

2024
Annual Report
of the
TOWN OF WARNER,
NEW HAMPSHIRE





Annual Financial Reports
of the

TOWN OF WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Selectboard, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector,

Together with the reports of Town
Departments, Boards, Committees and the
Warner Village Water District



FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Population (2020 Office of Strategic Initiatives)	2,937
Number of Registered Voters	2,218

Town Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, 6:00 pm

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Faith Minton, Select Board member.

Cover Courtesy of the 250th Committee



Warner Service Directory

All Emergencies: 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 outside to meet the responding units.

Fire Department Non-emergency - (603) 456-2122
148 West Main St. Fire Chief: Jonathan France wfd@warnernh.gov

Police Department Non-emergency - (603) 456-3433
180 West Main St Police Chief: William Chandler
 Administrative Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Administrative Assistant: Theresa Buskey, tbuskey@warnernh.gov

Town Website - warnernh.gov

Warner Town Hall..... (603) 456-2298
 5 East Main St, PO Box 265, Warner, NH 03278
 Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Town Administrator - ext 2 .. Kathleen Frenette administrator@warnernh.gov
Admin Assistant - ext 1 Judith Newman-Rogers selectboard@warnernh.gov
Assessing Clerk - ext 3 Elizabeth Labbe..... assessing@warnernh.gov
Finance Director - ext 8 Clyde Carson finance@warnernh.gov
Land Use - ext 7 Chrissy Almanzar landuse@warnernh.gov

Tax Collector - ext 4 Kimberley Edelmann..... tax@warnernh.gov
 PO Box 264, Warner, NH 03278
 Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Town Clerk - ext 6..... Michele Courser townclerk@warnernh.gov
Deputy Town Clerk - ext 5..... Eric Buck..... dtc@warnernh.gov
 Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm,
 Wednesday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Some requests and payments can be made on-line. Non-cash payments and requests can be placed in the secure lock box in the front door of Town Hall.



Selectboard (603) 456-2298 ext 1 selectboard@warnernh.gov

Mike Smith, Chair, msmith@warnernh.gov

Harry Seidel, hseidel@warnernh.gov

Faith Minton, fminton@warnernh.gov

Selectboard meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am or 4:00 pm.

Highway Department (603) 456-3366

190 Route 103 West

Director of Public Works/Road Agent: Timothy Allen, dpw@warnernh.gov

Transfer Station (603) 456-3303

188 Route 103 West

Foreman: Varick Proper, trs@warnernh.gov

Public Hours: Monday, Tuesday 12 – 4 pm, Wednesday 12-4 pm, Thursday 12 – 7 pm,
Saturday, Sunday 8 – 4:00 pm

Health Officer (603) 456-2298 ext 1

Christopher Lopez, healthofficer@warnernh.gov

Building Inspector (603) 848-5750

Tom Baye, tombaye@gmail.com

Overseer of Public Welfare..... (603) 456-3004

Peter Flynn, help@warnernh.gov

Wood Bank..... (603) 456-2298 ext 1

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm or email selectboard@warnernh.gov

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and evenings call - (603) 748-5182

Warner Village Water District Treatment Plant (603) 456-3890

55 Joppa Rd Administrative Assistant Ray Martin

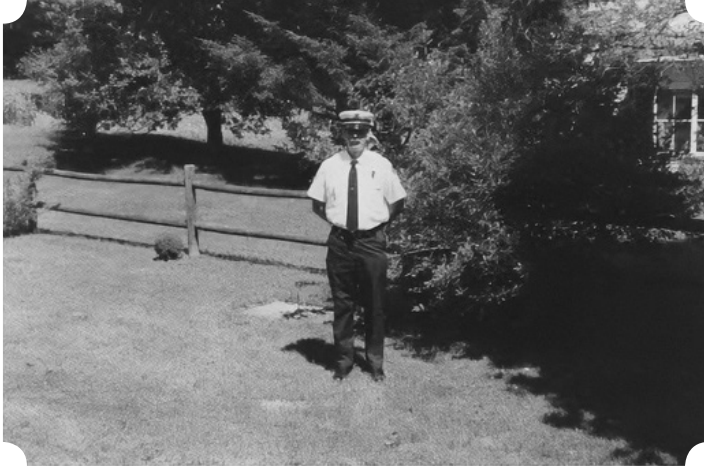
Pillsbury Free Library..... (603) 456-2289

18 East Main St. Library Director: Nancy Ladd, director@library.warnerNH.gov



Dedication

- Ron Piroso Sr. -



Ron Piroso Sr was born in Concord, NH. He attended Concord schools and graduated from Concord High School (Crimson Tide). Following high school, he enrolled at NHTI in Manchester for electronics. While at the Tech School, he started working for New England Telephone in Concord, NH. During the strike at New England Telephone, he worked for George Guimond at the Guimond 's Texaco Garage in Warner.

Ron enlisted in the Naval Reserves in 1964. He did his drill time at the Reserve Center in Manchester, NH. In 1965, Ron was activated for a deployment on the USS ESSEX for approximately two years. He served in the Naval Reserve for six years.

While in the Naval Reserves, he met Carol Wheeler, of Warner, through a friend. Ron and Carol Wheeler were married in 1966. After they were married, Carol lived in Warner with her parents while Ron was stationed on the ESSEX in Quonset Point in Rhode Island. After his deployment, Ron and Carol lived on Depot St in the apartments above the fuel company in Warner, NH. They moved to their Main St residence in 1969. They have three children: Ronald Jr, Suzanne, and Debbie with six grandchildren.

Upon his return from his deployment, Ron returned to work for New England Telephone. He retired from New England Telephone in 1997. After his retirement, he went to work for Merrimack County Telephone Co. Ron began working for the Town of Warner Transfer Station in 2006. He worked as a Transfer Station Attendant until his resignation on January 30, 2025.



Dedication

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In June of 1968, Ron was elected as a member of Silver Lake Hose Co No 1, now Warner Fire Rescue Department. While serving on the Fire Department, he was promoted to a Lieutenant. Additionally, Ron was elected Deputy Chief in 1986. He served as Deputy Chief until December of 2013 when he decided to step down and continue as a firefighter. Ron is currently serving as Sargent at Arms. In September of 2023, Ron was recognized at a NH Fire & Emergency Medical Services Award and Recognition Ceremony for service on the Warner Fire Department for 55 years. Ron remains an active member of the Department.

Ron joined the Wilkins-Clouies-Biglow Post of the American Legion in Warner in 1993. During his many years as a member of the post, he served as Sargent at Arms. Ron was part of the Color Guard that led the Fall Foliage Festival Parade for many years. Ron also continues to participate in the Memorial Day Services. He is a 40-year continuous member of the American Legion.

Mr. Piroso joined the Harris Lodge No 91 located in Warner in 2004. During his time at the Harris Lodge, Ron held many different positions. After the Harris Lodge closed, he transferred to the Horace Chase Lodge No 72 located in Penacook, NH. Ron was awarded the Major General John Sullivan Distinguished Service Metal.

In 2017, at the request of Emergency Management Director, Ed Mical, Ron agreed to serve as Warner's Deputy Emergency Management Director. As Deputy Director, Ron participated in many drills and exercises. He was particularly helpful while Ed was out of Town. Ron on several occasions, was tasked with coordinating with State and Local officials.

One such occasion was the micro-burst that took down several electric poles blocking the roadway in the Mason Hill/Couchtown area of Warner. Ron coordinated with the utilities to have the roads re-opened and power restored.



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Elected Town Officers

Name	Term
Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds	
Janice Cutting	2025
Penny Courser	2026
Jere Henley	2027
Budget Committee	
Michael Cutting, Chair.....	2025
Harold Blanchette.....	2025
Robert Blake	2026
Bill Hanson.....	2026
Alfred Hanson	2027
Richard Bixby	2027
Water Precinct Representative - Ray Martin	
Select Board Representative – Faith Minton	
Chandler Reservation Committee	
Jonathan D. France	2025
Gerald B. Courser	2026
Allison P. Mock	2027
Stephen Hall	2028
Moderator	
Benjamin Frost.....	2026
Assistant Moderator (Appointed)	
Ray Martin	2026
Select Board	
Faith Minton	2025
Harry Seidel.....	2026
Michael J Smith.....	2027
Supervisors of the Checklist	
Christine J. Perkins, Chair	2026
Michael Brown	2028
Mary Pelkay.....	2030
Tax Collector	
Kimberley Edelmann.....	2027
Deputy Tax Collector (Appointed)	
Marianne Howlett (Resigned)	
James Sherman (Appointed).....	2027



Elected Town Officers (cont.)

Name	Term
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Town Clerk

Michele Courser	2027
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Deputy Town Clerk (Appointed)

Darcie Buskey (Resigned)	
Eric Buck	2027

Assistant Clerk

Darcie Buskey (Appointed)	
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Town Treasurer

Ginger Marsh	2027
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Deputy Town Treasurer (Appointed)

Janice Cutting	2027
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Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library

Michael Simon, Chair	2027
Glen Kerkian (Resigned)	2027
Arlon Chaffe (Appointed)	2025
Dana Myskowski, Vice Chair	2027
Teresa Hathaway, Recording Secretary	2025
Sherri Colfer (Resigned)	2025
Cassey Green (Appointed)	2025
Michael Brown	2025
Jan Gugliotti	2026
Lois Shea	2026
David Elliott (Resigned)	2026
Hannah Leigh-Brown	2025

Alternate	Vacant
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Librarian: Nancy Ladd

Trustees of Town Cemeteries

Mary E. Cogswell	2025
Thomas Boudette	2025
Kenneth W. Cogswell	2026
Gerald B. Courser	2027
Penny Sue Courser	2027

Trustees of Trust Funds

Robert Blake	2025
Judith Newman-Rogers	2026
Dan Watts	2027



Elected Warner



Kearsarge Regional School District

Warner Representatives

Emma Bates.....	2026
Patrick McGowan.....	2027

Warner Representatives to Municipal Budget Committee

Jesse Evans	2027
Patrick McGowan (Resigned)	2026
Debbie Reznicek (Appointed)	2025

State Representative

State Senator Dan Innis

Merrimack County, District 8

Tony Caplan
 Eileen Kelly
 Stephanie R. Payeur



Appointed Town Officers

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Name	Term
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Building Inspector

Tom Baye 2026

Central NH Regional Planning Commission Representatives

Ben Frost 2026

Vacant

Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Tim Blagden

Central NH Regional Planning Commission Representative to State Energy Data System (SEDS) Board

Charlie Albano

Compliance Officer

Member Vacant

Concord Regional Solid Waste Representative

Member Vacant

Alternate Vacant

Conservation Commission

Doug Allen 2025

Susan von Oettingen 2025

Alice Chamberlain 2025

Nancy Martin, Chair 2026

Michael Amaral 2027

Kenneth Cogswell..... 2027

Conservation Commission Alternates

Phil Stockwell 2026

Jackie Germain 2027

Vacant 2027

Emergency Management

Edward F. Mical, Director

Ron Piroso Jr, Deputy Director

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jonathan France

First Deputy Ed Raymond

Second Deputy Brian Monaghan

Captain Mike Henley

Captain Paul Raymond

Captain Dan Fisher

Lieutenant Steve Raymond

Lieutenant Calvin Rogers

Lieutenant Peter Ladd

EMS Captain Peter Wyman

EMS Lieutenant Sean Toomey



Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

Name Term

Members of Fire & Rescue

John Hill	Tim Wilson	Rich Colfer
Greg Dockham	Ed Mical	Ryan Brown
Ross Mingarelli	Jerome Donohue	Kathleen Payne
Bob Havey	Ryan Havey	Abel Leblanc
Ron Piroso	Pooch Baker	Varick Proper
Ben France	Ernie Nichols	Anthony Nichols
Stephen Hall	Katy Toomey	Sidney Boyer
Sean Nichols	Jeff Allison	Tristian Deking
Stephaine Allison	Hayden Manning	Ian McLoughlin
Elizabeth Labbe	Joe Mulcahy	

Chief Forest Fire Warden

Paul Raymond..... (P) 608-9606

Deputy Wardens

Charles Baker	(P) 456-3837
Stephen W. Hall	(P) 456-3357
Daniel Fisher	(P) 456-3208
Jonathan France	(P) 456-2883
Ed Raymond.....	(P) 456-3770
Ernie Nichols.....	(P) 456-3266
Kalvin Rogers	

*(P) – able to write burning permits
For a Fire Permit on-line: Nhfirepermit.com*

Health Officer

Christopher Lopez 2026

Highway Safety Commission

- Emergency Management Director Edward F. Mical
- Fire Chief Jonathan France
- Police Chief William E. Chandler
- Public Works Director Tim Allen
- Selectboard Representative – Michael Smith

Overseer of Public Welfare

Peter Flynn 2025

Parks and Recreation Commission

Scott Blasingame	2025
Apryl Blood	2025
Tim Blagden	2026
Vacant	2024
Erika Carr	2027
Vacant	2027
Select Board Representative – Faith Minton Appointed	



Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

Name	Term
Planning Board	
James Gaffney	2025
John Leavitt	2025
Ian Rogers	2026
Barak Greene, Vice Chair	2026
Pier D'Aprile.....	2027
Karen Coyne, Chair	2027
Selectboard Ex-officio – Harry Seidel	
Planning Board Alternates	
Micah Thompson	2026
Robert Holmes	2027
Vacant	2025
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Jan Gugliotti	2025
Lucinda McQueen	2025
Barbara Marty, Chair	2026
Beverley Howe	2027
Derek Narducci.....	2027
Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternates	
Harry Seidel.....	2025
Sam Carr.....	2026
Jim Zablocki	2027



Selectboard Appointed Committees

Name	Term
Agricultural Commission	
William Hanson (R).....	2025
Catherine Aranosan (Vice Chair).....	2025
Bob Bower	2026
Michael Biagiotti (Chair)	2027

Agricultural Commission Alternates

- Sam Bower
- Jennifer Courser
- Ashley Place
- Noah Courser-Kellerman
- Selectboard Member – Michael Smith

Economic Development Advisory Committee

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Vacant | Sarah Hanson | Nancy Martin |
| Bret Ingold | Neil Nevins | William Minsinger |
| Graham Pellettieri | Mark Govoni | |
| Selectboard Member – Harry Seidel | | |

Road Committee

- | | |
|---|--|
| Public Works Director Tim Allen | Fire Chief Jonathan France |
| Police Chief William Chandler | Emergency Management Director Ed Mical |
| Selectboard Representative Michael Smith | Member At Large Kenneth Cogswell |
| Budget Committee Representative Michael Cutting | |

Warner Municipal Records Committee –

Membership by Position (RSA 33-A:3 Municipal Committees)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Town Clerk Michele Courser | Treasurer Ginger Marsh |
| Tax Collector Kimberley Edelmann | Assessing Clerk Elizabeth Labbe |
| Librarian Director Nancy Ladd | Selectboard Representative Faith Minton |

Warner River Local Advisory Commission –

Members Nominated by Selectboard (NH Rivers Management Protection Program (RSA 483:8-a))

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Laura Russell | Christopher Spann-Weitz Mickey Benson |
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Summary of Expenditures 2024 – 2025



	2024	2024	2025
	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommended Appropriations</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office - Office of the Selectmen's Office	\$ 246,617	\$ 273,788	\$ 263,682
Elections	\$ 8,247	\$ 8,898	\$ 5,997
Finance	\$ 89,500	\$ 94,031	\$ 89,074
Tax Collector	\$ 41,996	\$ 55,309	\$ 42,802
Treasurer	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,579	\$ 5,500
Town Clerk	\$ 92,143	\$ 87,173	\$ 93,352
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$ 1,700	\$ 699	\$ 1,700
Assessing	\$ 47,274	\$ 45,747	\$ 90,819
Legal Expenses	\$ 25,000	\$ 39,316	\$ 30,000
Benefits Administration	\$ 623,907	\$ 562,038	\$ 691,393
Land Use Office	\$ 44,003	\$ 44,996	\$ 65,326
General Government Buildings	\$ 70,336	\$ 59,581	\$ 65,870
Cemeteries	\$ 32,500	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,001
Insurances	\$ 119,562	\$ 119,562	\$ 130,537
Outside Agencies	\$ 21,026	\$ 21,368	\$ 21,356
Police/Animal Control	\$ 444,811	\$ 363,706	\$ 423,688
Ambulance	\$ 85,318	\$ 85,318	\$ 89,191
Fire	\$ 236,812	\$ 204,871	\$ 239,442
Building Inspection	\$ 25,895	\$ 13,403	\$ 26,510
Emergency Management	\$ 10,375	\$ 8,113	\$ 10,577
Highway Department	\$ 1,107,516	\$ 1,067,421	\$ 978,034
Street Lighting	\$ 9,201	\$ 9,378	\$ 8,800
Solid Waste Disposal - Transfer Station	\$ 319,722	\$ 295,265	\$ 342,275
Health Department	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,400
Outside Agencies	\$ 10,606	\$ 8,579	\$ 10,606
Welfare Department	\$ 37,292	\$ 61,327	\$ 45,182
Parks & Recreation	\$ 39,747	\$ 34,113	\$ 37,309
Pillsbury Free Library	\$ 218,360	\$ 218,360	\$ 223,805
Memorial Day	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Conservation Commission	\$ 1,037	\$ 844	\$ 951
Debt Service - Principal	\$ 396,868	\$ 392,670	\$ 399,127
Debt Service - Interest	\$ 139,316	\$ 140,255	\$ 128,380
Other Debt Service - Hopkinton Land Fill Closure	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,412	\$ 8,000
Total Operating Budget:	\$ 4,563,087	\$ 4,359,920	\$ 4,603,186



Summary of Expenditures 2024 - 2025 (cont)

Capital Reserve and Trust Funds:	<u>2024 Deposited</u>	<u>2024 Spent</u>	<u>2025 Warrant</u>
Bridges CRF	\$ 47,070	\$ 263,524	\$ 50,000
Davis Fund	\$ -	\$ 517	\$ -
Employee Expendable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ 15,846	\$ 40,000
Fire Equipment CRF	\$ 37,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000
Fire/Rescue Vehicles CRF	\$ 125,000	\$ 269,535	\$ 100,000
Hwy Equipment CRF	\$ 136,659	\$ 19,897	\$ 265,000
Hwy Rd Construction Projects CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Kearsarge Mtn Rd Alt Route CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land Conservation Fund CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parks & Recreation CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Vehicle CRF	\$ 25,000	\$ 55,704	\$ 20,000
Preservation of Town Records CRF	\$ 20,000	\$ 23,057	\$ 10,000
Property Revaluation CRF	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Town Hall Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Station CRF	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,871	\$ 25,000
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Warner Community Center CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Total Capital Reserve Funds:	<u>\$ 555,729</u>	<u>\$ 656,952</u>	<u>\$ 630,000</u>

Other Taxes Assessed	<u>2024 Estimate</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Estimate</u>
KRSD - SAU #65 - School Tax	\$ 6,194,404	\$ 6,323,392	\$ 6,323,392
Merrimack County Tax	\$ 812,257	\$ 893,625	\$ 893,625
Warner Village Water Precinct Tax	\$ 185,123	\$ 192,179	\$ 192,179
Town Taxes Paid (Tax, Interest, Sale & Notification Costs)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of NH (Vital Record Fees, Marriage Licenses, etc.)	\$ 3,813	\$ 3,174	\$ 3,174
NH Fish and Game	\$ 5,299	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875
Total Other Taxes Assessed:	<u>\$ 7,200,896</u>	<u>\$ 7,417,245</u>	<u>\$ 7,417,245</u>

Refunds/Other Expenditures	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Estimate</u>
Highway Construction Project	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,100,000
ARPA Funds Expended	\$ 71,846	\$ -
ARPA Highway Funds Expended	\$ 25,701	\$ 21,286
Town Hall Roof Repair	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Abatements	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 997,547</u>	<u>\$ 1,121,286</u>
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	<u>\$ 13,317,259</u>	<u>\$ 13,771,717</u>

Solar Array Fund:

	<u>Amounts</u>
Balance at 1/1/2024	\$ 46,993.73
Deposits and Interest	\$ 28,684.96
Transfer to Municipal Account	\$ 29,134.20
Balance at 12/31/2024	<u>\$ 46,544.49</u>

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Summary of Revenues 2024 - 2025

	2024 <u>Revised Revenues</u>	2024 <u>Actual Revenues</u>	2025 <u>Estimated Revenues</u>
Taxes - Non Property			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Yield Tax	\$ 25,500	\$ 28,678	\$ 23,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$ 14,820	\$ 19,223	\$ 19,000
Excavation Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Taxes	\$ 349	\$ 349	\$ -
Interest and Penalties	\$ 32,000	\$ 33,170	\$ 32,000
Taxes Subtotal	\$ 72,669	\$ 81,420	\$ 74,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 629,000	\$ 654,215	\$ 650,000
Building Permits	\$ 11,500	\$ 16,706	\$ 25,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$ 14,180	\$ 12,230	\$ 12,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees Subtotal	\$ 654,680	\$ 683,151	\$ 687,000
State Sources			
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$ 287,738	\$ 288,847	\$ 185,000
Bridge Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Highway Block Grant	\$ 131,940	\$ 131,940	\$ 148,000
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,400
Other	\$ 26,600	\$ 33,894	\$ 10,000
State Sources Subtotal	\$ 448,591	\$ 456,994	\$ 345,400
Charges for Service			
Income from Departments	\$ 51,000	\$ 64,747	\$ 58,000
Charges for Service Subtotal	\$ 51,000	\$ 64,747	\$ 58,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 602,631	\$ 605,632	\$ 10,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 100,000	\$ 133,145	\$ 100,000
Other - rent of Town Property	\$ 28,000	\$ 30,011	\$ 21,900
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,443	\$ -
Contributions / Donations	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -
Revenue from other Misc Sources	\$ 41,000	\$ 54,711	\$ 50,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal	\$ 773,073	\$ 825,242	\$ 181,900
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$ -	\$ 163	\$ -
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 163	\$ -
Other Financing Sources			
Highway Construction Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Sources Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues:	\$ 2,000,013	\$ 2,111,717	\$ 1,346,300

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Selectboard Report 2024

“Few of us know the origins or histories behind our community, but learning the stories of a region’s past can change the way you think about the present.”

The University of Toronto, History Internships

2024 was the year of Warner’s 250th anniversary, which is receding quickly in the wake of dizzying current events. However, history is important to remember, and Warner always has. For Warner’s 250th anniversary, Warner’s Historical Society thoughtfully choreographed an entire year of events for residents and visitors to learn from Warner’s many storylines. There are many, and the Historical Society preserves them for you. Suppose you missed any of the anniversary events. In that case, you can catch up by visiting the Historical Society at 15 West Main St. or the Upton Chandler House Museum at 10 W. Main St. or visit their website where their upcoming events are listed.

As Warner celebrated her 250th, the historical noteworthiness of Warner’s adaptive nature remains constant. While we salute the past, the year 2024 was distinguished by many changes at the Town Offices and community development initiated outside of the Town Offices.

Mike Smith joined the Selectboard, replacing Allan Brown, to whom Faith Minton and Harry Seidel owe much gratitude to, for his steady command of municipal affairs and kind judgment. In joining the Selectboard, Mike Smith brought great initiative and a remarkable capacity for hard work. Recognizing that Warner needs revenue, Mike has championed the cause of discovering properties that sit idly off the tax role and which, if sold, might again contribute revenue for the Town.

Kathleen Frenette accepted the position of Town Administrator and has been busy serving residents and addressing Warner’s challenges. Shortly upon arrival, she learned that like many small NH towns, Warner’s cyber security was ill-protected from interference. This discovery propelled an overhaul of the Town’s protective cyber firewall. Frenette initiated Homeland Security and Primex, (Warner’s insurance company), to meet with the Selectboard and working with the Selectboard, the required discovery and corrective steps to address the problems were detailed. The Selectboard discovered that critical hardware and software needed updating; this has been done, and Warner now has dedicated IT managed care.

Warner installed new assessing and tax collection systems from Avitar, and we are in the process of a revaluation of all town properties. Tax cards that have errors are being corrected, and thankfully, Warner’s antiquated assessing program is finally being upgraded with a 21st-century method. Avitar technology is also being used to update tax collection, and the aspiration is that when the assessing and tax collection processes are fully optimized, their synergy will deliver an economic benefit.



Selectboard Report 2024 (cont.)

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In 2025, Warner will modernize the election process with new “Poll Pad” technology. Poll Pad is a paperless voter check-in process that replaces the outdated paper model that is often the cause of long lines at the polls. Warner’s Supervisors of the Checklist gave this deep scrutiny, and after a detailed review, they agreed to replace the inefficient election record keeping of the past with a new system that will streamline the election process.

In 2024 Warner accepted the resignations of Janice Loz, Darcie Buskey, Mariane Howlett, and Janice Cutting. These dedicated employees deserve our sincere recognition for their commitment to Warner. Much to our surprise, replacement of these gifted employees has been achieved with Warner residents.

Chrissy Almanzar has taken over Land Use Administration, Eric Buck has replaced Darcie Buskey as Deputy Town Clerk, Kimberley Edelmann has replaced Marianne Howlett as Tax Collector, James Sherman is the new Deputy Tax Collector, and Peter Flynn, a veteran with years of municipal experience has confidently assumed responsibility for Warner’s Welfare office. Fortuitously, Darcey Buskey has been able to return to work for limited hours as she can and has been very helpful to Kathy Frenette in executing various secretarial tasks and assisting Tracy Doherty with the transcribing of meeting minutes. Although not an employee, the Board of Selectmen wishes to acknowledge Andrew Bodnarik, who resigned from the Planning Board in 2024. Andy served Warner’s Planning Board for decades, and his accumulated knowledge of Land-Use processes and his benefit to Warner is immeasurable.

Warner’s Building Permit / Code Compliance application has been updated with revisions that require more attention from the applicant. The process and requirements for documentation have been stiffened to avoid unnecessary conflict that has incurred expensive legal cost to the Town.

Warner’s team of dedicated town employees work tirelessly for us, and Warner hosted an Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Generous donations were provided by local chefs from Reed’s North, the Local, Cafe East, and the Market Basket. The employees appreciate these events, and we thank the local restaurants for supporting our dedicated Town employees.

2024 saw Warner residents create a Beautification Program, a volunteer-driven initiative funded by donations dedicated to decorating Warner’s public buildings, planting flowers throughout the town, and even planting trees in Warner. The Beautification Program has seen a healthy increase in volunteers committed to the care of Warner’s existing flower beds. If residents are interested in the planting and care of flowers, or would like to plant trees, please consider joining the Beautification Program.

In looking at housing in Warner, last year the Planning Board’s Housing Advisory Committee engaged the community in conversations about what kind of housing people in town want. Over 400 people responded to last spring’s Community Housing Survey, while over 40 people attended the two Housing Forums at Simonds School and on Zoom to share ideas for an update to the Master Plan Housing Chapter. Now, Warner has been



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accepted for a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) grant from NH Housing, which provides money the town can use to turn the town's housing vision into reality with help from Central NH Regional Planning Commission and continued community engagement.

Warner is fortunate to have community-centric residents with a positive vision of how Warner residents and visitors can gather and feel alive. Their efforts are propelled with independent local resources, local designers, builders, businesses, volunteers, civic-minded thinkers, and grants. The Warner Library's wonderful programs for adults and children, and Main Street Warner's ambitious plans for the renovation of The Lodge in the heart of town, which currently is focused on renovation of the Kitchen and Meeting Space, and the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail which over time has a goal to create a 34 mile trail from Horseshoe Pond in Concord to Newbury Harbor, are typical of initiatives from outside Town hall but which support Warner's sense of community and promote healthy economic development.

The Board of Selectmen serve you, the residents, with genuine care, and we do our best to do so with respect for civility, and transparency. Warner has introduced new systems and technology that will improve service over time, and we appreciate your patience as we navigate with unfamiliar systems.

The Selectboard supports and encourages residents to stay involved with their Town. Warner is more vibrant every year despite the inevitable challenges that arise because Warner residents remain engaged.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Warner Selectboard
Michael Smith, Chair
Faith Minton
Harry Seidel, Vice Chair*



Report of the Town Administrator

February 12th, 2025, will be one year since I have been the Town Administrator here in Warner and it has been a year of learning about Warner.

One of the first things I did was organize monthly department head meetings. Over this past year it has been beneficial in so many ways: staff getting to know each other better, opening the lines of communication between departments, and working together as a team. I have had guest speakers come in from Primex and HealthTrust to give information on the coverage that we have and the coverage for the Town regarding Primex.

The first project that we worked on as a team was going through the entire personnel policy to make updates. The last revision of the personnel policy was done in 2012. Working together as a team to go through the whole policy was super. Everyone had some great input on changes to make things better for the employees and the town. Research was done to see what other towns' policies were like and we now have a working draft. Updated changes are being made and once the Town Meeting is over, they will be completed. Then a final draft can be reviewed by the department heads before being presented to the Select Board. Once it has gone to the Select Board for comments and any edits, it will then go before a public hearing and 2025 will see a new updated Town of Warner personnel policy.

Looking at finance, I found that staff had to make purchases using their own credit cards and then get reimbursed by the town. For those who chose not to use their personal credit cards, shopping for the best price on the products was not being taken advantage of causing the town to pay way too much for many items. I worked with the State of NH and through the state was able to get purchasing cards (a credit card equivalent). Warner department heads now have purchasing cards that can be used to shop around and get the best price for the items needed. Supporting documentation must be provided for every purchase and submitted to Finance. A credit/purchasing card policy was developed, then reviewed, and approved by the Select Board. This absence of the credit/purchase card policy was brought up in our 2022 and 2023 audits as a finding. That finding should not be in our audits moving forward.

Cybersecurity was a top concern when I arrived. To find out what was needed, Richard Rossi of U.S. Homeland Security was contacted to audit out IT systems. There were many deficiencies, mostly due to a lack of funding. The other constraint was Dimetech and the new hours they had available to take care of the Town's IT. The hours were limited and less due to the full-time employment position that was taken. We had outgrown our local IT provider, Dimetech, but are very grateful for all that they did for the Town over the years. A contract was signed in December with a 24/7 Managed IT Provider, Culver Technologies. Using the last of the ARPA funds, we were able to replace all the computer units that were Windows 10 that could not be updated to Windows 11.

Educational training and conferences from the NH Government Finance Officers Association, NH Government Digital Summit, Primex and NH Municipal Association were attended. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), ethics for finance officials, conflicts of interest, artificial intelligence (AI), cybercrime such as ransomware attacks, grant



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opportunities as well as legislative updates and more were presented and discussed. Networking opportunities were taken advantage of to understand challenges in other towns only to learn that we have most of the same challenges, some in more abundance than others. Revenues and staffing were high on the list.

Budget work began in July with the department heads, and carried on until February 4th when it was finalized with the Select Board and the Budget Committee. We started out with an increase in the operating budget of just under 9% and ended with an increase of just 0.88%. It does mean that some items will not be done this year, such as paving. Those items that were pushed off the budget will still need to get done at some point. It is just postponing the items until “later”. Difficult decisions were made by everyone who participated in the budget process. Big thank you to all that participated in the process. We didn’t all agree but we did agree to disagree and still came out talking, knowing the next budget is just around the corner.

Communication with the folks at the Warner Community Center started with a meeting in September. It was agreed to meet quarterly to keep the lines of communication open. Working together to solve issues with the building and the needs of the programs housed there seems to be working well. There is a new hire from the Department of Public Works that happened in late fall, and he was assigned to building maintenance for the Warner Community Center and Town Hall. He is doing such wonderful work and is very skilled and talented. Things are looking and working much better at both buildings, thanks to him.

In October, a benefits fair was put together for the town employees so they could better understand their benefits to take full advantage of what the town provides for everyone. The personnel policy stated that the town had a deferred compensation program available to the employees. In my research, I found that we had never signed up for the Empower Retirement Program with the State of NH. I was able to get the town enrolled and now all employees can elect to have money taken from their paycheck through payroll deduction, pre-tax, to help them save more for retirement. The only cost to the town for this benefit is the time to get it set up in our payroll system and for Finance to send the funds deducted for that month’s payroll.

We had the benefit fair and we received word just after it that our health insurance premiums were going up by 16.3%. We had three weeks to get proposals and investigate less expensive plans to enable us to have a health plan by January 1, 2025. The outcome was not what we had hoped for, and it caused stress to employees. As a result, April 2, 2025, we are convening a group to explore all possibilities. Research has already begun to look for a health plan with good benefits at a lower cost. Changing our open enrollment from January 1 to July 1 will give us notification in March every year of the following year’s premium under a worst-case scenario. That would give us plenty of time to look for other choices.

This was the year to update our Hazard Mitigation plan and thanks to Ed Mical for getting the group together and Stephanie at Central New Hampshire Regional Planning. Over the course of months, the plan was updated and later accepted by FEMA.



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The flood maps for our area had changes and a public hearing on October 16th, 2024, at 6:30 pm took place to give the citizens of Warner an opportunity to see what was proposed for changes.

Thank you to all who have made me feel welcomed and part of the community. I look forward to 2025 with high hopes for positive changes. There are so many people that truly make a difference here in Warner by volunteering their time, giving of their knowledge, lending a hand when needed, being supportive by listening it is a wonder to experience.

I'd like to thank the Select Board, Harry Seidel, Faith Minton, and Michael Smith for all they do. A huge shout-out to all the department heads and staff who are committed to doing the best job that they can every day to give the best customer service to the citizens of Warner. The gratitude I have for everyone is immeasurable.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Frenette



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TOWN OF WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

The following is a discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Warner, New Hampshire for the year ending December 31, 2023. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of this presentation (including all disclosures) rests with management. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data contained herein is accurate in all material respects. This data is reported in a manner designed to fairly present the Town's financial position, and the result of operations of the various funds of the Town. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an accurate understanding of the Town's financial activities have been included.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the basic financial statements

This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to most private-sector companies.

The **Statement of Net Position** presents information on all of the Town's (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future periods (such as uncollected taxes and interest on long-term obligations).



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Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds: Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements report using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental activities statement of net position and statement of activities.

The Town of Warner maintains numerous individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, which is the Town's only major fund. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregate presentation.

Fiduciary Funds: These funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town's fiduciary funds include various private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements and accompanying notes are followed by a section of required supplementary information. This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the Town's major governmental fund and includes a reconciliation between the reported activity of the revenues, expenditures and transfers for budgetary purposes (Schedule I) and the activity as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (Exhibit D) for the General Fund.



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This section also includes a schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, a schedule of Town OPEB contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System, a schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability and a schedule of Town pension contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System.

Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information includes combining financial statements for the non-major governmental funds.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position

Net position of the Town of Warner as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current assets	\$ 6,621,075	\$ 6,444,673
Capital assets	<u>11,333,422</u>	<u>11,535,718</u>
Total assets	<u>17,954,497</u>	<u>17,980,391</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>249,286</u>	<u>364,590</u>
Long-term liabilities	5,974,643	6,423,463
Other liabilities	<u>724,523</u>	<u>798,223</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,699,166</u>	<u>7,221,686</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>129,200</u>	<u>211,524</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	6,683,294	9,132,142
Restricted	2,890,870	2,744,725
Unrestricted	<u>1,801,253</u>	<u>(965,096)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 11,375,417</u>	<u>\$ 10,911,771</u>

The largest portion of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, and equipment less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves generally cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. For the Town of Warner, those restrictions include those related to non-expendable trust funds, capital projects, and the unexpended balances of debt and restricted donations.



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Statement of Activities

The Town's net position increased by \$463,646 during the current year. Total revenues of \$5,202,846 exceeded expenses of \$4,739,200.

Changes in net position for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 60,559	\$ 77,633
Operating grants and contributions	563,728	333,839
Capital grants and contributions		45,604
General revenues:		
Property and other taxes	3,412,981	3,005,246
Licenses and permits	633,448	610,555
Grants and contributions	281,502	261,693
Interest and investment earnings (losses)	128,537	(15,808)
Miscellaneous	135,291	540,296
Total revenues	5,216,046	4,859,058
Expenses		
General government	1,190,955	988,170
Public safety	1,011,166	1,010,279
Highways and streets	1,669,466	1,891,642
Sanitation	285,408	288,708
Health and welfare	72,176	42,164
Culture and recreation	308,060	296,008
Conservation	56,601	12,854
Interest and fiscal charges	145,368	131,624
Total expenses	4,739,200	4,661,449
 Increase in net position before gain (loss) and contributions	476,846	197,609
 Contributions to permanent fund principal	400	1,400
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	(13,600)	18
 Change in net position	463,646	199,027
Net position, beginning of year	10,911,771	10,712,744
Net position, end of year	\$ 11,375,417	\$ 10,911,771

Property and other taxes brought in \$3,412,981 in revenues. Licenses and permits generated \$633,448 in revenues. Other revenues consisted of charges for services, grants, contributions, interest and investment earnings, and miscellaneous revenues. Total revenues recognized during the year ended December 31, 2023 increased from the previous year by \$356,988 or 7.3%.

The Town's expenses cover a range of services. The largest expenses were for highways and streets (35%), public safety (21%), and general government (25%), which accounted for 81% of total expenses. Total expenses recognized during the year ended December 31, 2023



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increased from the previous year by \$77,751 or 1.7%.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, the General Fund had a total fund balance of \$5,643,320. A detail of the fund balance components at year end are detailed on page 29 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

The General Fund balance increased \$286,389 from December 31, 2022. The majority of this increase was a result of unanticipated highway and bridge grants that were included in the most recent state budget.

Non-major Governmental Funds

The total fund balance of \$519,344 in the non-major governmental funds is designated for the purposes of the individually established funds. The largest portion of this represents the balance in the Pennant Funds (\$235,144 or 45%), Chandler Reservation Fund (\$138,123 or 27%) and the Conservation Commission Fund (\$84,574 or 16%). The total fund balance in the other governmental funds increased by \$15,207 or 3% from December 31, 2022.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Budgetary information for the major governmental fund (the General Fund) is included in the Required Supplementary Information section.

Non-tax revenue for 2023 was \$1,665,179, which was \$14,003 over the original budget for the year and \$38,938 less than the 2022 actual. The primary reason for the reduction over 2022 was that the Town received federal ARPA grant of \$263,180 in 2022, which wasn't repeated in 2023.

Appropriations for 2023 operating expenses were \$4,416,654, representing a 4.7% increase over 2022 appropriations. Actual expenses were \$4,274,293 or 3.2% under budget. The primary savings came from open positions in the Police and Highway departments that the



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Town was unable to fill. These savings were offset by the need to replace the obsolete assessing system, along with greater than anticipated legal and welfare expenses.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Capital Assets

The Town considers a capital asset to be an asset whose costs exceed \$10,000 and has a useful life of greater than (1) year. Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the course of their useful life.

The Town’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2023 amounts to \$17,784,432. Accumulated depreciation amounts to \$6,451,010, leaving a net book value of \$11,333,422. This investment in capital assets includes equipment and real property.

See Note 4 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for a summary of all capital assets. .

Long-Term Obligations

On December 31, 2023, the Town of Warner had four outstanding notes payable on the fire station, fire truck, solar array, and construction loan for a combined total of \$4,650, 128.

Long-term obligations at year end also include the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability. As of December 31, 2023, the Town’s net pension liability is \$1,550,558 and the Town’s net OPEB liability is \$68,670.

Additional information on the Town’s long-tenn obligations can be found in Notes 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Warner continues to experience economic stability, reflecting state trends. The town1s economy is a mix of agriculture, small businesses, and tourism, and remained resilient. Tourists come to Warner to visit Rollins State Park at Mount Kearsarge, its several museums, and to attend the annual Warner Fall Foliage Festival. The historic Warner Village has several restaurants and retail businesses and serves as a hub for both residents and visitors.

During 2023 the Town welcomed the opening of a new childcare facility operated by the Boys and Girls Club of NH and the aerospace tech company, Mentis Sciences, which relocated from Manchester NH.

The Selectboard and Budget Committee have continued to work together to minimize the impact of inflation on the Town portion of the tax rate while maintaining and improving the quality of Town services. This has been done with a combination of responsible budgeting,



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securing federal and state grant opportunities for projects and utilizing unassigned general funds to apply toward mitigating the town tax rate. However, welfare costs for Warner residents in need continued to increase during 2023. This is a trend that started during the Covid-19 pandemic. Other significant one-time operational costs during 2023 were related to 1) the legal costs associated with the resignation of 2 select board members and 2) the costs associated with the hiring of a new town administrator.

The Planning Board continues to annually update the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) so that the Selectboard and Budget Committee can engage in prudent planning for future capital needs and explore financing alternatives to purchasing ‘big-ticket’ equipment and leasing programs. The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) coordinates with local business organizations, state agencies and the Regional Planning Commission to effectively promote Warner as a strong, viable community in which businesses can expand and prosper. The committee has focused on attracting a childcare center to meet the high demand for those services from local residents.

The Selectboard, with assistance from other Town committees and dedicated volunteers, will continue to improve the economic and job potential for the citizens of Warner while preserving the special quality of life enjoyed by all who call Warner ‘Home’.

“REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION”

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town’s finances for all Warner citizens, taxpayers, and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town’s accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Warner, Selectmen’s Office, P.O. Box 265, Warner, NH 03278.



Balance Sheet General Fund Assets & Liabilities

As of December 31, 2024

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CASH:

Sugar River - Municipal Account	\$	3,199,411.91	
- Payroll	\$	8,865.61	
- Highway Construction Account	\$	50,999.92	
- Town Clerk Account	\$	1,001.00	
- ARPA Funds	\$	15,818.73	
- Credit Card Payment Accounts	\$	6,003.53	
TOTAL CASH:			\$ 3,282,100.70

INVESTMENTS:

- Road Constuction - NHPDIP	\$	1,861,334.28	
- American Tower - NHPDIP	\$	617,348.25	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS:			\$ 2,478,682.53

OTHER ASSETS:

Uncollected Taxes	\$	467,592.45	
Unredeemed Taxes	\$	107,364.55	
Allowance for uncollectable taxes	\$	(20,000.00)	
Accounts Receivable	\$	(12,857.00)	
Due to/From Other Funds	\$	335,725.35	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS:			\$ 877,825.35

TOTAL ASSETS:			\$ 6,638,608.58
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LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2024

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Accounts Payable	\$	710,563.98	
Accrued Payroll	\$	85,432.55	
Health Insurance Surplus Payable	\$	9,323.14	
Due to/From Capital Projects Fund	\$	39,619.73	
Other Liabilities	\$	277,130.39	
School District-Tax Payable	\$	2,277,982.22	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:			\$ 3,400,052.01

FUND BALANCE:

Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	1,199,746.55	
Total Revenue	\$	12,685,031.02	
Committed Fund Balance	\$	2,048,321.32	
Total Expenses	\$	(12,715,822.32)	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	21,280.00	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS:			\$ 3,238,556.57

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:			\$ 6,638,608.58
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Note: The financial reports for 2024 are unaudited.
This information is subject to change, errors and omissions.



Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness

As of December 31, 2024

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<i>Authorized Debt:</i>	<i>Issued Date</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Original Loan Amount</i>
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust-Fire Truck	9/23/2010	9/1/2025	\$ 376,000.00
CDFA-SolarArray	6/22/2017	3/30/2030	\$ 250,000.00
Sugar River Bank-Fire Station (refinanced in 2021)	2/1/2021	8/1/2038	\$ 2,316,691.05
Sugar River Bank- Highway Construction Project	4/15/2022	7/15/2032	\$ 2,615,000.00

<i>Authorized Debt:</i>	<i>Notes Outstanding Balance 1/1/2024</i>	<i>Principal Payments 2024</i>	<i>Notes Outstanding Balance 12/31/24</i>
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust-Fire Truck	\$ 54,682.91	\$ 30,833.11	\$ 23,849.80
CDFA-Solar Array	\$ 138,539.27	\$ 20,725.87	\$ 117,813.40
Sugar River Bank-Fire Station	\$ 1,941,032.87	\$ 114,406.93	\$ 1,826,625.94
Sugar River Bank -Highway Construction Project	\$ 2,409,124.64	\$ 234,121.80	\$ 2,175,002.84

Note:

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Assessing Department Report

The assessing department has been busy this year. Though 2025 is our official Revaluation year, we needed to start this year in 2024. Our assessing company (Avitar) has made its first visit to all properties in town. We are also converting to the Avitar CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system. This has been an extensive job, and we have had a few very minor hiccups along the way but those seem to have been all worked out.

Exemptions and Credits available in Warner:

★ **Veteran's Tax Credits:**

- Veterans'
- All Veteran's
- Service-Connected Disability
- Surviving Spouse
- Combat Service
- Certain Disable Veteran's

★ **Elderly Exemption** – Depending on the age, time of residency, and income the resident will have a specified value removed from the assessment of the property.

★ **Blind Exemption** - \$15,000 of value is removed from the assessment of the property – for legally blind residents.

★ **Solar Exemption** – the value of a resident's assessed solar [or wind] energy system is exempt from assessment – any resident can access this exemption.

IMPORTANT: If you are filing for any exemption or credit, please make sure to get your application submitted by April 1.

Phone: 603-456-2298 **Ext:** 3 ~ **Email:** Assessing@WarnerNH.gov

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Labbe, she/her
Assessing Clerk*



Summary of Inventory Valuation

As of December 31, 2024

<u>Land Value</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Current Use	23,663.58	\$1,841,080
Discretionary Preservation Easements	0.22	\$3,398
Residential land	3375.66	\$83,272,772
Commercial Lane	420.18	\$7,596,320
Total Taxable Land	27,459.64	\$92,713,570
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	6,422.93	\$10,372,370
<u>Building Value</u>		
Residential	0	\$195,772,590
Manufactured Housing	0	\$2,975,930
Commercial	0	\$39,880,810
Discretionary Preservation Easements	8	\$48,787
Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$238,678,117
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$15,447,870
Utilities		\$8,089,900
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$339,481,587
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$3,442,726
Net Valuation		\$335,706,801

WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

<u>Land Value</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Current Use	28.2	\$3,550
Discretionary Preservation Easements	0.76	\$1,069
Residential	233.75	\$11,746,865
Commercial	22.17	\$3,956,690
Total of Taxable Land	284.88	\$15,708,174
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	41.62	\$1,346,020
<u>Building Value</u>		
Residential	0	\$27,409,695
Manufactured Housing	0	\$25,600
Commercial	0	\$20,675,750
Discretionary Preservation Easements	2	\$30,346
Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$48,141,394
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	0	\$6,361,130
Utilities		\$1,620,300
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$65,469,868
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$567,980
Net Valuation		\$64,901,888



Schedule of Town Property

As of December 31, 2024

All Land & Buildings Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds or Gifts

<u>Map & Lot</u>	<u>Street/Road/Area</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
01-003	Wiggin Trace	\$ 84,000.00
02-005	Dummer Road	\$ 26,000.00
03-016-1	Route 103	\$ 12,800.00
03-016-2	Route 103	\$ 8,750.00
03-023	Pleasant Pond Road - Department of Public Works	\$ 186,550.00
03-052	Route 103 East - Cemetery	\$ -
03-103	Poverty Plains Road	\$ 18,980.00
03-105	Poverty Plains Road	\$ 13,050.00
07-001	Interstate 89	\$ 15,000.00
07-002	Interstate 89	\$ 1,080.00
07-009	Route 103 East - Parks & Rec	\$ 130,650.00
07-044	Tom's Pond Lane	\$ 1,200.00
07-045	Route 103	\$ 2,400.00
07-046	Tom's Pond Lane	\$ 1,700.00
07-047	Interstate 89	\$ 4,050.00
07-048	Interstate 89	\$ 1,600.00
07-049	Interstate 89	\$ 1,100.00
07-050	Warner River	\$ 1,700.00
07-052	Interstate 89	\$ 8,560.00
07-053	Schoodac Road	\$ 55,950.00
09-002	Bean Road	\$ 46,500.00
09-003	Silver Lake - Parks & Rec	\$ 61,160.00
09-006-1	Mink Hill Lane	\$ 54,500.00
09-009	Mink Hill Lane - Chandler Reservation	\$ 1,125,400.00
09-012	Mink Hill Lane	\$ 86,500.00
09-023	North Village Road	\$ 45,330.00
09-024	North Village Road	\$ 45,180.00
09-025	North Village Road	\$ 62,600.00
10-023-2-3	Waldron Hill Road	\$ 52,670.00
10-030-2-4	Waldron Hill Road	\$ 53,000.00
10-030-2-5	Waldron Hill Road	\$ 63,180.00
10-038	Riverside Park - Parks & Rec	\$ 186,330.00
10-057	Parade Ground Cemetery Road - Cemetery	\$ -
10-087	Route 103 East - Cemetery	\$ -
11-035	Schoodac Road - Cemetery	\$ -
12-033	Horne Street	\$ 56,500.00
12-054	Collins Road - Cemetery	\$ -
13-003-8	Bean Road	\$ 46,850.00
13-006	Bean Road - Chandler Reservation	\$ 169,000.00
13-013	Bean Road - Cemetery	\$ -
14-006	West Main Street - Police Station	\$ 488,690.00
14-024	Kearsarge Mountain Road - Cemetery	\$ -
14-046-1	Bartlett Loop	\$ 51,650.00
15-008	Mason Hill Road - Cemetery	\$ -



Schedule of Town Property (cont.)

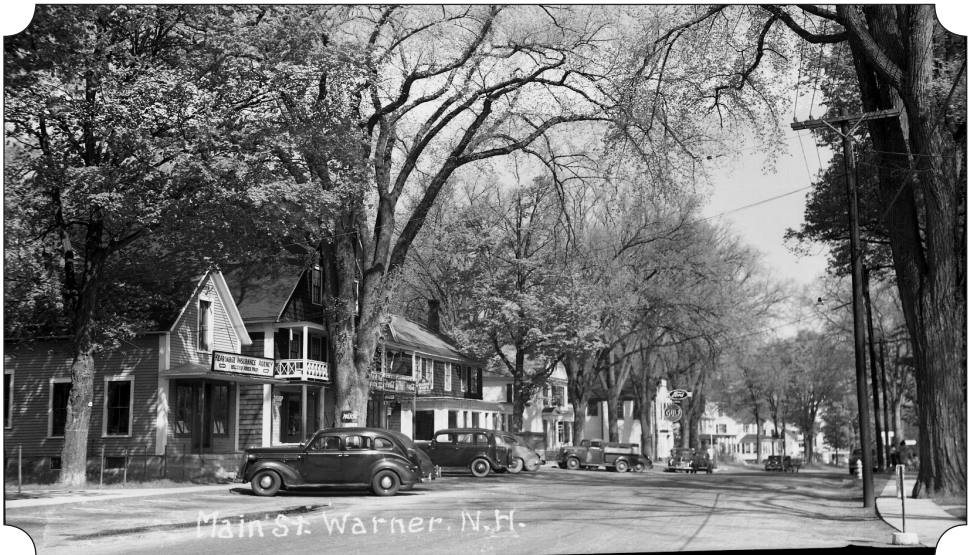
As of December 31, 2024

Map & Lot	Street/Road/Area	Assessed Value
16-004	Route 103 West	\$ 17,070.00
16-024	Route 103 West	\$ 14,170.00
16-025	Laing Bridge Lane	\$ 60,600.00
16-046	Melvin Mills Road	\$ 4,950.00
16-062	Route 103 West - Cemetery	\$ -
17-003-6	Route 103 East - Department of Works	\$ 1,034,280.00
17-009	Route 103 West - Cemetery	\$ -
17-015	Route 103 West	\$ 6,860.00
17-017	Route 103 West	\$ 150.00
17-028	Retreat Road - Cemetery	\$ -
17-034	Route 103 West	\$ 21,340.00
18-002	East Sutton Road	\$ 257,000.00
18-005	North Road	\$ 53,650.00
18-006	North Road	\$ 85,600.00
18-009	North Road	\$ 39,000.00
18-012	North Road	\$ 64,500.00
18-015	North Road	\$ 457,180.00
18-016	North Road	\$ 61,250.00
18-024	Kearsarge Mountain Road - Cemetery	\$ -
19-003	Old Pumpkin Hill Road - Cemetery	\$ -
19-037	Couchtown Road	\$ 108,250.00
20-008	Kearsarge Mountain Road - Cemetery	\$ -
21-009	Gore Road	\$ 50,250.00
22-014	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$ 1,580.00
22-016	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$ 1,490.00
22-017	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$ 1,350.00
28-002	Tom's Pond Lane	\$ 4,720.00
28-004-1	Tom's Pond Lane	\$ 13,200.00
29-001	East Main Street	\$ 68,070.00
30-018	Denny Hill Road	\$ 1,830.00
31-001	East Main Street - Library	\$ 1,036,910.00
31-006	Kearsarge Street Extension - Cemetery	\$ -
31-029	Kearsarge Mountain Road - Old Fire Station	\$ 58,120.00
31-031	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$ 60,300.00
31-055	East Main Street - Town Hall	\$ 1,154,320.00
31-063-3	Pumpkin Hill Road	\$ 31,200.00
32-014	Depot Street	\$ 3,330.00
32-017	West Main Street - Cemetery	\$ -
32-018	Cemetery Lane - Parking Lot	\$ 45,800.00
32-019	Cemetery Lane - Parking Lot	\$ 6,670.00
32-030	West Main Street - Old Graded School	\$ 890,640.00
34-015	West Main Street - Fire Department	\$ 2,171,190.00
34-024	Chemical Lane	\$ 29,700.00
ON-17-003-6	Route 103 West - Transfer Station	\$ 128,860.00



Town of Warner Tax Rate

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Municipal Rate per Thousand	\$9.29	\$10.28	\$9.15
County Rate per Thousand	\$2.56	\$2.48	\$2.66
Local School Rate per Thousand	\$15.27	\$17.10	\$17.31
State School Rate per Thousand	<u>\$1.30</u>	<u>\$1.86</u>	<u>\$1.77</u>
Total Rate per Thousand	\$28.42	\$31.72	\$30.89
Precinct Tax per Thousand	\$2.86	\$2.85	\$2.97





Town Clerk's Report

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In 2024, the Town Clerk's office said goodbye to Darcie Buskey, who decided to move on for the needs of her family. Eric Buck joined this office in August as the new Deputy Town Clerk.

Starting in 2025, for all elections: (1) you will need a Birth Certificate or Passport, Proof of Residency, and a Photo ID when registering to vote. (2) The Legislature passed HB1264 to require that every city, town, and school district which has adopted an official ballot system shall ensure the polling location for every election provides an All4One Accessible voting system to enable individuals with disabilities to have equal access to independent and private voting. (3) After much research and consultation with the Town Clerk, an Industry Representative, the Supervisors of the Checklist, and the Town Moderator, the Select Board decided to institute the use of electronic Poll Pads for Voter check in.

The DMV has allowed the Town Clerk's office to issue regular Antique and Veteran Plates. With the issuance of Veteran plates, the applicant must provide their DD form 214 or another form that shows honorable discharge from any branch of Armed Services.

General motor vehicle registration information to remember:

- A photo ID is required when transacting motor vehicle business.
- The original registration is required when transferring plates.
- Motor vehicle information is not public information; therefore, registration or proof of ownership is required when conducting a transaction.
- When conducting a renewal for someone other than yourself, the vehicle information must be provided.
- 20-day temporary plates are obtained at any New Hampshire State DMV location.
- Vehicle renewals and inspections may be completed up to 4 months early, with a current registration.
- When putting a vehicle in a Trust, the first and last page of the Trust must be presented along with the title.
- When registering a non-titled vehicle (1999 or older), a Bill of Sale and one of the following are needed:
 1. A copy of or the original title
 2. A copy of or the original previous owner's New Hampshire registration
 3. A "Verification of Vehicle Number" form, available at the Town Clerk's office or the State DMV website

The Town Clerk's Office also registers boats, off-highway road vehicles, snowmobiles, and processes fishing, hunting, and dog licenses. State law requires that all dogs 4 months or older must be licensed on or before April 30th every year, with updated rabies vaccination(s). This office fulfills Vital Records and Marriage License requests. A Notary Public service is available.

Lastly, the "Town Clerk" web page offers residents the following services online: renew registrations, dog licenses (if rabies are up to date) and request a certificate for a birth, marriage or death that occurred anywhere in New Hampshire. Payments online may be made using a credit/debit card or by ACH. Fees apply.

Our office hours are Monday and Thursday 8am – 4pm, Tuesday 8am – 6pm, and Wednesday 9am – 4pm. Tuesday nights, please use the door located on the side of the building as the entrance to our office. Please do not hesitate to call the office at (603) 456-2298 ext. 5 or 6, or email at townclerk@warnernh.gov when you have questions or need information. The fax number is (603) 456-2297. Eric and I look forward to helping you throughout the year. It is a pleasure to work for the residents of Warner.



Town Clerk's Report (cont.)

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$649,263.50
	Boat Permit Fees	995.28
	Off Highway Road Vehicle Permit Fees	—3,956.00
		\$654,214.78
3290	Dog Licenses	\$4,893.50
	Dog Fines	800.00
	Dog Penalties	108.00
	Marriage Application	600.00
	Candidacy Filing Fee	4.00
	UCC	1,320.00
	Vital Record Searches	2,100.00
	Misc License, Perm, Fees	514.76
	On Line Fee (MV)	478.00
	On Line Fee (Vitals, Dogs)	172.69
	Hunting and Fishing	—1,164.00
		\$12,154.95
	Other Misc Revenue	\$225.94
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	TOTAL:	\$666,595.67

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele L Courser

Town Clerk



Tax Collector's Report

Year Ending December 31, 2024

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Three notable transitions took place in the Tax Collector's Office in 2024.

First and foremost, Tax Collector Marianne Howlett retired after a remarkably impressive 43 years of service to the Town. Before departing, Marianne donated many additional days of her time to work along side the new Tax Collector, providing orientation, training and sage advice, thus ensuring a seamless transition. Thank you kindly, Marianne.

In March, there was also a change in the tax collection software. We transitioned from BMSI Financial Management Software to Avitar Collect. This was part of a broader transition which included a change in property assessing firms. The Town contracted Avitar Associates of New England for assessing services. We also purchased some of Avitar Associates' software modules, including Avitar Collect.

The transition from BMSI to Collect aligned with the change in Tax Collectors and, in accordance with RSA 41:36, an audit of the former Tax Collector's records. BMSI was locked down for viewing only and Collect was brought online the same day. It was a smooth transition thanks to Avitar Associates support personnel.

In Warner's Assessing Department, property data on ProVal, the property assessing software that had been used for years, was migrated to Avitar Associates' Assessing module. Assessing is where property cards and owner details are created and maintained by our Assessing Department. The module is also where tax warrants are generated. Avitar Collect imports data directly from Assessing, as needed.

The third change to the Tax Office was in regards to the Deputy Tax Collector position. Janice Cutting, who had supported Marianne for 17 years, stepped down and accepted the Deputy Treasurer role for the Town. James Sherman accepted the Deputy Tax Collector role, bringing with him extensive financial experience. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to both Janice and James for their contributions and service to the Town of Warner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberley Edelmann
Tax Collector



Tax Collector's Report

Year Ending December 31, 2024

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Debits

Uncollected Taxes @ Beginning of Year	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Property Taxes		\$449,481.04		
Land Use Change Tax				
Yield Taxes			\$4,678.75	
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes		\$240.12		
Property Tax Credit Balance				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				

Taxes Committed	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Property Taxes	\$10,477,377.96			
Land Use Change Tax	\$67,475.00			
Yield Taxes	\$23,524.48	\$475.18		
Excavation Tax	\$349.50			
Other Charges - NFS Fees		\$25.00		

Overpayment Refunds	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Property Taxes		\$4,159.58		
Land Use Change Tax				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$3,883.02	\$17,262.55	\$652.68	
Total Debits	\$10,572,609.96	\$471,643.47	\$5,331.43	\$0.00



Tax Collector's Report (cont.)

Year Ending December 31, 2024

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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Property Taxes	\$10,116,188.09	\$381,376.11		
Land Use Change Tax	\$57,425.00			
Yield Taxes	\$23,524.48	\$475.18	\$4,678.75	
Interest	\$3,833.02	\$16,166.60	\$652.68	
Penalties	\$50.00	\$1,212.50		
Excavation Tax	\$349.50			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien		\$63,240.57		
Other Charges - NFS Fees		\$75.00		

Abatements Made:	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Property Taxes	\$49,403.24	\$9,023.94		
Land Use Change Tax	\$2,050.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes - Interest		\$73.57		
Current Levy Deeded				

Uncollected Taxes @ End of Year	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Property Taxes	\$338,086.81			
Land Use Change Tax	\$8,000.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Penalties & Fees				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$26,300.18)			
Total Credits	\$10,572,609.96	\$471,643.47	\$5,331.43	\$0.00



Tax Collector's Report (cont.)

Year Ending December 31, 2024

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Lien Summary

Debits	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Unredeemed Liens @ Beginning of Year			\$78,347.74	\$29,363.84
Liens Executed During Year		\$68,403.62		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$121.32	\$8,698.58	\$7,673.46
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$68,524.94	\$87,046.32	\$37,037.30

Credits	2024	2023	2022	2021 +
Redemptions		\$5,757.61	\$45,208.73	\$28,942.94
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$121.32	\$8,816.58	\$7,751.46
BMSI Interest / Other Charges / Conversion Adjustment			\$354.00	\$193.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Balance End of Year		\$62,646.01	\$32,667.01	\$149.90
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$68,524.94	\$87,046.32	\$37,037.30

Total Uncollected Taxes - All Years	\$319,786.63
Total Unredeemed Liens - All Years	\$95,462.92

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15a)? **Yes**



List of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 2024

Parcel Identification	2023	2022	2021	Prior
Map 02, Lot 9	\$2,401.14			
Map 03, Lot 14	\$7,170.00			
Map 06, Lot 56	\$6,900.09	\$6,015.35		
Map 08, Lot 21	\$12,543.92	\$3,267.06		
Map 08, Lot 6		\$1,991.57		
Map 09, Lot 17	\$1,002.15			
Map 10, Lot 45	\$3,729.78	\$3,253.31		
Map 10, Lot 55, Sublot 1	\$3,833.96			
Map 11, Lot 44	\$599.01			
Map 14, Lot 16	\$768.88			
Map 16, Lot 41	\$5,231.84	\$4,561.95		
Map 21, Lot 2	\$5,575.46	\$4,861.31		
Map 22, Lot 5	\$92.68	\$84.60	\$79.95	\$69.95
Map 26, Lot 3	\$9,303.66	\$8,109.39		
Map 34, Lot 26	\$2,922.10			
Map ON-3, Lot 24, Sublot 22PLE		\$522.47		
Map ON-3, Lot 24, Sublot 44PLE	\$257.68			
Map ON-3, Lot 24, Sublot 54PLE	\$313.66			
Sub Totals	\$62,646.01	\$32,667.01	\$79.95	\$69.95
Total	\$95,462.92			
# of Properties per Levy Year	16	9	1	1



Report of the Town Treasurer

Statement of Income

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	Municipal \$2,336,814.12	Payroll \$32,191.81	Town Clerk \$2,185.00
Selectboard			
Payment in Lieu of Taxes			\$19,223.08
Business Licenses, Permits, and Filing Fees			
Building Permits			\$16,706.39
Shared Revenue			
Federal Grants & Reimbursements			
Meals & Room Tax			\$288,847.69
Highway Block Grant			\$131,939.73
Housing & Comm devlp-CDBG Grants			
State and Federal Forest Land Reimb.			\$2,312.68
Other Grants (EM, Hwy, TS, CC, Cops...)			\$18,661.80
Income from Departments			
Sale of Town Property			\$605,631.53
Interest on Investments			\$133,145.00
Rent of Town Property			\$30,010.92
Misc. Revenue			\$79,824.05
Trust and Agency Funds			
Solar Array State Grants & Reimbursements			
Franchise fees			\$25,576.67
ARPA Grant Funds			
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements			<u>\$1,442.56</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS - BOARD OF SELECTMEN			\$1,353,322.10
Town Clerk			
Motor Vehicle, Boat & OHRV Permit Fees			\$654,214.78
Other Agencies, Permits, and Fees			\$12,380.89
Miscellaneous Revenue (including NSF Fees)			\$-
Motor Vehicle Return / Rebate			<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS - TOWN CLERK			\$ 666,595.67



Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Tax Collector

2024 Property Tax	\$10,116,188.09
2024 Property Tax Interest	\$3,612.09
Property Tax - Prior Years	\$381,376.11
Property Tax Interest - Prior Years	\$12,216.05
2024 Land Use Change Tax	\$57,425.00
2024 Land Use Change Tax Interest	\$220.93
Land Use Change Tax - Prior Years	
Land Use Change Tax Interest	
2024 Timber Tax	\$23,524.48
Timber Tax - Prior Years	\$5,153.93
Timber Tax Interest	\$652.68
Property Tax Redemption	\$79,909.28
Property Tax Redemption Interest	\$16,689.36
Gravel Pit Excavation Tax	\$349.50
Gravel Pit Excavation Tax Interest	
Fees, Tax Lien	\$75.00
NSF Fees	<u>\$75.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS - TAX COLLECTOR **\$ 10,697,467.50**

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$12,717,385.27**

EXPENDITURES **\$12,715,822.00**

Deposited to Conservation Commission **\$57,645.93**

BANK STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Distributed as follows: Sugar River Bank

Municipal	Payroll	Town Clerk
\$3,029,737.37	\$9,380.16	\$1,001.00

Note: The financial reports for 2024 had not been audited at the time the Town Report went to press. This information is subject to change, due to errors and omissions.



Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

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BEAUTIFICATION FUND

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$5,288.90
Interest Earned	\$24.13
Deposits	\$650.00
Expenses	<u>\$(517.76)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$5,445.27

CHANDLER RESERVATION ACCOUNT CD

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$104,139.81
Interest Earned	\$4,713.97
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$108,853.78</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	

CHANDLER RESERVATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$33,534.19
Interest Earned	\$150.14
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$(573.00)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$33,111.33

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$87,468.01
Interest Earned	\$469.17
Deposits	\$57,645.93
Expenses	<u>\$(4,541.00)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$141,042.11

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$3,892.94
Interest Earned	\$17.61
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$3,910.55

NORTH ROAD TOWN FOREST

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$8,529.22
Interest Earned	\$38.57
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$8,567.79

PLANNING BOARD FEES ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$580.63
Interest Earned	\$2.63
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$583.26



Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

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PARKS & RECREATION ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$8,024.06
Interest Earned	\$38.58
Deposits	\$2,200.00
Expenses	<u>\$(728.16)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$9,534.48

Fire Department building

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$11,641.05
Interest Earned	\$22.12
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$(11,663.17)</u>
Balance on Deposit, June 16, 2024	\$-

Grant Funds

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$72,903.01
Interest Earned	
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$(57,084.28)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$15,818.73

Comet LLC.

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$521.74
Interest Earned	\$0.79
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$(522.53)</u>
Balance on Deposit, June 3, 2024	\$-

Solar Array

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$46,993.73
Interest Earned	\$213.47
Deposits	\$28,471.49
Expenses	<u>\$(29,134.20)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$46,544.49

Madgetech Escrow

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$776.92
Interest Earned	\$1.47
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$(778.39)</u>
Balance on Deposit, June 3, 2024	\$-

Road Construction Project Account

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$16,037.57
Interest Earned	\$105.33
Deposits	\$101,075.42
Expenses	<u>\$(66,125.32)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$51,093.00



Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

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Road Construction NHPDIP

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2024	\$1,965,000.04
Interest Earned	\$104,334.24
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$(208,000.00)</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$1,861,334.28

Tax Collector CC

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, November 14, 2024	\$5,000.00
Interest Earned	\$2.95
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$5,002.95

Town Hall CC

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, November 14, 2024	\$500.00
Interest Earned	\$0.29
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$500.29

DPW CC

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, November 14, 2024	\$500.00
Interest Earned	\$0.29
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$500.29

Timber Bond

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, May 20, 2024	\$229.00
Interest Earned	\$0.63
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2024	\$229.63



Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds Capital Reserves

As of December 31, 2024

Created	Capital & Expendable Funds	January 1, 2024	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawn	December 31, 2024
July 1, 2008	Bridge Repair / Replace	\$336,973.24	\$47,070.00	\$19,248.64	\$18,786.69	\$384,505.19
March 13, 2002	Cemetery ETF	6,225.64	-	28.15	-	6,253.79
March 1, 2015	DPW Facility Improvements	198,016.76	-	10,181.10	-	208,197.86
July 12, 2010	Dry Hydrants	17,790.93	-	822.68	-	18,613.61
March 13, 2013	Employee Health Insurance ETF	24,042.44	-	59.75	15,847.05	8,255.14
November 1, 2000	Fire / Rescue Vehicles	431,048.90	125,000.00	11,452.92	269,535.13	297,966.69
January 1, 2011	Firefighters Equipment	54,237.98	37,000.00	2,752.38	-	93,990.36
March 8, 2000	Forest Fire ETF	48,496.09	-	2,445.95	-	50,942.04
December 1, 1994	Highway Equipment	153,428.04	136,659.00	8,215.91	19,897.44	278,405.51
December 1, 2006	Highway Road Construction	357,714.58	-	18,675.96	-	376,390.54
March 1, 2017	Infrastructure Matching Funds	5,105.79	-	23.09	-	5,128.88
December 9, 2020	Kearsarge Mountain Alternate Rte.	12,089.74	-	54.66	-	12,144.40
March 1, 2015	Library Building	69,842.54	-	3,574.51	900.00	72,517.05
December 1, 1972	New Waterloo Equipment	11,805.24	-	53.38	-	11,858.62
December 9, 2020	Parks & Recreation	4,657.03	-	21.06	-	4,678.09
July 7, 2009	Police Vehicles	70,475.77	25,000.00	2,126.47	55,704.00	41,898.24
December 1, 2001	Property Revaluation	93,485.60	115,000.00	8,954.80	-	217,440.40
March 1, 2016	Records Preservation	24,912.66	20,000.00	90.22	15,971.15	29,031.73
July 1, 2008	Town Hall Improvements	51,054.46	-	1,024.90	-	52,079.36
July 11, 2011	Transfer Station Equipment	3,688.44	-	135.96	-	3,824.40
December 15, 2021	Transfer Station Facility Project	152,355.50	50,000.00	7,969.13	8,871.00	201,453.63
December 9, 2020	Transportation Improvement Grant	20,152.74	-	91.13	-	20,243.87
	Totals	\$2,147,600.11	\$555,729.00	\$98,002.75	\$405,512.46	\$2,395,819.40



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As of December 31, 2024

Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BALANCE 01/01/24	NEW FUNDS	Gain/Loss	TRANSF/ INCOME/ EXP	BALANCE 12/31/24
Various	Coal Hearth Cemetery	879.80	-	(13.92)	-	865.88
Various	Schoodac Cemetery	8,004.71	-	(126.75)	-	7,877.96
Various	Davisville Cemetery	12,428.91	-	(196.71)	-	12,232.20
Various	Lower Warner Cemetery	2,497.28	-	(39.53)	-	2,457.75
Various	Waterloo Cemetery	1,285.63	-	(20.29)	-	1,265.34
Various	Tory Hill Cemetery	1,147.70	-	(18.17)	-	1,129.53
Various	Melvin Cemetery	271.85	-	(4.33)	-	267.52
Various	New Waterloo Cemetery	33,996.41	1,400.00	(536.18)	-	34,860.23
Various	Pine Grove Cemetery	64,452.35	-	(1,179.87)	-	63,272.48
	SUBTOTAL	124,964.64	1,400.00	(2,135.75)	-	124,228.89
	Almoners of the Foster Currier Funds:					
02/24/1942	Currier, Walter S.	4,737.90	-	(69.55)	-	4,668.35
12/27/1897	Foster, John (1)	6,921.36	-	(101.59)	-	6,819.77
	Subtotal	11,659.26	-	(171.14)	-	11,488.12



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INCOME					TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	MARKET VALUE
BALANCE 01/01/24	Gross Income	MGMNT FEES	Transf/ In- come/ Exp	BALANCE 12/31/24		
94.16	36.69	(9.18)	-	121.67	987.55	1,213.22
857.44	333.99	(83.28)	-	1,108.15	8,986.11	11,039.58
1,325.11	518.33	(129.24)	-	1,714.20	13,946.40	17,133.37
267.53	104.21	(25.99)	-	345.75	2,803.50	3,444.14
134.74	53.53	(13.35)	-	174.92	1,440.26	1,769.38
123.00	47.90	(11.94)	-	158.96	1,288.49	1,582.93
31.26	11.42	(2.84)	-	39.84	307.36	377.60
3,460.19	1,433.14	(357.27)	-	4,536.06	39,396.29	48,398.96
18,038.39	3,108.80	(775.06)	-	20,372.13	83,644.61	102,758.71
24,331.82	5,648.01	(1,408.15)	-	28,571.68	152,800.57	187,717.89
129.10	179.71	(44.75)	(129.10)	134.96	4,803.31	5,900.94
188.59	262.54	(65.38)	(188.59)	197.16	7,016.93	8,620.41
317.69	442.25	(110.13)	(317.69)	332.12	11,820.24	14,521.35



2024 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2024

Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDI-TIONS	GAIN / LOSS	TRANSFERS/ WITH-DRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
	Library Funds					
09/09/1961	Andrews, Alice G	1,353.66	-	(19.88)	-	1,333.78
03/26/1929	Cheney, Perry H (2)	1,353.66	-	(19.88)	-	1,333.78
12/27/1897	Foster, John (2)	4,060.96	-	(59.60)	-	4,001.36
05/03/1974	Miner, Walter P	676.82	-	(9.94)	-	666.88
11/21/1958	Mitchell, Lawrence	270.73	-	(3.99)	-	266.74
03/10/1936	1/2 of Runels Fund income (2)	13,829.37	-	(207.96)	1,445.06	15,066.47
	Subtotal	21,545.20	-	(321.25)	1,445.06	22,669.01
	Kearsarge Regional High School Funds:					
01/01/1900	Ancient School Fund	829.81	-	(12.18)	-	817.63
11/04/1963	Clough, Zora	4,060.96	-	(59.60)	-	4,001.36
04/05/1870	Flanders, Phoebe	1,157.35	-	(16.99)	-	1,140.36
12/24/1946	Thompson, Arthur	10,523.45	-	(154.44)	-	10,369.01
03/10/1936	1/2 of Runels Fund income (1)	13,829.37	-	(207.96)	1,445.06	15,066.47
	Subtotal	30,400.94	-	(451.17)	1,445.06	31,394.83



2024 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2024

INCOME					TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	MARKET VALUE
BALANCE 01/01/24	Gross Income	Mgmnt Fees	TRANSF/IN- COME/ EXP	BALANCE 12/31/24		
36.89	51.34	(12.78)	(36.89)	38.56	1,372.34	1,685.94
36.89	51.34	(12.78)	(36.89)	38.56	1,372.34	1,685.94
110.66	154.03	(38.36)	(110.66)	115.67	4,117.03	5,057.84
18.45	25.69	(6.40)	(18.45)	19.29	686.17	842.97
7.36	10.27	(2.57)	(7.36)	7.70	274.44	337.15
560.85	541.00	(134.07)	(330.54)	637.24	15,703.71	19,292.25
771.10	833.67	(206.96)	(540.79)	857.02	23,526.03	28,902.09

22.58	31.48	(7.84)	(22.58)	23.64	841.27	1,033.51
110.66	154.03	(38.36)	(110.66)	115.67	4,117.03	5,057.84
31.55	43.88	(10.93)	(31.55)	32.95	1,173.31	1,441.43
286.71	399.15	(99.40)	(286.71)	299.75	10,668.76	13,106.74
560.84	541.00	(134.07)	(330.53)	637.24	15,703.71	19,292.25
1,012.34	1,169.54	(290.60)	(782.03)	1,109.25	32,504.08	39,931.77



2024 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2024

Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BALANCE 01/01/24	NEW FUNDS	Gain/Loss	TRANSF/ INCOME/ EXP	BALANCE 12/31/24
Simonds School Funds						
06/22/1993	Bartlett Trust Fund	50,540.51	-	(1,236.45)	-	49,304.06
Scholarship Funds						
02/17/1982	Warner Grange	5,409.40	-	(150.54)	-	5,258.86
03/10/1970	Willis, Edward S	35,088.21	-	(507.78)	-	34,580.43
	Subtotal	40,497.61	-	(658.32)	-	39,839.29
Miscellaneous Funds						-
03/26/1929	Cheney, Perry H (1)	1,347.37	-	(105.29)	-	1,242.08
12/05/1924	Neely, Robert S	13.06	-	(6.87)	-	6.19
01/01/1900	Parsonage Fund	502.21	-	(7.37)	-	494.84
01/01/1900	Public Land Fund	1,244.53	-	(18.27)	-	1,226.26
03/26/1926	Tewksbury & Trumbull	807.73	-	(71.58)	-	736.15
12/30/1940	Redington, Ida M Trust	18,201.39	-	(268.46)	-	17,932.93
01/01/1900	William D. Davis Savings	3,757.18	-	(96.68)	-	3,660.50
	Subtotal	25,873.47	-	(574.52)	-	25,298.95



2024 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2024

INCOME					TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	MARKET VALUE
BALANCE 01/01/24	Gross Income	Mgmt Fees	TRANSF/IN-COME/ EXP	BALANCE 12/31/24		
35,922.66	3,247.87	(809.99)	(450.00)	37,910.54	87,214.60	107,144.50
5,115.16	396.63	(98.89)	-	5,412.90	10,671.76	13,110.42
436.91	1,322.31	(330.04)	(700.00)	729.18	35,309.61	43,378.41
5,552.07	1,718.94	(428.93)	(700.00)	6,142.08	45,981.37	56,488.83

6,014.20	277.42	(69.19)	-	6,222.43	7,464.51	9,170.27
468.01	18.13	(4.49)	-	481.65	487.84	599.32
13.68	19.05	(4.75)	(13.68)	14.30	509.14	625.49
33.93	47.22	(11.75)	(33.93)	35.47	1,261.73	1,550.05
4,197.25	188.62	(47.01)	-	4,338.86	5,075.01	6,234.73
567.47	707.34	(176.33)	-	1,098.48	19,031.41	23,380.38
3,026.87	243.43	(60.96)	(516.54)	2,692.80	6,353.30	7,805.13
14,321.41	1,501.21	(374.48)	(564.15)	14,883.99	40,182.94	49,365.37

2024 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2024



Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BALANCE 01/01/24	NEW FUNDS	Gain/Loss	TRANSF/IN- COME/ EXP	BALANCE 12/31/24
	Runels Funds					
03/10/1936	Runels Fund - 1/2 to School, 1/2 to Library	46,291.19	-	-	-	46,291.19
12/30/1899	Fidelity Puritan f/b/o Runels Fund	11,404.29	-	3,224.37	(3,224.37)	11,404.29
	Subtotal	57,695.48	-	3,224.37	(3,224.37)	57,695.48
Maintenance & Repair						
01/01/1972	New Waterloo Cem Maint	7,697.42	-	(263.35)	-	7,434.07
12/31/1991	Davisville Cemetery Maint	1,548.86	-	(48.94)	-	1,499.92
	Subtotal	9,246.28	-	(312.29)	-	8,933.99
	Trust Funds Totals	372,423.39	1,400.00	(2,636.52)	(334.26)	370,852.61



2024 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2024

INCOME					TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	MARKET VALUE
BALANCE 01/01/24	Gross Income	Mgmt Fees	TRANSF/IN-COME/ EXP	BALANCE 12/31/24		
1,088.55	-	-	-	1,088.55	47,379.74	58,206.73
-	591.06	-	(591.06)	-	11,404.29	33,765.53
1,088.55	591.06	-	(591.06)	1,088.55	58,784.03	91,972.26
10,713.36	693.85	(172.99)	-	11,234.22	18,668.29	22,934.29
1,872.31	128.93	(32.15)	-	1,969.09	3,469.01	4,261.73
12,585.67	822.78	(205.14)	-	13,203.31	22,137.30	27,196.02
95,903.31	15,975.33	(3,834.38)	(3,945.72)	104,098.54	474,951.15	603,240.08



Town Warrant
For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Warner, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs, you are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Warner Town Hall in said Warner, NH on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next (2025) beginning at seven o'clock in the morning and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1:** To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year
- Article 2:** Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?
- Article 3:** Are you in favor of combining the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector to create a new office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector and to have the term of office be three years? If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting to choose a Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The Planning Board certifies the following amendment for consideration by the voters at the 2025 Warner Annual Town Meeting (full text of amendment posted for viewing at polling place):

- Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Town's Floodplain Development Ordinance: Amendments to Item I Definitions, Item IV Permit Required, Item VI Development Standards, and item VII Flood Elevation Determination, Flood-proofing Standards? This amendment is proposed by the Planning Board and was unanimously approved 7-0. It is necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, 6:00 PM

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- Article 5: **Town Operating Budget****
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,603,186.00 (Four million, six hundred three thousand, one hundred eighty-six dollars) as the 2025 Operating Budget for the general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

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- Article 6: **Citizen Petition****
Citizen Petition Article shall the Town of Warner modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1) Majority Vote Required.



Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

Article 7: Citizen Petition

Citizen Petition shall the Town of Warner vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, all Veterans' tax credits amount from \$500 to \$750? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$750, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit previously voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-2) Majority Vote Required.

Article 8: Citizen Petition

Shall the town vote to dissolve the Transportation Improvement Grant Capital Reserve Fund estimated to be \$20,243.87 and transfer fund balance with accumulated interest to date to Warner's General Fund. Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-2) Majority Vote Required

Article 9: Citizen Petition

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 3.8%? Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not recommended by the Budget Committee (6-2).

3/5 Majority Vote Required

Article 10: Citizen Petition

Shall the Town of Warner vote to revise the previously approved warrant article which diverts 100% of the land use tax to the Conservation Fund by reducing the amount diverted to 20%. The remaining 80% to be put in the Warner General Fund Balance. Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-2, 1 Abstain) Majority Vote Required



Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

Article 11: Citizen Petition Warner Tax Collector Compensation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,148 (Sixteen thousand, one hundred forty-eight dollars) consisting of additional wages of \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) and payroll taxes of \$1,148 (One thousand, one hundred forty-eight dollars) for the purpose of additional compensation for the Tax Collector. The estimated tax impact would be an increase of 5 cents. Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 12: Record Preservation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the Preservation of Town records? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 13: Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 14: Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 15: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into 'lease to purchase' agreement, in the amount of \$315,500.00 (Three-hundred Fifteen Thousand Five-hundred dollars) payable over a term of seven (7) years for a new highway grader? And to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,500.00 (Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the first annual (2025) payment for this lease agreement from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? The annual lease payment for this seven (7) year lease will be \$53,500.00 (Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars)



Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

Upon conclusion of this lease agreement the Town takes full ownership of the Grader for \$1.00 (One dollar) Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 16:

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into 'lease to purchase' agreement, in the amount of \$129,900.00 (One-hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine-hundred dollars) payable over a term of five (5) years for a new highway loader/backhoe? And raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,500.00 (Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the first annual (2025) payment for this lease agreement from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? The annual lease payment for this five (5) year lease will be \$29,500.00 (Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars).

Upon conclusion of this lease agreement the Town takes full ownership of the Loader/Backhoe for \$1.00 (One dollar) Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-1) Majority Vote Required

Article 17: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$265,000 (Two Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 18: Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-3) Majority Vote Required.



Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

Article 19: Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 20: Fire Fighters Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 (Thirty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Fire Fighters Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 21: Fire & Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Fire & Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 22: Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1) Majority Vote Required..

Article 23: Establish a Contingency Fund

Shall the Town vote to Establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the fund? This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance, not to be raised by taxation.

Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.



Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

Article 24: Employees Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Employees Expendable Trust Fund? This fund is used to partially reimburse participating town employees for deductible health expenses. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance, not to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-3) Majority Vote Required.

Article 25: Warner Community Center Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to establish a Warner Community Center Capital Reserve Fund to use for matching funds for grants to address safety issues, energy efficiency, ADA compliant bathrooms, the handicap ramp, and other improvements to the Warner Community Center? This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance, not to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-3) Majority Vote Required.

Article 26: Elderly Exemption

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Warner, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$128,400; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$179,760; for a person 80 years of age or older \$239,680. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$65,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$170,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.



Budget Committee

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The 2025 Budget process became a real challenge this year. The budget process involves three categories

- Operational Budget
 - Sole responsibility of the Budget Committee
- Capital Budget
 - Sole responsibility of the Board of Selectmen
- Revenue
 - Estimated for 2025

The goal of the Budget Committee was to develop a Operational Budget not to exceed a 3% increase over last year – base upon the inflation rate The Departmental/BOS budget come to us reflecting a 8.5% increase over last year....NOT ACCEPTABLE.

With diligence and perseverance, working with the Departments we are now able to come to the town with a .87% (less than 1%) increase over last year.....Good Work on everyone’s part .

The Capital Budget, that is the Sole Responsibility of the Board of Selectmen came in with a 14.9% over last year

And now for the Revenue:

I am always very conservative in projecting Revenue, and this year is no different. The projected revenue is estimated at \$1,346,300. The actual 2024 Revenue was \$2,106,378, but this included a \$600,000 win- fall of revenue from the Sale of the Cell Tower lease in 2024

The tax rate for the 2024/2025 period was reduced to \$9.15 as a one - time revenue windfall from the sale of the cell tower lease was applied by DRA in the tax calculation and maintaining that rate has become impossible and must be viewed as a **One Time Anomaly.**

If the Operating Budget and Capital Budget are approved at Town Meeting and the Revenue project is accurate (Remember I always are very conservative) the estimated Tax rate would be \$11.78

BUT

At the time of Tax setting by DRA and the BOS, in October 2025,the BOS can apply funds from the Fund Surplus to reduce the tax rate.

The actual tax rate applied in October 2025 will hinge on the application of funds from the Fund Balance Account and due diligence in expenditure management by the BOS and the Department Heads this year..

The Budget Committee would like to thank all the Department Heads, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and the Public for all their support during this process.

*Regards Michael Cutting
Chairman*

*Robert Blake * Ray Martin. * Alfred Hanson * Richard Bixby Jr.
* Harold Blanchette * William Hanson.*



Emergency Management

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Last year, I reported that the State of New Hampshire transitioned to a new emergency notification system, Genasys Protect. This system replaces the Code Red system and allows users to receive public safety messages from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety and the Town. To receive these messages, you must be registered. To register, visit the NH Department of Safety home page at <https://www.dos.nh.gov>.

I would like to personally thank Ron Piroso, Sr, Deputy Emergency Management Director, for his seven plus years of service as Warner's Deputy Emergency Management Director. Ron resigned at the end of 2024. He was always willing and able to step in during an emergency, especially when I traveled out of state. He will be missed.

I reported last year that the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and members of the public began meeting in the fall of 2023 to update Warner's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Town worked with the Central Regional Planning Commission to complete the update. Meetings were held in person at the Fire Station and via Zoom every two weeks, lasting 3 hours to complete the update. The draft plan was sent to the State in October for their review and then onto the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their review. I am happy to report that we received Formal Approval for Warner's Hazard Mitigation Plan on December 19, 2024. Visit the town's website to review the Plan. We are now eligible to receive State and Federal grants.

I would like to recognize members of the Hazard Mitigation Committee for all your efforts in updating Warner's Plan: Deputy Director Ron Piroso Sr., Police Chief Bill Chandler, Public Works Director Tim Allen, Health Officer Christopher Lopez, Warner Village Water District Ray Martin, Sugar River Bank Vice President Regional Branch Administrator and Town Treasurer Ginger Marsh, Public Participant John Leavitt, Tax Collector Kimberley Brown Edelmann, Library Director Nancy Ladd, Selectman Harry Siedel, Town Administrator Kathleen Frenette, Amy Gardner from United Church of Warner, Kenneth Cogswell from the Conservation Commission, and Stephanie Alexander from the Central Regional Planning Commission. Others that participated in one or more meetings include Warner Resident, Former Selectman, and Former Public Works Director Allan Brown, Warner Assessing Clerk Elizabeth Labbe, Zoning Board Chair Barbara Marty, Warner Resident Martha Mical, Warner Selectboard Chair Michael Smith, Friends of Lake Sunapee Rail Trail Director Tim Blagden, and Bradford Emergency Management Director Bryan Nowell.

Are you aware that there are updated draft Floodplain maps for Warner and the surrounding communities? Back in 2023, FEMA issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Study for Merrimack County. The study proposes new flood maps for Merrimack County communities including Warner. There are 22 draft flood maps for Warner. If you live along the Warner River, or another water body, it is recommended that you review the changes to the proposed maps. In 2025, FEMA will open a 90-day comment period to allow communities and the public to comment on the proposed changes. Once the maps are adopted, Warner will be required to utilize the updated maps when reviewing building



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permits and proposed subdivisions and site plans. You can go to FEMA's website to review the existing and proposed changes at:

<https://hazards-fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5852ea902db44e55bfce395799315f9c>

Warner is currently working on completing a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant application to replace the culvert pipe on Schoodac Rd. at Barkley Brook. Public Works Director Tim Allen and I are working through questions on portions of the application. The box culvert design and permits were completed in 2023. This is a 75% federal share with a 25% Town share. It is hoped that we will hear if our application is approved in early 2025

Late in 2023, an Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) application was submitted for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) equipment; two laptop computers, one desktop computer and an OWL. The town received grant approval in March. All equipment has been received and Warner did receive the re-imbursement funds (\$7,294.22) in December.

The Emergency Management Team continues to exercise our local plan. We did hold an EOC activation drill in March of 2024. NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management personnel facilitated this drill. This was the first time that Warner assembled team members to activate our EOC. Plans are in the works to hold additional training and drills in 2025.

To help you prepare for an emergency, please consider the following:

- Have you signed up for Warner Alerts? See the Town's web site to sign up. This is your source for posted items relating to emergencies. Items that have been posted include road closures, downed power lines, water emergencies, and warming center information.
- Do you have a family emergency plan, seventy-two hours of food, water, and medicine available in the event of a disaster? For information, please go to ReadyNH.gov, or contact me. Additionally, this website allows people to sign up for emergency alerts or download the app on your phone.

Many thanks to the Board of Selectmen, all Town Departments, individuals, and organizations involved with emergency management for your continued support and cooperation during the year. By continuing to work together, we will be better prepared when disaster strikes.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Mical

Director



Highway Department

I would like to begin by thanking the staff at the Highway Department for all they do. Every year brings a new plate full of issues and this crew rises to the occasion no matter what. Thank You.

2024 was once again a very busy year. In January and February, mother nature gave us nineteen snow, sleet, or freezing rain events. Nothing big, but they were time consuming. In March, we dealt with eleven snow events and while there was nothing excessive, it sometimes takes just as long to clean up one or two inches as it does a foot. In November and December, we dealt with another eight snow, sleet, or freezing rain events for a total of thirty-eight events for the 2024 season. We used 814 tons of salt and 3,000 yards of sand to get to the goal post. Glad to see Spring arrive.

In March, between storms, we cut some brush, did some road repairs to dry up some mud, and removed some trees on Flanders Rd., Waldron Hill, Kirtland St., and Couchtown Rd. These trees were removed for safety reasons and to correct some drainage issues. In April, we went into cleaning mode, washing trucks and equipment, snowplows and sanders, and getting the street sweeper ready to start cleanup of winter sand downtown. We posted Class V roads to 6-ton load limits and Class VI roads for no wheeled vehicles during mud season. As things dried, we started road grading and gravel as needed. While things were drying out from Springtime thaw, we moved to Fred Hill's pit on the Plains Road to screen out 2,500 yards of winter sand to replenish our pile.

In May, we concentrated on street sweeping downtown and precinct. We had some roadside ditch repairs to make on Connors Mill, Tom's Pond, East Joppa, and Horne St from some spring rain wash. We started some road grading and roadside ditching (Horne Street, Bagley, Collins), culvert cleaning about town, and moving winter sand to stockpile at shop.

For June, most of the month consisted of general maintenance – road grading and applying crushed gravel, roadside ditching (Retreat, Howe Lane, Ladd Lane,) and finishing moving winter sand from Hill's pit to highway facility.

July was spent doing some culvert work on various roads (Ladd Lane, Horne Street, and North Village). The 48" pipe which was replaced on Ladd Lane was salvaged from box culvert project on Red Chimney. At the end of July, we started the North Village and Chemical Road project. We stripped the hot-top off both bridge decks and resealed the decks and repaved. Along with that we reclaimed North Village and repaved. We fixed all the drainage manholes and added new grates. We did the same to Chemical Rd. and improved the intersection at the end. We also spent some time on gravel roads grading and graveling about town.

In August, GMI Asphalt came to town to do an 8" reclaim of North Road from Rt 103 to #101. This process grinds the existing hot-top and mixes it in with existing road base material. This allows for regrading and shaping, adding material where needed and compaction. Once that was done, they paved with 2 ½" of base hot-top. Once the base



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sits through the winter and we see if any settling exists, then the topcoat will be applied. Once these paving projects were done, we went to work finishing up shoulders, ditch lines, topsoil, and seeding on these particular projects.

In September we once again did mostly general maintenance, with the mowing tractor out and about, road grading and graveling. In mid-September, the box culvert project was started on Red Chimney.

In October, the mowing tractor continued work on the West side of Town, we replaced cross culverts on the Couchtown dirt section and North Road. We spent two weeks about Town removing rocks and ledge in ditch lines about Town that trucks have been banging off for years past snow removal.

In November and December, we finished up any and all projects and made sure salt and sand supplies were stocked for winter. We prepared equipment to be ready for another winter.

Respectfully submitted

Timothy W. Allen – Director of Public Works.



Overseer of Public Welfare Report

The Human Services Office (Welfare) Warner complies with the State of NH Guidelines in meeting the responsibility as outlined in RSA 165, which states “Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town.”

In 2024, the Federal Government and State of NH terminated many rental assistance categories, which will result in an increase of expenses to the Town of Warner for the year 2025. Despite the lack of State and Federal subsidies, we continued to focus our attention on utilizing additional sources of financial support from the agencies, as well as to encourage applicants’ family members to play a larger role in the effort to help these applicants and their dependents achieve financial self-sufficiency.

We want to extend our appreciation to several non-profit organizations who generously contributed gift cards, food pantry supplies, and various other needs they met.

Casework assistance continued for our community members who needed help avoiding the many hardships related to job or housing searches, budgeting and money management, providing documentation to the State of NH for further help, or finding opportunities to further their job skills.

As usual, special thanks go out to the Warner Food Pantry, Community Action Program (CAP) and several other charitable organizations for their significant assistance in providing administrative services to those not equipped to complete various applications for Medicare and elderly related issues.

The Human Services Department is located at 49 West Main Street, Community Center Building.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Labbe, she/her
Overseer of Public Welfare*

2024 Major Assistance Breakdown				
Administration	Housing/ Shelter Direct assist	Health Agencies and Hospitals	Total paid for 2024	Over expended- 2024
\$1,400	\$37,292	\$10,606	\$71,205	\$21,907

Total 2024 Budgeted-\$49,248.00 including payroll, office supplies and other items not listed above.



The Journey of Celebrating 250 Years of History



At the March 2023 town meeting we sang, “Happy Birthday to Warner” as an announcement for celebrating our 250th year in 2024. We highlighted our 250th history in December 2023 at the Festival of Trees featuring past images of Warner’s history. January brought a dessert social and a slide show history. The public could purchase lawn signs and magnets. We thank R.C. Brayshaw & Co. for their donation to the printing of the lawn signs. People were encouraged to pick up posters at several locations in town to take photographs of their “Favorite Corner of Warner.” These images were posted online throughout the year. We encourage the public to continue taking photographs and sharing their images.



February brought the snow train program and spaghetti dinner at the town hall. We celebrated Winter Carnival Day with Simonds Elementary School with a slide show, cocoa, and s’more cookies. We sang “Happy Birthday” again at the opening of the town meeting. “It Had to Be Done, So I Did It” the dramatic reading of the Warner Women’s Oral History program, was performed at the church in April.



Jim McLaughlin hand carved four beautiful signs for the Waterloo and Dalton covered bridges and they were unveiled during “Spring into Warner”. Ginger Marsh and her team created a large beautiful white three-tiered cake that graced the lawn of Sugar River Bank from May through September and was our float for the Fall Foliage Festival parade.



The Warner Historical Society held a Community Conversation entitled, “Why Warner” for people to share their stories about why they chose to live here, or why they did not leave? The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum had an exhibit about “Local Native American Artifacts Then and Now.” The Warner



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Historical Society's summer exhibit featured an overview of Warner's history and celebrated that history with eight newly quilted wall hangings for a fundraiser. Nick's Other Band drew a huge audience at Jim Mitchell Park and was organized by Penny Courser and sponsored by Weaver Brothers, Inc. A Main Street scavenger hunt created by Sara McNeil, Melissa St. Pierre, Kathy Inman, Nancy Cogswell, and Kendra Senor was held during the month of August sending adults and children exploring up and down the street. The Lower Warner Meeting House hosted the annual United Church of Warner church service and was open for tours in August.

A pancake breakfast was served for Maple Weekend and July 4th along with a "Red, White & Blue" bake sale. September brought the town picnic at Riverside Park and music by the Hopkinton Town Band to celebrate Incorporation Day. It was sponsored by Greenleaf Irrigation and GRVL Cycling. Caleb Parsons gave a heartfelt reading of Warner's Incorporation document from September 3, 1774. We also had a book discussion about Walter Harriman's "History of Warner". The Fall Foliage Festival parade theme was Happy Birthday to Warner. We celebrated Veteran's Day with the American Legion Post and a visit from crew members of the USS Kearsarge. Ted Young presented a history of the Wilkins, Cloues, Bigelow, Pearson Post #39. Terry Hathaway again decorated our tree for the Festival of Trees with a forward look at Warner's 300th anniversary.

The National Society for NH Covered Bridges published a beautiful color booklet about Warner's covered and railroad covered bridges. Mary Cogswell produced a Warner coloring

book. Warner, NH: 1880-1974 town history was reprinted with the addition of over sixty new photographs. These books are available at the





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Warner Historical Society, Sugar River Bank and MainStreet BookEnds.

Henniker Brewing Co. produced a Hometown Double Brown Ale with a Sester centennial beer tap. With the help of Kim Nolan and Denise Green, we created a 250th t-shirt and Queena Love Anderson Bousquet made key rings with our logo and the town seal.



We closed our celebration with the Winter Solstice event at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum with a slide show of events through the year, the reading of seasonal books by Miss Sue, and refreshments.

These events were accomplished with the support of town funds, monies raised during our events, and volunteer support. The committee thanks Caleen Fisher, Kathy Shifrin and Reed's North for their contribution and hard work to put on our spaghetti dinner and the July 4th pancake breakfast. A thank you to Dunkin Donuts for the coffee. I especially thank the committee of Nancy Eastman, Penny Courser, Ralph Elwell, Anastasia Glavas, Terry Hathaway, Sue Jenna, Ginger Marsh, Charlie Trowbridge, Ted Young, Abbey Strauss, and Christine Frost who faithfully met the second Thursday of the month and came with a sense of humor, energy, and great ideas.





Warner Fire and Rescue Report

On behalf of the members of Warner Fire and Rescue, I would like to extend our appreciation for the continued support of the Town. I would also like to thank the Warner Highway and Police Departments for their continued support this past year, their assistance is greatly appreciated.

We had 530 incidents in 2024, which was a welcomed decrease from 2023 call volume.

Type	2023	2024
Fire	20	23
Rescue & Emergency Medical	408	312
Hazardous Condition	19	36
Good Intent & Service Calls	112	120
False Alarm & False Calls	42	39
Total	601	530

We brought on new members Elizabeth Labbe and Joe Mulcahy. Elizabeth was an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and obtained her Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) this year and has hit the ground running, responding to many of our calls. Joe works for the Highway Dept. and is a welcome addition to Fire and Rescue.

The Department reminds residents to clearly mark their homes with the street number so we can find it quickly in the event of an emergency. The Warner Firefighters Association orders and sells custom house number plaques and we have had some great interest in this. See the Town website for further information.

We also urge residents to maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their homes for their safety.

It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as fire chief and I wish to extend my personal thanks to our department members for all that they do for the department and community. Without the dedication and support of the members and their families, we would not be able to provide this level of service to the Town.

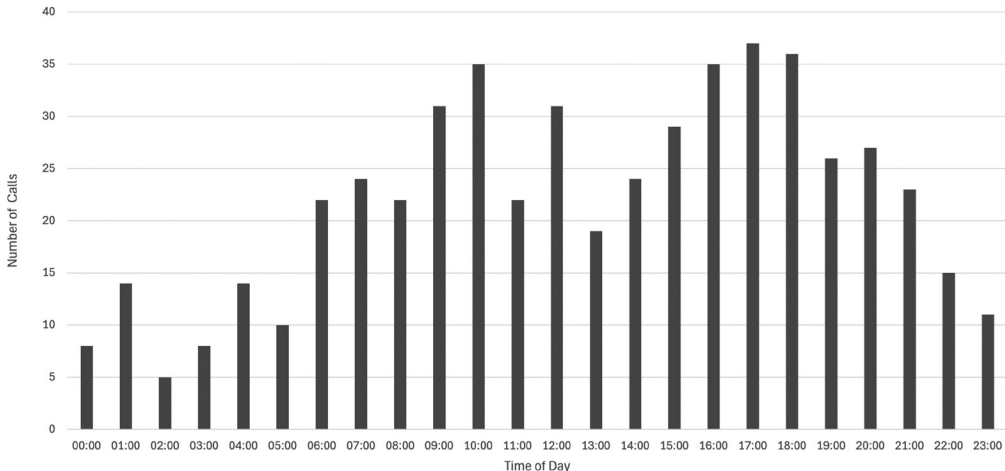
Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan D France
Fire Chief*

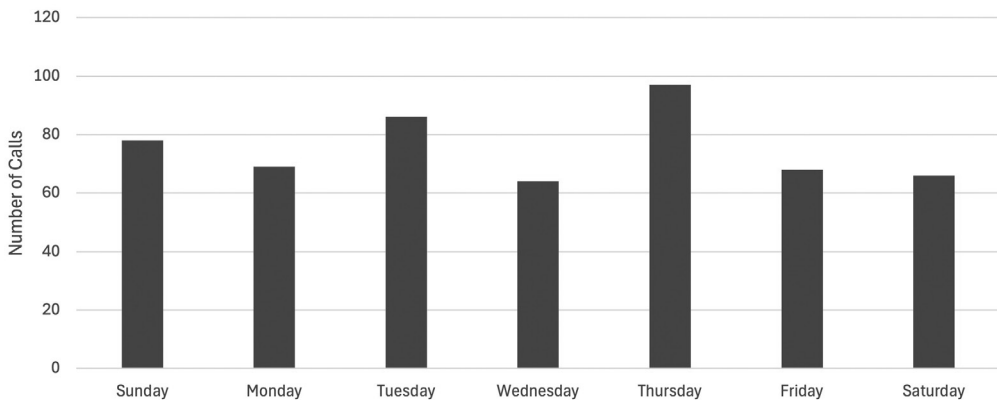


Warner Fire and Rescue Report (cont.)

Calls by Time of Day
2024



Calls by Day of Week
2024





Capital Mutual Aid Annual Report

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The 2024 annual report is prepared for the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact as a summary of general activities and events occurring through December 31, 2024. It is also provided to the Town offices of the Compact's member communities for information and distribution as desired.

The Compact serves 24 communities in 4 counties. The Compact's operational area is 852 square miles with a resident population of 148,491. The Equalized Property Valuation in the area we protect is over 27.7 billion dollars. We also conduct mutual aid responses with communities beyond our member area.

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

The 2024 Compact operating budget was \$ 1,610,710. Funding for all Compact operations is provided by the member communities. We continue to apply for State and Federal Grant Funds when possible. During 2024 work continued to secure funding to replace our aging radio system. We worked with our consultant, met with State Senators, continued discussions with our federal congressional delegation and worked with NH Homeland Security. We were fortunate to secure \$1,248,750 in ARPA funding during 2024. We completed an RFP and have solicited interested vendors. They have made their submissions, and we anticipate choosing a vendor and beginning work on the system early in 2025.

The Compact and Hazmat Team have received over 5.2 million dollars in grant funding since 1999 (1,322,997 during 2024 alone!). These funds have been used for communications improvements, training, and equipment. The direct benefit that your community has realized from these grants is made possible by your participation in the regional service that we provide.

We relocated our offices early in 2024 to 25 Triangle Park Drive when the State chose not to renew our old lease. The new facility has been a significant upgrade.

In March, Jen Beetz was promoted to Concord Fire Department Captain and Dispatch Center Supervisor. She has been providing excellent service to the Compact in her new position.

During 2023 an order was placed to secure a Class B foam response unit and a supply of Class B foam for all Compact fire agencies. This project was funded by a 2022 Homeland SHSP program grant. This grant will improve our ability to respond to flammable liquid fires. The new foam replaces legacy foam which was determined to be an environmental and health hazard. We received the remainder of our foam during 2024, and the application equipment and foam trailer arrived in July 2024.

On December 22, 2022, the communications tower that we lease space on in Pembroke was destroyed, along with all of our tower mounted equipment when an adjacent tower was blown over in heavy winds. After extensive negotiations with the site management company, regulators and insurance companies, a new tower was finally erected during 2024. Our damaged equipment was replaced through a settlement with the company that owned



Capital Mutual Aid Annual Report (cont.)

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the tower that knocked ours down and with the assistance of our own insurance company. After a long period without this critical communications site, we finally went online there in September 2024. We also moved our radio equipment on Craney Hill in Henniker from the old fire tower to a new communications tower that Henniker constructed.

In December, we received a grant to transition the Compact website and emails to a .gov platform to improve our cybersecurity. We are working with The Overwatch Foundation, and Primex (our insurer) to implement software changes, hardware improvements, and policies to bolster our cybersecurity. This has been a great program, and I would encourage all of our member Towns to pursue this grant-funded program.

Our dispatch center is the primary contact for the NH Statewide Mobilization Plan. If a large incident occurs in the State, we organize task force and strike team level responses to the affected area. During 2024 we worked with other dispatch centers in NH on activations to a large fire involving fuel transport trucks in Epping, a significant building fire at a large structure on a very cold night in Sunapee, supplemental emergency responders and equipment for the large gathering at the solar eclipse in Pittsburg, and large brush fires in Mason and Brentwood.

Under the leadership of Deputy Chief Newbery, the Compact has significantly improved our training offerings to our member communities. Programs presented during 2024 included: two forest fire exercises, a Hazmat Train-the-Trainer program, two training sessions on our new foam trailer, presentations from Until and Eversource regarding power outages and restoration, three lithium-ion battery emergency response classes, Incident Command for active shooter exercise, Incident Command at live fire training at Concord FD training grounds, Training from NH Department of Emergency Management regarding working with their liaison staff, a 3-day propane emergency response course. The Deputy delivered Emergency Response Guidebooks to all of our agencies and prepared a presentation on the use of the ERG that is available on the Compact website for all agencies to use.

The Central New Hampshire Hazmat Team represents 59 Capital Area and Lakes Region communities and is ready to assist or respond to hazardous materials incidents in our combined areas. The Team responded to 21 hazmat incidents during 2024. The long-term Chief of the Team, Tony Manning retired during 2024, and Mick Costello has taken on the leadership role for the Team.

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

A detailed activity report by town/agency is attached. I invite anyone with questions or comments to contact me. I thank all departments for their cooperation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Keith Gilbert, Chief Coordinator*

CAPITAL AREA FIRE COMPACT



Capital Mutual Aid Annual Report (cont.)

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

<i>2024 Incidents vs. 2023 Incidents</i>			
Town	2023 Incidents	2024 Incidents	% Change
Allenstown Fire Department	884	966	9.3%
Boscawen Fire Department	281	332	18.1%
Bow Fire Rescue Department	1,096	1,046	-4.6%
Bradford Fire Rescue Department	193	249	29.0%
Canterbury Fire Department	342	386	12.9%
Chichester Fire-Rescue Department	547	610	11.5%
Concord Fire Department	10,378	10,282	-0.9%
Deering Fire Rescue Department	265	321	21.1%
Dunbarton Fire Department	265	288	8.7%
Epsom Fire Rescue Department	1,161	1,098	-5.4%
Henniker Fire Department	1,142	1,238	8.4%
Hillsboro Fire Department	1,281	1,287	0.5%
Hooksett Fire Department	2,630	2,625	-0.2%
Hopkinton Fire Department	1,372	1,380	0.6%
Loudon Fire Department	923	1,026	11.2%
Northwood Fire & Rescue Department	771	843	9.3%
Pembroke EMS	1,379	1,154	-16.3%
Pembroke Fire Department	342	425	24.3%
Penacook Rescue	1,094	1,223	11.8%
Pittsfield Fire Department	1,011	953	-5.7%
Salisbury Fire & Rescue Department	152	198	30.3%
Warner Fire & Rescue Department	601	530	-11.8%
Washington Fire & Rescue Department	207	186	-10.1%
Weare Fire Rescue Department	839	931	11.0%
Webster Fire Department	219	227	3.7%
Windsor (*)	no data	44*	
Grand Totals	29,375	29,804	1.5%

(*) The town of Windsor is covered by Hillsboro Fire Department. Windsor incidents are included in Hillsboro's totals.

Agency	2024
Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact Coordinators	189
Central NH Hazmat Team	21



Police Department

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I wish to thank and commend my staff for their hard work and commitment to the department and community.

I also wish to thank the Selectboard, Town Administrator, Fire Department and Highway Department for their valued support and assistance throughout the year.

Our department currently has two vacant, full-time police officer positions that we are in the process of filling. These positions have been part of the staff and were established over twenty-five years ago in an effort to ensure adequate police services to the community.

Unfortunately, Police Departments throughout the state are experiencing a significant decline in police officer recruitment and retention. Many police departments are greatly understaffed and are facing the same challenges. We are actively working toward filling these positions while retaining high standards in the recruitment process to ensure that we do our best to hire the appropriate candidate for the job.

Our department has received positive feedback regarding our digital radar speed signs that were implemented through a grant last year. These signs have played a part in positively influencing driver behavior in reducing speed. With assistance from the Highway Department, we have been periodically relocating our two mobile signs to various areas of concern throughout the town and will continue to do so.

I wish to remind all residents to feel free to sign up with our department for Vacation House Checks. If you are planning to be out of town or away on vacation for a period of time, your home will be checked during patrols to ensure that it is safe and secure. This form can be located on the town website, or you can contact our department directly.

Our department continues to provide fingerprinting, that may be required for employment or volunteer work, to all town residents.

We continue to encourage anyone who observes anything suspicious to contact the police.

“If You See Something, Say Something.”

I wish to thank the residents and businesses of Warner for their continued support and assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

*William E. Chandler
Chief of Police*



Police Department (cont.)

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ACTIVITY ANALYSIS 2024

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
ACCIDENTS	52	28
ASSIST MOTORISTS	56	33
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS	72	100
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	312	94
<u>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>255</u>
 <u>OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY</u>		
INVESTIGATIONS	462	332
DEPARTMENT ASSISTS	408	348
WARRANTS	10	4
ARRESTS	35	20
<u>TOTAL ACTIVITY</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>704</u>
 <u>DISPATCH USAGE/CALLS</u>	 <u>2663</u>	 <u>1830</u>



Pillsbury Free Library

2024 Report of Chair and Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

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Thank you to our community of patrons, staff, volunteers, visitors, local businesses, and the Circle of Friends for making 2024 another successful year at Pillsbury Free Library!

We extend our sincere gratitude to the families of Anna Allen and Betty Proulx who named Pillsbury Free Library as a possible donation site in lieu of flowers. Their thoughtfulness will live on in the additions to our collections and improvements to the Children’s Room, including reupholstering the loveseat Mrs. Allen, when she was children’s librarian, selected for families to read to their littles.

While the annual town tax allotment to the library has been less than necessary to cover costs, we appreciate those who have donated their time and money. The gifts and earnings from book sales and events allow continued additions to our collection of books, periodicals, videos, and more, as well as supporting online access to resources.

Volunteer gardeners worked with Pellettieri Associates, Inc., which donated staff time and mulch to beautify our landscape. The Circle of Friends identified a solution to better accommodate gatherings in the nonfiction room: The large, heavy table is being replaced with two small tables that can more easily be moved.

While the HVAC system of energy-efficient mini split heat pumps has enabled us to finetune heating and cooling, we continue to explore solutions that will further reduce energy costs while helping to maintain comfortable temperatures. The library is often used by residents as a cooling or warming place when temperatures spike or plummet.

Our staff has once again outdone itself with service to every visitor to our library—even successfully navigating a First Amendment Audit. Our children’s librarian has added an occasional Saturday story hour to accommodate working families, and continues to offer weekly story times, summer activities, and the spring play.

The bike clinic was a huge success, and will once again be offered this spring. The Trustees’ Programming Committee is always on the lookout for ideas and welcomes your input into what you’d like to see offered at your library.

We appreciate the more than 1,000 online subscribers to the weekly e-newsletter, which has become an invaluable community resource. We thank Nancy Ladd, Library director, for continuing with the newsletter that she launched during the pandemic.

Thank you for helping make Pillsbury Free Library a valued part of our delightful town!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Pillsbury Free Library Board of Trustees,

*Dana Myskowski, Chair
Michael S. Simon, Vice Chair*



Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report

Library Activities and Statistics

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2024 programs included both online and in person offerings, including NH Humanities Genealogy programs, an Earth Day bike clinic and lamp repairs, a monthly book group, sewing events and a Narcan training. Reed's North kindly hosted a "Warner Wednesday" fundraiser and "Bingo" night with a Banned Books theme.

The Circle of Friends and other volunteers assisted with our two major fundraiser events, the Indoor Spring Flea Market and Fall Foliage Festival Book and Bake sale, and the Circle also organized a delightful evening with presentations from two Warner artists and an author, in April.

Children's Librarian Sue Matott held 114 programs including weekly story hours, monthly after school crafts including several in cooperation with NH Telephone Museum, seasonal school visits, and a monthly Pokemon group. Sue's 2024 children's play was *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, with help from Chris Martiello. The "Adventure Begins at the Library" Summer Program's participating children read 949 books and chapters in 6 weeks! Our youth volunteer was Autumnne-Nikole Bryant. Summer guest presentations included Matt Esenwine, NH Author Kari Allen, and a river biology program with Linden Rayton of Living Water Nature Programs.

Our two sound muffling "privacy booths" continue to be busy for online tutoring, telehealth, Zoom chats, and as study space. Copy and scanning services, tax forms, Wi-Fi, and computers are used often. Free Downloadable books and magazines, Kanopy movie service, Transparent Language Online, and genealogy database are still available, as well as a weekly Community Newsletter emailed to over 1070 people.

We thank both Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and N.H. Telephone Museum for donating passes to add to our museum and State Park pass offerings. In 2025 we will be using some of our special trust funds to add more museum passes to our list (such as New England Aquarium and Museum of Science in Boston).

New to the library for lending is a Telescope, donated by the New Hampshire Astronomical Society, and we also have sewing machines, a selfie stick, and Kill-a-Watt meters in our "Library of Things".

Thank you to Dimentech.com for free hosting of our <https://warner.lib.nh.us> website and emails. In 2025 we will be moving to a new website and domain, with huge thanks to Nathan Kendrick who has spent countless hours setting up the new WordPress site.



Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report (cont.)

Library Activities and Statistics

2024 Pillsbury Free Library Statistics

CIRCULATION (checkouts)	2023	2024
Adult books (incl. eBooks*)	6338	5896
Children's / YA books	8594	8613
Magazines (incl. Online)	675	1325
Audio/video (incl. Online*)	5469	5670
Puzzles, games, equipment	N/A	153
Total	21076	21657

***Some digital books are children's titles but we cannot count them separately.**

COLLECTION SIZE	Owned 12/2023	Added 2024	Removed 2024	Owned 12/2024
Books and bk/CD sets	28382	672	571	28483
eBooks on readers**	14	0	0	14
Audiobooks on CD**	544	6	6	544
Music (CD)	94	0	0	94
Video/DVDs*	2613	34	19	2628
Magazine/news subscriptions**	32	0	2	30
Microfilm	107	0	0	107
Other (Kits, puzzles, games)	57	4	0	61
Total	31843	716	598	31961

**** Plus digital movies, e-books, audio books, and e-magazines available with card.**

Library Offerings	Usage /Attendance	Details
Library Cards	679 used in library	New: 118 , Removed: 417 , Total cards Dec. 31: 2411
Library Visits	10111 visits	Adult areas plus children's section - some duplication.
Digital Borrowing	186 patrons active	3767 audio books, 1649 e-books, and 1111 e-magazines
Computers	307 times used	Plus wireless use both inside and outside the building
Equipment Borrowed	31 times used	Projector, screen, media players,
Interlibrary Loans	1495 items shipped	829 items borrowed, 666 lent to other libraries
Children's Programs	114 programs	2462 total attendance
Adult Programs	32 programs	1077 total attendance
Frank Maria Meeting Rm	143 times used	By local groups and the library for programs and meetings
Privacy Booths	83 times used	Plus many personal laptop uses at tables etc
Weekly e-Newsletter	1070 subscribers	Plus 30 printed copies per week



Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report (cont.)

Library Activities and Statistics

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New items and news are posted on **Instagram @pillsburylib** and **Facebook.com/PillsburyFreeLibrary**. Lists of new books are also available in print and in the online catalog. Contact us to find out how to request items, or for suggestions on what to borrow! Useful links, tips, and community news are published in our weekly **Warner e-newsletter**. Subscribe and/or read back issues on the Library website.

As always, a huge thank you to my co-workers (Sue, Roger, Casey and Marcia), our Trustees, The Circle of Friends, volunteers Nan Cogswell, Sally Metheany, Marcia Moyer, Linda Hartman, Jacoby Carr, Shawna Murdough, Susan Jenna, Ellen Wirth, Jim McLaughlin, and the many others who helped with various projects in 2024.

Most of all, thank you to library users for your friendly library visits, kind comments and financial donations. We look forward to seeing even more of you in the future!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ladd, Library Director



Pillsbury Free Library Funds Report

Pillsbury Free Library Report of 2024 Income and Expenses

January to December 2024

Income

Copier/Printer Income	\$	980.92
Donations, Grants, and Rebates *	\$	25,232.67
Fines & Fees	\$	587.01
Government, State and Local **	\$	218,360.10
Interest Income	\$	19,866.41
Trusts, Town for Library	\$	771.10
Transfers from Capital Reserves ***	\$	900.00
refund for 2023 bank error	\$	200.00

Total Income \$ **266,898.21**

Expenses

Copier/Printer Expenses	\$	1,394.92
Capital Expenses	\$	-
Collections (Books, passes, online resources)	\$	14,885.85
Special purpose Donations/Grants Expended	\$	2,880.22
Programs & Operating Expenses ****	\$	9,362.75
Personnel	\$	198,780.82
Building Maintenance and Operations	\$	19,816.63

Total Expenses \$ **247,121.19**

Net Income/Expense \$ **19,777.02**

Notes

- * Includes Misc. Credits, adjustments and Other Income
- ** 1/15th of 1% of Assessed value of Town.
- *** For previous year capital expenses final HVAC exp.

The Board of Trustees are grateful to all who have contributed financial support through donations. A special thank you to the Circle of Friends, for assisting with fundraising activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael K. Brown, Treasurer
Jan Gugliotti, Assistant Treasurer



Pillsbury Free Library Treasurer's Report

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	<u>Balance 1/1/24</u>	<u>Deposits**</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/24</u>
<u>Library Trust Funds</u>				
Eleanor Cutting Fund	\$41,139.33	\$2,193.16		\$43,332.49
Frank Maria Fund	\$7,952.13	\$51.98		\$8,004.11
Mary Martin Children's Fund	\$6,439.24	\$40.92		\$6,480.16
Lloyd & Annie Cogswell Fund	\$29,160.26	\$1,558.25		\$30,718.51
Richard & Mary Cogswell Fund	\$118,692.20	\$5,128.98	\$901.94	\$122,919.24
J&J Hand Fund	\$2,010.35	\$1,013.49		\$3,023.84
Ida Redington Fund	\$16,854.08	\$250.12		\$17,104.20
Carol Pletcher Fund	\$102,497.69	\$5,477.15		\$107,974.84
Total Trust Funds***	\$324,745.28	\$15,714.05	\$901.94	\$339,557.39
<u>Non-Lapsing Funds</u>				
Copier/Printer Fund	\$65.67	\$2,175.39	\$2,193.23	\$47.83
Fines and Fees Fund	\$1,873.35	\$594.88	\$425.00	\$2,043.23
Donations Fund *	\$41,232.67	\$28,246.42	\$19,479.44	\$49,999.65
Total Non-Lapsing Funds	\$43,171.69	\$31,016.69	\$22,097.67	\$52,090.71
<u>General Operating Funds</u>				
General Operating Fund	\$9,413.33	\$222,708.37	\$226,626.48	\$5,495.22
Total of All Funds	\$377,330.30	\$269,439.11	\$249,626.09	\$397,143.32

Footnotes

*includes +\$200 deposit of bank adj from 2023

** Deposits and Withdrawals include transfers except between sub-accounts of individual funds

*** includes non-expendable principle.



Warner Conservation Commission (WCC)

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2024 was a busy year for the Warner Conservation Commission (WCC).

With help from Central NH Regional Planning Commission, we revised Warner’s Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). The updated NRI is the first step in revising Warner’s 2009 Conservation Plan. In addition, we are using the NRI to help assess the conservation value of town-owned properties that are being considered for auction by the Select Board.

In 2024, the WCC, on behalf of the town, accepted a generous donation of land from a former Warner family. The 16-acre parcel has environmental and historic value and is contiguous with the Chandler Reservation on North Road.

The WCC continues to work with NH Fish & Game and Trout Unlimited and local volunteers to monitor water quality in 10 local streams in the Warner River watershed. The data can be used to monitor changes in water quality over time.

The WCC provided assistance to a Warner resident who requested help addressing a reported NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) wetlands violation on their property bordering the Warner River. A representative from DES and WCC visited the site with the resident and quickly resolved the problem to everyone’s satisfaction.

We also expressed our concern to the Select Board about the use of rodenticide treated bait boxes around town buildings to kill rodents. Rodenticide has the unintended effect of also killing hawks, owls, foxes, as well as cats and dogs, when they consume rodents dying or killed by the rodenticide. The Select Board acted quickly to have the bait boxes removed and replaced them with snap traps.

Eleven conservation easements held by the Town of Warner will be monitored by WCC members in 2025 using newly digitized forms created by Caroline Allen. As part of her senior project at Kearsarge Regional High School, Allen volunteered her time to scan, organize, and save key Conservation Commission documents to the Town’s cloud-based file storage system. The final product is a digital library where WCC members can easily access past annual monitoring reports, conservation easements, and other documents that in the past were only available as paper documents at Town Hall. This will facilitate access to important easement documents and improve the efficiency of periodic easement monitoring.

We are pleased to report that the conservation easement on the Blue Moon Berry Farm will soon be completed. The easement has been adjusted so that the next generation of farmers will be able to use existing buildings to make the business more sustainable.



Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) (cont.)

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Finally, the WCC is monitoring a proposed mountain bike track on Mount Kearsarge, progress at Exit 9 on the Concord to Lake Sunapee Rail Trail, and a proposal to plant more trees in Warner. The WCC also reviews all forestry and wetland permits submitted to DES. Nineteen Intent to Cut Permits were filed and 6 wetland permits were approved by NHDES, two of which were 'shoreland' types.

WCC members represent the Commission on other committees in town including the Agricultural and Housing Committees, the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), and the Kawasiwajo Community Land Trust (KCLT). WCC members attend the quarterly meetings of The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust where local initiatives and education resources are shared to promote the stewardship and community enjoyment of the Mt.Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region.

If you are interested in the work of the commission, stream monitoring, or monitoring properties with conservation easements, please let us hear from you. The WCC meets in person at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public and we appreciate your participation. The WCC is always looking for people passionate about conserving what we love about Warner.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Martin,
WCC Chair*



Agricultural Commission

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The Warner Agricultural Commission is dedicated to acting in the best interests of Warner’s farms and farmers. We strive to promote Warner’s agricultural encouragement, production, enhancements, use, and management while protecting Warner’s agricultural resources, both tangible and intangible, that are valued for their economic, aesthetic, cultural, historic or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural context. We work with our communities, our town boards, people, farmers and consumers to promote the health, vibrancy and place of agriculture within Warner.

A current priority of the Agricultural Commission is to create a database of the Warner farmer population including current farmers and those looking to begin an agricultural venture. The Agricultural Commission will use this farming database for a variety of reasons including inviting farmers to be regular guest speakers at events on farming issues and best practices, provide state and federal grant support, build groups for co-op purchasing and other support projects specifically for Warner’s farm community.

For more information on the Warner Agricultural Commission and/or to add your farming information to our database please reach out to Agcom@WarnerNH.gov.

The Warner Agricultural Commission meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

Appointed Members:

- Mike Biagiotti – Chair
- Cathy Aranosian – Vice Chair
- Robert “Bob” Bower

Alternate Members:

- Jenny Courser
- Samuel Bower
- Noah Courser-Kellerman
- Ashley Place

Other Members:

- Select Board Representative – Mike Smith
- Conservation Commission Representative - Michael Amaral
- Planning Board Representative - James Gaffney



Warner Community Power Committee

Warner Community Power went live in March of 2024 as the default electric power provider to Warner residents and businesses. As of the end of 2024, 71% of Warner electric accounts received their power from Warner Community Power and it has saved Warner residents over \$37,000 compared to Eversource rates. There are another 6% of Warner accounts that have solar and are not able to join Warner Community Power until Eversource makes it possible. The remaining 23% have either elected to stay with Eversource or another 3rd party. Warner is one of 70 municipalities that are members of the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH), representing approximately 40% of the state customers.

We are happy to report that construction of the 5 MW commercial solar array by Encore Renewable Energy on Poverty Plains Road will begin in 2025. Encore intends to sell 100% of their power to the Community Power Coalition of NH, which will be beneficial to Warner Community Power customer electric rates.

Our committee members have recently been asked questions about the Warner Energy Committee. Did we just invent the idea of having one? Is Warner the only town with an Energy Committee? Where does its authority to provide guidance for energy planning come from?

Municipal energy committees are common across NH. Most towns that are members of CPCNH also have local energy committees. The Warner Energy Committee was established in 2007 following the Town Meeting, where Article 25 authorized the Selectboard to appoint a volunteer committee to address energy-related matters.

In addition to the Town's 2 municipal solar arrays and the Warner Wood Bank, the committee has engaged in several other projects that have helped make our town buildings more energy efficient. This past year the committee has been investigating opportunities with EV charging, LED street lighting and heat pump technology for the Town.

The Energy Committee said goodbye to long term committee member George Packard, who retired to NY to be closer to his family. The committee is always looking for new members to join the committee and help the Town save on energy costs. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Town Hall. The public are also welcome to attend.





Warner Planning Board

The Planning Board was created to help ensure the orderly development of the town.

Its purpose under state law is to oversee land development according to the town adopted Zoning Ordinances and State law, create and when appropriate update the Town’s master plan, manage the capital improvements program and to recommend to voters zoning changes where appropriate. The board reviews applications for land subdivisions, site plans for nonresidential development, and commercial excavations for which it has adopted regulations.

All the Planning Board’s work is undertaken in a way that maximizes transparency of governmental activity in full public view. The board welcomes all members of the public to attend meetings and to ask questions. The board’s documents are all available on the Town’s website. While we are grateful for the ability to conduct in-person meetings, like many other Town boards and committees, we provide online public access to our meetings for those who are unable to attend in person, even though a quorum of the board itself must be physically present as required by state law.

During the fall, the Planning Board worked with department heads to develop the Town’s 2025-2030 capital improvements program (CIP). The CIP was adopted by the board and then presented to the Select Board and Budget Committee to provide guidance as they develop the Town’s annual budget. It also helps the town to anticipate long-term costs and tax rate impacts of construction projects, road maintenance, and major purchases of equipment and other supplies. In conducting this work, the board appreciates the thoughtful cooperation of the Town’s department heads, boards, commissions, and committees.

Over the course of the year the Planning Board held 22 meetings. It reviewed a variety of applications for land development, including minor and major subdivisions, a voluntary merger, lot line adjustments, a site plan modification, a sign application, and several conceptual consultations. In 2023, at the request of the Select Board, the Planning Board created the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC), based on a HOP grant received by the town to help facilitate the rewrite of chapter 4, the housing chapter, of Warner’s Master Plan. In 2024, at the completion of the HAC’s charter, they submitted a draft for consideration by the Planning Board, which is currently in review.

The board is especially grateful for the energetic dedication of their new Land Use Secretary Chrissy Almanzar. Chrissy’s professionalism and focus on customer service is an invaluable service to the Town’s residents and to those seeking to do business here.

Voting Members

- Pier D’Aprile
- James Gaffney
- John Leavitt
- Ian Rogers
- Harry Seidel
- Barak Greene, Vice Chair
- Karen Coyne, Chair

Alternate Members

- Bob Holmes
- Micah Thompson

A big thanks to these committed members of the Planning Board for their diligent work.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Coyne
Chair



Zoning Board of Adjustment

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment serves Warner residents by hearing applications concerning relief from, or interpretation of, the municipal zoning ordinances. The four types of appeals are for a variance, a special exception, an equitable waiver of dimensional requirement, or issues related to an administrative decision. This year, in addition to hearing applications, there was a review and rewrite of the four applications and general instructions. The ZBA meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Town Hall.

The ZBA is comprised of volunteers from the Warner community. There are five regular members and up to five alternate members who replace absent regular members or members that need to recuse themselves because of a conflict of interest. Many thanks to these committed volunteers for their diligent work handling the appeals criteria in a thoughtful and fair manner. This year the Board welcomed Jim Zablocki as a new board member.

The ZBA is happy to welcome Chrissy Almanzar as the new land use secretary. Chrissy brings a wealth of diverse professional experience to the office.

Voting Members

- Jan Gugliotti
- Beverly Howe
- Lucinda McQueen
- Barbara Marty, Chair
- Derek Narducci, Vice Chair Alternate

Members

- Sam Carr
- Harry Seidel
- Jim Zablocki

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Marty, ZBA Chair*

Zoom link is posted with the agendas.

Meeting dates & deadlines: https://warner.nh.us/tow/downloads/Zoning_Board_Deadlines.pdf

Meeting agendas: <https://warner.nh.us/departments/zoning/>

Zoning ordinances: https://warner.nh.us/tow/downloads/zoning/Zoning_Ordinance.pdf



Building Department

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It has been a busy year for Warner’s Building Department. I am the new Building Clerk and have enjoyed tackling this position. A big thank you to all who helped make this transition smooth, especially the previous Clerk. I’m thrilled to expand my knowledge of building codes and the permitting process. Another big change was to our building application permit fee schedule. This is a significant increase to better align with the current economy and help us cover the department’s costs. We have also updated the building application permit itself. We had a total of 112 building applications, permits, and renewals approved in 2024. Since starting the position in August, building application permit fees have totaled \$7,971.60.

Quick Run Down of Permit Types	
New Houses	8
Solar Energy Units	9
Mechanical [electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc]	71
Other Building or Remodeling	24

Tom Baye is our Building Inspector – he can be reached at 603-848-5950 or by calling the office. Thank you, Tom!

You can reach the Building Department at 603-456-2298 Ext 3 or building@WarnerNH.gov. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Labbe, she/her
Building Clerk



Warner Parks and Recreation

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Warner Parks and Recreation Department works hard year-round to provide the community safe places to play and exercise. We believe that enriching lives through quality parks and programs can increase community pride and health. We listen to the needs of the community we serve and provide the resources to meet and maintain them.

Our Skate Park will see some new additions, hopefully in Spring 2025. We are working with the HS Art Club to add painted murals on the ramp sides that will incorporate our park activities. This is a way to engage with the youth in our community by giving back.

Bagley Field offers areas for frisbee, soccer, volleyball, and ice skating. The Warner Youth Sports Association (WYSA) has a very successful fall soccer program there yearly. The ice rink continues to be a town favorite throughout the winter; however, our rink has not been operational this year, as our long-time volunteer Griffin Manning has retired. Our Public Works Department will be taking this over moving forward. Unfortunately, we did not have enough manpower this year, but we are always looking for volunteers to help with the maintenance of the rink. If you are interested in helping with the many tasks, please contact our department.

The beach at Silver Lake was open for the summer season. It is a nice place to spend the day with your family. The beach has its own bathroom/changing room on site and is open daily during the swimming season. Our water aerator is helping to keep the flow of water moving to improve water quality. We still hope to provide swimming lessons in the future and plan to add some other activities like Bocce.

A friendly reminder: there is a Town Ordinance at Bagley Park, Riverside Park, Simonds Elementary School ground, and the Community Center playground that **ALL Dogs** must be leashed, and all dog waste must be cleaned up. People not complying with this can face a fine of \$100 per occurrence. Our parks are monitored by surveillance, and we will continue to enforce this. For more information see Town Ordinance 98-1.

The three Rail Trail sections in Warner are located at Bagley Park, between West Joppa Road Bridge and Depot St, and from Old Warner Rd heading to Contoocook. All are seeing more use as well. The Town of Warner does not fund the creation or maintenance of the Rail Trail, but many members of our community volunteer labor, equipment, and make financial donations. The Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail is a non-profit entity and if you are interested in helping in any way, please contact them at info@clsrt.org. To make a financial donation go directly to: <https://clsrt.org/donate>. The Rail Trail at Bagley got a half mile longer in 2024 and now is visible from I-89 just south of Exit 8. The nonprofit continues to work to complete the funding for a project that will extend the trail at Bagley to the village side of the interstate. Meanwhile, the Rail Trail project at Exit 9 is expected to transition from Engineering Study phase to Preliminary Design in April of 2025. For trail maps see CLSRT.ORG.



Warner Parks and Recreation (cont.)

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The Old Ski Tow is used annually for local sledders and, with the snow base finally here, the sledding hill is back in use. This is located at the cul-de-sac at the end of Mink Hill Lane.

All our parks in Warner are in constant use and continue to grow. The dedicated volunteer Parks and Recreation directors take pride in the facilities and are delighted by the level of use by residents. We appreciate all the volunteers through the local adult recreation and youth sports community for all the time and help they provide. We are proud to continue to host WYSA Baseball, WYSA Softball, Co-Ed Adult Softball, Older School PE, Outdoor Pickleball, Kearsarge Wildcat Football, Cheerleading, WYSA Soccer programs, Ice Skating, and general use.

We want to hear from residents about facilities they would like to see in town. Residents have requested bocce and croquet courts, disc golf, outdoor exercise equipment, a pumptrack for bicycles and for a dog park. We continue to listen to your requests and explore ways to implement suggestions. You can find Warner Parks & Rec on the web <http://www.warnerparksandrec.com/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WarnerParksAndRecreation/> @WarnerParksAndRecreation

We want to thank our Public Works department for all the hard work, especially Jason Dymont, our park maintenance person with the Town, and Tim Allen for his supervisory role. We appreciate them taking such great care of all the parks and providing a place of pride for visitors and patrons.

We also want to thank the high school volunteers that help out over the school year in giving back through community service hours to our parks and programs.

Parks and Recreation has been a part of the Adopt a Highway program since 2015. We oversee a section on Route 103 in Warner, from Exit 7 to Farrell Loop. We thank all the volunteers that have helped keep this up. If you have time to help in the spring or fall cleanup, please contact us at: parcs@warnernh.gov. You must be 18 years or older to help, or over 16 with a parent’s consent form. This is a great way to get school community service hours.

Thank you to all the families, workers, and volunteers that take the time to lend a hand and support us. We are always looking for help through board members and we have active positions open. If you are interested in joining our board, we are looking for new members. Please email: parcs@warnernh.gov. Our meetings are listed on the Town calendar.



Trustees of Town Cemeteries

The Cemetery Trustees are responsible for the care and maintenance of Warner's thirty large and small cemeteries. The New Waterloo Cemetery off West NH Route 103 West is the town's only active cemetery. Information regarding the locations of the many other older cemeteries can be found on Warner's website, www.warnernh.gov, under "Documents" by scrolling to the 2011 Master Plan's Community Facilities map. The Warner Historical Society website, www.warnerhistorical.org, also has cemetery records for New Waterloo and other Warner cemeteries.



Warner's Cemetery Stewards, Gary Young and Lane Monroe, had a very challenging year due to the many trees and branches that had fallen on the cemeteries during the winter. After the extended Spring cleanup was finished, Lane and Gary limbed and/or cut down various trees that posed hazards to cemetery monuments. Along with keeping up with the repeated grass trimmings and mowings of the town's dozen or more local cemeteries, Gary and Lane worked at several of the town's smaller rural cemeteries. This maintenance season they also were able to continue with their ongoing headstone repair, using a tripod for larger monuments (see photos). We are extremely fortunate to have this conscientious and hard-working duo keeping up with the necessary maintenance at our numerous town cemeteries.



We also wish to thank the members of Legion Post #39 for facilitating the annual placement of American flags on veterans' graves in Warner for Memorial Day, and throughout the year. Legion participants also place Christmas wreaths at selected town cemeteries.

Warner residents and family members interested in purchasing a single 10' X 14' burial lot at the New Waterloo Cemetery may contact Cemetery Trustee Gerald Courser for a tour of the cemetery to determine an available location. The cost of a lot involves two one-time payments: \$50.00 to the 'Town of Warner' and \$200.00 to the 'Trustee of Trust Funds' for Perpetual Care. One lot allows for 4 full casket burials, or 16 cremations, or a combination of the two. When a decision is made, Mr. Courser will assist with the necessary paperwork, and the signed lot agreement will be delivered with the two payments to the Town Offices, where a deed will be created and signed and sealed by the Town's Select board and Town Clerk. The deed will then be mailed to the lot's purchaser/owner, and for future reference a copy of the new deed will be placed on file at Town Hall.

A sincere Thank You to all the residents and friends of Warner who share an interest in the town's many cemeteries.

Respectively submitted,

*Thomas Boudette, Gerald B. Courser, Penny Sue Courser
Mary E. Cogswell, and Kenneth W. Cogswell*



Warner Historical Society

The mission of the Warner Historical Society is to bring together people interested in the history of Warner, NH, to identify and preserve landmarks, documents, artifacts and other items of historical significance to the town, to keep alive our heritage by recording the history and incidents of the past and present, and to support education about the history of Warner.

The Warner Historical Society remains focused on its mission and has worked hard to live up to its charges. We've had a busy year and are proud of what we have accomplished. Our successes would not have been possible without our devoted and tireless volunteers, our members, the Directors, and the friends of the Historical Society.

The Barn Sale continues to be an important fundraiser for the Historical Society, and in many ways serves as an important Warner community activity. From May through Fall Foliage Festival weekend, Warner neighbors and visitors gather at the Barn to greet each other and to shop for "new old" treasures. The Historical Society is very grateful for our Barn Sale managers Penny Courser and Molly Wyeth and all of our fabulous volunteers.

The 2024 Exhibit, "Celebrating Warner's 250th Birthday," was an engaging and compelling visual presentation of this special place where we live. The exhibit ran from June through the Fall Foliage Festival. We thank Rebecca Courser, Linda Hartman, and Mary Cogswell for their efforts in bringing this exhibit to life. And, a big thank you goes out to the docents who have helped us to delve into Warner's rich history. We are proud to have partnered with the 250th Committee as they led us all through a year-long celebration of Warner.

The Town History Book Committee continues to research and write about the past 50 years of Warner's history. To those of us who still think that 1974 was "fairly recent" it is surprising to think how much our world and our local community has changed. Yet, there are many aspects of life in Warner, New Hampshire that harken back to our shared past. Since the 1974 Malmberg edition of *Warner, NH* has been out of print for years, we decided to republish that history. No digital copy exists so Mary Cogswell and Nancy Eastman retyped the entire text; Rebecca Courser and Kathy Inman rescanned the original images printed in the book and selected and scanned over 60 new images. Other volunteers proofread and made corrections before we sent the documents to RC Brayshaw in Waterloo. The new edition was released in October at a reception in Town Hall. Members of the Town History Book Committee read their favorite sections and Carl and Carolyn Beverly sang original songs based on Warner's history.

Last April we said good bye to Kris Mueller who served as the Society's Executive Director for one year. We are fortunate to have two former Executive Directors on the Board, Rebecca Courser and Lynn Clark, who have donated countless hours to keep the office running smoothly. They have been joined by a number of other volunteers who have given of their time and talents to support the mission of the Historical Society. We are very grateful for these very special people! This January, we welcomed Barbara DelloRusso as our Office Administrator. She brings a wealth of skills in office management and specific experience in historical research, grant writing, and education. We are fortunate to have Barbara on our team

*Respectfully submitted,
Brick Moltz
President, Warner Historical Society Board of Directors*



Warner River Local Advisory Committee

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The Warner River Local Advisory Committee (WRLAC) is pleased to report on its work for the calendar year 2024. This Committee has statutory authority (RSA 483:8-a) to advise state and local governments on federal, state, and local permit applications and other environmental issues within the Designated Warner River Corridor, which extends for one-quarter mile outward from each riverbank as the main stem of the river flows through our five riverfront towns: Bradford, Sutton, Warner, Webster, and Hopkinton. Committee members work with residents, landowners, and state and local officials to promote thoughtful stewardship of this treasured element of our natural and cultural landscape.

One of the main tasks of the Committee is to provide its perspective on town permits within the corridor as described above. This year, the Committee provided comments on permits issued in the towns of Bradford and Warner. This included comments on two alteration-of-terrain permits, two notices of intent-to-cut, three NH Department of Environmental Service (NH DES) shoreland permits, and two NH DES wetlands permits. We have received thoughtful responses to our comments from residents, town officials, and state regulators. In addition, the Committee discusses and tries to find ways to encourage communities to address river-related problems such as flooding, run-off, and erosion.

The WRLAC also partners with members of state agencies whose work is related to ours. This summer and fall, members of this Committee participated with other local citizen-scientists in a macro-invertebrate survey sponsored by NH Fish & Game and Trout Unlimited and spearheaded by the Warner Conservation Commission. Volunteers took water samples, recorded stream conditions, and counted the presence of important and diverse species of macro-invertebrates in seven brooks that empty into the Warner River: Ballard, Frazier, French, Stevens, Bartlett, Willow and Silver. Based on the data, all the streams were in good condition for supporting macro-invertebrate life, which in turn provide food for our native brook trout populations. Members of this Committee have also participated in the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP), sponsored by NH DES. This program provides an opportunity for citizen-scientists to assist in assessing the quality of the river's water. In its 8th year, the data continues to show that the quality of the water is, for the most part, excellent. The raw data sets are available on the NH DES's VRAP webpage, as well as the WRLAC website (www.wrlac.com). This data provides good news, but we are also reminded that increased pressure from human development and changes in weather patterns can disrupt the river and its ecosystem. While resilient in many ways, the river depends on a delicate balance that must be maintained over time. The WRLAC thanks NH Fish & Game, Trout Unlimited, and the Warner Conservation Commission for providing these opportunities to understand the river's importance to our community.

This Committee has also engaged with organizations across the five towns. We had an update about the Concord – Lake Sunapee Rail Trail's plans for developing trail through the Exit 9 area in Warner. We heard from both advocates of the plan as well as from those who have concerns about the trail's impact on the river's ecosystem. The Committee will continue to review and comment on permits associated with this project. The Committee also heard from the commissioner of the Warner Village Water District about how that organization works to provide clean and plentiful water to the village of Warner, and this Committee looks forward to



Warner River Local Advisory Committee (cont.)

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supporting the commission in any way that it can. Also in Warner, the Committee’s chair met with the Tom’s Pond Association to share their mission and goals with each other. In Bradford, our Committee stays in contact with the Bradford Conservation Commission regarding permits and other environmental conversations that are related to the quarter-mile corridor. Finally, the Committee had the opportunity to introduce itself to representatives of 12 towns at a meeting of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

The Committee continues to work on raising its visibility and communicating its mission and goals with community members. One important way we do this is by partnering with Trout Unlimited at a booth during the Warner Fall Foliage Festival. We greatly appreciate their generosity and that of MainStreet Bookends of Warner for providing the space for us to do this.

For the coming year, we will continue to create stronger ties to, and better coordination with, our communities’ hardworking and dedicated local agencies, boards, and committees whose work is related to ours. This includes staying in touch with the five towns’ conservation commissions, planning boards, water precincts, road committees, and selectboards. There is also work that can be done in analyzing data in order to continue to learn about the health of the river and its relationship to its human neighbors. In addition, we will begin updating the “Appendix B - Action Plan” of the Warner River Corridor Management Plan, first published in 2021.

In 2025, this committee will meet every other month at 7:00 pm at the Pillsbury Library, Warner, on the following Wednesdays: January 29, March 26, May 28, July 23, Sept 24, and Nov 19. We invite interested members of the community to join us in our work. For more information about the WRLAC, please visit www.wrlac.com.

Finally, the Committee extends its sincere thanks to three former representatives for their dedication, leadership, and expertise on many topics related to our work: Ken Milender (Warner), Mike Howley (Bradford), and George Embley (Webster).

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Russell, WLAC Secretary

Warner River Local Advisory Committee

Bradford: Marlene Freyler, Rebecca Herman

Sutton: Peter Savickas, Treasurer

Warner: Laura Russell, Secretary; Christopher Spannweitz, Mickey Benson

Webster: Bob MacGowan

Hopkinton: Daniel Morrissey, Chair



Central NH Regional Planning Commission

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Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. Ben Frost and Derek Narducci were the Town's representatives to the Commission in 2024.

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

In 2024, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Warner and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Provided continued technical assistance to Planning Boards on various topics.
- Assisted the Housing Advisory Committee during the development of the draft Master Plan Housing Chapter update.
- Coordinated the development of updated Hazard Mitigation Plans in nine communities under the federal Building Infrastructure and Resilient Communities (BRIC) 2021 and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4516. In Warner, staff assisted with the completion of the updated Warner Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 that was approved by FEMA on December 19.
- Provided support to Economic Development Committees across the region, including meeting coordination, agenda development, and work plan identification. Staff provided assistance related to a variety of tools and tax incentives including the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (NH RSA 79E) and the Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) program (NH RSA 162-N). In Warner, staff provided assistance to the Economic Development Advisory Committee regarding the Warner Community Center Survey and September Visioning Session.
- Continued to work with communities on Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) development. In Warner, CNHRPC staff with the Conservation Commission to complete a final draft Natural Resource Inventory for the Town of Warner.
- Provided assistance related to the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program for three communities, including the proposed road maintenance plan, additional paving scenarios for comparison, and forecast of future road conditions under each scenario.



Central NH Regional Planning Commission (cont.)

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- Provided coordination assistance to the CommuteSmart NH program that works to support transportation demand management services and rideshare coordination across the state utilizing Agile Mile transportation demand management (TDM) software. In 2024 the CommuteSmart NH program saved commuters almost \$270,000 as a result of 32,000 reduced trips.
- Conducted 186 state and local traffic counts throughout the region, including 14 in Warner.
- Worked in coordination with Lakes Region Planning Commission to update the Mid State Region Coordinated Transportation Plan.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2024, CNHRPC held six TAC meetings. The CNHRPC TAC solicited, evaluated, and ranked projects for inclusion in the NHDOT 2027-2036 Ten-Year Plan.
- Participated in a range of regional and statewide bicycle and pedestrian planning activities related to trails, sidewalks, bike lanes and bike shoulders, roadway surfacing, and safety. Assistance to local and regional trail organizations and trail committees is a key component to this work.
- Provided Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review services for communities.

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



Almoners of Foster and Currier Funds

for year ending December 31, 2024

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John Foster Fund

1. Balance on-hand January 1, 2024:	\$000.00
2. Received from Trustees of Trust Funds, Warner	300.00
3. Paid out during year 2023:	
4. Assistance granted:	-300.00
5. Pillsbury Free Library:	<u>0.00</u>
6. Balance in Fund December 31, 2024:	\$000.00

Walter S. Currier Fund

7. Balance on-hand January 1, 2024:	\$10,727.64
8. Received from Trustees of Trust Funds, Warner	17.69
9. Received from checking-account (interest)	14.50
10. Received from Certificate of Deposit (interest)	120.67
11. Paid out for assistance during 2023:	<u>0.00</u>
12. Balance in Fund December 31, 2024:	\$10,880.50

Summary of Accounts & Balances, December 31, 2024:

13. Sugar River Bank (checking account)	\$3,077.00
14. Sugar River Bank (Certificate of Deposit)	<u>\$7,803.50</u>
15.	\$10,880.50
16. John Foster Fund balance	\$000.00
17. Walter S. Currier Fund balance	<u>\$10,880.50</u>
18.	\$10,880.50

Respectfully submitted,

Jere Henley, Treasurer
Penny Courser
Janice Cutting



Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

Quality of life is a central feature of life in New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places, and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well-being of the State and our communities.

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) contributes to all this through its mission to protect the rural character of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. We do this through land conservation, stewardship, and community engagement in the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 169 projects and protected 14,156 acres – including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All these conservation lands provide public benefits in the form of forest, farm, wetland, or open space conservation and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Ausbon Sargent has had a busy year. We completed four land projects, comprising a little over 615 acres of land, now protected in the towns of Andover, Grantham, Salisbury, and Springfield. The organization welcomed a new Executive Director, a new Stewardship and Programs Coordinator, and welcomed back Sue Andrews, who had retired in 2022, as an office assistant during this past year of transitions. Early in 2025, our new website went live, retiring the 10-year-old previous version.

In 2024, we held many hikes and other events. We collaborated with LSPA, local Conservation Commissions, UNH Cooperative Extension, Woodcrest Village, and Tracy Memorial Library on outings and presentations to showcase and connect people with the wonderful properties we preserve. We held hikes in Andover, Bradford, New London, Sutton, and Wilmot, and guided paddles on both Little Lake Sunapee (with the Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association) and Otter Pond (with the Otter Pond Protective Association). We held volunteer training workshops for people who wished to become conservation easement monitors, and additional training using an app called “Gaia” that enables the use of smart devices while monitoring. Our Annual Meeting was held at Wilmot’s Community Association on a beautiful October day. We held our Volunteer Appreciation party at Lake Sunapee Protective Association’s Center for Lake Studies in Sunapee Harbor to thank our wonderful volunteers who give so much of themselves to forwarding our mission. Our “members-only” fundraisers this year consisted of our ever-popular and always sold-out Progressive Dinner, and our Holiday Party fundraiser which was held for the second year in a row, at the beautiful and historic Livery in Sunapee Harbor.

Ausbon Sargent is thankful for the assistance of the over 200 volunteers who help with easement monitoring, committee support, and clerical work. Your friends and neighbors help to protect the special places in our region in many ways. Whether they are members, conservation easement donors, volunteer easement monitors, or participate in various committees at the Land Trust, each hour provided is important. Some volunteers also work with their town officials, throughout our 12-town region, to conserve our rural character by encouraging land conservation.



Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (cont.)

Our website (www.ausbonsargent.org) will show you which of the land trust’s protected properties have trails open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing, and includes trail maps, printable hiking and snowshoe series, and driving directions. Our calendar of events for the upcoming seasons is available on our website, too, so take a look and join us! In addition to finding information on all of Ausbon Sargent’s protected properties on our website, you can join our email list. Find us on Instagram and be sure to “Like” us on Facebook!

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Hans Carlson
Executive Director*

Staff

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<i>Robin Albing</i>	<i>Deborah Lang</i>
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The Boston Post Cane

The Boston Post Cane was awarded to Virginia L. Zwinggi on February 1st at the Warner Town Hall by Selectboard member Faith Minton and Rebecca Courser from the Warner Historical Society.

Virginia Zwinggi was born on November 24, 1920, and has been a Warner resident for over ten years. She lives with her extended family on Route 103 West, daughters Virginia (Rusty) Thomas, Autumn Akins and a son Clifford who spends time between Warner and Boston. She also has a daughter Sandra Cooksey who resides in Maryland.

Virginia was an only child born in Lynchburg, Virginia to Jack and Dessie Mae (Best) Houk, but raised in western Pennsylvania, as her father died during the Spanish Flu epidemic. She has many fond memories of her childhood surrounded by cousins. Always one to keep busy she learned to cook, can, sew, crochet, knit and make clothes for herself and her children.



Very curious and eager to learn, she worked in the business world. Twice she received government clearance, once during World War II working for Bloknox which was experimenting with producing plastic out of coffee grounds in conjunction with South American officials. She took short courses in engineering, drafting and computations. In 1962 she was employed at the National Security Seminar as Executive Secretary.

For her next career Virginia was employed at Hess Shoe as the Director of Personnel and Training, which prompted her to take classes in business and industrial psychology at John Hopkins. She wishes she had been able to study Thermodynamics, a branch of physics dealing with heat, work, and temperature and their relationship to energy, entropy, and the physical properties of matter and radiation as she finds it a fascinating subject.

After moving to the Granite State, she volunteered at NH Medication Bridge in Pittsfield, NH helping uninsured and under-insured clients of all ages to receive prescription medications at no cost.

Virginia feels life is challenging but thinks it is important to stay active, be curious, and never give up no matter what. One should ask questions about the past because it links you to the future. Be open to learning and always look forward. These are wise words to live by.

Virginia is honored to be the 2024 recipient of the Boston Post Cane.



Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties is a New Hampshire based private, nonprofit organization that has been serving Warner residents since 1965. Our primary mission is to work with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist in efforts to become or remain financially independent. The agency provides a broad array of services that are locally defined, planned, and managed.

The agency operates a resource center open to Warner residents in Warner, NH. The Warner CAP Area Resource Center is funded primarily from three main sources: local tax dollars in conjunction with funding from the Electric Assistance Program (via the state utility companies) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (a federal program also known as Fuel Assistance Program). The Center is the local service delivery network for agency programs in your community. The local support of our Center is vital for us to continue intake, referral, contact, and support with residents of your community. We thank the town of Warner for your continued support of our work at the resource center. We will continue to work closely with your town to ensure the maximum availability of resources from our programs, as well as continue to mobilize any resources other than local tax dollars that become available to help serve residents of your community.

Below is the specific data from Warner residents served during our last program year. In total, our agency was able to provide \$262,317.76 in services to the residents in Warner.

Thank you so much for your support. If you'd like to learn more about our agency, please visit us at www.capbm.org.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Heyward
Director of Strategy and Planning*

Fuel Assistance Program

- People served-181
- Households served-91
- Value of services-\$119,653

Electric Assistance Program

- Households-160
- Value of services-\$36,028.83

Emergency Food Pantries

- Meals served-120
- Households served-3
- Value of services-\$600

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

- People served-22
- Value of services-\$484.00

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- Value of services-\$19,714.35

Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSH)

- Households served-1
- Value of services-\$4,990.00

Women Infant Children (WIC)

- People served-23
- Value of services-\$17,572.92

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

- People served- 22
- Value of services-\$8,873.04

Meals on Wheels

- People served-23
- Meals served-4,316
- Value of meals-\$35,002.76

Community Dining

- People served-4
- Meals served-33
- Value of meals-\$267.63

Service Link Resource Center

- People served-49

State Housing Stabilization Fund (HSF)

- Households served-1
- Value of services-\$3,904

Early Head Start

- Children served-1
- Value of services-\$15,227.23



Chandler Reservation Committee

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Work continues at the ski tow. A new gate was installed at the entrance to the bottom of the ski tow to improve access and appearance.

Working with the Warner Cohort from the Conservation Committee, a map of the trail system was developed, and we are in the process of having a kiosk built with a large map on it to be placed at the start of the improved Woods Walk Trail that was completed by the Cohort members. Personal sized maps were created and will be available to help guide you around the trail system and identify the points of interest, the maps are available at the Town Hall or can be downloaded from the Town website under the Chandler Reservation section. The Woods Walk Trail, approximately 1 mile long, has 10 points of interest. At each point of interest there is a sign with a QR code that can be accessed with information relating to that point. Thank you to the cohort members for their work in getting this completed.

The Ruth Collins Revocable Trust donated an approximately 16-acre piece of land that abuts the existing Chandler Forest in the area of North Village/Cuningham Pond Rd area.

The Committee had planned to have some brush mowing done along some of the access roads this past Fall – that mowing was pushed into early January 2025 due to scheduling.

The Committee continues to work with our forester to identify areas for timber harvesting to improve habitat and forest quality.



2024 Town Meeting Minutes

Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main Street, Warner, NH , Held Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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Office Hours
Monday: 8-4
Tuesday: 8-6
Wednesday: 9-4
Thursday: 8-4

Michele Courser, *Town Clerk*
townclerk@warnernh.gov
Darcie Buskey, *Deputy Town Clerk*
dtc@warnernh.gov

Beginning at seven o'clock in the morning and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1

To choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

Almoners of the Foster & Currier Fund	1 For 3 Year(s)	Jere Henley	614
Budget Committee	2 For 3 Year(s)	*Richard Bixby, Jr.	344
		*Alfred Hanson, Jr.	400
		James F. Sherman	335
Budget Committee	1 For 2 Year(s)	Bill Hanson	538
Chandler Reservation Committee	1 For 4 Year(s)	Stephan Hall	586
Moderator	1 For 2 Year(s)	Benjamin D. Frost	576
Select Board	1 For 3 Year(s)	Michael J. Smith	499
Select Board	1 For 1 Year(s)	*Faith Minton	370
		Karen Coyne	330
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 For 6 Year(s)	Mary T. Pelkey	580
Tax Collector	1 For 3 Year(s)	Kimberley Edelmann	559
Town Clerk	1 For 3 Year(s)	Michele L. Courser	658
Town Treasurer	1 For 3 Year(s)	Ginger L. Marsh	628
Trustee of Pillsbury Free Library	3 For 3 Year(s)	Glen Kerkian	435
		Dana Myskowski	519
		Michael S. Simon	531
Trustee of Town Cemetery	2 For 3 Year(s)	Penny Sue Courser	619
		Gerald B. Courser	604
Trustee of Trust Fund	1 For 3 Year(s)	Daniel Watts	570

*Winner by majority vote

QUESTION 2: "Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?"

YES [] 249 NO [X] 286

Article 3

QUESTION 3: "Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Warner Zoning Ordinance Article XV Non-Conforming Use by replacing the existing language with: A. Non-Conforming Lot and B. Non-Conforming Structures and C. Non-Conforming Uses? The purpose is to expand the definition of different types of legal non-conforming entities to include lots, structures and uses. To provide better clarity of the types of non-conforming entities. To align Article XV frontage and setbacks more closely with regulations present in multiple districts. Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4 to 2.

YES [X] 432 NO [] 242



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2024 proposed changes to Warner Zoning Ordinance

ARTICLE XV

Non-Conforming Use

- A. When a non-conforming use (existing) of land or buildings has been discontinued for a year, the land or buildings shall be used thereafter only in conformity to this ordinance.
- B. A non-conforming lot may be built upon, for residential purposes only, if, at the time of the enactment of this Ordinance (or any amendment thereto if it is such amendment that renders the lot non-conforming), (a) the owner or owners of the lot owned no contiguous land, and (b) it has a frontage of at least fifty (50) feet, and (c) the lot is able to sustain a state approved waste disposal system or connect to municipal sewage.

In accordance with Article IV, General Provisions, F., no permit for the erection, exterior alteration, moving or repair of any building shall be issued until an application has been made for the certificate of zoning compliance, and the certificate shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.

A. Non-Conforming Lots:

- 1. Any lot with less buildable area or frontage than required in the district, which is lawfully established, recorded, and taxed as a Lot of Record before the enactment or amendment of this ordinance, shall be deemed a non-conforming lot.
- 2. Such lots may only be built on, for residential purposes, if (a) the owner of the lot owns no contiguous land, (b) it has at least 80% of the required frontage for the district, (c) the lot is able to sustain a state-approved waste disposal system or connect to municipal sewage and (d) any proposed construction is able to meet the district's applicable setback requirements.

B. Non-Conforming Structures:

- 1. Non-conforming structures may be altered, expanded, repaired, or replaced provided that it does not become more non-conforming within the terms of this ordinance and provided that all other standards of the district are met.

C. Non-Conforming Uses:

- 1. Any non-conforming active use that was established before the enactment or amendment of this ordinance shall be deemed a non-conforming use, and may continue indefinitely in their present use.
- 2. When a non-conforming use of land or structures has been discontinued for one year, then the land or structures shall be used thereafter only in conformity with this ordinance.
- 3. A non-conforming use shall not be changed to another non-conforming use. A nonconforming use shall not be expanded.



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4. If a non-conforming use is superseded by a conforming use, then it shall thereafter conform to Table 1 of this ordinance, and the non-conforming use may not thereafter be resumed.
5. Nothing herein shall prevent the restoration, reconstruction, and/or replacement commenced within 3 years of a structure containing a non-conforming use destroyed in whole or in part by fire or other disaster so long as this use does not result in a new or expanded non-conforming use.

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2024 AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL

Ray Martin, the Moderator, called the meeting to Order. Ray asked the audience to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rebecca Courser gave a presentation on Warner's 250th Birthday Celebration. She listed all the events that would take place during the year. The Audience sang Happy Birthday. Ian Rogers talked on the Housing Advisory Committee project, stating there were surveys that could be taken and encouraged residents to participate. Ray Martin read the results of the Town Elected Officials, School and Zoning Ballots.

Harry Seidel spoke on the State of Warner, recognizing the Town Employees with a round of applause. He also saluted the people that ran for offices and were unsuccessful, stating they should not get discouraged and contact the Select Board's office because there are always committees that could use their energy. He thanked Faith Minton and Allan Brown for stepping up and serving the Town of Warner with their thoughtful and expertise judgment. Faith Minton presented proclamations for 2 Town Employees, Marianne Howlette (43 Years as Tax Collector) and Ray Martin (34 Years as Town Moderator/Assistant Town Moderator) who are retiring from the Town of Warner. Harry also introduced our Town Administrator, Kathy Frenette. Ray then explained the rules for the meeting.

Article 4 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,563,087 (Four Million, Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Eighty Seven Dollars) as the 2024 Operating Budget for the general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 4. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Michael Cutting gave presentation on Operating budget. Discussion followed.

Mike asked Tim Allen to explain why there was an increase in the Transfer Station line, Tim stated that he would like to bring on a couple people and get them trained before employees that are there now retire. Mike then asked Jonathan France about the increase in the Fire Department line, and Jonathan stated that the calls are more medical and the people responding need more money and to entice more people to join the Department. Mike asked Harry about increase in Select Board's department. Harry stated that more hours and money are needed for building permits.



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Mike said the projected taxes for 2024 is \$11.07, which is a 7.68% increase over last year. Rebecca Courser asked what the impact of the Bonds for the Infrastructure on the Roads and Fire Department Station, does that show up on the figures you are showing us tonight? Mike said it does, because we are paying the loans as part of our operating budget. Mike said that we are very conservative with the numbers, Department of Revenue will look at numbers in the Fall and adjust the tax rate at that time.

Alfred Hanson questioned the \$600,000 we will be getting from the Lease on the Cell Tower on North Road. Mike said we are in negotiations, and this cannot be considered revenue, it is unanticipated revenue. We know the contract has been signed by the Select board and by the Company that wants the Cell Tower, and the Lawyers are doing their due diligence to make sure everything is done correctly. By October, we will know if we have that \$600,000 and the Select board can use this money. Alfred said that he hopes that when we get that \$600,000, that the Select board will use this money to help out the Residents of Warner and used the right way.

Bill Balsam asked if there was anyway to cut down on General Government, it is our largest single expenditure, according to the Department of Revenue MS-737.

Mike asked for a Motion to Move the question.

No further discussion, Martha moved the question. Seconded.

Moderator stated the Article has been moved and seconded. Moderator read Article 4. Request for paper ballot.

John Leavitt called point of order, stating there was no discussion on the motion, only questions to the person giving the presentation. Ray stated that all the questions were discussion. John had a statement to make on the motion, not on the presentation. Ray asked Martha if she would retract that she moved the question for discussion. Martha did not, she wanted the people to vote to move the question.

Moderator asked for a voice vote to move the question. Voice Voice. Passed. Questioned Moved.

John Leavitt made another point of order, stating Mike Cutting is not the Chair and does not have the authority to ask to move the question. The Moderator said he asked for the question to be moved.

Moderator read Article 4. Paper Ballot. Yes – 205, No-103

Article 5 – Failed

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year’s actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%?” (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Not Recommended by Select Board, 3-0). 3/5 majority vote required. Required Ballot Vote.

Moderator read Article 5. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.



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James Gaffney gave presentation on Article. This article will limit the amount of revenue asked from taxation by 4% annual increase. It is not capping your personal tax rate or the budget, the Select board is free to spend as long as the taxation does not exceed over 4% year after year. It is within the last 2-3 years that we are increasing the tax rate by double digits. This will put some guardrails on the budgeting process. It will require the Select Board and Budget committee to come forward with all of the warrant articles that pertain to the municipal tax rate and limit the increase for taxation to 4%. If the town decides they need more money, we can come to the town meeting and make an amendment. There is no risk to this. This strictly applies to the Municipal Budget.

Andy Bodnarik asked the Moderator if the previous Article 4 was subject to an amendment, would we have voted on said amendment. At any Town Meeting, an amendment can be made to the Budget and is to be voted on. The Moderator said we are now on Article 5.

David Bates asked Mike Cutting what the thought of the Budget Committee was on this Article. Mike stated their concern was if you get into a year with high escalating costs, sometimes it is not possible to stay within the 4%.

Motion was made to Move Question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Passed.

Requires Paper Ballot on Article 5, open for 1 hour. Yes-120, No-173

Rebecca Courser made a motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 4. Seconded. Voice Vote. Passed.

Article 6 – Failed

“Shall the Town of Warner vote to suspend construction of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail in Warner until the Warner Conservation Commission has had sufficient time to study and evaluate the likely environmental impact of the trail on the Warner River ecosystem and inform Warner residents about the projected ecological consequences of the trail and make recommendation to avoid harm: in particular as it concerns rare, vulnerable and endangered species?” (Not Recommended by Select Board, 3-0).

Moderator read Article 6. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Barbara Marty spoke on article. Barbara said this petition is not related to Multi Use Path on Main Street that was voted down last year. Barbara talked about the history of how the Rails Trail came to be. There are many wonderful people associated with the Rail Trail Organization and many wonderful places for the Rail Trail to go. An exhaustive examination should be conducted before more trails are constructed to determine what the impact it will have on the Warner River. There are two local Organizations who will look at the project in its entirety. The Conservation Commission and The Warner River Local Advisory Committee. Barbara made an amendment to Article 6 because the Conservation Commission does not have the funds or the talent to conduct study.

Article 6 as Amended – Failed

Shall the Town of Warner vote to suspend construction of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail (CLSRT) in Warner until the CLSRT completes an Environmental Impact Statement encompassing the entire length of the final proposed project within Warner, in



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order to evaluate the likely environmental impact of the trail and its uses on the Warner River ecosystem and inform Warner residents of the projected ecological consequences, in particular as it concerns rare, vulnerable and endangered species?

Moderator made a Motion to Move Amended Article. Seconded. Discussion Followed.

Moderator closed Ballot Box on Article 5.

Question was moved. Voice Vote. Question was moved Passed.

Moderator read Article 6 as Amended. Voice Vote. Voice Vote too close to call.

Andy Bodnarik requested Paper Ballot. Voice Vote. Passed. Paper Ballot on Article 6 as Amended Failed. Yes -101 No -168. We are back to Original Article 6.

Rebecca Courser made a Motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 5. Seconded. Voice Vote. Passed.

Nancy Martin spoke on the Original Citizen petition regarding the study and evaluation by the Warner Conservation Commission of the environmental impact of the Rail Trail. The Warner Conservation Commission has not taken a position for or against the development of the Rail Trail. It does recommend voting against Article 6 for the following reasons: The Warner Conservation Commission is an Advisory Body and does not have the authority to deny or permit the Rail Trail. If this Warrant Article petition passes, the Warner Conservation Commission would have to hire an environmental consultant, because we are not funded, nor staffed to manage the comprehensive ecological assessment of the river for the study or evaluate the ecological consequences of the Rail Trail.

James Gaffney Moved the Question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Passed.

Moderator read Article 6 as originally submitted. Request for Paper Ballot. Yes-73 No-184. Article 6 Failed.

Article 7 – Passed

“To see if the town will vote to allow Warner Connects NH (Warner Area Food Pantry and Family Closet) to conduct their nonprofit (EIN 85-4243224) operation rent free. This action would commence at the end of their current lease and would continue, in their current space, as long as they are servicing the people of our community.” (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Not Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0).

Moderator read Article 7. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

April Blood spoke on Article. Discussion followed.

James Gaffney moved the Article. Seconded. Discussion Continued. Voice Vote. Passed.

Moderator reread Article 7. Voice Vote. Passed.

Rebecca Courser Made A Motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 6, Amendment to Article 6 and Article 7. Voice Vote. Passed.



2024 Town Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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Article 8

To see if the town will vote to require the Select board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Budget Committee to post a zoom video, and/or audio recording, on the Town Website as soon as possible, following each of their public meetings. Each posting to have a separate and unique link under the menu “Residents/Meeting recordings” which shall remain on the town website for at least six months. (Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0)

Moderator read Article 8. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

John Leavitt spoke on Article 8 with an amendment to take out the word zoom.

Moderator asked for a second on amendment. Seconded. No further discussion. Voice Vote. Passed.

Matthew Essenwine then spoke and also wanted to amend the article by taking out the words “as soon as possible” and replace with “within 2 weeks.” Seconded. Discussion followed.

Moderator asked for a Voice Vote on second Amendment. Voice Vote. Passed.

Article 8 as Amended Passed

To see if the town will vote to require the Select board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Budget Committee to post a video, and/or audio recording, on the Town Website within 2 weeks, following each of their public meetings. Each posting to have a separate and unique link under the menu “Residents/Meeting recordings” which shall remain on the town website for at least six months. (Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0)

Moderator read Article 8 as Amended. Voice Vote. Passed.

Article 9 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the Preservation of Records? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 9. Motion made to move Article. Seconded. Michele Courser spoke on Article 9. Discussion followed. Voice Vote. Article 9 Passed.

Article 10 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 10. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Bill Chandler spoke on Article 10. James Gaffney Moved the Question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Article 10 Passed.



2024 Town Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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Article 11 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$47,070.40 (Forty-Seven Thousand Seventy Dollars and Forty Cents) to be added to the previously established Bride Repair/ Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? This sum is to come from unanticipated Highway Block Grant Funds. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 11. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Tim Allen spoke on Article 11. James Gaffney moved the question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Article 11 Passed.

Article 12 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 12. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Tim Allen spoke on Article 12. Discussion followed. James Gaffney moved the Questioned. Seconded. Voice Vote. Article 12 Passed.

Article 13 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$36,659 (Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? This sum is to come from unanticipated Highway Block Grant Funds? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 13. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Tim Allen talked on Article. Voice Vote. Article 13 Passed.

Article 14 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Project Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 14. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Tim Allen spoke on Article 14. Voice Vote. Article 14 Passed.

James Gaffney made a motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Voice Vote. Passed.



2024 Town Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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Article 15 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 (Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0)

Moderator read Article 15. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Jonathan France spoke on Article 15. Voice Vote. Article 15 Passed.

Article 16 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Fire & Rescue Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 16. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Jonathan France spoke on Article 16. Voice Vote. Article 16 Passed.

Article 17 – Passed

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$115,000 (One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, and further to offset \$115,000 coming from unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by the Select Board, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 17. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Harry Seidel spoke on Article 17. Discussion followed. Rebecca Courser Moved the question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Article 17 Passed.

Article 18 – Passed

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provides for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for the property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in an amount equal at 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying solar energy system equipment qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0; Recommended by Select Board, 3-0)

Moderator read Article 18. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Harry Seidel spoke on Article 18. Discussion followed. Penny Courser moved the question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Article 18 Passed.



2024 Town Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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Article 19 – Passed

Shall the town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from Unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-1; Recommended by Select Board, 3-0)

Moderator read Article 19. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Discussion followed. Martha Mical moved the question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Article 19 Passed.

Article 20

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

Hearing no further business, Moderator asked for a Motion to Adjourn the 2024 Annual Town Meeting of Warner. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michele L Courser
Warner Town Clerk*



Resident Birth Report

Date and Place of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name Mother's Name
01/15/2024 MANCHESTER, NH	AUGUSTINE PIO DONOVAN	DANIEL JOSEPH DONOVAN ALLISON RILEY DONOVAN
01/17/2024 CONCORD, NH	RAYMOND JAMES MCWILLIAMS	TYLER JAMES AKINS-MCWILLIAMS ARIANNA ELIZABETH CARPENTIER
03/08/2024 MANCHESTER, NH	BRODIE EASTMAN WOOD	DEVON MICHAEL WOOD KERRIGAN JEANNE BRIDGES
03/09/2024 CONCORD, NH	ISAAC MICHAEL CASSONE	CLAYTON MICHAEL CASSONE JONYL RENEE CASSONE
06/07/2024 CONCORD, NH	JAMESON DANIEL HAMILTON	DANIEL DENIS HAMILTON SASHA MARIE MULCAHEY
06/22/2024 CONCORD, NH	ELIDY ELIZABETH MCLELLAN	EDWARD CARLTON MCLELLAN ESTLIN ELIZABETH MCLELLAN
07/01/2024 MANCHESTER, NH	NIKOLAIA PETER COSTAS DRAMES	ANNE CATHERINE DRAMES
07/20/2024 CONCORD, NH	BENJAMIN ETHAN CONLEY	MATTHEW GREGORY CONLEY SARAH CATHERINE DAVIES CONLEY
07/27/2024 CONCORD, NH	ELSIE JOANN DOBROWSKI	BENJAMIN DAVID LLOYD DOBROWSKI ALLISON ELIZABETH DOBROWSKI
08/12/2024 MANCHESTER, NH	BOWDEN DONALD KNIGHT	KYLE JASON KNIGHT KELSEY MARGARET KNIGHT
08/20/2024 CONCORD, NH	SAMUEL JAMES ALLEN SILVER	JASON ALLEN SILVER JERI DENA BACOTE
09/14/2024 CONCORD, NH	WALKER DANIEL WILSON	TIMOTHY CLARK WILSON SARAH NONA WILSON
09/27/2024 CONCORD, NH	DESMOND ARBOR SOUTHERN	KYLE RICHARD SOUTHERN KELSEY MARIE SOUTHERN
10/07/2024 CONCORD, NH	MALYKAI ANTHONY DAMIAN ROGERS	CORY ANTHONY ROGERS GISELA ROGERS
11/05/2024 CONCORD, NH	PERRY JAMES SCHOLAND	JARED THOMAS SCHOLAND JULIA LIN WHITNEY



Resident Death Report

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name Mother's Name
02/25/2024 CONCORD, NH	DAVID LOCKE	Y	FOSTER LOCKE DOROTHY ROYCE
03/13/2024 WARNER, NH	GERTRUDE MAY KUHNLE	N	OLLIE LAUBOROUGH MABEL FOOTE
03/25/2024 NEW LONDON, NH	FRANCES VIRGINIA BROWN	N	LAWRENCE FOWLE CATHERINE WHITTEN
03/25/2024 WARNER, NH	CHARLENE S THERIAULT	N	RONALD DOUGLAS MARGARET WELLMAN
04/05/2024 WARNER, NH	CONNOR T STILES	N	THOMAS STILES MAUREEN O'MALLEY
05/06/2024 WARNER, NH	ELIZABETH MCDONOUGH	N	DONALD MCDONOUGH LOUISE MCDANNEL
05/20/2024 WARNER, NH	ANNA M ALLEN	N	VINCENT COVIELLO BELLA KUGIELSKA
05/24/2024 WARNER, NH	ANTHONY C BOLOGNA	Y	CHARLES BOLOGNA MARION HAZEN
06/15/2024 CONCORD, NH	ROBERT L EGAN	N	WILLIAM EGAN MARY CLARK
06/19/2024 CONCORD, NH	ROYAL D LATUCH	Y	ROY LATUCH IRENE ASQUITH
07/02/2024 NEW LONDON, NH	GEORGE RICHARD STEVENS	Y	GLEN STEVENS MAXINE HANCOCK
07/25/2024 FRANKLIN, NH	JUDITH A WEBBER	N	HARRY LAMPREY MARY DICKINSON
07/28/2024 WARNER, NH	SONIA SCADOVA	N	PEJIC MALIC MILJKA RAJKO
08/03/2024 CONCORD, NH	BARBARA PROPER	N	THOMAS STETKAR HELEN CAMPBELL
08/16/2024 CONCORD, NH	DOROTHY J LOCKE	N	HASKELL ROYCE BLANCHE BELLIMER
08/20/2024 WARNER, NH	RICHARD GRANVILLE VAN ETTEN	N	LAWRENCE VAN ETTEN LOUISE HAMILTON
08/26/2024 CONCORD, NH	RICKY S COUTURE	N	RICKY COUTURE RIANA CARROLL
09/02/2024 WARNER, NH	DEBORAH JOAN DORAN	N	DOUGLAS BULLOCK JOAN NYLIN
09/09/2024 WARNER, NH	MICHAEL MASON BARROS- SMITH	N	WALLACE SMITH RITA CURTIN
09/14/2024 WARNER, NH	CHARLOTTE RICE	N	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN



Resident Death Report (cont.)

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name Mother's Name
09/23/2024 WARNER, NH	GAIL JO-ANN SHERIDAN	N	GEORGE GROSS JULIA SULLIVAN
10/02/2024 WARNER, NH	PHILIP W LORD	Y	FRANK LORD RUTH VERBECK
10/10/2024 EPSOM, NH	CHARLES RICHARD ALLEN	N	CHARLES ALLEN BEATRICE LITTLE
10/11/2024 LEBANON, NH	SUSAN OHLER BLISS	N	JOHN OHLER PRISCILLA WHITE
10/14/2024 LEBANON, NH	LESLIE D CARNEY	N	WOODROW VOIGT DORIS DEEMLER
10/28/2024 WARNER, NH	DERIK P BARDSLEY SR	Y	BRUCE BARDSLEY CHARLENE DOUGLAS
11/11/2024 CONCORD, NH	JACQUELINE ANN PATON	N	LUDGER MORIN AGNES KOSKI
12/02/2024 WARNER, NH	UMBERTO DELMASTRO	Y	ANTONIO DELMASTRO MARIA DELMASTRO
12/03/2024 CONCORD, NH	GERALDINE ANN ORDWAY	N	DONALD SILVER MARGUREITE HARBOUR
12/31/2024 WARNER, NH	JOYCE M CHAGNON	N	JOHN ALIX MARIE DESPRES

Resident Marriage Report

Date & Place	Name	Residence
06/22/2024 WARNER, NH	MICHAEL WILLIAM MERULLO GAIL ELIZABETH NEILY	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
07/06/2024 FRANKLIN, NH	JONATHAN KARL EVELYN CHARLOTTE ANNE YOUNG	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
08/09/2024 WARNER, NH	JESSICA LYNN LAVOLPICELLO BRYANT LEE STOCKWELL	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
09/21/2024 GOFFSTOWN, NH	NATHAN MARK SHATNEY BROOKLYN DYER MERRON	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
09/28/2024 SUTTON, NH	BRUCE KENDRICK PUTNAM ELIZABETH TERRE DRAGON	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH



Warner Village Water District

Annual Report 2024

Commissioners

Harold Blanchette – 2026
Shaun Murphy – 2025
Dan Lavoie – 2027

Clerk

James McLaughlin – 2025

Treasurer

Christine Perkins – 2025

Deputy Treasurer

Open

Moderator

Kathleen Carson – 2025

Water Village District Staff

Superintendent - Charles Come, Jr
Operator – Tylor Come
Administrative Assistant - Ray Martin

Regular meetings --- Second and fourth Wednesday of each month 3:30pm



District Commissioners' Report

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During 2023 the District has been working on many projects to meet the needs of our customers and safe discharge of treated waste water from the Treatment Plant.

The District is still in the process of seeking approval for the final engineering and construction of up-grades to the Waste Water Treatment Plant to meet the new copper discharge limits to the Warner River set by the EPA.. The District has been awarded a \$20 million loan/grant to assist in defraying the cost of the up-grades. At annual meeting on March 18, 2025, the District will be asking for approval of the loan/grant. The District will be seeking additional grants to lower the cost to the District of the project. The approval is necessary to allow the District to accept the existing grant and other the District will be applying for.

The Commissioners would like to recognize the year-long work by our employees, Charles Come, Jr., Plant manager and Tylor Come. Through their efforts and expertise, District expenses were kept under budget for 2024.

The Commissioners wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the various Town Departments for their spirit of cooperation between the Town and District in matters that affect all citizens of Warner.

As always, the Commissioners invite the public to attend their bimonthly meetings, held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3:30 PM at the Treatment Plant on Joppa Road.

Dan Lavoie, Chairman

Shaun Murphy, Commissioner

Herm Blanchette, Commissioner



Town Warrant Warner Village Water District

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WARRANT OF THE WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT 2025 ANNUAL MEETING THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Warner Village Water District in the Town of Warner, in Merrimack County, in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Warner on Tuesday, the Eighteenth day of March next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Warner Village Water District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$20,000,000 to cover the cost of testing and engineering, construction of a Treatment Plant up-grade for the District and to authorize the issuance of up to \$20,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; further to authorize the Commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or other aid, grants, gifts or other forms of assistance which may be available for said project. Recommended by the Commissioners and by the Budget Committee. (3/5 ballot vote required, polls stay open for one hour).
2. To choose one Commissioner for three years.
3. To choose a Clerk and a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a moderator for two years.
5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of five hundred forty thousand two hundred fifteen dollars (\$540,215) for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the District's water and sewer systems. (Recommended by the District Commissioners and the Budget Committee).
6. To transact any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25th day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

Commissioners
HAROLD BLANCHETTE
SHAUN MURPHY
DANIEL LAVOIE

A true copy of warrant – Attest:
Commissioners
HAROLD BLANCHETTE
SHAUN MURPHY
DANIEL LAVOIE



Warner Village Water District

Balance Sheet for year ending December 31, 2024

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ASSETS

Cash on hand, December 31, 2024	119,767.00
Accounts Receivable:	
Water/Sewer Rents	\$ 35,310.00
Receivables-unbilled est.	\$ 25,000.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 60,310.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 180,077.00

LIABILITIES

As of 12/31/2024

Generator Replacement	\$ 11,186.00
Ground Water Discharge	\$ 18,585.00
Town Hall Sprinkler Engineerng	\$ 6,638.00
Sugar River Bank Bond Clarifier	\$ 249,190.00
Sugar River Bank-Solar Array	\$ 184,474.00
USDA RD Bond Geneva St.	\$ 23,784.00
Sugar River Bond Latting Lane	\$ 320,971.00
Sugar River Bank-2019 Truck	\$ 2,103.00
Sugar River Bank Line of Credit	\$ 97,533.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 914,464.00

EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	\$ (734,387.00)
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VALUE OF VILLAGE DISTRICT PROPERTY
(per audit year end 12/31/2023)

Plant Building	\$ 292,255.00
Plant Equipment	\$ 2,436,199.00
Construction in Progress	\$ 287,277.00
Land	\$ 140,700.00
Total Property	\$ 3,156,431.00
Net Position	\$ 2,422,044.00



Warner Village Water District

Receipts & Payments for year ending December 31, 2024

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SOURCES OF REVENUE:

Property Taxes	\$ 192,179.00	
Water Supply Charges	108,246.00	
Sewer User Charges	212,211.00	
Service Charges	703.00	
Sale of Meters	799.00	
Interest on Investments	309.00	
Tie-in Fees	0.00	
Miscellaneous		
Back Flow Testing	2,685.00	
Carbon Credits	4,379.00	
Net Metering from Solar Array	5,749.00	
From Surplus	29,059.00	
From Bonds & Notes	0.00	
From Federal Grants	516,484.00	
From State Grants		
TOTAL REVENUES		\$1,072,803.00

LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,054,455.00
NET INCOME		18,348.00
PLUS CASH ON HAND 12/31/23		97,412.00
CASH ON HAND 12/31/24		<u>\$ 115,760.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Administrative:

Salaries	\$ 28,814.00	
Office Expense	13,091.00	
Audit	6,300.00	
Legal	0.00	
FICA/Medicare	12,687.00	
Employee Benefits	26,820.00	
Retirement	17,851.00	
Insurance	14,485.00	
Memberships/Education	1,261.00	
State Licenses/Fees	0.00	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE		\$ 121,309.00
Contingency	186.00	186.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE + CONTINGENCY		<u>\$ 121,495.00</u>



Warner Village Water District

Water & Sewer Expense for year ending December 31, 2024

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Water System:

Salaries	\$41,108.00	
Meters	0.00	
Building Materials & Repairs	231.00	
Miscellaneous	82.00	
Electricity - Storage Tanks	515.00	
Tools	318.00	
Electricity - Royce Well	10,222.00	
Propane - Pump House	342.00	
Chemicals	4,220.00	
System Maintenance	2,670.00	
Testing/ Back Flow	1,925.00	
Water Systems Plus	8,663.00	
Repairs - Outside Contractors	2,455.00	
TOTAL WATER		\$ 72,751.00

Sewer System:

Salaries	\$95,919.00	
Lab Expense	20,142.00	
Supplies	443.00	
Truck Gas	3,512.00	
Truck Maintenance	4,237.00	
Sewer Materials	69.00	
Equipment Repairs	2,350.00	
Uniforms	828.00	
Chlorine/Chemicals	11,831.00	
Electricity - Plant	5,293.00	
Safety Equipment	-	
Miscellaneous	-	
Tools	842.00	
Building Maint. & Repair	108.00	
Service - Outside Contractors	1,326.00	
Sludge Removal	16,240.00	
Electricity - Pump Station	1,352.00	
Maintenance - Pump Station	41,661.00	
Propane - Plant	4,138.00	
Testing - EPA/State	1,094.00	
TOTAL SEWER		\$ 211,385.00



Warner Village Water District

Long Term Debt for year ending December 31, 2024

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Long & Short Term Debt:

Bond Principal - Geneva	\$ 4,759.00	
Bond Principal - Generator	3,109.00	
Bond Principal - Latting Lane	24,632.00	
Loan Principal - Clarifier	11,364.00	
Loan Principal - Solar Array	12,961.00	
Loan Principal - Ground Water Dis.	7,255.00	
Loan Principal - Town Hall Water Ln	2,591.00	
Loan Principal-2016 Truck	-	
Loan Principal-2019 Truck	6,149.00	
Line of Credit Principal		
Bond Interest - Geneva St.	1,284.00	
Bond Interest - Generator	451.00	
Bond Interest - Latting Lane	11,196.00	
Note Interest - Clarifier	7,088.00	
Note Interest - Solar Array	4,951.00	
Loan Interest - Ground Water Dis.	1,052.00	
Loan Interest - Town Hall Water Ln	376.00	
Note Interest-2016 Truck	12.36	
Interest Line of Credit-Discharge	4,377.00	
Note Interest-2019 Truck	211.00	
Annual payment RTE 103 Land		
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT		\$ 103,818.36

Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment

New Construction		545,021.00
System Improvements		0.00
To Capital Reserve Fund		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$1,054,470.36</u>



Warner Village Water District

Sources of Revenue for year ending December 31, 2024

ACCT #	Revenue Source	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Estimated 2025
3319	Federal Grants	\$-	516,484.00	\$1,231,334.00
3402	Water Supply System Charges	99000	108,246.00	105000
3403	Sewer User Charges	185000	198,402.00	190000
	Pump Surcharge	12000	13,811.00	13000
3409	Other Charges	3500	1,501.00	2000
3502	Interest on Investments	300	309.00	200
3509	Other Misc. Revenues	2000	0.00	2000
	Precinct Tax	185000	192,179.00	185020
	Carbon Credits	3800	4,379.00	4500
	Net Metering	6100	5,753.00	5800
	Back Flow Income	3000	2,685.00	2700
3915	From Capital Surplus	7200	0.00	30000
3934	From Bonds/Notes	-		
	Operating Budget	506900	527265	540220
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$506,900.00	\$1,043,749.00	\$1,771,554.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Mike Cutting, Chairman

Alfred Hansen

Faith Minton, Select Board

Robert Blake

Rick Bixby

Harold Blanchette

William Hansen

Ray Martin, Precinct Rep.



Warner Village Water District

2024-2025 Budget

ACCT #	APPROPRIATIONS	APPROP 2024	Estimated SPENT 2024	BUDGET 2025	BC. REC. 2025
4130	Executive	\$26,575.00	\$28,152.00	\$28,935.00	\$28,935.00
4150	Financial Administration	\$18,400.00	\$19,391.00	\$19,400.00	\$19,400.00
4153	Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4155	Personnel Administration	\$54,000.00	\$56,918.00	\$60,461.00	\$60,460.00
4196	Insurance	\$12,000.00	\$14,485.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
4197	Regional Assoc.Dues& Lics.	\$1,200.00	\$1,261.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
4199	Other (Contingency)	\$1,000.00	\$186.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4326	Sewage Collection/Disposal	\$187,050.00	\$207,823.00	\$211,125.00	\$211,125.00
4331	Water Services	\$54,420.00	\$51,290.00	\$55,350.00	\$55,350.00
4335	Water Treatment & Other	\$42,900.00	\$19,933.00	\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds	\$75,786.00	\$72,919.00	\$71,170.00	\$71,170.00
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds	\$31,548.00	\$30,986.00	\$28,425.00	\$28,425.00
	Total Operating Budget	\$505,879.00	\$503,344.00	\$540,216.00	\$540,215.00
4903	New Construction	\$1,773,355.00	\$545,021.00	\$1,231,334.00	\$1,231,334.00
	System Improvements		\$0.00		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0.00		
	TOTAL	\$2,279,234.00	\$1,048,365.00	\$1,771,550.00	\$1,771,549.00



