the Newbury Beautification Committee.

### **Housekeeping Items**

During the year, we installed the new railing in front of the building at the steps leading up from the sidewalk. Various other maintenance matters were handled. We anticipate ongoing expenditures needed to keep our building in good condition.

In compliance with the architecture and its historic status, the Center Meeting House has no heat in the building which makes for a quiet time over the winter and into spring. We are also very pleased that our old organ has found a new home with Arthur Zorn from Barre, VT.

We were pleased to have sold one pew this year. One pew remains for sale for \$5,000. Any interested party may contact any member of the Board to make the purchase.

Like most endowment funds, we have done well this past year. However, interest rates remain low and the income from the funds is much less than our annual expenditure. Therefore, we continue to depend on our wonderful supporters and donations to keep the Center Meeting House as a thriving element of our community.

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2020 and look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Ivor Freeman, Chairman*

Judy Healey, Vice Chairman

Susan Azodi, Treasurer

Cookie Kimball, Secretary

Bob Caia, Regina Cockerill, Barbara Steward, Ed Wollensak, Members

## **Kearsarge Regional School Board**

2019 has been an eventful year in the Kearsarge Regional School District.

### **Budget**

At the January 4, 2020 deliberative session, a proposed budget of \$45,069,217 was passed. This is an increase of \$1,367,054 – (or 3.13%) - over the previous 2019-2020 budget.

Most increases fall into three categories: wages, health benefits and other payroll benefits. Almost 57% of the increase is in wages and was approved by previous school district budget votes. Health benefit increases comprise another 40% of the budget increase. Payroll benefits were 3.5% of the budget increase, and includes costs for dental insurance, life insurance, long term disability, NH Retirement System contributions, Workers Compensation, other insurance, taxes, workshops and tax-sheltered annuities.

### **2019 Highlights**

- The high school and middle school still do not have a Resource Officer. The hiring of an officer falls under the domain of the Sutton Police Department and finding a qualified candidate for the position (with special certifications) seems to be the major challenge.
- Trust Fund balances have hit their targeted goals and it is expected that repairs and maintenance of buildings, and unanticipated special education costs, can be met by these funds without a major impact on the tax rate.
- Safety improvements to all the school district buildings have been completed. Improvements include new secure entrance vestibules, new locks, and security cameras.
- The School Board and the Kearsarge School administration and staff have updated their strategic plans and objectives to carry the District into the future. One such example is competency-based education.
- At the high school, there has been an overheating issue of the 1,000 KVA transformer that caused a short-term power outage. The transformer date back to 1970 when the high school was constructed. After the most recent building addition, the transformer's current location is not desirable, but it has been tested by Eversource and deemed safe for now. The transformer is owned by the school district and the School Board has decided to replace it in the summer of 2020.

### **Enrollment Projections**

Student enrollment projections through 2029 show a stable student population with little to no growth. That means current facilities can easily be maintained with no plans for building expansions in the immediate future. Currently, the School Board feels that there is no need for long-range expansion plans until the population dynamics change.

I have only been on the School Board for one year, filling a vacancy on the Board for Newbury. This is the second time I have served as a School Board member for the Kearsarge Regional School District. The first time was in the 1980s when I spent 9 ½ years on the Board. Comparing the two times of service, I have found that the current administration and staff have demonstrated much more dedication, professionalism and expertise than the past administration and staff. I can say this because I spent many years as a Biology teacher in several other school districts and I can truly say Kearsarge has to be one of the best!

*Richard J. Wright  
School Board Representative  
Town of Newbury NH*

## Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports

I would like to start by thanking the Town of Newbury for their continued support. Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) is a 501 c-3 non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation. BNSYS owns and maintains the structures and facilities at Warren Brook Park, located at 164 Old Warner Road in Bradford. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations and contributions from area towns. Our annual expenses include, but are not limited to, utility bills, liability insurance, team equipment, league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rentals, and scholarships.

### Recognition

A special “thank you” also goes out to Vice President David Spinney and family of Newbury. Dave has been a board member with BNSYS for many years, even after his children moved on from the program. He has devoted countless hours to our program and has been instrumental in our growth. Dave decided to step down at the end of 2019 in hopes that someone else will fill his shoes, experience the enjoyment of working with BNSYS, and bring new ideas to our organization. We are also saddened to announce that Carrie Guerrette will be stepping down as Co-Director of the Soccer Program. Carrie will still be active within the organization but her knowledge and dedication as director will be missed.

### Facilities

If you attended any events at our facility, or just drove by, you probably noticed the fantastic condition that our fields were in all season. Our facility is maintained by volunteers that operate under our Field Director, Scott Richard, and who, as a group, put in countless hours all summer long. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to ensure that our fields were in the best possible condition so that our athletes had a great playing surface. Special thanks to Devin Willett of JW Landscaping, Joe Messer of Messer Dirt Works, and Nate Kimball and his team at Valley Excavating for donating their time during the year to help improve our facilities at NO COST to BNSYS.



*Winners of the MVSL Tourney, our 5/6 girls' team!!  
Photo Courtesy BNSYS*

In 2020, BNSYS will be looking into a few major changes at the facilities. We have begun to look at the probability (and feasibility) of adding permanent bathrooms at the facility to replace the seasonal porta-potties. Several local companies have offered to assist us in this project, including (but not limited to) Joe Messer at Messer Dirt Works, Brett Cusick at Northcape Design, and Rick Baron. If you would like to get involved in this project, please feel free to contact me.

BNSYS would also like to build dugouts on our softball field. The cement pads are already in place and all we need is a local contractor to step up and assist us in this project. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of this project.

New signage for all the fields – to match that of Granite State Solar Field – is currently being hand-constructed by Clark Roberge of Roberge Signs in Bradford, NH. We are eager to reveal the new signage in the spring.

## Registrations

In 2019, we had 298 athletes participate in our sports programs, an increase of 21 from the previous year. Athletes hailed from Bradford, Newbury and Sutton.

Our K-8 wrestling program had 23 athletes sign up, which led to the crowning of several state champions as well as second- and third-place finishers. Congratulations to all who participated. Winning is a bonus but participating, learning and growing is the ultimate reward.

T-Ball had 27 athletes sign up, baseball had 42 participants, and softball attracted 26 athletes.

The Co-ed recreational soccer program and YES Soccer Camp both grew for the third year in a row. Co-ed Recreation Soccer had 113 athletes sign up and YES Camp had 67 participants in 2019.

If you have attended any of the baseball games for the Rookies Team, Minors Team and Majors Team you may have noticed that they are sporting some new, fancy top-of-the-line button down jerseys. These jerseys were purchased by the team sponsors – Northcape Design, Naughton & Son Recycling, and Appleseed Restaurant. We are hoping to upgrade our softball uniforms – so, if you are local, own a business, and want to explore this option please reach out to me.



*YES Soccer Camp.  
Photo Courtesy BNSYS*

one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible. We are currently looking for a parent to step up and be a co-director for baseball and soccer. You will be able to learn from the in-place director during the upcoming season and then take over when comfortable.

## Local Business Support

On behalf of the Board and our athletes I would like to give a special Thank You to the local businesses who supported us throughout the year with countless donations. They are:

Go Lightly Consignment, Appleseed Restaurant, Roberge Signs, Granite State Solar, Northcape Design Build, Old Hampshire Designs, Colby Insurance, Dicks Sporting Goods, Stiles Associates, Crown Point Cabinetry, Naughton & Son Recycling, The Lumber Barn, Bubba's Restaurant, Salt Hill Pub, Flying Goose Grill & Pub, MJ Harrington, Ziggy's Pizza, Bob Skinner's Ski & Sport, CCNH, Marzelli Deli, Mountain Edge Resort, Tucker's Restaurant, Hannaford, Market Basket, Dockside Hair Design, Meg's Cut Above,

## Volunteers

The success of our program would not be possible without the help of countless volunteers. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS. From the Board and the Directors to the volunteers who run the snack shack during the year, paint the fields and cut the grass – we are where we are because of all of you.

## Join Us!

If you would like to get involved with BNSYS, look at what we have to offer, or think you can help in other ways please visit our website ([www.bnsyouthsports.org](http://www.bnsyouthsports.org)) or contact

Hubert's, Kathan Gardens, Noise R' Us Fireworks, Feelin' PHAT Fitness, Schroeder Farm, Spring Ledge Farm, TLC Photography, Mount Sunapee Resort, Pizza Chef, Newbury Palace Pizza, and Hager Investments.

*Edward Shaughnessy*  
*President*

**Executive Board**

Edward Shaughnessy, President  
David Spinney, Vice-president  
Laura McKenna, Treasurer  
Justine Fournier, Secretary  
Erik Croto, Wrestling Director  
Robert Zielinski, Amy Cook, Equipment Directors  
Scott Richard, Field Director

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Jesse Griffin, Softball Director  
Carrie Guerrette, Jared LaMothe, Soccer Directors  
Erik Croto, Wrestling Director  
Robert Zielinski, Amy Cook, Equipment Directors  
Scott Richard, Field Director

## **New London Hospital**

Throughout 2019, we continued to implement steps to ensure that we provided high-quality, safe and compassionate care for our patients and their families. New services were incorporated along with facility and system upgrades. Our dedicated staff devoted a tremendous number of hours towards the completion of our 2019 goals and continued to position the New London Hospital (NLH) as the best regional health care facility for the communities we serve.

### **Specialty Services and Providers**

In the summer, we launched NLH Ophthalmology and joined forces with one of the leaders in the region for ophthalmology care, Dr. Greg Barban. We were also thrilled to add Ophthalmologist Dr. Patrick Morhun to the team. Dr. Morhun was just named as one of NH Magazine's Top Doctors for the third year in a row and continues to perform cataract surgeries here at NLH.

In October, NHL launched Dartmouth-Hitchcock Orthopaedics which enables us to provide academic-level care locally from providers credentialed at both NLH and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). This service underscores the continued strength of our strategic relationship with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) and provides patients with access to appointments and many surgical procedures at NLH.

We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Lori Richer, along with the addition of palliative care services to NLH. Dr. Richer, formerly a primary care physician, now serves as the Director of Palliative Care at NLH. She recently completed her fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Care at DHMC. Along with providing inpatient services at NLH, Dr. Richer will be working with the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice providing home service.

We were also pleased to welcome Nicole Poudrette, APRN to our Newport Health Center. Nicole joins a team devoted to meeting the needs of the greater Newport community.

### **Recognition**

We are grateful for the efforts of our wellness and employee activity committees for our employees and the community. Catherine Bardier, NLH Vice President of Wellness and Population Health, was recently elected Chair of the Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health. Her commitment to providing resources and programs that support employee wellness was acknowledged when NLH was awarded (for the fourth year in a row) the American Heart Association's Workplace Health Index Gold Level Award. The award recognizes the significant steps taken by the hospital to build a culture of health in the workplace.

NLH's Dr. Andrew Torkelson, Cardiologist, received the NH Hospital Association Outstanding Medical Staff of the Year Award during the association's annual meeting. Chris Cundy was recognized for excellence in hospital governance with the outstanding Trustee of the Year Award, and Bruce King received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In July, NLH Emergency Medical Services received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. Two months later, during our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit, close to 200 attendees helped raise enough funds for the purchase of four Lucas Chest Compression Devices for each of our ambulances. These automated CPR units improve the quality of chest compressions during critical life-saving situations and allow first responders to attend to the patient's other needs during an emergency.

### **Financial Performance**

The New London Hospital produced a small positive financial gain from our operational results for the year. Thanks to our ongoing community support, we also experienced positive results from our non-

operating revenue. Taken together, the result is a stronger balance sheet and improved positive cash position at year end.

### **Community**

The foundation of New London Hospital rests in the community it serves – it is reason why we strive to be better every day. Thanks to the support of our community members, we were able to enjoy celebrations such as the 95th Annual Hospital Days, the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Triathlon, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture, and other various community activities. We truly appreciate every person's participation.

As we look ahead to 2020, we are excited about the many opportunities we have in front of us. We expect to name a new CEO and President, transition to an integrated patient medical health record with D-HH and continue to provide our community with quality choices for its health care needs.

Warm wishes to all for the new year ahead.

*Bruce P. King  
President and CEO*

*Douglas W. Lyon  
Chair, Board of Trustees*



*Celebrating Smokey's 75th Birthday.  
Photo Courtesy Syd Bryk*

## Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) & Hospice

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home-health, hospice, personal care, and community health programs in Newbury.

### **Mission**

Our core mission is to provide care in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible. We are pleased to note that our mission has not wavered – even as health care continues to change and become more complex.

### **2019 Highlights**

In 2019, LSRVNA continued to provide comprehensive services in Newbury (and in more than 30 other local towns) regardless of individual insurance coverage or ability to pay. Because our population continues to age rapidly, the demand for our vital care is only increasing. At the same time, the available workforce is shrinking. This “perfect storm” requires us to dedicate significant resources to recruitment and retention efforts for quality staff in order to meet the growing need in this highly competitive environment.

Our most precious resource is our people – the dedicated caregivers who strive to improve lives 365 days a year. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019, LSRVNA served residents of Newbury in the following ways:

- Provided nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 110 residents.
- Provided free, or reduced fee, in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents. Visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs).
- Provided visits through our hospice program, enabling residents to live their life as they wished at home. Their families were provided 14-months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved one, at no cost.
- Provided our Palliative Care Program to residents, overseen by a physician and dedicated to specialized care that focuses on the navigation of chronic or serious illnesses with an emphasis on symptom management and personal goals.
- Provided clinics offering foot care, flu shots, and blood pressure screening and monitoring as well as bereavement and other support groups.
- Provided our *Good Day Respite* program which offers socialization for individuals with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia or memory loss.
- Provided free home visits as part of our “Ounce of Prevention” program, which focuses on how to keep people safe and independent in their home.

Our competent and compassionate staff remains dedicated to preserving the quality of life for each patient and to the overall wellness of our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way we may be of service to you, your loved ones, or Newbury residents.

Our vision to be the leading provider of homecare and hospice in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an enduring presence is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you.

*Jim Culhane*  
*President & CEO*

**Community Action Program  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center**

The Community Action program (CAP) offers critical services to area residents whose annual income cannot meet basic living expenses in several areas including food, heating and electric costs.

**Emergency Food Pantry:** Provides up to five days of food for people facing a temporary food crisis.  
Value: \$5.00 per meal.

**Fuel Assistance Program:** Available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

**Electric Assistance Program:** A statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 9% to 77% on electric bills for income-eligible households.

The 2019 CAP services provided to Newbury residents are as follows:

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/ Persons	Value
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals 315	Persons 80	\$2,000.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications 33	Persons 78	\$31,815.00
Electric Assistance		Households 29	\$11,076.00
Total			\$44,891.00

*Erin Reed  
Area Director*

## **Kearsarge Area Council on Aging**

Established in 1992, the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA) has become an important social service organization dedicated to meeting the needs of our communities' seniors, and their families, friends and neighbors. The mission of COA is to promote, develop and reinforce programs that support and enhance the health, well-being, dignity and independence of older people in the nine towns we serve in the greater Kearsarge area.

COA is a focal point for many area adults who depend on us to help support their independence and find their sense of purpose. Further, we strive to provide the opportunity for seniors to help seniors through our many volunteer opportunities.

### **2019 Highlights**

2019 was another transformational year for COA, as we made major progress in completing our strategic plan. This was the third year of our current plan and we are nearing completion. April 2019, we relocated our staff to the upstairs of our building to optimize the space for programming and services. This was the most cost-effective way to enhance our space. Additional accomplishments include addressing our HVAC needs, painting our building, and paving our driveway. Throughout the year, our goal is to meet the emerging needs of our seniors.

### **Transportation Services**

Perhaps the most critical service we provide is our transportation program. We provide safe transportation, door-to-door, as far north as Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and as far south as Concord Medical Center. We currently have 61 volunteer drivers and 143 transportation clients. Last year, we provided 753 rides, covering more than 27,000 miles, with our drivers logging 1,604 hours. We service seniors, without regard to race, gender, disability\*, religion, or financial capacity to obtain needed services.

(\* In cases where riders require substantial assistance, such as wheelchair-bound clients, where we cannot properly transport them, we do our best to refer those riders to pay-for-service providers.)

### **Program Stats**

COA's program numbers continued to be impressive. While our 2019 data is not yet available, our 2018 statistics look like this:

- We provided more than 60 exciting and vibrant programs, services, and activities for our more than 2,300 members.
- We had more than 15,000 points of participation units. (Participation units are defined as the number of times a person engages with COA's programs, services and/or activities.)
- We continue to run the second largest free durable medical equipment lending program in the state. We are proud to be able to help our friends and neighbors increase their mobility through our program.

We remain grateful for our town partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, and staff for their help and support throughout the year. Together, we are able to achieve high levels of health and well-being for our senior residents and neighbors.

*Kelley F. Keith*  
*Executive Director*

## The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens (The Fells) is proud to be in Newbury and to be part of the town. There is a wealth of history that comprises so much of the area townspeople, businesses and geographic location. It is a destination point for visitors of all ages.

### Mission

The Fells has a mission to welcome people of all ages, making each visit an enriching experience with opportunities to explore and learn from our natural lakeside setting, renowned gardens, and the historic achievements of statesman John Milton Hay.

The Fells protects approximately 3,100 feet of undeveloped natural shoreline on Lake Sunapee and maintains the structures, gardens, meadows and woodlands for relaxation, recreation and edification. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a recipient of the NH Preservation Alliance Achievement Award. This award was presented to The Fells for outstanding restoration and stewardship of its historic landscape and historic buildings. The Fells is also a Preservation Project of the Garden Conservancy.

### History

In 1888, John Milton Hay began buying Newbury farms and in 1891, established a summer home in Newbury to escape the pressures of a demanding career. He named his retreat “The Fells” (a Scottish term for “rocky upland pasture”). He served as President Lincoln’s private secretary and gained experience in Europe as a diplomat. He later served as Secretary of State under Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt and crafted many important foreign policies.



*Summer at The Fells.  
Photo Courtesy The Fells*

After Hay’s death in 1905, his son Clarence, and daughter-in-law Alice, transformed the rustic retreat into an elegant estate and working farm. They established varied landscapes including formal gardens, woodlands and meadows. Hay’s grandson, John, also summered here. His experiences at The Fells inspired him to become a naturalist and nature writer, for which he was nationally known.

In 1997, after managing the estate for two years, volunteers formed a nonprofit known today as The Fells. In 2008 the organization became the owners of 84 acres of the original 1100-acre site.

### 2019 Highlights

- The Fells Education and Community Events Pavilion was completed. It opened amid much fanfare and proved to be a useful addition to our community and The Fells administration. This state-of-the-art building is designed for all types of events, including educational programs, demonstrations and children’s camps. The ecology education exhibit room has proven to be a delight to children and adults alike. The Pavilion design fits perfectly into The Fells landscape, so much so that some say that it seems to have always been there. It is clearly something for now and for the future.
- During the summer, The Fells hosted several well-attended educational and ecological programs including our elementary school program and Ecology Camp sponsored by our collaboration and educational programming efforts with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA). Our partnering with the Town of Newbury, the Newbury Library, The John Hay Poetry Society, and LSPA is very important to us and we greatly appreciate the support. We look forward to many other new joint programs coming up in 2020.

- In September, The Fells celebrated its dedicated group of over 300 volunteers. This group works tirelessly to ensure that the seasons are always made spectacular at the Fells – in the gardens, the plant nursery, and the house. New volunteers are always welcome. Every volunteer participation day at The Fells yields something new to learn. We invite you to become part of this group of passionate supporters of The Fells.
- In December, the season concluded with The Fells signature event, “*Christmas at The Fells Decorator Show House*”. This year’s event featured over 22 talented and creative decorators and designers from our area and beyond. The grand rooms and hallways of the gracious home of John Milton Hay were festively, tastefully and meticulously adorned. The house was open to visitors for two consecutive weekends and throughout the week. The Fells Boutique inspired shoppers to prepare early for the holidays and they did just that! This happy and festive event was a great kickoff for the holiday season. Even the new Education and Community Events Pavilion was decorated and enjoyed by many of our visitors.

The 2019 season at The Fells was educational, exciting and inspirational. We look forward to our 2020 season and are preparing to make it equally enjoyable and even better. We do hope that you will be part it!

The Fells is dedicated to providing high quality and engaging programs along with fun-filled and inspiring events to be enjoyed by people of all ages. The preservation of our historic structures, gardens, natural woodlands, and the almost one mile of unobstructed shoreline on Lake Sunapee is in the hands of all who are in our area and beyond. We are the stewards.



*The Pavilion during "Christmas at The Fells".  
Photo Courtesy The Fells*

The Fells is a historic treasure and, as such, it is a special place which is welcoming to the many visitors who come to absorb themselves not only in the beauty of nature that surrounds us, but also in the rich and fascinating history. Whether you are a history buff, gardener, hiker, explorer, or a winter snowshoer, visit us soon and you will want to return again and again with family and friends. Many of our programs and events are free and for many of our educational programs, scholarships are offered in order to reach as many of our area children as possible to include the at-risk and under-served.

For more information please visit our website at: [www.thefells.com](http://www.thefells.com). The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens is located at 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH 03255. Phone (603) 763-4789. For program and event information, email us at [info@thefells.org](mailto:info@thefells.org).

*Susan Warren  
Executive Director*

## Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire, and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Our scenic places, clean water, and outdoor recreation contribute to this ranking. Statistics show that undeveloped open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well-being of NH and our communities. The work of Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) supports every one of the characteristics that makes New Hampshire one of the best places to live.

### Mission

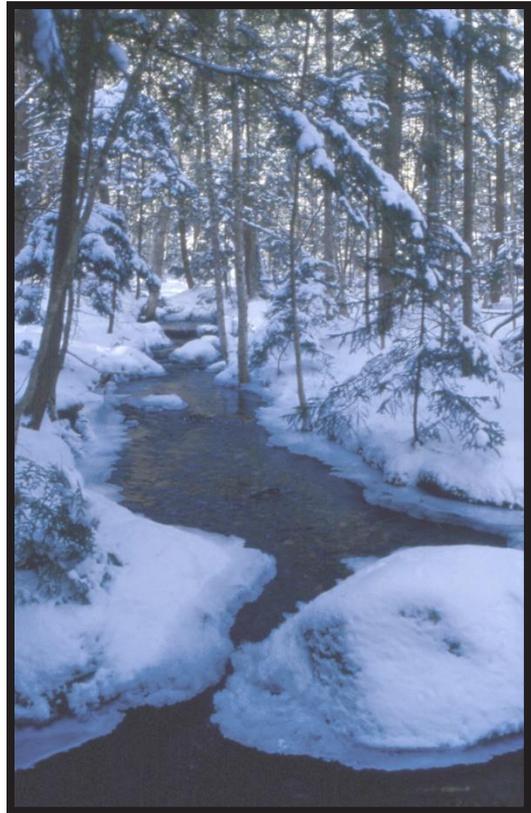
Ausbon Sargent protects the rural landscape of the 12 towns of the Mount Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 151 projects and protected 11,859 acres – including 16 working farms – and over eight miles of lake frontage. All these conservation lands provide some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

### 2019 Projects

During 2019, Ausbon Sargent completed three projects, representing just over 381 acres, in the towns of Sunapee and Sutton. In early 2020, additional projects in Grantham, Wilmot, Bradford, Andover, Warner, Sunapee and New London will finalize and/or progress towards finalization.

### 2019 Activities

A snowshoe hike in Grantham on the Sawyer Brook Headwaters property kicked off the beginning of the year. We returned to the same property in August for one of our popular Dragonfly Walks. A second Dragonfly Walk was held at the Esther Currier Low Plain Natural Area in New London. Also, in New London, a full moon snowshoe hike was held on the popular Clark Lookout Trail, yielding an amazing view from the top. Other traditional hikes were held in Bradford at the Bradford Bog, in Goshen on the “Wayne’s Woods” property, and from “Coco’s Path” to the “Spofford” property in New London.



*A view of the protected Ring Brook property.  
Photo Courtesy ASLPT*

We collaborated with the Abbott Library in Sunapee for a birding presentation and hike on the Frank Simpson Reserve. In addition to our ever-popular fundraising events – such as the Progressive Dinner in July, and the Holiday Party in December – we held workshops on conservation options for landowners and the requirements of becoming an easement monitor. A presentation on Black Bear behavior, featuring world-renowned speaker and expert, Ben Killham, was a popular event, drawing over 180 people.

### Volunteers

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers who provide year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments, and clerical work. Our loyal and talented volunteers were honored in June at our Volunteer Recognition Party held at the Lake Sunapee Protective Association’s Knowlton House in Sunapee Harbor. We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide not only financial support but also countless hours of their time. Our volunteers assure our success.

Please consider joining us in our work to protect these special places. Here's how to get involved:

- Become a conservation easement donor.
- Volunteer your time to the organization.
- Encourage town officials in our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation.
- Consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

### **Website**

Our website ([www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org)) shows which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The site includes both trail maps and driving directions. For information on all Ausbon Sargent protected properties, please visit our website, and join our email list. Find us on Instagram and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

As you can see, we offer many opportunities to get out to learn, hike and get involved in our mission to protect the rural landscape of our region. We hope you will all come out at some point to take advantage of our workshops, or to experience the beauty of some of these special places for yourselves.

It has always been a pleasure to work with the Town of Newbury and the Newbury Conservation Commission. We look forward to future events, collaborations and land projects in Newbury!

*Deborah L. Stanley*  
*Executive Director*

### Board of Trustees

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## Lake Sunapee Protective Association

In 2019, the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) remained at the helm of lake and watershed protection through its significant education efforts, public outreach, ongoing aquatic research and monitoring, and collaboration with the towns of Newbury, New London, Sunapee and Springfield.

### Education

Education remains a cornerstone of LSPA efforts and in 2019, LSPA reached over 5,000 students of all ages. LSPA education programs covered a wide variety of environmental subjects and offered age-specific information on all aspects of aquatic and watershed best practices. Pre-schoolers to Adventures in Learning adults at Colby-Sawyer College stretched their knowledge base on how best to protect our lake and water bodies.

The annual LSPA **Watershed Discovery Day** at Mount Sunapee was a huge success. LSPA hosted 300 fifth graders from surrounding schools and areas, and the day-long event featured hands-on activities aimed at developing an understanding of the intricate connections between nature and humans – and how to ensure that human activities enhance nature, not harm it.

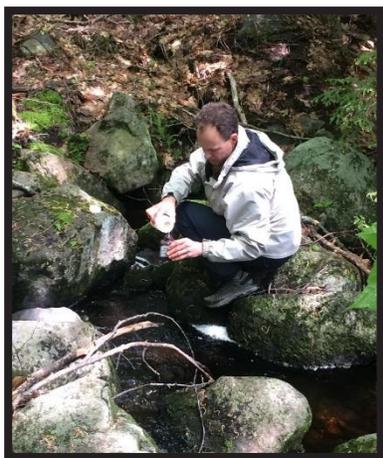
Throughout the year, LSPA's educators, Kathy Stowell and Nancy Heckel, made weekly visits to local schools, libraries and groups (free of charge) and offered engaging environmental lessons and presentations to these future adults.



*Geoff Lizotte doing maintenance on LSPA's instrumented buoy.  
Photo Courtesy LSPA*

### Lake Sunapee Watershed Plan

LSPA completed the Lake Sunapee Watershed Plan update aided by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), two consultants, and citizen committees. Citizen committee members hailed from watershed towns – Newbury, New London, Sunapee and Springfield. The Plan identified specific runoff trouble spots around the watershed and the goal is to reduce the transmission of phosphorus (found in fertilizer) into the lakes and ponds. Tackling the identified runoff trouble spots will help with this effort. A follow-on grant request has already been submitted to NHDES to start implementation work on three of the trouble spot locations.



*Geoff Lizotte, LSPA's Watershed Steward and GIS Specialist, taking a water sample in a Sunapee Watershed tributary.  
Photo Courtesy LSPA*

The Watershed Plan will be available online – and in the four watershed towns – in January 2020. It is LSPA's hope that the Plan will become part of the town Master Plans and a useful reference moving forward.

### Aquatic Invasive Species

LSPA's 13 lake hosts checked nearly 5,000 boats entering Lake Sunapee in 2019. No invasive species were found – which is great! However, nearly a quarter of the boats coming to Lake Sunapee were last in contaminated bodies of water. This highlights the importance

of vigilance. LSPA staff and volunteers also scanned a good portion of the perimeter of Lake Sunapee (approximately .28 miles of shoreland) throughout the year in search of invasive species. Statistics show that NH lakes are becoming more and more susceptible to aquatic invasive species each year, with 90 waterbodies already infested.

### **Science and Research**

LSPA hosted several research groups during 2019. Research topics included cyanobacteria, lake metabolism (the lake ecosystem balance of carbon fixation and oxidation from organisms within the lake), lake food web activity, and more efficient methods for monitoring lakes with unmanned robots and computer modeling. The teams included The Carey Institute, Dartmouth, UNH, Virginia Tech, Colby College, and Colby Sawyer College. LSPA assists these teams in a variety of ways – including ensuring access to Lake Sunapee, offering meeting and equipment space, help with data collection, and providing public outreach with research results.

### **The Land Use/Water Connection**

Everything LSPA does carries one goal – to keep Lake Sunapee and the surrounding watershed healthy.

The connection between the land and the water bodies is this –  
**What happens on the land ends up in the water.**

What we do – or don't do – on the land makes a huge difference in the quality, clarity and health of our lakes, ponds, streams and ground water. Everything on the land eventually flows into the water.

With that in mind, LSPA offers the following list of activities designed to keep our water healthy:

- Test soil before fertilizing.
- Never fertilize within the shoreline area.
- Plant native plant species (they will grow better).
- Never rake or blow leaves into the water.
- Minimize driveway size.
- Maximize natural landscapes.
- Maintain your septic and all stormwater management systems.
- Use salt sparingly in the winter.
- Limit dock de-icers with a time and/or temperature controller. (See NH RSA 270:33 which requires a de-icer not to impede access or egress from any property other than that of the owner of the device.)

Having a light footprint on the land means waterbodies remain clear and healthy – the way we all like to experience them!

I want to thank LSPA staff and volunteers, the research teams we host, and all our community partners including the towns of Newbury, New London, Sunapee and Springfield.

*June Fichter*  
*Executive Director*

## **The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway**

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that promotes hiking and land conservation. A 75-mile hiking trail forming a loop known as the SRK Greenway, or “emerald necklace”, was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mount Sunapee, Mount Ragged and Mount Kearsarge. Hiking trails are an important feature of the region’s tourism economy and preserving and maintaining a green corridor in Newbury and surrounding towns offers an enormous benefit for the recreational, economic and health of the area residents and visitors.

### **The Greenway Trail**

The SRK Greenway extends through 10 towns and is 75 miles long. The Greenway has 11.3 miles of trails in Newbury. The trail enters Newbury from King Hill Road in Sutton, continuing down Haynes Road then up Baker Hill Road before crossing the NH Audubon’s Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary to Chalk Pond. The trail continues up and along the east flank of Bly Hill to Fishersfield. From Fishersfield, the trail turns right onto Old Post Road, then descends to the town harbor before ascending the Newbury Trail toward Lake Solitude. From there, the trail combines with Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway to gain the Mount Sunapee summit. The SRK Greenway drops down to the Old Province Road via the Summit trail as it passes into Goshen. Much of the 75 miles of trail network passes over private property and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many landowners.

### **Organizational Info**

With over 200 members, the SRK Greenway is a thoroughly community-based, all-volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a website ([www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org)), a trail guide book, a 3-season hiking schedule, and an annual meeting in March of every year. Nathan Richer currently serves as the Newbury Director on the Greenway Board. There are many individuals who help keep the Newbury portion of SRK Greenway trails repaired and blazed.

Large land holdings along the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway were logged in early 2019. In addition, ice and wind damage during winter necessitated many miles of trail clean up this spring, a task met by many volunteers. Our annual meeting in March featured a presentation from local climbing legend and guidebook author Jon Sykes. Special thanks goes out to the Hollinger family for their generous memorial gift, which has enabled the SRKG to replace many of the old trailhead signs. On January 25-26, 2020, the SRKG will sponsor its second intensive 2-day SOLO Wilderness First Aid course, which will be held at Colby Sawyer College.

In 2019, SRK Greenway representatives met with several town boards, conservation commissions, and others to improve awareness of hiking trails and build collaborative relationships. Meetings included the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), SPNHF, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, the NH Trails Bureau, and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.

Our website ([www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org)) has maps of the entire Greenway and includes hike schedules and events, landowner information, membership details, and links to other hiking trails in NH. The third edition of our guidebook and trail map are available for purchase through our website and at several the regional bookstores including Morgan Hill in New London.

If you are interested in participating in hiking events, volunteering to help with trail maintenance, or simply want more information about the 75 miles of trails, please visit our website or contact a board member of the SRK Greenway.

*Nathan Richer  
Town Director*

## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Serving 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan and Merrimack Counties since 1963, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards, along with inter-municipal planning, liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and assistance on development, public health, and environmental issues.

### 2019 Highlights

- UVLSRPC was awarded a \$300,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency. During the next three years, UVLSRPC will identify properties in the region and perform environmental assessments. The goal is to clean up the identified properties and position them as economic development drivers in the communities. This is the second Brownfields grant UVLSRPC has been awarded. We are always looking for more sites to evaluate – please feel free to contact our office with any questions.
- UVLSRPC was awarded \$174,528 from USDA to complete a variety of tasks including our household hazardous waste collections. Perhaps a first for this organization will be the creation of a cartoon that animates *Toxic Showdown*, our comic book that offers information on what goes into personal home care products. The USDA funding also continues our popular bicycle reuse program. This program involves partnering with local transfer stations and community “listservs” to collect unwanted quality bicycles. The bikes are refurbished and offered to 30 nonprofits in the Upper Valley region.
- The UVLSRPC contract with the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) resulted in the completion of a Road Surface Management Systems analysis for the Town of Hanover and Grantham. Also, culvert and stream crossing assessments were completed for Hanover and the Baker River Watershed in the northern part of our region. The NHDOT contract also funds our traffic counts and in 2019, UVLSRPC conducted over 120 traffic counts throughout the region. NHDOT also supports the development of Regional Transportation Corridor Plans for eight distinct corridors in the region. This corridor-based approach will allow our staff to work closely with local officials to conduct public outreach and to develop a comprehensive list of needed improvements and implementation strategies. Finally, NHDOT funds our Transit Assistance programming. We work with Advance Transit and Southwestern Community Services to survey passengers and to help evaluate service and route options.
- UVLSRPC circuit rider services were provided for Springfield, New London, Oxford and Wilmot on a weekly or monthly basis. Charlestown, Claremont and Enfield hired UVLSRPC to fill in while they searched for a new planner. Claremont also hired UVLSRPC to assist in GIS work for the Public Works and the Planning and Development departments.
- We successfully formed our new non-profit, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Foundation, which will support the work of UVLSRPC. The foundation is designed to offer an additional source of funding for UVLSRPC to augment government funding.
- The “Keys to The Valley” was launched – our bi-state multi-region housing needs assessment campaign. We are working with Two Rivers Ottauquechee and Southern Windsor County in Vermont to gain a better understanding of the challenges facing housing development in the region and prepare workable solutions that make sense for communities of every size and make-up. This work will require a lot of community engagement and participation. I encourage you to visit [www.keystothevalley.com](http://www.keystothevalley.com) for frequent updates or if you would like to participate in some manner.

Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or [sschneider@uvlsrc.org](mailto:sschneider@uvlsrc.org), to share your thoughts and suggestions about how we can better serve our community. It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region and thank you for your support over the decades.

*Steven Schneider*  
*Executive Director*

## University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Merrimack County

University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension serves residents in each of Merrimack County's 27 towns with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family Resiliency. The Cooperative Extension is the public outreach arm of UNH, bringing information and education into NH towns and helping to make individuals, businesses and communities more successful while keeping NH natural resources healthy and productive.

### **Our Mission**

UNH Cooperative Extension strengthens people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education, and cooperative solutions.

### **2019 Highlights**

Merrimack County Extension staff offered the research and knowledge of the university to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, conferences, phone consultations, printed materials, online resources, a statewide toll-free info line, and through strategic partnerships.

This year, UNH Cooperative Extension trained and supported **516 volunteers** in Merrimack County. These volunteers **contributed 27,735 hours** of their time extending the reach of our programs as 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents, and others.

### **Food & Agriculture**

We supported the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. This year, **2,652 Merrimack County citizens attended training** in livestock management, crop production, safe food handling, pest management, agricultural marketing, farm business management, water quality protection, and more. Our team of specialists and volunteers also provided education and technical assistance to home gardeners and citizens through seminars, publications, and through our Education Center Infoline.

This year, Education Center Infoline volunteers **answered 401 inquiries from Merrimack County residents**, and the county's **60 active Master Gardeners contributed 958 volunteer hours** through garden-focused projects, displays, and presentations, **contributing an estimated value of \$23,950**.

The Food and Agriculture Program provided support for the state's agricultural and horticultural industries through direct one-on-one consultation and through targeted programming. This year, **150 farm visits** with one-on-one consultations were conducted, while **612 individuals received consultation** through email, phone conversations and in-office visits. The Merrimack County Food and Agriculture Field Specialist collaborated with Extension colleagues and county partners to win approximately \$18,000 in grant funding to support field research and educational outreach projects in Merrimack County.

### **Natural Resources**

Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to our environment, quality of life, and tourism industry, as well as for current and future economic opportunities. Our natural resources team provided research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a "boots on the ground" approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. This year, **911 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education** from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and email correspondence.

At least **935 county residents participated in educational events**: emerald ash borer educational workshops, geospatial technology training (GIS), NH Maple, NH Land Trust Coalition work, Saving Special Places Land Conservation conference, Speaking for Wildlife talks, Stewardship Network, woodlot visits, and forest management services. **Volunteers** from the NH Coverts project and the Natural Resource Stewards program **contributed nearly 3,838 hours** conserving and managing natural resources in Merrimack County.

### **Community and Economic Development**

The Community and Economic Development (CED) team provided programming and technical assistance to communities, businesses and nonprofit organizations around New Hampshire. The CED team's work focused on revitalizing main streets, retaining and growing local businesses, supporting entrepreneurs and innovators, improving quality of life, and leveraging tourism and the recreation economy. Central to the CED team's work is engaging individuals from throughout the community in developing a vision, designing an approach, and moving to action.

In 2019, the CED team worked with Merrimack County towns including Northfield, Pittsfield, Hopkinton, New London, Bradford and Concord. The CED team worked with Pittsfield on creating a plan for downtown revitalization, including applying for a successful US Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant that will improve the facades of several downtown businesses. Also, the CED team implemented a Community Profile and Business Retention and Expansion program in Northfield. The CED team is currently working with the community to leverage the recreation economy, build out business resources, and improve key areas of the community.

### **4-H/Youth & Family**

Preparing youth to become caring and productive citizens is critical to New Hampshire's future. The research-based education and information we provide enhances the leadership and decision-making skills of New Hampshire's youth and strengthens families. We provide educational resources for parents, families and communities serving volunteers and professionals through innovative programs through creative delivery methods, including web-based outreach, e-newsletters and train-the-trainer programs. Merrimack County youth and volunteers participated in many 4-H youth development programs, including State and County Activities Days, Eastern States Exposition activities and competition, Teen Conference, county and state animal science shows, Barry Conservation Camp, Hopkinton State Fair, volunteer screening and training, and youth leadership/youth voice workshops. Merrimack County residents also participated in afterschool professional workshops, farm to school days, military family events, and camps.

### **Nutrition Connections**

Nutrition Connections is a no-cost, hands-on nutrition education program that provided limited-resource families the knowledge and skills they needed for better health. In Merrimack County, **130 adults received nutrition education** either in a series or a single session. Nutrition Connections also **reached 446 children in local schools and Head Start programs**. In addition, two school districts received assistance with their school wellness committees and assistance with updating and implementing their local school wellness policies. Three schools enrolled in the Smarter Lunchroom Movement, a program that provides schools with the knowledge, motivation, and resources needed to build a lunchroom environment that makes healthy food choices the easy choice. Nutrition Connections worked with six food pantries by providing resources such as recipes, taste testing, and food demos. All these programs help participants make healthier food choices.

### **Youth & Family Resiliency**

Melissa Lee came on board in September 2019 and will provide information, programs and training grounded in research to help young people and their families succeed and thrive, such as Youth Mental

Health First Aid Training. Melissa is working collaboratively with schools and public health partners to increase prevention and early intervention for mental health and wellness and substance misuse in communities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 12 community members from all over Merrimack County who served on our Advisory Council during the past year:

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**Resident Birth Report  
01-01-2019 through 12-31-19**

<b>Child Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Father/Partner Name</b>	<b>Mother Name</b>
Powers, Mia Odessa	01/18/2019	Powers, Jeremy	Vanderwerff, Rosemarie
Souders, Asher John	04/21/2019	Souders, Ian	Souders, Tasha
Mooney, Beatrix Josephine	05/04/2019	Mooney, Michael	Linville, Signe
Hinman, Norah Pearl	05/06/2019	Hinman, Thomas	Hinman, Anna
Dimuccio, Christopher Quinn	05/20/2019	Dimuccio Jr, Robert	Dimuccio, Alycia
Albrecht, Genevieve Kathleen	08/31/2019	Albrecht, Peter	Albrecht, Bethany
Hurd, Ethan James	09/17/2019	Hurd, Steven	Hurd, Jessica
Gray, James Henry	09/19/2019	Gray, James	Gray, Caroline
Poirier, Colton Chadwick	10/14/2019	Poirier, Scott	Poirier, Mary
McCurdy, Fiona Marie	10/19/2019	McCurdy IV, William	McCurdy, Katherine

**Resident Marriage Report  
01-01-2019 through 12-31-2019**

<b>Person A Name/Residence</b>	<b>Person B Name/Residence</b>	<b>Date of Marriage</b>
Naughton, Robert F. Newbury, NH	Ottolini, Marybeth Newbury, NH	06/21/2019
Slogic, Chelsea K Newbury, NH	Lennon, Emerson D Warner, NH	07/27/2019
Cross, Evan J Newbury, NH	Petty, Jennifer L Newbury, NH	08/03/2019
Mehr, Amin Fairfax, VA	Kinsman, Heather J Newbury, NH	09/28/2019
Nguyen, Westmoreland E Newbury, NH	Melcer, Karson S Newbury, NH	10/19/2019
Palmer, Devon M Newbury, NH	Belmosto, Samantha L Newbury, NH	10/21/2019
Vogler, Curtis N Newbury, NH	Keeler, Alissa A Alexandria, NH	12/21/2019

**Resident Death Report  
01-01-2019 through 12-31-2019**

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
Perkins, Richard	01/28/2019	Perkins, Merton	Bly, Florence
Goodnough III, Joseph	02/02/2019	Goodnough II, Joseph	Clark, Marion
LaClair, Bradley	02/21/2019	LaClair, Ralph	Hall, Carolyn
White, Nancy	03/26/2019	Pearson, Robert	Bailey, Elizabeth
Weir, Elsa	03/30/2019	Winch, Fred	Borgesson, Emma
Patch, Brian	03/31/2019	Patch, Arnold	Theroux, Claire
Plunkett, Eleanor	05/02/2019	Murphy, Paul	Finn, Marjorie
Symonds, Charles	05/06/2019	Symonds SR, Clare	Auger, Louise
Williams, J	05/28/2019	Williams, Jesse	Tatum, Lester
Daigle III, William	07/14/2019	Daigle JR, William	Brown, Annie
Schmidt, James	09/17/2019	Schmidt, William	Welsh, Doris
Merritt III, Haines	11/27/2019	Merritt JR, Haines	McKisson, Mary Louise
Sevene, Laura	11/27/2019	Heath, Lorenzo	Moody, Verna

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To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Newbury  
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 31, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Newbury are described in the Notes to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Town of Newbury's Statement of Net Position financial statements (related footnote) were:

- Actuarial Valuation of Post-Employment Benefits under GASB 75.
- Proportionate Share of NHRS Net Pension Liability.

Management's estimate of the valuation of OPEBs is based on an actuarial valuation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the valuation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The estimate of the proportionate share of net pension liability of the NHRS is based on the Town's current percentage of contributions to the system.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Newbury  
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury, as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, as "management" of the Town of Newbury (the "Town"), a local municipality located in the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, submits this section of the Town's annual financial report in order to present our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2018. Our discussion and analysis is in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net position decreased by \$324,004 or -2.67% between December 31, 2017 and 2018.
- The Town's total combined net position amounted to \$11,794,491 at December 31, 2018. Net position consisted of: \$9,827,775 net investment in capital assets; \$1,593,812 restricted for capital reserves; \$515,960 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net position of \$(143,056).
- The Town has a \$2,246,454 liability for long-term obligations. This does not mean that the Town has this entire payment requirement for next year; rather, only \$75,909 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2018.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds and notes, compensated absence obligations, other postemployment obligations, and net pension liability decreased by a net (additions less reductions) \$(210,416) during the year ended December 31, 2018. The net decrease consisted of \$21,831 in additions to the long-term liabilities and \$232,247 in current year reductions.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$324,004 more than the \$4,365,875 in revenues generated for charges for services, operating grants and contributions and general revenues (consisting of property taxes and local, state and federal grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes).

July 21, 2019

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018**

A portion of the net position is either invested in capital assets or restricted as to the purposes they can be used for.

- The Town's investment in capital assets (land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation), net of related debt, is the largest component of the total combined net position.
- Restricted net position represents capital project, capital reserves and specific fund net asset amounts that are not available for discretionary spending.

Unrestricted net position is \$(143,056); it is the result of having resources that are less than liabilities.

### Change in Net position

The Town's total revenues were \$4,365,875 while total expenses were \$4,689,879 resulting in a decrease in net position of \$324,004.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 64.79% from property taxes, 13.08% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 2.54% from State of New Hampshire source intergovernmental revenues primarily derived from state aid programs. Program revenues directly associated with a specific department accounted for the following percentages of total revenues, charges for services provided 13.26% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 3.06% of total revenues.

### Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

Governmental Activities								
	2017		2018		Change			
<b>Program Revenues</b>								
Charges for services	\$	588,508	13.48%	\$	579,091	13.26%	\$ (9,417)	-1.60%
Operating grants and contributions		242,734	5.56%		133,696	3.06%	(109,038)	-44.92%
<b>General Revenues</b>								
Property taxes		2,846,369	65.20%		2,828,722	64.79%	(17,647)	-0.62%
Local sources		539,363	12.35%		571,231	13.08%	31,868	5.91%
State of New Hampshire sources		110,775	2.54%		110,679	2.54%	(96)	-0.09%
Other sources		89,963	2.06%		142,456	3.26%	52,493	58.35%
	\$	<u>4,417,712</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	\$	<u>4,365,875</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>(51,837)</u>	<u>-1.17%</u>



# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
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Exhibit B-3 shows that 24.12% of the Town's total expenses were for general government, public safety expenses accounted for 17.39% of total expenses, while 20.28% were for maintenance of highways and streets and 9.26% were for sanitation expenses.

## Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

### Governmental Activities

	2017		2018		Change	
<b>Functions / Programs</b>						
General government	\$ 1,170,151	24.95%	\$ 1,130,997	24.12%	\$ (39,154)	-3.35%
Public safety	719,559	15.34%	815,737	17.39%	96,178	13.37%
Highways and streets	997,345	21.27%	951,256	20.28%	(46,089)	-4.62%
Sanitation	462,559	9.86%	434,158	9.26%	(28,401)	-6.14%
Health	66,432	1.42%	68,752	1.47%	2,320	3.49%
Welfare	17,960	0.38%	9,380	0.20%	(8,580)	-47.77%
Culture and recreation	340,513	7.26%	362,488	7.73%	21,975	6.45%
Conservation	3,760	0.08%	5,218	0.11%	1,458	38.78%
Debt service	40,365	0.86%	35,107	0.75%	(5,258)	-13.03%
Capital outlay	158,620	3.38%	225,525	4.81%	66,905	42.18%
Payments to other governments	-	0.00%	2,631	0.06%	2,631	0.00%
Other financing uses	47,138	1.01%	(11,301)	-0.24%	(58,439)	-123.97%
<b>Unallocated</b>						
Depreciation	651,831	13.90%	659,931	14.07%	8,100	1.24%
	<u>\$ 4,676,233</u>	<u>99.71%</u>	<u>\$ 4,689,879</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 13,646</u>	<u>0.29%</u>

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018

## Governmental Activities

Exhibit B-4 presents the net cost of the Town's largest functions based upon the total expense, less charges for services and operating grants and contributions, of each function. The net cost reflects the amount that was funded by general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid).

### Exhibit B-4 TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

	2017		2018	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
<b>Functions / Programs</b>				
General government	\$ 1,170,151	\$ 898,412	\$ 1,130,997	\$ 892,013
Public safety	719,559	710,018	815,737	806,855
Highways and streets	997,345	778,715	951,256	831,019
Sanitation	462,559	153,951	434,158	111,455
Health	66,432	66,432	68,752	68,752
Welfare	17,960	17,930	9,380	9,380
Culture and recreation	340,513	317,819	362,488	340,507
Conservation	3,760	3,760	5,218	5,218
Debt Service	40,365	40,365	35,107	35,107
Capital outlay	158,620	158,620	225,525	225,525
Payments to other governments	-	-	2,631	2,631
Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses	47,138	47,138	(11,301)	(11,301)
<b>Unallocated</b>				
Depreciation	651,831	651,831	659,931	659,931
	\$ 4,676,233	\$ 3,844,991	\$ 4,689,879	\$ 3,977,092

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018

The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$4,689,879; the total net cost was \$3,977,092. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

## Taxes

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$2,749,680 from property taxes, \$12,682 from land use change taxes, \$14,841 from yield taxes, \$202 from excavation taxes, and \$11,786 from other taxes.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$54,446, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$14,915.

## Local Sources

- Motor vehicle permit fees amounted to \$532,748.
- Other miscellaneous permits and fees amounted to \$38,483.

## State Sources

- Meals and rental tax distributions were received in the amount of \$110,679.

## Miscellaneous Revenues

- Sale of municipal property in the amount of \$12,168.
- Earnings on investments amounted to \$75,822.
- Other miscellaneous sources were received in the amount of \$54,466.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018

## ANALYSIS OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

### General Fund

The general fund balance increased \$153,482 during the year from a surplus balance of \$2,442,114 at December 31, 2017 to a \$2,595,596 balance at December 31, 2018. The December 31, 2018 fund balance consisted of \$1,573,095 restricted for capital reserves, \$98,445 assigned for encumbrances and an unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$924,056.

Restricted expendable maintenance and capital reserve funds (established by voters at an annual Town meeting as trust funds in accordance with statutory requirements) are combined with the general fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances were \$1,573,095 at December 31, 2018. In accordance with statutory requirements they are held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and are only released for the restricted specific purposes of the individual funds.

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

#### Library Fund

The library fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The library fund is used to account for contributions and donations managed by the Library Trustees.

#### Blodgett Sewer Fund

The sewer fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The sewer fund balance increased \$33,459 during the year from a surplus balance of \$168,337 at December 31, 2017 to a balance of \$201,796 at December 31, 2018.

#### Recreation Revolving Fund

The recreation revolving fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The recreation fund was created by town meeting to account for program activities. The fund had a balance of \$7,451 at December 31, 2018.

#### Conservation Fund

The conservation fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The conservation fund is financed from a portion of the land use change tax collections during the year. The conservation fund had a fund balance of \$150,567 at December 31, 2018.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018

### Beautification Committee Fund

The beautification fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The beautification fund is financed through local donations. The beautification fund had a fund balance of \$20,668 at December 31, 2018.

### Curtain Grant Fund

The curtain grant fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The curtain grant fund is used to account for the proceeds of a grant. The curtain grant fund had a fund balance of \$0 at December 31, 2018.

### Common Trust Funds

The common trust funds are classified as permanent funds and are aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The common trust funds balance at December 31, 2018 is comprised of \$108,949 of nonspendable endowments and \$24,385 of restricted fund balance for its intended purpose.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At December 31, 2018, the Town had invested \$11,027,104 (\$28,773,592 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$17,746,488) in a broad range of capital assets, including land and land improvements, infrastructure, buildings, vehicles and furniture and equipment as summarized in Exhibit C-1.

This amount represents a net decrease of 4.96% from the prior year. This year major additions are also summarized in Exhibit C-1.

### Exhibit C-1 NET CAPITAL ASSETS AND MAJOR ADDITIONS

	Governmental Activities		
Net Capital Assets	2017	2018	Change
Land and improvements	\$ 6,607,356	\$ 6,607,356	0.00%
Construction in progress	8,229	8,229	0.00%
Infrastructure	14,239,452	14,239,452	0.00%
Buildings	3,650,372	3,650,372	0.00%
Vehicles	2,183,428	2,202,126	0.86%
Machinery and equipment	1,901,985	1,901,985	0.00%
Technology equipment	164,072	164,072	0.00%
<b>Capital assets, at cost</b>	28,754,894	28,773,592	0.07%
Accumulated depreciation	(17,151,864)	(17,746,488)	-3.47%
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	\$ 11,603,030	\$ 11,027,104	-4.96%
<b>Increase in Capital Assets, Net</b>		\$ (575,926)	
<b>Changes</b>			
Vehicle purchases		\$ 84,005	
Depreciation		(659,931)	
		\$ (575,926)	

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018

## Debt

At December 31, 2018, the Town had \$2,170,545 of long-term obligations (\$2,246,454 in total obligations less the current portion of \$75,909) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net decrease of 8.90% from the prior year.

### Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

	Governmental Activities		
Long-Term Liabilities	2017	2018	Change
	(as restated)		
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,273,635	\$ 1,199,329	-5.83%
Compensated absences	141,496	159,540	12.75%
OPEB obligations	232,923	236,710	1.63%
Net pension liability	808,816	650,875	-19.53%
	2,456,870	2,246,454	-8.56%
Less current portion	(74,306)	(75,909)	-2.16%
	\$ 2,382,564	\$ 2,170,545	-8.90%
<b>Net Change</b>		<b>\$ (212,019)</b>	
<b>Changes</b>			
Principal payment on general obligation debt		\$ (74,306)	
Change in compensated absences		18,044	
Change in OPEB obligations		3,787	
Change in net pension liability		(157,941)	
Change in current portion		(1,603)	
		<b>\$ (212,019)</b>	

State law (RSA 195:6II) limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Town may incur at any one time to 1.75% of the locally assessed valuation as equalized by the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. At December 31, 2018, the Town was significantly below its legal debt limit of approximately \$12,986,525.

More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

# **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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**Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2018**

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2019 budget to the municipal Budget Committee and the town voters.

These considerations included the following:

1. Local revenues are showing strong increases notably they include motor vehicle registrations, Land Use Change Taxes and building permits.
2. The Select board's/Budget Committee's desire to keep the tax rate level and stable.
3. An appropriation of \$36,680 for a new Police Department vehicle.
4. An Appropriation of \$196,691 for a new bridge located on Baypoint road.
5. An Appropriation of \$210,000 for a New Fire Department Rescue Truck.
6. Paving was increased by \$10,000 from the year before.
7. The town continues to fund its capital reserves/expandable trust funds in the same manner as we have in the past.

## **CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Administrator.

# TOWN OF NEWBURY

## Statement of Net Position December 31, 2018

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,819,442
Investments	1,926,222
Receivables, net	475,406
Other assets	2,888
Capital assets:	
Land, Improvements, and construction in progress	1,848,843
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>9,178,261</u>
Total assets	<u>17,251,062</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	96,719
Deferred outflows of resources related to other post employment benefits	<u>6,501</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>103,220</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	107,825
Accrued expenses	753
Due to other governments	3,003,824
Current portion long term debt	75,909
Notes payable	1,123,420
Compensated absences	159,540
OPEB Obligation	236,710
Net pension liability	<u>650,875</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,358,856</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	136,676
Deferred inflows of resources related to other post employment benefits	<u>64,259</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>200,935</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	9,827,775
Restricted for:	
Capital reserves	1,593,812
Nonmajor funds and other purposes	515,960
Unrestricted	<u>(143,056)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 11,794,491</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF NEWBURY**

**Statement of Activities  
Year Ended December 31, 2018**

Functions / Programs	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
	Expenses	Program Revenues		Primary Government
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 1,130,997	\$ 238,984	\$ -	\$ (892,013)
Public safety	815,737	8,882	-	(806,855)
Highways and streets	951,256	-	120,237	(831,019)
Sanitation	434,158	309,244	13,459	(111,455)
Health	68,752	-	-	(68,752)
Welfare	9,380	-	-	(9,380)
Culture and recreation	362,488	21,981	-	(340,507)
Conservation	5,218	-	-	(5,218)
Debt service	35,107	-	-	(35,107)
Capital outlay	225,525	-	-	(225,525)
Payments to other governments	2,631	-	-	(2,631)
Other financing uses	(11,301)	-	-	11,301
Depreciation (unallocated)	659,931	-	-	(659,931)
Total governmental activities	<u>4,689,879</u>	<u>579,091</u>	<u>133,696</u>	<u>(3,977,092)</u>
General revenues:				
Taxes				\$ 2,828,722
Charges, grants, and contributions not restricted to specific purposes:				
Licenses, permits and fees				571,231
State of NH sources				110,679
Miscellaneous revenues				<u>142,456</u>
Total general revenues				<u>3,653,088</u>
Change in net position				(324,004)
Net position - beginning (as restated)				<u>12,118,495</u>
Net position - ending				<u>\$ 11,794,491</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF NEWBURY****Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2018**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,791,511	\$ 27,931	\$ 3,819,442
Investments	1,574,418	351,804	1,926,222
Property taxes receivable	266,952	-	266,952
Timber taxes receivable	777	-	777
Tax liens receivable	113,608	-	113,608
Accounts receivable	73,576	20,493	94,069
Due from other funds	-	134,518	134,518
Other assets	2,888	-	2,888
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,823,730</u>	<u>\$ 534,746</u>	<u>\$ 6,358,476</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 107,825	\$ -	\$ 107,825
Accrued expenses	753	-	753
Due to other governments	3,003,824	-	3,003,824
Due to other funds	<u>115,732</u>	<u>18,786</u>	<u>134,518</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,228,134</u>	<u>18,786</u>	<u>3,246,920</u>
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable	-	108,949	108,949
Restricted	1,573,095	407,011	1,980,106
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	98,445	-	98,445
Unassigned	<u>924,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>924,056</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,595,596</u>	<u>515,960</u>	<u>3,111,556</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,823,730</u>	<u>\$ 534,746</u>	<u>\$ 6,358,476</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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### Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2018

**Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 3,111,556

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.

Cost	\$ 28,773,592	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(17,746,488)</u>	11,027,104

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:

Bonds payable	(1,199,329)	
Compensated absences	(159,540)	
OPEB obligations	(236,710)	
Net pension liability	<u>(650,875)</u>	(2,246,454)

Deferred inflows and outflows of resources are not current financial sources and uses and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred inflows of resources	(200,935)	
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>103,220</u>	<u>(97,715)</u>

**Total Net Position - Governmental Activities** \$ 11,794,491

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 2,828,722	\$ -	\$ 2,828,722
Licenses, permits and fees	571,231	-	571,231
State of NH sources	431,882	13,459	445,341
Charges for services	83,689	294,436	378,125
Miscellaneous revenues	46,679	19,955	66,634
Investment income	<u>68,681</u>	<u>7,141</u>	<u>75,822</u>
Total revenues	<u>4,030,884</u>	<u>334,991</u>	<u>4,365,875</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	1,116,488	7,942	1,124,430
Public safety	804,452	-	804,452
Highways and streets	951,435	-	951,435
Sanitation	279,435	154,352	433,787
Health	68,752	-	68,752
Welfare	9,380	-	9,380
Culture and recreation	334,094	28,394	362,488
Conservation	5,218	-	5,218
Debt service:			
Principal	-	74,306	74,306
Interest	-	35,107	35,107
Capital outlay	297,066	12,464	309,530
Payments to other governments	<u>2,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,631</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,868,951</u>	<u>312,565</u>	<u>4,181,516</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	161,933	22,426	184,359
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Loss on investments	-	(8,749)	(8,749)
Transfers in	100	8,551	8,651
Transfers out	<u>(8,551)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>(8,651)</u>
Net change in fund balances	153,482	22,128	175,610
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>2,442,114</u>	<u>493,832</u>	<u>2,935,946</u>
Fund balances - end of year	\$ <u>2,595,596</u>	\$ <u>515,960</u>	\$ <u>3,111,556</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2018

## NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits and investments as of December 31, 2018 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of net position:	
Cash and Investments	\$ 5,745,664
Fiduciary funds:	
Cash and investments	16,380
	<u>\$ 5,762,044</u>

Deposits and investments as of December 31, 2018 consist of the following:

Cash on hand	\$ -
Deposits with financial institutions	3,819,442
Investments	1,942,602
	<u>\$ 5,762,044</u>

### Credit Risk – Deposits

The Town maintains deposits in accordance with RSA 41:29 which states that the treasurer shall deposit all such moneys in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22 or in solvent banks in the state, except that funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver to a third party custodial bank or the federal reserve bank collateral security for such deposits, United States government obligations, United States government agency obligations, or obligations of the state of New Hampshire in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case. The amount of collected funds on deposit in any one bank shall not for more than 20 days exceed the sum of its paid-up capital and surplus.

### Credit Risk - Investments

The Town maintains investments in accordance with RSA 41:29 which states that whenever the town treasurer has in custody an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, the town treasurer shall, with the approval of the selectmen, invest the same in obligations of the United States government, in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22, in savings bank deposits of banks incorporated under the laws of the state of New Hampshire or in certificates of deposits and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the state of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the state treasurer. Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or moneys for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the Town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral. At least yearly, the selectmen shall review and adopt an investment policy for the investment of public funds in conformance with the provisions of applicable statutes.

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## Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2018

Investments made by the Town as of December 31, 2018 are summarized below:

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rating Agencies</u>
Equities	\$ 75,222	na	
Money market funds	200,972	na	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	219,786	na	
Fixed income mutual funds	<u>1,446,622</u>	na	
	<u>\$ 1,942,602</u>		

### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer. Investments of 5% or more of the Town's investments are as follows:

		<u>%</u>
Equities	\$ 75,222	4%
Money market funds	200,972	10%
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	219,786	11%
Fixed income mutual funds	<u>1,446,622</u>	<u>74%</u>
	<u>\$ 1,942,602</u>	<u>100%</u>

### Interest Rate Risk

The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a policy for custodial credit risk on deposits. As of December 31, 2018, \$250,000 of the Town's bank balance was covered by FDIC insurance, and \$3,579,064 was collateralized by a repurchase agreement with a local bank.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Of the Town's \$1,942,602 in various investments, \$0 is held by the investment's counterparty, not in the name of the Town.

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December 31, 2018

## NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the Town for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Governmental Activities (at cost)</b>				
<b>Capital assets not being depreciated:</b>				
Land and improvements	\$ 1,840,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,840,614
Construction in progress	8,229	-	-	8,229
	<u>1,848,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,848,843</u>
<b>Capital assets being depreciated:</b>				
Land improvements	4,766,742	-	-	4,766,742
Infrastructure	14,239,452	-	-	14,239,452
Buildings	3,650,372	-	-	3,650,372
Vehicles	2,183,428	84,005	65,307	2,202,126
Machinery and equipment	1,901,985	-	-	1,901,985
Technology equipment	164,072	-	-	164,072
	<u>26,906,051</u>	<u>84,005</u>	<u>65,307</u>	<u>26,924,749</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	1,075,694	164,034	-	1,239,728
Infrastructure	10,778,269	138,632	-	10,916,901
Buildings	2,025,428	125,090	-	2,150,518
Vehicles	1,320,713	146,122	65,307	1,401,528
Machinery and equipment	1,799,441	76,644	-	1,876,085
Technology equipment	152,319	9,409	-	161,728
Accumulated depreciation	<u>17,151,864</u>	<u>659,931</u>	<u>65,307</u>	<u>17,746,488</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>9,754,187</u>	<u>(575,926)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,178,261</u>
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, Net of accumulated depreciation</b>	<u>\$ 11,603,030</u>	<u>\$ (575,926)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,027,104</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 (unallocated) \$ 659,931

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**Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2018**

**NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The Town can issue general obligation debt instruments to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment, infrastructure and other facilities. General obligation debt instruments are "direct government obligations" and consequently are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets are accounted for as capital assets and capital lease liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements the lease is recorded as an expenditure and other financing source in the year executed; annual lease payments are recorded as expenditures when paid. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences and early retirement obligations.

A summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2018 is as follows:

	<b>General Obligation Debt</b>	<b>Compensated Absences</b>	<b>OPEB Obligations</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>Total</b>
			(as restated)		
Beginning balance	\$ 1,273,635	\$ 141,496	\$ 232,923	\$ 808,816	\$ 2,456,870
Additions	-	18,044	3,787	-	21,831
Reductions	<u>(74,306)</u>	-	-	<u>(157,941)</u>	<u>(232,247)</u>
Ending balance	<u>1,199,329</u>	<u>159,540</u>	<u>236,710</u>	<u>650,875</u>	<u>2,246,454</u>
Current portion	75,909	-	-	-	75,909
Noncurrent portion	<u>1,123,420</u>	<u>159,540</u>	<u>236,710</u>	<u>650,875</u>	<u>2,170,545</u>
	<b>\$ 1,199,329</b>	<b>\$ 159,540</b>	<b>\$ 236,710</b>	<b>\$ 650,875</b>	<b>\$ 2,246,454</b>

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2018 consisted of the following:

	<b>Issue Year</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Original Amount of Issue</b>	<b>Balance Outstanding</b>
<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>					
State Revolving Loan Proceeds	2010	0.86%	5/1/2031	\$ 1,315,860	\$ 1,014,642
Clean Water Revolving Loan	2011	0.952%	1/1/2030	307,807	<u>184,687</u>
					1,199,329
<b>Other Long-Term Obligations</b>					
Compensated absences					159,540
OPEB obligations					236,710
Net pension liability					<u>650,875</u>
					<u>1,047,125</u>
					<b>\$ 2,246,454</b>

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation debt are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$ 75,909	\$ 29,356	\$ 105,265
2020	77,555	27,564	105,119
2021	79,246	25,726	104,972
2022	80,982	23,843	104,825
2023	82,766	21,912	104,678
After	<u>802,871</u>	<u>102,021</u>	<u>904,892</u>
	<u>\$ 1,199,329</u>	<u>\$ 230,422</u>	<u>\$ 1,429,751</u>

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**Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2018**

**NOTE 8 - PROPERTY TAXES**

**Property Tax Calendar**

The Town is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state legislation. The property tax year is from April 1 - March 31. Unpaid property taxes may be liened (following statutory notification and procedural guidelines) as soon as 30-days after the final bill (or installment) is due. Unpaid taxes are assessed interest at a rate of 8% up to the "lien date," at which time the rate increases to 18%. Two years from the execution of the real estate tax lien the Tax Collector may execute to the lienholder a "deed" of the property subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed (paid).

**Revenue Recognition**

The Town recognizes property tax revenues when they are levied (i.e., after a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen). This is a GAAP departure (from *GASB Statement #1* generally, and specifically *NCGA Interpretation -3 "Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes"*). Under GAAP, certain disclosures are required of property tax revenues that are not received during the period, or within 60-days thereafter, that are recognized as receivables without a corresponding reserve. The Town believes that this application of GAAP to its property tax revenues would result in misleading financial statements since such GAAP application would reduce fund balance by the amount of uncollected property taxes; concurrent with a GAAP requirement to record an expenditure (and payable) for the amount due to the local education authority (such amount based solely on a share of the uncollected property taxes). This GAAP departure as applied to New Hampshire towns was addressed by the GASB in 1984. The GASB, in responding to an inquiry on this matter, provided justification for the departure from the 60-day rule due to the unique legislation in the State of New Hampshire regarding the Town's responsibility for (and expenditure recognition of) intergovernmental payments to the local education authority (school district). This justification has been reviewed and accepted by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (which requires GAAP-based regulatory reporting) and has been established as a widely prevalent practice followed by most, New Hampshire towns.

**Allocation of Property Tax Assessment**

<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<u>\$ 11,438,454</u>	
		Rate Per
		<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>Property Tax Allocation:</b>		
Town Portion	\$ 2,823,359	\$ 3.81
Less: War Service Credit	(79,000)	
Local School Portion	5,082,743	6.85
State School Portion	1,580,159	2.14
County Portion	2,005,567	2.70
Village District Assessment	<u>25,626</u>	<u>1.55</u>
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<u>\$ 11,438,454</u>	<u>\$ 17.05</u>

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**Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2018**

**NOTE 13 - FUND BALANCE COMPONENTS**

The town's governmental fund balance components under GASB 54 are comprised of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Nonspendable:			
Endowment principal - Common Trust Funds	\$ -	\$ 108,949	\$ 108,949
Restricted:			
Capital reserves	1,573,095	-	1,573,095
Library Fund	-	1,694	1,694
Blodgett Sewer Special Revenue	-	201,796	201,796
Recreation Revolving Fund	-	7,451	7,451
Conservation Fund	-	150,567	150,567
Beautification Committee	-	20,668	20,668
Poetry Path	-	450	450
Common Trust Funds	-	24,385	24,385
Committed:			
Assigned:			
Encumbrances	98,445	-	98,445
Unassigned:	<u>924,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>924,056</u>
	<u>\$ 2,595,596</u>	<u>\$ 515,960</u>	<u>\$ 3,111,556</u>

**NOTE 14 - RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

Implementation of GASB 75 results in the restatement of the government-wide net position as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net position as of January 1, 2018	\$ 12,192,699
Change in Total OPEB Obligation as a result of the Implementation of GASB 75	(16,853)
Change in Deferred outflows as a result of the implementation of GASB 75	21,748
Change in Deferred inflows as a result of the Implementation of GASB 75	<u>(79,099)</u>
Net position as of July 1, 2017 - Restated	<u>\$ 12,118,495</u>

## TOWN OF NEWBURY

### Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning</b>	\$ 95,400	\$ 95,400	\$ 1,041,943	\$ 946,543
Resources (inflows):				
Taxes				
Property taxes	11,438,454	11,438,454	11,443,805	5,351
Taxes assessed for schools	(6,662,902)	(6,662,902)	(6,662,902)	-
Taxes assessed for county	(2,005,567)	(2,005,567)	(2,005,567)	-
Land use change taxes	15,000	15,000	12,682	(2,318)
Timber taxes	10,000	10,000	14,841	4,841
Payments in lieu of taxes	27,710	27,710	-	(27,710)
Other taxes	12,000	12,000	11,786	(214)
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	70,000	70,000	54,446	(15,554)
Excavation tax	500	500	202	(298)
Provision for overlay and abatements	(38,847)	(38,847)	(14,915)	23,932
Taxes assessed for precinct	(25,626)	(25,626)	(25,656)	(30)
Licenses, permits and fees				
Business licenses and permits	1,000	1,000	721	(279)
Motor vehicle permit fees	525,000	525,000	532,748	7,748
Building permits	25,000	25,000	29,503	4,503
Other licenses, permits and fees	25,000	25,000	8,259	(16,741)
State of NH sources				
Meals and rental tax distribution	110,679	110,679	110,679	-
Highway block grant	119,826	119,826	119,758	(68)
State and federal forest land reimbursement	479	479	479	-
Other governments	225,000	225,000	200,966	(24,034)
Charges for services				
Income from departments	80,000	80,000	51,101	(28,899)
Other charges	-	-	32,588	32,588
Miscellaneous revenues				
Sale of municipal property	33,000	33,000	12,168	(20,832)
Interest on investments	35,000	35,000	53,232	18,232
Other miscellaneous sources	6,000	6,000	34,511	28,511
Interfund operating transfers in				
Capital reserve transfers recorded	75,508	75,508	246,925	171,417
Transfers from common trusts	-	-	100	100
Actual inflows (excluding fund balance)	<u>4,102,214</u>	<u>4,102,214</u>	<u>4,262,460</u>	<u>160,246</u>
Amounts available for appropriation	<u>\$ 4,197,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,197,614</u>	<u>\$ 5,304,403</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,789</u>

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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	<b>Original</b>				
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	
Charges to appropriations (outflows):					
General government					
Executive	\$ 229,691	\$ 229,691	\$ 226,509	\$ 3,182	
Election and registration	10,543	10,543	9,520	1,023	
Financial administration	642,956	642,956	621,436	21,520	
Legal expense	23,000	23,000	3,965	19,035	
Personnel administration	5,000	5,000	5,781	(781)	
Planning and zoning	69,220	69,220	60,015	9,205	
General government building	66,392	66,392	82,464	(16,072)	
Cemeteries	25,025	25,025	29,689	(4,664)	
Insurance not otherwise allocated	74,658	74,658	54,249	20,409	
Other general government	13,300	13,300	22,860	(9,560)	
Public safety					
Police	537,682	537,682	483,442	54,240	
Fire	217,656	217,656	233,765	(16,109)	
Building inspection	45,243	45,243	42,871	2,372	
Emergency management	6,417	6,417	7,472	(1,055)	
Other public safety	38,852	38,852	36,902	1,950	
Highways and streets					
Highways and streets	941,226	941,226	944,779	(3,553)	
Street lighting	7,000	7,000	6,656	344	
Sanitation					
Solid waste collection	160,031	160,031	138,694	21,337	
Solid waste disposal	120,600	120,600	112,294	8,306	
Solid waste clean-up	25,500	25,500	28,447	(2,947)	
Health					
Health agencies and hospitals	68,752	68,752	68,752	-	
Welfare					
Administration	23,269	23,269	2,905	20,364	
Direct assistance	-	-	6,475	(6,475)	
Culture and recreation					
Parks and recreation	112,106	112,106	128,110	(16,004)	
Library	208,957	208,957	205,984	2,973	
Other culture and recreation	8,698	8,698	-	8,698	
Conservation					
Administration	3,514	3,514	4,218	(704)	
Other conservation	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	
Debt service					
Interest on tax anticipation notes	100	100	-	100	

**TOWN OF NEWBURY****Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	<u>Original</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Capital outlay				
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	\$ 98,508	\$ 98,508	\$ 282,827	\$ (184,319)
Improvements other than buildings	-	-	14,239	(14,239)
Interfund operating transfers out				
Transfer to special revenue funds	9,318	9,318	8,551	767
Transfer to Capital reserves	404,400	404,400	404,400	-
Payments to other governments				
Payments to other governments	-	-	2,631	(2,631)
Total charges to appropriations	<u>4,197,614</u>	<u>4,197,614</u>	<u>4,281,902</u>	<u>(84,288)</u>
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,501</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,501</u>

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**Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2018**

	<b>Library Fund</b>	<b>Blodgett Sewer</b>	<b>Recreation Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Conservation Fund</b>	<b>Beautification Committee</b>	<b>Poetry Path</b>	<b>Common Trust Funds</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,694	\$ -	\$ 26,237	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,931
Investments	-	67,903	-	150,567	-	-	133,334	351,804
Accounts receivable	-	20,493	-	-	-	-	-	20,493
Due from other funds	-	113,400	-	-	20,668	450	-	134,518
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,694</b>	<b>\$ 201,796</b>	<b>\$ 26,237</b>	<b>\$ 150,567</b>	<b>\$ 20,668</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 133,334</b>	<b>\$ 534,746</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>								
<b>Liabilities:</b>								
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	18,786	-	-	-	-	18,786
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,786</b>
<b>Fund balances:</b>								
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	108,949	108,949
Restricted	1,694	201,796	7,451	150,567	20,668	450	24,385	407,011
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>201,796</b>	<b>7,451</b>	<b>150,567</b>	<b>20,668</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>133,334</b>	<b>515,960</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,694</b>	<b>\$ 201,796</b>	<b>\$ 26,237</b>	<b>\$ 150,567</b>	<b>\$ 20,668</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 133,334</b>	<b>\$ 534,746</b>

**TOWN OF NEWBURY**

**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Library Fund	Blodgett Sewer	Recreation Revolving Fund	Conservation Fund	Beautification Committee	Curtain Grant	Poetry Path	Common Trust Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>									
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of NH sources	-	13,459	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,459
Charges for services	-	282,530	11,906	-	-	-	-	-	294,436
Miscellaneous revenues	9,173	1,235	17	2,669	10,242	-	450	3,310	27,096
Interfund operating transfers in	-	-	-	8,551	-	-	-	-	8,551
Total revenues and other financing sources	9,173	297,224	11,923	11,220	10,242	-	450	3,310	343,542
<b>Expenditures</b>									
General government	-	-	-	-	-	7,735	-	207	7,942
Sanitation	-	154,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	154,352
Culture and recreation	7,628	-	18,676	-	-	-	-	2,090	28,394
Debt service	-	109,413	-	-	-	-	-	-	109,413
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	12,464	-	-	-	12,464
Interfund operating transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
Other financing uses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,749	8,749
Total expenditures and other financing sources	7,628	263,765	18,676	-	12,464	7,735	-	11,146	321,414
Excess revenue and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	1,545	33,459	(6,753)	11,220	(2,222)	(7,735)	450	(7,836)	22,128
Fund balances - beginning of year	149	168,337	14,204	139,347	22,890	7,735	-	141,170	493,832
Fund balances - end of year	\$ 1,694	\$ 201,796	\$ 7,451	\$ 150,567	\$ 20,668	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ 133,334	\$ 515,960

**TOWN OF NEWBURY, NH**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 12, 2019**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty.

**ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.**

**ARTICLE 2: To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.**

Moderator Marashio declared the polls to be open and voting on Article 1 and Article 2 began.

The business portion of the meeting recessed until Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge.

**Business Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. after resolving audio difficulties.

Selectman Thorson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Thorson thanked the Beautification Committee for hosting another delicious ham and bean dinner, and he thanked the board members, employees and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

Selectman Smith presented the family of Claire Thomas with a proclamation to honor Claire as a beloved member of Newbury who served the towns in many ways and always with a friendly smile, also a member of the South Newbury Union church, Community workshops in Bradford and Newbury, a member of the Crafty Ladies in Newbury, and Election Clerk and Greeter at elections. The Town would like to give thanks to Claire for all her time as a volunteer and resolves to express appreciation for her willingness to always go the extra mile.

Moderator Marashio announced the results of the March 12, 2019 election.

Selectman – 3 Years

(vote for one)

Joanne Lord – 147

Joy B. Nowell – 192

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Years

(vote for one)

Clayton Johnson – 313

Trustee of Trust Funds – 2 Years

(vote for one)

Robin Lee Parkhurst – 308

Trustee of Trust Funds – 1 Year

(vote for one)

Multiple write-ins

Library Trustee – 3 Years  
(vote for two)  
Regina Cockerill – 218  
Helen Wright – 292

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Years  
(vote for one)  
Paul Riley – 311

Supervisor of Checklist – 6 Years  
(vote for one)  
Clayton Johnson – 305

Supervisor of Checklist – 2 Years  
(vote for one)  
Helen Wright – 303

Planning Board – 3 Years  
(vote for two)  
Michael Beaton – 292  
William Weiler – 212

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 3 Years  
(vote for two)  
Reed Gelzer – 228  
Nancy Marashio – 280

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 Year  
(vote for one)  
Gary Budd – 279

Planning Board Amendment No. 1  
Yes – 229      No – 61

Planning Board Amendment No. 2  
Yes – 250      No – 71

Planning Board Amendment No. 3  
Yes – 231      No – 94

Planning Board Amendment No. 4  
Yes – 220      No – 95

Planning Board Amendment No. 5  
Yes – 219      No – 96

School Moderator – 1 Year  
(vote for one)  
Brackett L. Scheffy – 312 (1,981)

Newbury Results (District-wide Results)

Question 1

A – 225(1,393) B – 93 (630)

Question 2

Yes – 250(1,633) No – 93(571)

Question 3

Yes – 274(1,771) No – 65(462)

Question 4

Yes – 279(1767) No – 65(443)

Moderator Marashio reviewed the Moderator Rules for Town Meeting as printed on Page 14 of the Annual Report and called for a vote to accept the rules as printed in the Annual Report.

**VOTE: All in favor.**

Moderator Marashio called for a vote to approve the Town Meeting minutes from March 13, 2018 as printed in the Annual Report.

**VOTE: All in favor.**

**ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,860,000 for the design and construction and the original equipping of a new Fire Department Building located beside the Veteran’s Memorial and related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,860,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Selectboard recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)**

**Selectman Smith made a motion to accept Article 3.**

**Selectman Nowell seconded the motion.** Discussion followed.

Selectman Nowell encouraged the voters to pull together and approve this article. She commented that the Town needs a new fire station. The proposed site was purchased 10 years ago with the intent of using the property for safety services. The town needs this now, and it needs it for the future. She introduced Peter Tennant, Architect from Tennant/Wallace, Manchester, NH.

Mr. Tennant presented a slide show of the existing fire house and proposed site and also slides of the proposed project. He explained that the current fire house lacks space for equipment and personnel. There is inadequate head room and door space for trucks, no protection for firefighters from hazardous substances and vehicle exhaust, fire fighters have to do their gear within inches of the fire trucks which are sometimes moving, gear racks are housed with the fire trucks instead of in their own separate area as required, trucks have to be parked piggy-backed so the front trucks have to get out before the rear trucks can move, there are dangerous conditions when entering traffic on Route 103.

Mr. Tennant stated that there have been increasing service calls; 120 calls in 2001 have increased to 279 calls in 2018. He gave a brief project history of the existing fire house. The existing building was constructed in 1984 with 5 bays. Subsequently, the fire station was modified to accommodate a police station, which resulted in losing three bays. In 2007, 2011, and 2015 study committees all concluded that a new fire station was needed, and the best site would be the Bald Sunapee site, currently proposed. In 2016 and 2018, the proposal was defeated at Town Meetings.

Mr. Tennant explained that a study of the response time from other potential site locations also supported Newbury Center as the most efficient geographic location. Newbury Center saves 16% in emergency response time town-wide over every other potential location.

Mr. Tennant reviewed the proposed plan. There is a 23-car parking area, the proposed building is two feet shorter than previous plans, a vegetative buffer and a white fence similar to the existing white fence in front of the Town Office Building is proposed to separate the play area from the fire house, the parking area is big enough to back trucks in without interfering with traffic on Route 103. The floor plan includes a hot (areas exposed to possible environmental contaminants) and cold area (areas NOT exposed to environmental contaminants). Hot area would be truck bay area. Cold area would hold gear. Proposed are bathrooms, shower, decontamination area, wash area for gear, breathing apparatus area, radio room, public entrance, vestibule, reception area, offices, training room with kitchenette, day room, mechanical/sprinkler room. This building would also provide space for an Emergency Operations Center for the Town.

Mr. Tennant reviewed the proposed elevations and view from the outside. The building is designed to blend in with other Town Buildings in Newbury Center. He presented slides of the present and proposed views. He stated that this proposal provides space for present and future equipment, adequate head room, protects fire fighters from hazardous materials, no truck stacking, safer traffic patterns, a flow through gear room, sprinkler system, dry hydrant with a cistern, training/EOC. The total proposed cost is \$3,860,000.00.

Mr. Tennant broke down the costs. Building \$2,700,000; Site-work \$776,000; Architecture \$154,600; Engineering \$74,600; Contingency \$105,800; Testing & Miscellaneous \$25,000. The impact on tax rate would be realized in 2020 at \$0.37/\$1,000, or \$37.00 per \$100,000.00 of property valuation per year.

Mr. Tennant addressed the question of the existing fire station. There is Article 13 to research and determine the best use of the existing fire station, which will not need to be addressed for the next year and a half until the new station is ready. Trying to address long term needs as well.

Moderator Marashio opened the discussion to the public for questions and comments.

Ken Holmes stated that he is a 30-year member of the fire department/rescue squad. He cited three reasons he would like people to vote yes on Article 3. In order to provide professional, adequate emergency services, you need three things.

Properly trained personnel, proper equipment and a facility to operate out of. Newbury had done an excellent job on two out of those three things. All three legs are needed for success.

There has been a lot of talk about location. After several study committees, the Bald Sunapee site has been recommended. The Bald Sunapee site provides the fastest response time throughout the town, and response time is the most important factor for a successful response. Historically, town centers keep their municipal facilities within proximity of each other. And, there would be good, professional adult eyes on the playground.

In the long run, the fire station will save money. The #1 way to keep costs low is to keep an On-Call department. That means recruitment of younger people. We need to attract younger people and show respect for that person's time and safety. If young people don't join the department, in years to come, the older members will retire. There will be fewer volunteer members, which means response time will go down,

resulting in loss; loss of property and loss of life. At some point, the town will be forced to convert to professional shift/salary, aka full time, department members. That will increase costs to the town. If we want to keep a call department, we need to attract new members.

Nick Bibeau, Fire Captain and works with NH Homeland Security and at Emergency Management as the Assistant Operations Chief. The current fire department has many well documented deficiencies. As Captain, I would like to focus on one of the deficiencies and that is the safety of fire fighters. It is a proven fact that fire fighters are more prone to cancer due to environmental conditions. The current conditions at the existing fire house have a high health risk. All the safety equipment gear hangs in the fire department, exposed to toxins. We need to develop younger members. The department currently has very low re-tone percentages, a strong force with diverse backgrounds in emergency services and excellent compliance. The time response better than neighboring towns. The Department has had over 2000 hours of training last year. These are extra hours the members give to the Town. There are not medical or retirement benefits, members give this time to help the town and its residents; and now we ask for help from the community in return. The details of the best plan have been worked out and presented tonight. Now is the time to approve this project before building costs and interest rates rise. The impact on property taxes would be \$37.00/\$100,000.00 of property value. The Department needs your vote and your help to meet the 2/3 in order to continue to protect our community.

Laura Sevene commented that everyone seems to worry about Newbury center. South Newbury is part of Newbury. The Planning Board knew years ago they wanted to put a fire station on the Bald Sunapee lot, yet they allowed a play area to be constructed there. A lot of time people just drop their children off at the play area and leave them unattended. It is especially dangerous if a fire fighter drives in quickly in response to a call. This is not a good area for the fire station; and it is not the fire departments responsibility to babysit kids that are running loose. If the Town didn't own that piece of land, where else would you put a fire station? It seems that no one is looking for anywhere else.

Rob Naughton commented that he agrees a new fire station is needed for several reasons; one being space. With the current plan, it doesn't seem to account for the space needed for all its equipment. It appears there is a lot of apparatus stashed all over town. e.g. Hazmat Truck, two boats, trailers, antique fire truck.

Peter Tennant explained that in 2011 the study committee determined the need for five bays; in 2014 the study committee reduced the space to four bays; in 2018 the study committee tried to keep the cost under \$3,000,000.00 with four bays. If you construct a building with four bays, you will end up coming back to the Town within five to ten years for more bays, at a significantly higher cost to do an addition. From the start, the design has been focused on size the fire house adequately.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief stated that the antique truck is currently being stored in South Newbury, there is a boat that will go back to the State of NH and the Newbury Fire Boat. The old Highway garage is good for cold storage. The HazMat truck is an asset to the community in the event there is an accident involving chemical materials.

Mr. Naughton commented that although the old highway garage may be good for some storage, it is not good for things of value since it floods easily.

Wayne Seaholm commented that the Town has a lot of great people, some paid and some volunteers. The police department has paid shifts, and they are always there. The fire department is a bit of a worry because there is no guarantee that someone will be in town. Job restrictions and demands often take people out of Town. We are all getting older, and there are not a lot of younger people to replace the older members as they retire. He expressed concern that the Town is not looking far enough into the future. The new facility

should be large enough to accommodate additional living space if a full-time 24/7 department is to be manned.

Vicki Hayward thanked the Town for supporting the Fire Department. She stated that she has been on the fire department for seven years. First responders are on call 24/7 and never say no. She asked that the voters consider what the first responders do by being on call 24/7, giving up family and free time for training and to go on calls. She asked that the voters keep the departments members as safe as the department members keep the voters.

Rudy Franklin stated he had been on the fire department for three years. This proposed plan will affect property taxes some, but it is cost efficient. It is not a lot to ask for what we get in return. He thanked the voters for their support and assured the voters the first responders will always be there when called.

Bud Hogan commented he had a couple of questions. There was no mention of a generator, is that part of the plan? Please explain the 80' apron, is that much room necessary? Almost run off the road trying to get onto Route 103, is it possible to incorporate a traffic light into the plan.

Mr. Tennant stated that the plan includes a generator, which is included in the building costs. Also, there is 80 ft. of off highway room to back trucks around without interfering in traffic on Route 103. Stop lights were not considered since the site line analysis was adequate from the driveway. Certainly, a traffic light and relative costs could be added into the plan.

Elaine Eaton asked for clarification regarding the line of site. The presentation indicated the proposed firehouse would not be seen very well, but now you are saying there is good line of site.

Mr. Tennant explained that the side of the building would be in view, but not the back of the building from Route 103. The front of the building has great site lines.

Selectman Thorson commented that a stop light would have to go through the State since Route 103 is a State road. The estimated costs given for the current fire station were in the \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00 range.

Sue Russell asked for explanation of the "median home value" and how many for how many years would we paying on the bond.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, explained it would be up to the Selectboard to decide how long but his understanding is if the Article passes the bond would be for 20 years, and the median home value is \$260,000.00.

Selectman Nowell commented that the cost has gone up since last year and will continue to go up. The Town needs the fire station and is always going to need the fire station. Now is the time to vote Yes.

Scott Wheeler stated that he contacted an engineering company and verified that the estimated costs for safety lights on Route 103 would be in the \$40,000.00 range.

Linda Powell commented that she has no argument with the need to make improvements to the fire station. She stated that she was on the Bradford Rescue Squad for 13 years and is aware of the emergency services' needs and the sacrifices emergency services make. She advised that Bradford and other towns are currently working hard for a regional response, specifically for firefighting. If Article 3 does not pass then Article 12 proposes to put \$500,000.00 in safety services capital reserve fund, which would require a majority vote only. She stated that she finds that threatening because Article 12 would have a greater impact on the tax rate.

**Cindy Peterson made a motion to call the question. Ken Burnell seconded the motion.  
VOTE: Majority in favor.**

Moderator Marashio explained the process to pick up and cast yes/no votes in the ballot box.

Polls declared open at 8:37 p.m. The polls will remain open for one hour. The meeting recessed briefly to commence voting. The meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m., polls to remain open until 9:37 p.m.

Albert Bachelder called for a point of order. He suggested that the ballots clerks should check the number of ballots cast against the number of voter cards handed out to make sure no one voted twice.

Moderator Marashio thanked Mr. Bachelder for his suggestion and advised that 318 voter cards have been handed out.

**ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,153,630 for general operations:**

ANNUAL BUDGET	2018	Difference	2019
Executive	\$229,691	9,175	238,866
Elections	10,543	-5,307	5,236
Financial Administration	642,956	22,048	665,004
Legal Expenses	23,000	0	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,000	0	5,000
Planning	50,656	1,389	52,045
Zoning	18,564	316	18,880
General Government Buildings	66,392	6,722	73,114
Cemeteries	25,025	1,075	26,100
Insurance	74,658	-3,818	70,840
Other General Government	13,300	0	13,300
Police Department	537,682	40,076	577,758
Fire Department	216,549	34,070	250,619
Forest Fire	1,107	19	1,126
Code Enforcement	45,243	889	46,132
Emergency Management	6,417	0	6,417
Highway Maintenance	711,226	33,703	744,929
Highway Reconstruction	230,000	5,000	235,000
Street Lighting	7,000	0	7,000
Transfer Station	306,131	-3,722	302,409
Health Agencies	68,752	1,565	70,317
Welfare	23,269	0	23,269
Information Booth	7,698	179	7,877
Parks and Recreation	112,106	4,875	116,981
Library	208,957	21,234	230,191
Conservation Commission	3,514	72	3,586
Historical Society	1,000	0	1,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Sewer Department	289,279	3,640	292,919
Bond/Note Principal	0	0	0
Bond/Note Interest	0	0	0

Safety Communication Services	38,852	5,763	44,615
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,974,667</b>	<b>178,963</b>	<b>4,153,630</b>

**Selectman Thorson made a motion to adopt Article 4. Selectman Smith seconded the motion.**  
Discussion followed.

Mr. Pavlicek reviewed the budget changes line by line. Department head addressed their specific line items.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.**

**Dan Wolf made a motion that Article 14 be considered next. Marty Newell seconded the motion.**  
Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf commented that there have been a lot of people who would like to discuss this issue while a larger audience is present.

**VOTE: All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Linda Powell made a motion that Article 12 be considered after article 14. Marty Newell seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: Yes = 79      No = 91. Motion to move Article 12 failed.**

**ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to require that a public hearing and vote be held before any expansion of the Newbury Town Dock is undertaken. (By Petition)**

**Mr. Wolf made a motion to adopt Article 14. Joy Nowell seconded the motion** Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf explained that in 1977 a capital reserve fund was created for maintenance and repair. As the years went on, it became apparent it should not be a capital reserve fund because if there was ice damage to a dock in the spring, the town would have to wait until the following Annual Meeting for a vote of the town to use the money for repairs. In 1987, the fund was changed to an expendable trust fund “for purposes of maintaining town docks”. There is no reference to expansion. The Town has applied to the wetlands board, without a public hearing other than discussion as a Selectmen’s meeting, to construct expansion of the dock, addition of 16 boat slips, pilings for commercial boats, w/heavy duty pylon for dinner boat. This plan does not take into consideration any additional parking or safety measures, nor was it done with adequate public input. Mr. Wolf stated that he believes the town should have a public hearing and a public vote before any expansion on any town-owned dock.

**Moderator Marashio closed the polls for voting on Article 3 at 9:37 p.m.**

Discussion on Article 14 continued.

Ms. Sevene commented that the dock expansion has been discussed twice in the past before and has been defeated twice before. Money has been spent without taxpayers’ permission on the Vets Hall as well as hiring a police chief without letting anybody know and signing a contract and spending money for this dock

expansion. She stated that she is against the dock expansion and for having a public hearing on said expansion.

Linda Powell stated she is in favor of Article 14 because the dock expansion was very specifically voted against in the past. The dock expansion money is proposed to be taken out of a maintenance fund, not an expansion fund. She commented that she feels the rules are being bent again. If the Selectboard wants the voters to vote on something, then they need to put it in front of us in a public hearing forum.

Dan Prince commented he is in favor of the article. There are safety issues that need to be discussed and voted on.

Katheryn Holmes commented that she supports a public hearing. When dealing with the Wild Goose boat launch project, there was a viable solution to upgrade the launch at the State Beach. As part of that process, we were told by the State that boats and swimming do not mix. It is a very busy area for people to swim. Parking in this case is also an issue.

Selectman Smith commented that the Board has no problem bringing this issue to a vote. And, for the record, it has been discussed in public at two different publicly noticed Selectboard meetings.

Selectman Smith made a motion to call the question. Jim Schultz seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ms. Powell called for a Point of Order. Selectman Smith did not get in line to speak at the microphone per protocol.

Moderator Marashio ruled that the Selectboard members do not need to get in line at the public microphone. A vote to overrule the moderator was taken. Majority were in favor of the Moderator's ruling. Selectboard members do not need to get in line at the public microphone. Moderator's rule stands.

**VOTE on calling the question: Majority in favor.**

Ken Holmes called for a Point of Order. He asked if this "Vote" by the public means a vote at a public hearing or a vote at an annual town meeting.

Mr. Wolf, sponsor of Article 14, apologized for the lack of clarity. He stated that the intent of the Article is that the vote would take place after a public hearing, so the issue does not have to wait for the next annual town meeting.

Jim Lord called for a Point of Order. He asked what happens to the contract that has been signed.

Selectman Thorson stated the contracted may be nullified without penalty.

**VOTE on Article 14 as written: All in favor. Article 14 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$186,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)**

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 100,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$ 75,000
BRIDGES	\$ 0
RECREATION FACILITIES	\$ 11,000

**Selectman Smith made a motion to adopt Article 5. Selectman Nowell seconded the motion.**  
Discussion followed.

Selectman Thorson explained that this is voted on every year, so there won't be much impact on the tax rate.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)**

DOCKS	\$ 12,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 30,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$ 5,000
PAVING	\$ 60,000

**Selectman Nowell made a motion to adopt Article 6. Selectman Thorson seconded the motion.**  
Discussion followed.

Selectman Smith explained this article is voted on every year as part of the Capital Improvements Program schedule.

Ms. Powell called for a point of order. She stated that last year the title of the Paving fund was changed to Highway Maintenance, and she asked if the Town could vote to put money in a fund that is mislabeled.

Mr. Wolf spoke on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds and explained the title was inadvertently not updated when information was submitted for the Town Report.

Selectman Thorson made a motion to amend Article 6 to change the title from "PAVING" to "HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE". Selectman Smith seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wolf advised that he will make the correction if the DRA deems it necessary.

Ms. Powell stated that she is agreeable to Mr. Wolf overseeing any necessary changes.

Selectman Thorson withdrew his motion to amend Article 6. Mr. Smith withdrew his second.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.**

Moderator Marashio announced the results of the ballot vote for Article 3. There were 314 ballots cast, 210 Yes ballots are needed to pass.

**ARTICLE 3 VOTE: Yes – 195            No – 119. Article 3 failed.**

**ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,680 for the purchase of a F-150 super Crew with SSV Package as a Police Vehicle. The price above will include lighting and striping. The old vehicle will be sent to State Auction for disposal. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)**

**Selectman Thorson made a motion to adopt Article 7. Selectman Smith seconded the motion.**  
Discussion followed.

Brad Wheeler, Police Chief, explained that the 2013 vehicle needs to be replaced. It has over 100,000 miles and is having front end issues. A pick-up would be more efficient to transport equipment. e.g. firearms to the range, cones for safety barriers, traversing deep snow, it would be higher up to aid in identifying distracted drivers and help in returning stolen items. After cost analysis, a pickup truck would be \$1,000.00 less expensive than an SUV, and more functional.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$800 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$800 from the December 31, 2018 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)**

**Selectman Nowell made a motion to adopt Article 8. Selectman Smith seconded the motion.**  
Discussion followed.

Mr. Pavlicek explained this is an article that is voted on every year. This transfers the funds from the sale of cemetery lots from last year from the undesignated funds to the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,691 which includes engineering, a temporary bridge and construction of a wood deck bridge located on Bay Point Road just east of Chandler Brook Road. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required).**

**Selectman Thorson made a motion to adopt Article 9. Selectman Smith seconded the motion.**  
Discussion followed.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained there is currently a 5-ft. culvert at the beginning of Bay Point Road just before Chandler Brook Road Mountain. It is an old galvanized culvert that takes the ground water from nearby wet areas and Mountain View Lake. The bottom is rotted out. It is a 60-inch culvert. It needs to be replaced as soon as possible and in accordance with DES rules. Proposed is a 20 ft. wide culvert, with no bottom and a wooden deck that could be paved over if desired at a later date. The wooden bridge has the same life expectancy as concrete (60-80 years) and half the cost. There are currently 137 houses in Newbury that use Bay Point Road.

Katheryn Holmes commented that she is in favor of this proposal. There has been a lot of developing up Bay Point Road, which means wear and tear of a collapsing bridge. If this project is done as proposed, she stated that she is hopeful it will have a positive effect on the ecology, and the smelt will run again.

Dan Prince commented that construction vehicles should have to bear some of the cost since they impose most of wear and tear. He asked that his proposal should be considered for all Newbury roads.

Dennis McCommish commented that if the culvert is rotted, it needs to be done.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for a 2019 Ford 550 Rescue Truck equipped with radio, lighting and striping and furthermore to offset this amount by trade/auction of the existing 2004 rescue truck, estimated to be \$10,000 and authorize the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the fire equipment capital reserve fund. The amount to be expended out of the capital reserve will be the difference between the trade/auction amount and the total cost of the vehicle. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required).**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Article 10. Mr. Thorson seconded the motion.** Discussion followed.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, explained this vehicle would replace the 2004 with a 2019 Rescue vehicle with a larger gross vehicle weight, and it would eliminate the second seat in the cab. The second seat with safety belts would be incorporated in the box in the back, and the new truck would be able to carry more equipment.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 which is the first year's payment for a complete Town History. This includes author's research and writing fee and publishing of the book. The remaining payments of \$24,000 for years 2020 and 2021 will be placed in the town budget for town meeting approval, if this warrant article passes (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)**

**Selectman Nowell made a motion to adopt Article 11. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.** Discussion followed.

John Lyons represented the Newbury Historical Society and explained that in 1987 the Town agreed to create a Town History book. The town currently has a pamphlet giving a brief overview of the town history. Mr. Lyons presented a hard-covered book of the history of Sutton. It contains photographs, text, maps, stories, etc. The same author is able to prepare a history for Newbury. The Historical Society is able to pay 1/3 the cost and is asking the Town to fund the remaining 2/3 of the cost.

Ms. Powell read a commentary from Martha VonRedlich, who was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. VonRedlich did not think it was necessary to pay for publishing a Newbury History. She commented that Shelley Candidus has already done an excellent job of photographs, at most the Historical Society could write a Volume II and bring it up to date where Shelley left off. All you need is someone smart enough to work with Amazon publishing, and it is free except for purchasing the copies, in which the Town would get royalties.

Ms. Powell stated that in her own opinion, Bradford and Sutton also have large, thick history books that not many people are purchasing.

**VOTE: Majority against. Article 11 failed.**

**ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the Sum of \$500,000 to add to the Safety Services Building Capital Reserve Fund. This Article will be passed over if Article Number 3 passes by the requisite majority. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required).**

**Mr. Thorson made a motion to adopt Article 12. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.** Discussion followed.

Selectman Nowell stated that since Article 3 did not pass, the voters are being asked to consider Article 12 to find the much-needed new fire station. Under the conditions of proposed Article 12, the taxpayers will

be asked to set aside money each year until there is enough in the capital reserve fund to build or off-set the building of a new fire station.

Stephanie Spaulding asked for clarification if this would be a new fund or if it is a pre-existing fund.

Selectman Nowell explained that this is a pre-existing fund.

Ms. Spaulding asked since the fund is for a Safety Service Building, does that mean the funds would be available to police and fire.

Selectman Nowell said yes, it would be available to police and fire.

Jim Powell commented that he has two issues of concern with this article. The first being the amount of money that would be appropriated, \$500,000.00 is a lot of money to be appropriated. He asked what the impact on the tax rate would be. Mr. Powell also suggested that this article be withdrawn this year and a detailed plan be presented next year with the different departments broken out.

Mr. Franklin commented that with a town of 2000 voters, there should be more participation at Town Meeting.

June Fichter asked what the impact on the tax rate would be.

Selectman Nowell stated \$0.66/\$1,000.00 value.

Ms. Powell commented that she understands the Selectboard's disappointment, it is the same as the voters feel when the Selectboard keeps pushing issues the voters have said no to.

Ms. Eaton asked for clarification. She stated that since Article 3 did not pass, we would have to fund the fire house a different way. What is that different way? You are still raising taxes.

Selectman Nowell explained that last year after the proposal failed, the Selectboard was asked to look at a different location. The research did not come up with any other location with an adequate response time that was as successful as the center of town. It was also suggested to raise the money through a capital reserve fund. It would be more money, but for a shorter period of time. Since there was not enough support for a bond issue, this Article approaches the funding in a different way.

Ms. Eaton commented that the Selectboard still wants to go against what the towns' people voted.

Ms. Sevene asked how the Selectboard came up with a \$500,000.00 figure. There are a lot of elderly residents barely holding onto their homes. Raising the tax rate will drive people out.

Ms. Nowell explained that most of the things for a new fire station are mandated. Therefore, the funds must be raised. Since a fire station is considered an "essential building", there are certain things that must be funded. Additionally, we are not sure what else will be required in the future. Our goal is to make Newbury the best it can be and the safest it can be; and, we feel a new fire station is part of that equation.

Peter Carl commented that he is upset this issue was voted on earlier tonight and is now being considered again after many people have left the meeting.

Moderator Marashio explained that this article has been publicly posted, so the voters would have known it would be discussed. Additionally, this article got attention this evening when it was suggested by motion to move it up before Article 5.

Chief Thomas commented that he did not want to have to discuss this so late in the meeting either. He pointed out that the majority of the voters did approve of Article 3, but the Article did not meet the 2/3 requirement.

Mr. Wheeler commented that with a 20-year bond, there would be a \$3.8 million fire station vs. \$500,000.00 now and \$3 million over the next six years. It would be built and paid for in six years. He asked for clarification.

Selectman Nowell explained that if the bond passed, we would be able to build it now and pay for it over time. If we put money into the capital reserve fund each year, it can't be built for another six +/- years.

Ivor Freeman stated that there is nothing in the article explaining where the money would be coming from.

Ivor Freeman made a motion to add "to be taken from the General Fund" at the end of Warrant Article 12. Rudy Franklin seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Ivor Freeman explained the idea of raising \$500,000.00 every year through taxation seems to be against everybody's wishes. This way the Selectboard could use the unfunded money in the General Fund.

Ms. Holmes called for point of order. She asked why Article 3 needs 2/3 vote and Article 12 does not.

Moderator Marashio explained that by State Law, if there is a bond article over \$100,000.00, then it needs to be passed by 2/3 yes/no ballot vote.

Mr. Wolf stated that he does not understand the point of the motion. The monies will still have to come out of our pockets through taxation.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that there is \$800,000.00 in surplus. That is used for cash flow and recommended by the DRA to keep 9% - 14% to used for money that is in transit.

Ms. Powell made a motion to call the question on the amendment. Mr. Hague seconded the motion.

VOTE to amend Article 12: Majority against. Amendment to Article 12 failed.

Ms. Powell made a motion to call the question on Article 12 as read. Mr. Hague seconded the motion.

**VOTE: Majority against. Article 12 failed.**

**ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will direct the Selectboard to form a committee to study the existing safety services building as to future use and bring forward their recommendations in a timely manner. The committee will be representative of the Town and will be appointed by the Selectboard in a timely manner. The recommendations of the committee will be discussed during multiple public hearings in the future. This article is conditional on the passage of article #3.**

**Jack Iacopino made a motion to table Article 13. Linda Powell seconded the motion. No Discussion followed.**

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 13 was tabled.**

**ARTICLE 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Ms. Sevene asked that when there is a public meeting about the docks, please publicize the meeting. Some people cannot go to every Selectboard meeting every Monday night.

Selectman Smith informed Ms. Sevene and the voters, that the Selectboard agenda is posted every week at the transfer station and at the Town Office Building.

Ms. Marashio commented that perhaps future meetings on the dock(s) could be posted in the paper.

Cindy Peterson asked if the fire station could be voted on at the Town election instead of the business meeting.

Mr. Smith advised that in order to have the fire station voted on at the Town election, the Town would have to become an SB2 town.

Ms. Nowell thanked the voters for coming to the meeting, and she thanked Mt. Sunapee for allowing the Town to have its annual meeting in their building. She expressed her gratitude for having such a lovely town for all of us to live in.

**Moderator Marashio declared the meeting dissolved at 10:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett  
Town Clerk

# Newbury, NH



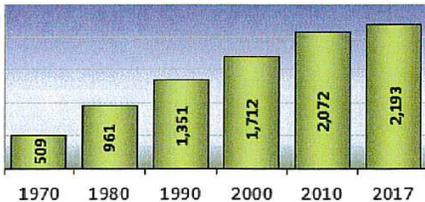
Community Contact	<b>Town of Newbury</b> Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator PO Box 296 Newbury, NH 03255
Telephone	<b>(603) 763-4940</b>
Fax	<b>(603) 763-5298</b>
E-mail	<b>townadmin@newburynh.org</b>
Web Site	<b>www.newburynh.org/</b>
Municipal Office Hours	<b>Selectmen: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk: Monday, 1 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm</b>
County	<b>Merrimack</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>New London, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee</b>
Regional Development	<b>Capital Regional Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 2</b>
State Senate	<b>District 8</b>
State Representative	<b>Merrimack County District 5</b>

**Incorporated:** 1778

**Origin:** Situated at the south end of Lake Sunapee, this town has had many names. The original grant by the Masonian Proprietors in 1753 named it Dantzie, after the Baltic seaport. A separate grant on adjoining land, the first provincial grant in 1754, was called Hereford, in honor of Edward Devereaux, Viscount Hereford. The grant was renewed in 1772 as Fishersfield, after Governor John Wentworth's brother-in-law John Fisher, and included both the Dantzie and Hereford grants. Fishersfield was incorporated in 1778 upon request of residents. The name was changed to Newbury in 1837, as suggested by settlers originally from Newbury, Massachusetts.

**Villages and Place Names:** Blodgett Landing, Edgemont, Mount Sunapee, Pine Cliff, South Newbury, Box Corner, Chalk Pond

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 331 residents in 1790



**Population Trends:** Population change for Newbury totaled 1,851 over 57 years, from 342 in 1960 to 2,193 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was an 89 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 49 percent increase the previous decade. The 2017 Census estimate for Newbury was 2,193 residents, which ranked 132nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau):** 61.2 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Ossipee. Newbury contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, July 2019. Community Response Received 5/29/2018

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<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government		<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018		<b>\$4,477,575</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018		<b>\$6,854,759</b>
Zoning Ordinance		<b>1958/18</b>
Master Plan		<b>2017</b>
Capital Improvement Plan		<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds**  
 Appointed: **Conservation; Recreation**

Public Library **Newbury Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Part-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Part-time</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>New London Hospital, New London</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier		<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier		<b>None</b>
Water Supplier		<b>Chalk Pond; private wells</b>

Sanitation		<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		<b>Limited</b>
Solid Waste Disposal		<b>None</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup		<b>No</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		<b>Voluntary</b>
Recycling Program		<b>Voluntary</b>

Telephone Company		<b>Consolidated; TDS Telecom</b>
Cellular Telephone Access		<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access		<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station		<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)		
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$15.71</b>
2017 Equalization Ratio		<b>99.4</b>
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$15.56</b>

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings		<b>95.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings		<b>4.0%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		<b>0.7%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2013-2017)		
Total Housing Units		<b>1,677</b>

Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		<b>1,624</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure		<b>31</b>
Five or More Units in Structure		<b>13</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		<b>9</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b> (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2017	<b>2,193</b>	<b>149,216</b>
2010	<b>2,072</b>	<b>146,445</b>
2000	<b>1,712</b>	<b>136,716</b>
1990	<b>1,351</b>	<b>120,618</b>
1980	<b>961</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>509</b>	<b>80,925</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>983</b>	Female <b>909</b>

Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>39</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>251</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>189</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>481</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>412</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>520</b>
Median Age		<b>54.5 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		<b>97.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>55.6%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2013-2017)		
Per capita income		<b>\$49,992</b>
Median family income		<b>\$94,844</b>
Median household income		<b>\$89,087</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$71,507</b>
Female		<b>\$51,591</b>

Individuals below the poverty level		<b>2.3%</b>
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,148</b>
Employed	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,128</b>
Unemployed	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>30</b>	<b>164</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 541</b>	<b>\$1,015</b>

Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>499</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 339</b>	<b>\$ 892</b>

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>530</b>	<b>2,465</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 350</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>59</b>	<b>235</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 498</b>	<b>\$ 737</b>

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>589</b>	<b>2,701</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 365</b>	<b>\$ 886</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)** District: **SAU 65**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities (Includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Northeast Catholic College**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Best Western Sunapee Lake Lodge	Motel	25	2000
Mount Sunapee Resort	Recreation area		1947
Baker Hill Golf Club	Golf Course		2002

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>103, 103A, 103B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exits 12 - 12A</b>
	Distance	<b>8 miles; 10 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Parlin Field, Newport</b>	Runway	<b>3,450 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>34 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>39 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>131 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>89 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>267 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>228 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.6%</b>
Other means	<b>1.2%</b>
Worked at home	<b>8.5%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>29.8 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017	
Working in community of residence	<b>24.5</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>69.0</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>6.5</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee</b>
	Other: <b>Fells Historic Site; Stoney Brook Sanctuary; NH Craftsman Fair; Newbury Old Home Day</b>

**Newbury Service Directory**

**ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911**

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights (both during the day and at night) to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency).....763-4403**  
**POLICE STATION (non-emergency).....763-4104**  
**POLICE DISPATCH.....763-2221**

**Selectboard's Office**  
**763-4940 ext. 202**

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12-Noon*

Selectboard meets every two weeks  
on a rotating schedule of  
Monday nights at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Town Office.  
See posted meeting schedules for dates.

Website: [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)  
E-mail: [townadmin@newburynh.org](mailto:townadmin@newburynh.org)

**Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office**  
**763-5326**

*Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*  
*Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*(Closed from 12-Noon – 1:00 p.m.)*

**Code Enforcement Officer**  
**763-4940 ext. 203**

*Appointments Recommended*

*Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

**Library**  
**763-5803**

*Sunday: 12-Noon – 5:00 p.m.*  
*Monday: 12-Noon – 8:00 p.m.*  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

**Transfer Station**  
**763-2289**

*Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

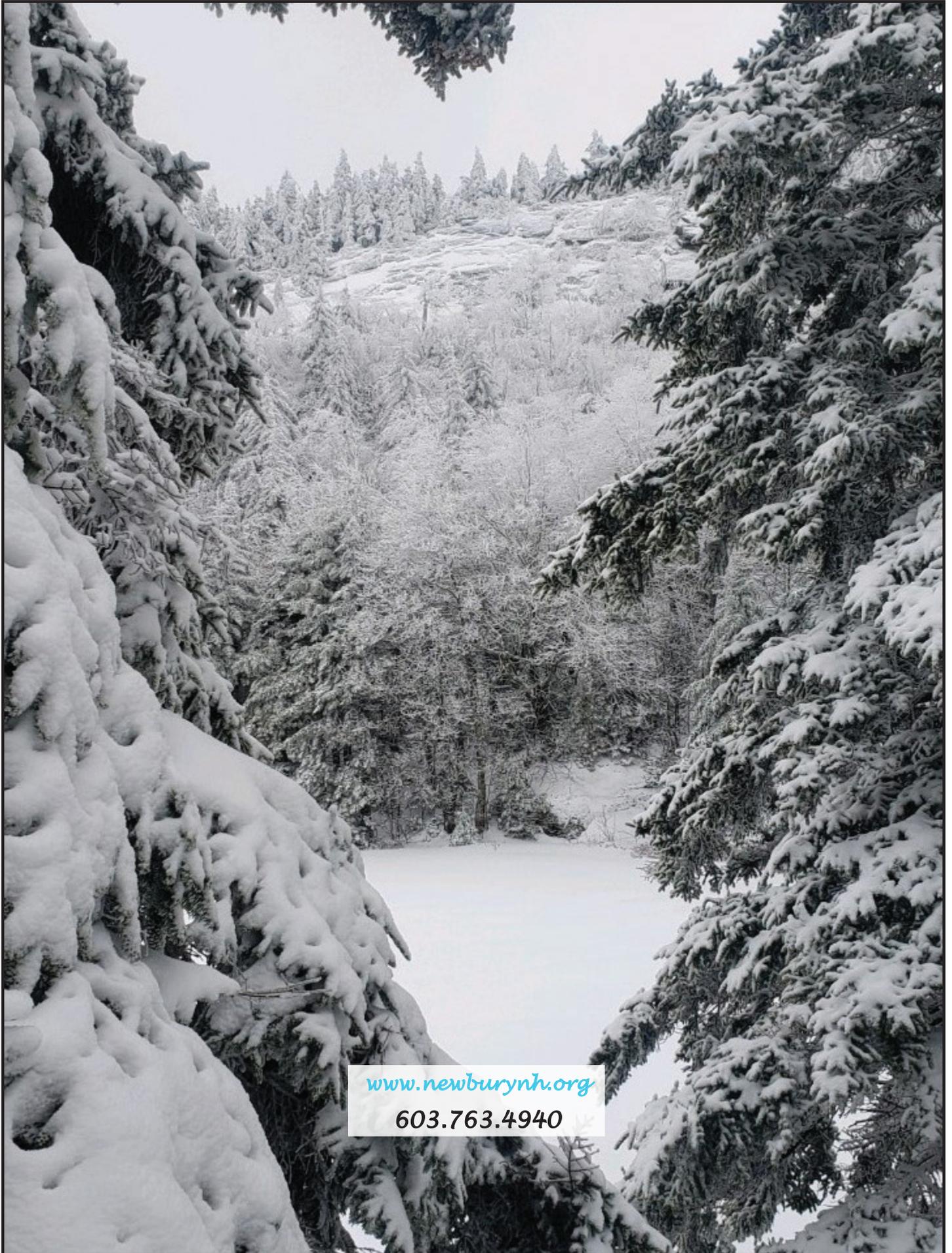
**Land Use and Assessing Administrator**  
**763-4940 ext. 201**

*Call for Zoning and Planning Board information.*

Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m.  
on the third Tuesday of the month at the  
Town Office.  
Zoning Board meets on an “as needed” basis  
on the second Monday of the month at the  
Town Office.

**Forest Fire Warden: Dave Smith .....938-5925**

**Town Highway Department .....938-5494**



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603.763.4940



*Beautiful sunset from Newbury harbor.  
Photo Courtesy Syd Bryk*