

**TOWN OF SANDWICH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2023**





## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Medical, Fire, and Police Emergency: Dial 911*

Town Website: [www.sandwichnh.org](http://www.sandwichnh.org)

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**TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER: (603) 284-7732**

**\*\* Closed Holidays \*\***

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

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**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE: (603) 284-7701**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

**Selectmen's Meeting: Bi-weekly, Monday: 5:00 PM**

**Selectmen's Work Session: Monday: 4:00 PM**

**Email: Town Administrator: [townadmin@sandwichnh.org](mailto:townadmin@sandwichnh.org)**

**Administrative Assistant: [adminassist@sandwichnh.org](mailto:adminassist@sandwichnh.org)**

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**TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR: (603) 284-7113**

**Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM**

**Email: Town Clerk/Tax Collector: [tctc@sandwichnh.org](mailto:tctc@sandwichnh.org)**

**Deputy: [tctc2@sandwichnh.org](mailto:tctc2@sandwichnh.org)**

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**LIBRARY: (603) 284-6665**

**Monday - Wednesday: 12:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

**Thursday - Friday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Saturday: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Email: [sandwichlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:sandwichlibrary@gmail.com)**

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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

*Medical or Fire Emergency: Dial 911*

**Chief: (603) 284-6264**

**Forest Fire Warden: (603) 284-6450**

**Email: [fire@sandwichnh.org](mailto:fire@sandwichnh.org)**

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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Emergency: Dial 911*

**Officer on duty: (603) 284-7777**

**Email: [police@sandwichnh.org](mailto:police@sandwichnh.org)**

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**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT: (603) 387-2180**

**Email: [parksandrec@sandwichnh.org](mailto:parksandrec@sandwichnh.org)**

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### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Road Agent: (603) 520-1538**

**Town Garage: (603) 284-6950**

**Email: [highway@sandwichnh.org](mailto:highway@sandwichnh.org)**

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**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SANDWICH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



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

**This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.**

*Joanne D. Haight, Chair  
Caroline H. Nesbitt  
Adam E. Heard*

Board of Selectmen

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

<b>AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION</b> .....	Town Hall Second Wednesday: 5:30 PM
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b> .....	Town Hall Monday (bi-weekly): 5:00 PM (Work Session: Monday: 4:00 PM)
<b>BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> .....	Town Hall Ad hoc
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b> .....	As required
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b> .....	Town Hall Fourth Wednesday: 7:00 PM
<b>ENERGY COMMITTEE</b> .....	Town Hall Second Tuesday: 6:30 PM
<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b> .....	Town Hall Third Tuesday: 5:30 PM
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b> .....	Library Third Monday: 5:30 PM
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> .....	Town Hall First & Third Thursdays: 6:00 PM
<b>POLICE BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE</b> .....	As required
<b>REMICK PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE</b> .....	Second Thursday: 7:00 PM
<b>SAFETY COMMITTEE</b> .....	Town Hall Quarterly
<b>SEWER COMMISSIONERS</b> .....	Town Hall Third Thursday: 4:30 PM
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b> .....	Town Hall Third Wednesday: 9:30 AM
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b> .....	Town Hall Second Thursday: 6:00 PM

**Note:** Please check the Town's website for the most up-to-date information.

**TOWN HOLIDAYS:** New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas.

## **2024 TOWN ELECTION / TOWN MEETING**

**TOWN ELECTION:** Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Town Hall  
**TOWN MEETING:** Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM Sandwich Central School  
**STATE PRIMARY:** Tuesday, September 10, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Town Hall  
**STATE GENERAL:** Tuesday, November 5, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Town Hall

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## **MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES STATEMENT**

### **VISION**

To create a future that brings out the best in our town community.

### **MISSION**

We provide exceptional public services in a responsive, fiscally responsible manner while preserving our unique rural small-town character that is Sandwich.

### **CORE VALUES**

#### **SERVICE**

Our commitment to excellent service is at the core of what we do. We exhibit pride, positive enthusiasm, and dedication to our work in our timely response to the needs of our residents.

#### **COMMUNITY**

We strive to improve, engage, and support our town and community. We are proactive bridge-builders who encourage opportunities to build connections with our residents, local organizations, and work colleagues.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

With a genuine commitment to professional growth and improvement, we work together as a team, across all departments, to overcome obstacles, bring out the best in others, and develop systems and programs to productively and safely serve our community.

#### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We are prudent, transparent, and commit to self-assessment and goal setting to effectively implement best practices in our work. Through our work we promote fairness, cooperation, and respect for our residents and colleagues.

#### **INTEGRITY**

We adhere to the highest ethical standards. We are honorable, accept personal responsibility, and strive to uphold our organizational values with our decisions and in our actions. We understand that trust is earned through dependability, communication, and good character.

#### **FISCAL STEWARDSHIP**

As stewards of public resources, we efficiently and carefully utilize Town resources while always operating with the goal of delivering value and sustaining long-term success.



## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION

Our Town of Sandwich is incredibly fortunate to have an extraordinary administrative team in place. Town Administrator **Courtney Delaney**, Administrative Assistant **Kelly Cox**, Town Clerk/Tax Collector **Alison Gage**, and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector **Steve Twaddle** work together to keep the town and the expectations of its residents on track administratively, financially, and even culturally. These folks are the welcoming face of Sandwich. They help us navigate permits, documents, tax payments, vehicle registrations, RSA regulations, Current Use rules, zoning ordinances, calendars, maps...and so much more!

And those are just the obvious parts of their jobs. Individually, each one brings skills to the table that enhance the town's stability - and our quality of life as residents. These would take several pages to enumerate properly. But they include Courtney's ability to write grants, liase with other municipalities about mutual concerns, juggle budgets, handle changes in various forms of insurance, payroll, and employee relations, and all the research and effort required to drag Sandwich (sometimes kicking and screaming) into the 21st century. Kelly's superpowers include putting together an enormous document like this Town Report by firmly but smilingly getting all the information required from every single organization and committee under the Town's umbrella (no easy feat), in addition to her other numerous daily duties. Alison's ability to implement the huge shift from an annual to a twice-yearly tax billing and collection system with no issues and a 98% on-time payment result is truly heroic, not to mention her tactful attention to the solutions required in resolving tax liens and rare property tax sales. Steve's steady demeanor and organizational abilities are a strong factor in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's daily affairs being clear and timely.

Oh, and did we mention all the work they do to make Voting days and Town Meetings happen, including feeding workers? It's nothing short of breath taking.

As a group, they manage all of this while interfacing daily with townspeople who may be frustrated, confused, or even angry; yet they remain calm, helpful, and friendly despite the pressure. And they love this town of Sandwich, and all that it represents.

We are honored and grateful to have Courtney, Kelly, Alison, and Steve looking after us so well in the Sandwich Town Offices, and we are delighted to dedicate this year's Town Report to them.

Sincerely,

*Board of Selectmen*

## **THANK YOU, CRAIG EVANS!**

In December of 2023, Craig Evans announced his retirement as Archivist for the Town of Sandwich after nineteen years of service! Craig's expertise and diligent work in the conservation of Sandwich municipal records and the development of our records management system is greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Rowan (no stranger to Town Hall) has accepted the part-time archivist position and has been training with Craig for a smooth transition. Thank you, Craig and welcome (back!), Jennifer - the vault is in good hands!



**Jennifer Rowan and Craig Evans**

*~ Photo credit: Kelly Cox ~*



**Red Hill from School House Road**

*~ Photo credit: Jennifer LaPla ~*



## TOWN DIRECTORY

### OFFICERS

#### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

#### TERM EXPIRATION

Geoff Burrows.....	2024
Benjamin Fullerton .....	2025
Alison Gage.....	2026

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Emma Dassori, Chair .....	2024
Griff O'Brien, Treasurer .....	2024
Eve Porter-Zuckerman .....	2025
Gregg Rogers .....	2025
Cynthia Clark.....	2026

#### ALTERNATES

Katherine Holmes (partial year) .....	2025
Cristina LaRue (partial year) .....	2025

#### MODERATOR

Jim Mykland .....	2024
Christopher Boldt, Assistant	

#### SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Duncan Porter-Zuckerman .....	2025
Siobhán Connelly, At-Large .....	2026
Nancy Starmer .....	2026

#### SELECTMEN

Caroline H. Nesbitt .....	2024
Joanne D. Haight, Chair .....	2025
Adam E. Heard .....	2026

#### SEWER COMMISSIONERS

David Patridge.....	2024
Jim Hambrook .....	2025
Michael Yeager .....	2026

#### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dorothy Burrows.....	2024
Tracy Ripkey .....	2026
Amanda Twaddle.....	2028

<b>OFFICERS (cont.)</b>
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TERM EXPIRATION

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Alison Gage ..... 2025  
Steve Twaddle, Deputy

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Julie Deak, Chair ..... 2024  
Katherine MacDonald ..... 2025  
Robert Buderl ..... 2026

<b>STAFF</b>
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT and 911 COORDINATOR

Kelly Cox

ARCHIVIST

Craig Evans

BALLOT INSPECTORS

Rita Buker ..... Republican  
Louisa Bryant ..... Republican  
Sharon Teel ..... Republican  
Jane Horn ..... Democrat  
Evelyn MacKinnon ..... Democrat  
Cynthia White ..... Democrat

CURRENT USE COORDINATOR

Jennifer Rowan

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Edward Call, Chief  
Jim Mykland, Fire Warden

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Ty Bryant, Road Agent  
Brandon Bourne, Road Crew  
Bob Bryant, Road Crew  
Todd Greymont, Road Crew  
David Manita, Road Crew (partial year)  
James Mutney, Road Crew (partial year)

LAND USE SECRETARY

Susan MacLeod

STAFF (cont.)

PARKS & RECREATION

Oliver Anderson, Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Shawn Varney, Chief  
Karl Koch, Sergeant  
Roberta French, Administrative Assistant

SPECIALS OFFICERS:  
Officer Peter Beede, Jr.  
Officer James Fogarty  
Officer Stephen Rowe

SAMUEL H. WENTWORTH LIBRARY

Nancy Fredrickson, Director  
Lois Brady, Youth Services Librarian (partial year)  
Laura Mudgett, Substitute Assistant Librarian  
Rose Demars, Assistant Librarian/ Inter-Library Loan Librarian  
Barbara Ulm, Assistant Librarian  
Frederick Bickford, Circulation Clerk  
Hannah Coleman, Senior Library Page  
Dee Hutchins, Building Staff  
Eben Misavage, Assistant Librarian

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Courtney Delaney

TRANSFER STATION

Kevin Smith, Foreman  
John Noble, Attendant

TREASURER

Robert Butcher  
Catherine Graham, Deputy

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS

TERM EXPIRATION

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Holly Cook, Secretary .....	2025
Cara Sutherland.....	2025
Margaret Porter .....	2025
Dick Devens .....	2026
Richard Masta .....	2026
Joanne D. Haight, Selectman	



<b>BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS (cont.)</b>
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TERM EXPIRATION

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Julie Dolan, Chair	A. Tod Campbell	Geoffrey Cole
Roger Plimmer		

BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Julie Dolan, Chair	Courtney Delaney	Joanne Haight, Selectman
Brad Holmes	Richard Knox	Jeanne Ryer
Josh Ulman		

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Russ Johnson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jean Knox .....	2024
Susan Gutchess .....	2024
Fred Lavigne, Vice Chair .....	2025
Ruth Stuart, Secretary (partial year) .....	2025
Will Viner .....	2025
Heidi Rowe .....	2025
PJ Blankenhorn, Chair .....	2026
Cindy Duchin .....	2026
Adam Heard, Selectman	

ALTERNATES

Rick Van de Poll .....	2025
Ron Albert .....	2025

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Louis Brunelle, Director (partial year)  
Jason Hall, Deputy

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Kathleen Thorndike, Chair	Tim Miner, Co-Chair	Derek Meredith
Wharton Sinkler, Secretary	Leonard Witt	Adam Heard, Selectman

HEALTH OFFICER

Louis Brunelle .....	2024
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<b>BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS (cont.)</b>
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TERM EXPIRATION

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mallory Hathaway, Co-Chair .....	2024
Virginia Heard .....	2024
Stephanie Traibman .....	2024
Patsy Carega, Co-Chair.....	2025
Anne Gallivan .....	2025
Bart Catalano .....	2025
Susan Gutchess .....	2026
Geoffrey Burrows, Emeritus	
Mary Fleischmann, Emeritus	
Adam Heard, Selectman	

ALTERNATES

Kathy Vittum.....	2024
Bonnie Osler .....	2025
Diana Witt.....	2026
Fred Phillips .....	2026

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

Roger Merriman	Peter Pohl	Jonathan Taylor
Mike Yeager	Jennifer Rowan	

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Bonnie Osler .....	2024
David Rabinowitz (partial year) .....	2024

PLANNING BOARD

Mary Hillsgrove (partial year).....	2024
Julie Dolan, Vice Chair (partial year).....	2024
Will Speers .....	2025
Ray Cameron.....	2025
Brewster Lee, Chair .....	2026
Geoffrey Tyson (partial year).....	2026
Maureen Westrick (partial year).....	2026
Alixandra Coolidge (partial year) .....	2026
Caroline H. Nesbitt, Selectman	
Susan MacLeod, Land Use Secretary	

ALTERNATES

Bonnie Osler (partial year) .....	2026
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POLICE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Van Adriance	Bob Buderl	Anne Glavin
Shawn Varney	Joanne Haight, Selectman (chair)	

## BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS (cont.)

### TERM EXPIRATION

#### REMICK PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Ole Anderson Pam Casadonte Casey Cloutier (partial year)  
Richard Hodges Sara Korpi Derek Meredith

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Oliver Anderson, Parks and Recreation  
Kelly Cox, Selectmen's Office  
Karl Koch, Police Department  
David Manita, Highway Department (partial year)  
Jason Hall, Fire Department  
Kevin Smith, Transfer Station

#### WELFARE

Caroline Nesbitt, Officer  
Catherine Graham, Administrator

#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

James Bullitt..... 2024  
Mary Cove, Chair ..... 2025  
Chris Grant, Vice Chair..... 2025  
Jim Gaiser ..... 2026  
Tim Miner ..... 2026  
Susan MacLeod, Land Use Secretary

#### ALTERNATES

Kurt Olafsen ..... 2024  
Geoffrey Tyson..... 2025  
Jon Greenawalt..... 2026  
Chase Rozelle ..... 2026

## FINANCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES

#### ASSESSORS

Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC

#### AUDITORS

Vachon Clukay & Company, PC

#### TOWN COUNSEL

Mitchell Municipal Group



## **FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

23 Wentworth Hill Road

EMERGENCY: 911

EMAIL: fire@sandwichnh.org

OFFICE: (603) 284-6264

FAX: (603) 284-9208

WHITEFACE STATION: (603) 284-6466

DISPATCH: (603) 524-2386

MEMBER OF THE LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID ASSOCIATION

### **MEMBER ROSTER**

CHIEF .....	Edward Call
ASSISTANT CHIEF .....	Jason Hall
DEPUTY CHIEF .....	Jeff Marts
CAPTAIN .....	Jim Mykland
CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER.....	Louis Brunelle
FIRE FIGHTER .....	Robert Miner
FIRE FIGHTER .....	John Schlemmer
FIRE FIGHTER .....	Ty Bryant
FIRE FIGHTER/EMT .....	Dave Drapcho
FIRE FIGHTER/EMT .....	David Sabo
FIRE FIGHTER/EMT .....	Herb Greene

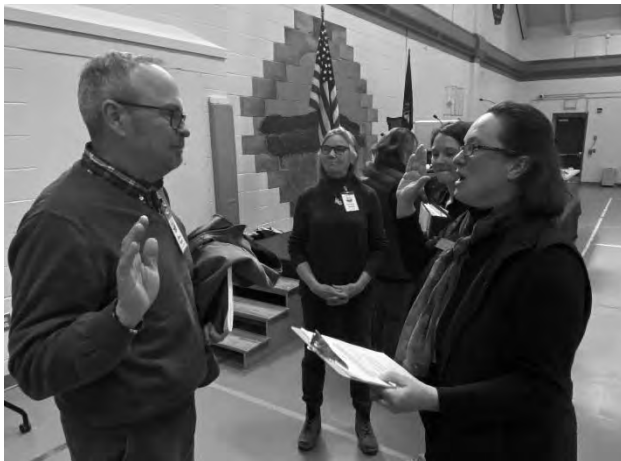
### **TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

WARDEN .....	Jim Mykland
DEPUTY WARDEN.....	Edward Call
DEPUTY WARDEN.....	Robert Miner
DEPUTY WARDEN.....	Louis Brunelle



**Paving Town Hall Parking Lot**

~ Photo credit: Kelly Cox ~



**Adam Heard Taking the Oath of Office**

~ Photo credit: Todd Horn ~



**Joe Canfield Stocking Town Hall Pond**

~ Photo credit: Alison Gage ~



**Touch-a-Truck Event**

~ Photo credit: Todd Horn ~

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

Every year we are reminded what a wonderful place Sandwich is and how fortunate we are to live here. From the beauty of our village, mountains, woods, fields, lakes and streams, to the legacy of our predecessors, to our amazing residents - civil, intelligent, informed, engaged, and dedicated - our town is truly charmed.

2023 was a busy year for the Selectmen. Town accomplishments included:

- The 2022 financial audit reflected continued strength in the Town's financial position.
- The town-wide fiber optic broadband project was largely completed. We worked alongside the vendor (NH Broadband) every step of the way, including successfully obtaining nearly \$2.5M in federal funding to offset project costs.
- The Board prevailed in its town border (perambulation) issue with our neighbors Tamworth and Moultonborough.
- Treasurer Bob Butcher recommended a transition to semi-annual property tax billing. This shift dramatically improved our cash flow and generated more than \$100K in revenue in 2023. Additionally, we no longer require a costly tax anticipation note.
- A new fire truck was acquired by approval at a special town meeting. This action saved the town hundreds of thousands of dollars for an upcoming purchase.
- The Board consistently communicated with the Energy Committee as they developed a plan for a proposed municipally-owned solar array.
- The Board monitored the Eversource Power Line upgrade running through our town – a project of historic scale.
- We hosted the US Forest Service to facilitate community engagement regarding their proposed forest management plan; the topic drew quite a bit of citizen interest.
- The Board, Conservation Commission and Parks & Recreation Director collaborated with the Squam Lakes Association to address erosion at the Town Beach.
- Work continued on the future police building renovation/reconstruction project.
- In large part due to the work of our Planning Board, the Town was awarded a grant to assess regulatory barriers to affordable housing in town. The topic generated a lot of discussion that will assist in developing priorities for future planning.
- Audio and video improvements were made to Town Hall to facilitate meeting accessibility.

As Selectmen we take our responsibility to manage town government very seriously. Our goal is to keep the town running well by ensuring quality public services, fairly enforcing town regulations, and providing public safety. We do this while working hard to keep spending under control. For such a small town it's a surprisingly busy challenge!

Our population is growing. In the past thirteen years, since 2010, the population of Sandwich has risen by 21% – that's 305 residents to our current estimated population of 1,730. Since 2010, eighty-six new homes have been built (a 7% increase). Clearly these additions do not



solely account for the increase in our population; we know many seasonally vacant homes are now occupied year-round. At the same time, we are getting older and demographics are changing. In 2010, 23% of our population was over 65 while today that number is closer to 44%. A growing population adds to increased demand for services.

This is happening at a time when housing and real estate prices are rising significantly. Our latest equalization rate (2023) was 54.8% which means that our assessed value of properties that sold was only 54.8% of their actual sale price. In 2024, Sandwich's real estate will be reassessed as part of our five-year revaluation cycle.

The tax rate for 2023 increased \$1.01 per thousand from \$14.41 to \$15.42. The bulk of this increase was in the State Education and County rates. The municipal rate only increased 2.7% or \$.14 to \$.25. This is consistent with the projected 3% in the budget from spending in 2023.

Inflation has been up in the past few years and costs have been rising. Sandwich has not been immune from these pressures. Increases have been particularly felt in the cost of fuel and heating oil, the cost of insurance and waste disposal. Despite this, we work hard to keep town expense increases in check.

In 2023 we had significant capital outlays for a new grader and a new fire truck. Even though the fire truck was expensive, the opportunity arose to purchase it at a much lower cost than would be expected if we had to place an ordinary order for such a vehicle.

An integral component of a well-run town government is its employees. In an increasingly challenging and competitive workforce environment the town is fortunate to have a great group of employees. They are responsible, diligent, caring, and skilled. We have experienced some turnover but have, with persistence, filled our vacant positions. The Selectmen are working hard to make sure wages are competitive and in line with the market. We believe that to continue to provide quality town services we need to keep a motivated workforce.

Volunteers are integral to a well-run town. Sandwich is fortunate to have so many people willing to step up and give of their time and talents. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the countless volunteers that keep the town running smoothly.

With several key initiatives accounted for in the 2024 budget and an enthusiastic group of volunteers, employees and community members, we look forward to providing exceptional, essential public services!

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanne D. Haight*  
*Caroline H. Nesbitt*  
*Adam E. Heard*



**Adam Heard, Joanne Haight,  
Caroline Nesbitt**

## 2024 BUDGET

### Appropriations and Estimates of Revenues for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

	2023 BUDGET & PETITIONED ARTICLES	2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2024 RECOMMENDED & PETITIONED ARTICLES
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>			
Town Office Expense	213,033	192,811	215,197
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	107,235	100,353	114,640
Election & Registration	2,120	1,705	6,273
Town Officers' Salaries	14,906	14,547	19,455
Audit	25,000	25,000	25,000
Legal Expenses	41,000	54,722	51,000
Building Permit Inspections	4,994	3,600	4,994
Property Appraisal	19,100	19,368	18,000
Property Appraisal - Revaluation	18,500	14,800	50,940
Mapping & Engineering	9,000	1,150	11,000
Planning & Zoning	10,744	7,876	7,585
Town Hall Building	32,335	24,512	24,950
Cemeteries	4,000	4,000	10,000
Health Insurance Fund Reimbursement	14,406	14,406	19,446
Property Insurance Deductibles	2,000	986	2,000
Lakes Region Planning Commission	2,106	2,106	2,205
Flexible Spending Account Administration			1,000
Professional Consulting			10,000
Property & Liability Insurance (All Departments)			42,000
NH Municipal Association	2,133	2,133	2,224
Concord Coach Storage Expenses	400	192	300
Safety Compliance	6,000	3,267	5,000
	<b>529,012</b>	<b>487,534</b>	<b>643,209</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>			
Police Department	331,240	325,390	348,924
Ambulance	80,000	71,338	85,000
Fire Department	286,826	286,031	335,297
Forest Fires/Red Hill Tower	2,050	1,050	2,050
	<b>700,116</b>	<b>683,809</b>	<b>771,271</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</u></b>			
General Highway Department	710,438	651,623	733,322
Street Lighting	12,505	9,212	10,100
Road Signs Replacement	2,000	1,606	2,000
Durgin Bridge Alarm Maintenance & Insurance	12,830	12,721	13,560
	<b>737,773</b>	<b>675,162</b>	<b>758,982</b>
<b><u>SANITATION</u></b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	194,210	205,397	214,772
Household Hazardous Waste	2,145	1,760	2,746
Sewer Bldg Insurance & Workmen's Comp	575	678	300
Municipal Sewer Department	26,100	26,100	25,700
	<b>223,030</b>	<b>233,935</b>	<b>243,518</b>
<b><u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u></b>			
Parks & Recreation	138,395	133,776	150,762
Old Home Week	2,600	2,579	2,900
Selectmen's Cookout	1,200	633	0
Patriotic Purposes	8,500	8,335	8,750
	<b>150,695</b>	<b>145,323</b>	<b>162,412</b>

	2023 BUDGET & PETITIONED ARTICLES	2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2024 RECOMMENDED & PETITIONED ARTICLES
<b><u>GROUNDKEEPING</u></b>			
Groundskeeping	15,253	14,811	18,160
Plow Roadside Parking	4,832	3,661	3,889
	<b>20,085</b>	<b>18,472</b>	<b>22,049</b>
<b><u>S.H. WENTWORTH LIBRARY</u></b>			
Operating Budget	98,242	98,242	100,671
Trust Fund Management	5,000	4,181	5,000
	<b>103,242</b>	<b>102,423</b>	<b>105,671</b>
<b><u>WELFARE</u></b>			
General Assistance/Welfare	40,000	17,384	33,835
	<b>40,000</b>	<b>17,384</b>	<b>33,835</b>
<b><u>CONSERVATION</u></b>			
Town Forest Committee	1,000	0	1,000
Conservation Commission	12,764	9,624	13,281
	<b>13,764</b>	<b>9,624</b>	<b>14,281</b>
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>			
Principle Long Term Bonds/Notes	105,958	115,215	116,350
Interest Long Term Bonds/Notes	23,680	14,413	12,850
Interest - Solar Array CDFA loan			29,000
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	3,000	-63	0
	<b>132,639</b>	<b>129,565</b>	<b>158,200</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u></b>			
Highway, Streets & Bridges	120,000	90,172	77,000
Landfill Monitoring	2,750	1,525	8,750
Quimby Field Maintenance	2,500	2,500	2,500
Dump Truck Lease Payment	39,836	39,836	39,836
HSB Grader	400,000	399,500	
Fire Engine*	750,000	747,467	
Town Hall Electrical & Rigging Upgrades	33,784	32,404	
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update			10,000
GIS System	45,600	45,600	
Excavator			143,000
Remick Park Improvements & Maintenance			44,000
Municipal Solar Array			364,000
Police Department - Portable Radar			2,591
Fire Department - Radio Replacement Grant			81,215
Town Hall - Computers & Telephones			3,000
Highway Department Ford 550			83,000
<i>*approved at Special Town Meeting</i>	<b>1,394,470</b>	<b>1,359,004</b>	<b>858,892</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL RESERVE DEPOSITS</u></b>			
Town Building Expendable Trust			4,500
Office Equipment Expendable Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fire Pond Hydrant Capital Reserve	2,000	2,000	2,500
Library Expendable Trust	5,000	5,000	5,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	50,000	50,000	
Police Equip Capital Reserve			15,000
Gravel Roads Capital Reserve	20,000	20,000	
Highway, Streets & Bridges Capital Reserve	25,000	25,000	
Police Building Capital Reserve	150,000	150,000	100,000
Town Equipment Expendable Trust			15,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	150,000	150,000	150,000
	<b>403,000</b>	<b>403,000</b>	<b>293,000</b>

	2023 BUDGET & PETITIONED ARTICLES	2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2024 RECOMMENDED & PETITIONED ARTICLES
<b><u>PETITION ARTICLES</u></b>			
Starting Point	4,146	4,146	4,037
Tri-County Community Action Program	3,299	3,299	3,299
Granite VNA/Hospice	3,000	3,000	
Lakes Region VNA			5,000
Community Food Center	1,500	1,500	1,500
Northern Human Services			
Moultonborough/Sandwich Senior Meals	9,000	9,000	15,000
Doris L. Benz Center	4,000	4,000	4,000
Interlakes Community Caregivers	1,300	1,300	1,600
Sandwich Children's Center	10,000	10,000	10,000
Court Approved Special Advocates (CASA)	500	500	
	<b>36,745</b>	<b>36,745</b>	<b>44,436</b>
<b><u>TRUST FUNDS</u></b>			
Town Building Expendable Trust		4,570	
Town Equipment Expendable Trust		9,000	
Office Equipment		1,072	
Doris Benz Trust		1,500	
Parks & Recreation Expendable Trust		583	
Moses Hall Trust Fund		5,000	
Charles Blanchard Trust Fund		5,000	
Fire Pond Capital Reserve		1,150	
Police Building Capital Reserve		7,935	
<b>Total Trust Funds</b>		<b>35,810</b>	
<b><u>GRANTS</u></b>			
Northern Border Regional Commission Broadband		3,294	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)		26,358	
Police Department Radio Grant		7,073	
InvestNH Housing Planning Grant		18,859	
White Sylvania Trust		3,954	
<b>Total Grants (unanticipated expenditures)</b>		<b>59,538</b>	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS*</b>	<b>4,484,570</b>	<b>4,397,328</b>	<b>4,109,756</b>
* Includes expenditures offset by grants			
<b><u>Carryover Items - 2023 Expenses</u></b>			
Metcalf Culvert Engineering	32,002	9,730	
2023 Highway Block Grant Funding - Bridge Aid		2,485	



## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	2023 BUDGET & PETITIONED ARTICLES	2023 ACTUAL REVENUE	2024 RECOMMENDED & PETITIONED ARTICLES
<b><u>TAXES</u></b>			
Yield Taxes	25,550	33,116	25,500
Land Use Change Tax	12,000	2,690	10,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,500	3,803	3,500
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	5,000	5,386	5,000
Miscellaneous Tax*		-2,302	
<i>*includes property tax abatement</i>			
<b><u>LICENSES, PERMITS, &amp; FEES</u></b>			
State Decals	7,000	8,829	7,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	325,000	408,703	350,000
Motor Vehicle Titles	500	822	500
Boat Agent & Permit Fees	1,250	2,719	1,250
Building & Miscellaneous Permit Fees	6,100	10,170	6,050
Other Licenses & Fees	2,000	7,611	2,000
<b><u>FROM STATE/FEDERAL</u></b>			
Shared Revenue/Rooms & Meals	50,000	139,705	70,000
Highway Block Grant	110,000	115,552	92,576
Highway Block Grant Addtl. Grants*		60,970	
State of NH - PD Radio Grant		7,073	
Northern Border Regional Commission Grant			
Reimb. Federal Forest Land	30,000	53,404	40,000
InvestNH Housing Planning Grant		2,138	
NH Dept. of Homeland Security Grant			7,500
<i>*will carryover for 2024 as part of unexpended fund bal.</i>			
<b><u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES</u></b>			
Community Development Finance Authority Loan			364,000
Town Forest Committee	1,000	0	0
Town Hall Revenue	50	130	50
Town Office Revenue	50	150	50
Treasurer - Fees		12	
AFG Radio Grant			77,348
Police Department Revenue	60	145	50
Pcard Rebate		682	
Health Insurance Premium Reim		148	
Highway Solar Array Renewable Energy Credits		266	
Sale of Town Property	35,000	35,000	85,000
Welfare Reimbursement			
FD Special Duty Reimbursement	5,275	4,972	5,275
PD Specials Detail Reimb.	10,000	15,171	10,000
Treasurer/Tax Collector/Admin (Sewer)		805	700
Planning & Zoning	1,100	2,041	
Facility Stickers	25,000	36,943	3,000
Dump Fees	10,000	16,000	10,000
Interest on Deposits	3,000	105,343	60,000
Recycle Sales	2,000	3,484	2,000
Office Equipment		1,072	
Town Equipment Repair		9,000	
Fire Equipment	500,000	500,000	
Town Buildings Expendable Trust		4,570	

**SOURCES OF REVENUE (cont.)**

	<b>2023 BUDGET &amp; PETITIONED ARTICLES</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2024 RECOMMENDED &amp; PETITIONED ARTICLES</b>
Fire Pond Capital Reserve		1,150	
Parks & Recreation Expendable Trust		583	
Police Building Capital Reserve		7,935	
Highway Streets & Bridges Capital Reserve (2022)		14,770	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve			155,332
Charles C Blanchard Highway Trust Fund	10,000	5,000	
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u></b>			
Quimby - Reimb Parks & Recreation	35,900	35,900	39,400
Quimby - Quimby Field Maintenance	2,500	2,500	2,500
Quimby - GIS System	45,600	45,600	
Quimby - Grader	16,000	16,000	
Quimby - Town Hall Electrical Upgrades	33,784	33,784	
Quimby - PD Doppler Radar			2,591
Quimby - FD Radios			3,867
Quimby - Town Hall Computers/Telephones			3,000
Quimby - Remick Park Improvements			27,000
Parks & Recreation Fees	1,000	5,625	1,500
Income Sewer Dept	26,100	26,100	25,700
Sewer Department Reimb Ins/WC	575	678	300
Conservation Commission - Fees	1,000	1,100	1,000
Conservation Comm - Coolidge Trust	3,450	3,450	3,450
Tamworth Bearcamp Pond	500	500	500
Ramirez Trust	1,500		1,500
Agricultural Commission Revenue		300	
White Sylvania Trust		5,000	
Lena Nelson Trust	450	450	450
Doris Benz Trust		1,500	
Parks & Recreation Donations		967	
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b>1,348,794</b>	<b>1,805,214</b>	<b>1,506,439</b>
Revenue from Fund Balance	646,101	646,101	59,668
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b>1,994,895</b>	<b>2,451,315</b>	<b>1,566,107</b>
<i>*fund bal includes ARPA &amp; Highway Block grant aid</i>			
<b><u>Carryover Revenue</u></b>			
ARPA funds		26,358	

## 2023 DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
<b>Town Office</b>	213,032.79		
Adam E. Heard, Selectman		0.00	
Joanne D. Haight, Selectman		0.00	
Caroline H. Nesbitt, Selectman		0.00	
Health Insurance, Tufts Freedom		35,494.38	
Life Insurance		517.64	
FICA		6,298.33	
Medicare		1,493.94	
Retirement Contribution		6,240.00	
Unemployment Compensation		28.66	
Worker's Compensation		463.42	
Telephone		2,088.22	
Dues & Subscriptions		1,864.89	
Selectmen's Miscellaneous Expenses		3,033.24	
Treasurer Expense		264.98	
Trustee of Trust Funds Expense		253.95	
Courtney M. Delaney, Town Administrator		61,547.24	
Kelly A. Cox, Administrative Assistant		47,324.40	
Catherine S. Graham, Welfare Administrator		450.00	
Jennifer L. Rowan, Current Use Coordinator		2,994.60	
Office Supplies		2,090.22	
Notices		1,959.18	
Website Services		6,167.17	
Service Contracts		4,958.00	
Postage		1,536.90	
Stickers		790.00	
Archive Support		1,752.00	
Equip Maintenance & Report		312.50	
Printing - Town Report		2,886.74	
		<b>192,810.60</b>	<b>20,222.19</b>
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	107,234.78		
Alison Gage, TC/TC		46,565.46	
Stephen Twaddle, Deputy TC/TC		21,542.77	
Health Insurance		9,195.84	
Life Insurance		258.82	
FICA		4,050.12	
Medicare		965.33	
Retirement Contribution		4,160.00	
Unemployment Compensation		21.50	
Worker's Compensation		139.05	
Telephone		1,702.49	
Dues & Subscriptions		120.00	
Office Supplies		1,304.21	
Notices		0.00	
Computer		6,405.00	
Postage		3,789.39	
Mileage		0.00	
Training/ Certification		75.00	
Tax Lien/Title Search		58.00	
		<b>100,352.98</b>	<b>6,881.80</b>
<b>Election &amp; Registration</b>	2,120.00		
Election Workers		1,075.62	
Notices		0.00	
Expenses		629.57	
		<b>1,705.19</b>	<b>414.81</b>
<b>Town Officers' Salaries</b>	14,906.25		
FICA		865.00	
Medicare		182.37	
Robert Butcher, Treasurer		5,000.00	
Catherine Graham, Deputy Treasurer		200.00	
Louis Brunelle, Health Officer		600.00	
Joanne D. Haight, Selectman		1,800.00	
Caroline Nesbitt, Selectman		1,800.00	
Adam Heard, Selectman (partial year)		1,350.00	
Amanda Twaddle, Supervisor of Checklist		150.00	
Tracy Ripkey, Supervisor of Checklist		150.00	

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Dorothy Burrows, Supervisor of Checklist		150.00	
Julie Deak, Trustee of Trust Funds		1,500.00	
James Mykland, Moderator		300.00	
James Mykland, Fire Warden		500.00	
		<b>14,547.37</b>	<b>358.88</b>
<b>Audit</b>	25,000.00		
Vachon Clukay & Company PC		25,000.00	
		<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Legal Expenses</b>	41,000.00		
Trustee Legal Line		0.00	
General Matters		12,168.09	
Special Town Meeting		2,899.62	
PSNH (Eversource) Abatement Appeals		961.42	
Perambulation		33,581.61	
Zoning Enforcement Case		5,111.21	
		<b>54,721.95</b>	<b>(13,721.95)</b>
<b>Building Permit Inspections</b>	4,994.25		
Russell Johnson, Compliance Officer		3,240.00	
Expenses		112.00	
FICA		200.88	
Medicare		46.98	
		<b>3,599.86</b>	<b>1,394.39</b>
<b>Property Appraisal Update</b>	37,600.00		
Appraisal Expenses		19,368.00	
Revaluation		14,800.00	
		<b>34,168.00</b>	<b>3,432.00</b>
<b>Engineering &amp; Mapping</b>	9,000.00		
Mapping & Consulting		750.00	
Engineering & Consulting		400.00	
		<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>7,850.00</b>
<b>Safety Compliance</b>	6,000.00		
Safety Compliance		3,266.53	
		<b>3,266.53</b>	<b>2,733.47</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	10,743.98		
Planning Board		1,974.54	
Susan MacLeod, Planning Board Secretary		2,815.01	
Susan MacLeod, Zoning Board Secretary		1,515.01	
FICA		267.44	
Medicare		62.62	
Zoning Board of Adjustment		696.87	
Agricultural Commission		479.80	
Historic District Commission		65.04	
		<b>7,876.33</b>	<b>2,867.65</b>
<b>Town Hall Building</b>	32,335.00		
Worker's Compensation		29.58	
Custodial Support		1,575.00	
Gary Kunz, Town Maintenance (partial year)		2,562.00	
Electricity		4,082.45	
Heat & Oil		3,499.72	
Repairs & Maintenance		5,415.99	
Property Insurance & Liability Insurance		6,257.20	
Supplies		1,090.54	
		<b>24,512.48</b>	<b>7,822.52</b>
<b>Cemeteries</b>	4,000.00		
North Sandwich Cemetery Improvements		3,000.00	
Maintenance of Cemeteries		1,000.00	
		<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Health Insurance Fund Reimbursement</b>	14,405.85	14,405.85	
<b>Property Insurance Deductibles</b>	2,000.00	985.50	
<b>Concord Coach Insurance Reimbursement</b>	400.00	192.30	
<b>Lakes Region Planning Commission</b>	2,106.00	2,106.00	
<b>NH Municipal Association</b>	2,133.00	2,133.00	
		<b>19,822.65</b>	<b>1,222.20</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>			
<b>Police Department</b>	331,240.46		
Shawn Varney, Police Chief		87,867.84	
Karl Koch, Sergeant		78,490.88	



	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Police Specials Officers		12,712.50	
Special Duty Detail Officers		11,378.11	
Louis Caldarulo, Beach Enforcement Officer (partial)		1,059.75	
Dennis Sampey, Beach Enforcement Officer		5,549.13	
Carrie Fair, Administrative Assistant		149.25	
Roberta French, Administrative Assistant		6,453.00	
Custodial		1,575.00	
Prosecutor - Court Overtime		0.00	
Health Insurance, Tufts Freedom		23,522.22	
Life Insurance		517.64	
FICA		1,613.24	
Medicare		2,712.05	
Retirement Contribution		54,230.58	
Unemployment Compensation		28.66	
Worker's Compensation		2,311.97	
Communications		5,685.97	
Dues & Subscriptions		614.00	
Office Supplies		1,273.14	
Computer Expense		3,010.81	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		2,366.80	
Gasoline		8,075.67	
Vehicle Repairs		3,131.83	
Miscellaneous		449.77	
Equipment		49.93	
Animal Control		250.00	
Uniforms		1,063.61	
Training		199.00	
Electricity		853.08	
Heat & Oil		2,520.59	
Building Repair & Maintenance		785.04	
Property Insurance		968.86	
Vehicle Insurance		861.84	
Liability Insurance		3,058.49	
		<b>325,390.25</b>	<b>5,850.21</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	80,000.00		
Ambulance Contract		71,337.64	
		<b>71,337.64</b>	<b>8,662.36</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	281,550.98		
Edward Call, Fire Chief		71,947.33	
Health Insurance, Tufts Freedom		21,450.56	
FICA		5,325.97	
Medicare		1,820.62	
Unemployment Insurance		14.34	
Worker's Compensation		5,381.66	
Retirement Contribution		23,443.95	
Life Insurance/Disability		258.82	
Communications		7,326.66	
Liability Insurance		1,656.29	
Dues/Mutual Aid		27,934.03	
General Supplies		2,215.89	
Office Supplies		619.75	
Training		3,840.00	
Gasoline		4,013.02	
Vehicle Repair		9,847.20	
Radio Repairs		717.60	
Equipment Repairs		4,433.36	
Electricity		1,187.46	
Heating Fuel		7,439.64	
Building Repair & Maintenance		3,618.90	
Property/Vehicle Insurance		5,143.70	
Reimbursement to Department Members		55,578.00	
Equipment Purchase		15,814.00	
Emergency Management		0.00	
		<b>281,028.75</b>	<b>522.23</b>
<b>Fire Details</b>	5,274.85		
Fire Detail Pay		4,699.20	
FD Detail FICA		234.06	
FD Detail Medicare		69.18	
		<b>5,002.44</b>	<b>272.41</b>

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
<b>Forest Fires/Red Hill Tower</b>	2,050.00		
Red Hill Tower		1,050.00	
Forest Fires			
		<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</u></b>			
<b>General Highway</b>	710,437.79		
Milton Bryant III, Road Agent		78,087.64	
Robert Streeter (temporary)		456.00	
Todd Greymont, Foreman		62,310.09	
Milton R. Bryant Jr.		57,583.47	
David Manita (partial year)		38,147.34	
Brandon Wright-Bourne		54,531.61	
James Mutney Jr. (partial year)		720.00	
Kevin Smith		228.30	
Health Insurance, Tufts Freedom		42,072.86	
Life Insurance/Disability		1,317.94	
FICA		17,848.86	
Medicare		4,174.33	
Retirement Contribution		13,580.00	
Unemployment Compensation		71.66	
Worker's Compensation		6,214.89	
Communications		2,264.88	
Electricity		1,906.89	
Heating Fuel		4,267.37	
Building Repair & Maintenance		5,995.06	
Property/Vehicle Insurance		2,554.75	
Liability Insurance		5,410.46	
Miscellaneous		2,985.70	
Uniforms		6,111.05	
Culverts		5,226.80	
Aggregate		51,700.98	
Outside Contractors		10,111.16	
Sand & Salt		16,830.53	
Tar		5,344.58	
Gas/Diesel Fuel		55,873.51	
Roadside Mowing		6,000.00	
Hazard Tree Removal		5,000.00	
Tools & Equipment		7,637.83	
Training		272.92	
Road Sweeping		525.00	
Vehicle Repair		56,117.23	
Vehicle Maintenance		22,141.47	
		<b>651,623.16</b>	<b>58,814.63</b>
<b>Street Lighting</b>	12,505.00	9,212.14	
<b>Road Sign Replacement</b>	2,000.00	1,606.35	
<b>Durgin Bridge Alarm &amp; Insurance</b>	12,830.00	12,721.32	
		<b>23,539.81</b>	<b>3,795.19</b>
<b><u>SANITATION</u></b>			
<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>	194,209.48		
Kevin Smith, Foreman		47,944.53	
John Noble		19,616.41	
Health Insurance, Tufts Freedom		11,992.99	
FICA		4,139.65	
Medicare		968.15	
Unemployment Compensation		21.49	
Worker's Compensation		972.38	
Retirement		4,160.00	
Telephone		670.78	
Trash Removal		102,795.63	
Facility Maintenance		2,679.64	
Electricity		3,396.63	
Toilet Rentals		1,521.00	
Property Insurance		1,762.16	
Life Insurance/Disability		258.82	
Mileage		0.00	

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Dues & Training		380.50	
Supplies		1,054.82	
Equipment/Parts		1,061.04	
		<b>205,396.62</b>	<b>(11,187.14)</b>
Household Hazardous Waste	2,145.00	1,760.00	
Municipal Sewer Bldg Ins/WC	575.00	677.76	
Municipal Sewer Department	26,100.00	26,100.00	
		<b>28,537.76</b>	<b>282.24</b>
<b>WELFARE</b>			
General Assistance/Welfare	40,000.00	17,383.62	
		<b>17,383.62</b>	<b>22,616.38</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>			
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	138,394.92		
Oliver Anderson, Director		54,646.00	
Susan Macleod, Instructor		1,200.00	
Laura Thorndike, Instructor		2,880.00	
Drake Dearborn, Beach Attendant		3,475.75	
Devin Gasque, Beach Attendant		2,207.25	
Larkin Kjellberg, Beach Attendant		2,750.63	
Rory Kepner, Beach Attendant		1,911.00	
Eleanor Smith, Beach Attendant		1,505.25	
Health Insurance,Tufts Freedom		16,751.90	
Life Insurance/Disability		258.82	
FICA		4,083.66	
Medicare		955.01	
Retirement Contribution		3,120.00	
Unemployment Compensation		14.34	
Worker's Compensation		1,078.00	
Telephone		1,593.98	
Electricity		1,227.62	
Property & Liability Insurance		1,904.95	
Office Supplies		11.48	
Gasoline		1,221.95	
Training & Dues		749.85	
Mileage			
Beach Testing		145.00	
Toilet Rentals		9,904.38	
Dock		755.00	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		4,333.86	
Ski Program		9,913.01	
Sports Supplies & Equipment		2,218.60	
Seasonal Events		344.20	
Garden Gnomes		613.40	
Misc Program		2,001.49	
		<b>133,776.38</b>	<b>4,618.54</b>
<b>GROUNDKEEPING</b>	20,085.00		
Groundskeeping		14,811.00	
Plow Roadside Parking		3,661.00	
		<b>18,472.00</b>	<b>1,613.00</b>
Old Home Week	2,600.00	2,579.08	
Selectmen's Cookout	1,200.00	633.27	
Patriotic Purposes	8,500.00	8,334.66	
		<b>11,547.01</b>	<b>752.99</b>
<b>SAMUEL H. WENTWORTH LIBRARY</b>			
Operating Budget	98,242.00	98,242.00	
Trust Fund Management	5,000.00	4,181.29	
		<b>102,423.29</b>	<b>818.71</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			
Town Forest Committee	1,000.00	0.00	
Conservation Commission	12,764.25	9,623.45	
		<b>9,623.45</b>	<b>4,140.80</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
<b>Tax Anticipation Notes</b>	3,000.00		
Northway Bank		-63.19	
<b>Bonds &amp; Notes</b>	129,638.60		
TH Renovation Bond Principal		44,000.00	
TH Renovation Bond Interest		2,593.94	

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Bridge Bond Principal		71,215.37	
Bridge Bond Interest		11,819.23	
		<b>129,565.35</b>	<b>3,073.25</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
Road Paving Projects	120,000.00	100,172.00	
Quimby Field Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Landfill Monitoring	2,750.00	1,525.00	
GIS Mapping	45,600.00	45,600.00	
Grader	400,000.00	399,500.00	
Fire Engine	750,000.00	747,467.30	
Dump Truck Lease Payments	39,835.66	39,835.66	
Town Hall Lighting Project	33,784.00	32,403.61	
	<b>1,394,469.66</b>	<b>1,369,003.57</b>	<b>25,466.09</b>
<i>*designated non-lapsing, not incl. in fund balance</i>			
<b>PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	403,000.00		
Library Building Expendable Trust		5,000.00	
Police Department Bldg Capital Reserve		150,000.00	
Highways, Streets & Bridges Capital Reserve		25,000.00	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve		50,000.00	
Fire Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve		150,000.00	
Fire Pond Capital Reserve		2,000.00	
Gravel Roads Capital Reserve		20,000.00	
Office Equipment Expendable Trust		1,000.00	
		<b>403,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PETITION ARTICLES</b>			
Starting Point	4,146.00	4,146.00	
Tri-County Community Action	3,299.00	3,299.00	
VNA/Hospice	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Interlakes Community Caregivers	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Sandwich Senior Meals	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Community Food Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Doris Benz Center	4,000.00	4,000.00	
CASA	500.00	500.00	
Sandwich Children's Center	10,000.00	10,000.00	
	<b>36,745.00</b>	<b>36,745.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>			
Office Equipment Expendable Trust		1,072.32	
Town Equipment Expendable Trust		9,000.00	
Police Building Capital Reserve		7,935.00	
Doris L. Benz Trust		1,500.00	
Fire Ponds Capital Reserve		1,150.00	
P&R Expendable Trust		582.50	
Town Building Expendable Trust		4,570.16	
		<b>25,809.98</b>	
<b>GRANTS (FULLY OFFSET BY REVENUE)</b>			
InvestNH Planning Grant		18,858.68	
ARPA Expenses (Carryover)		26,358.40	
NBRC Broadband Grant Expenditures		3,294.18	
PD Radio Replacement Grant		7,073.24	
White Sylvania Grant Expenditures		3,954.00	
		<b>59,538.50</b>	
<b>TOTAL 2023 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>4,484,569.89</b>		
<b>TOTAL 2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES**</b>		<b>4,397,328.52</b>	
<b>TOTAL 2023 ESTIMATED UNEXPENDED BALANCE***</b>			<b>172,589.85</b>
<i>**Includes unanticipated expenditures fully offset by grants.</i>			
<i>***Adjusted to <u>exclude</u> unanticipated expenditures offset by grants.</i>			
<b>Carryover Items from 2022:</b>			
Metcalf Culvert Engineering		9,730.49	
Highway Block Grant Bridge Funding		2,484.56	
<b>Other Expenditures:</b>			
County Payment		624,238.00	
School District Payment		3,787,999.00	





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**Garden Gnome Glory at the Grove and Skinner Street Triangle**

~ Photo credit: Peggy Longley ~



~ Photo credit: Nancy Morton ~



**Jill Hunter with Linus**

~ Photo credit: Peirce Hunter ~



**Harvesting Dandelions for  
 Hill People Wine**

~ Photo credit: Gunnar Berg ~



**ATTP War of the Roses Cast**

~ Photo credit: Jessie Chapman ~

## TREASURER'S NOTES

During 2023 we transitioned from annual to biannual tax bills. The Town no longer needs to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. The difference a positive cash flow has made in the ability of the Town to pay its bills is a huge improvement.

I am grateful for the work of the Selectboard, Town Administration, Town Clerk's Office and to all of the taxpayers who supported this transition. I believe the Town has benefited from this change.

As Treasurer I do not work developing the budget nor manage the difficulties of staying on budget after approval at Town Meeting. As Treasurer I do witness the work of all the Town's employees and volunteers that help draft, propose, and manage the details of the Town expenses. Despite the inflationary pressures of the recent year, the budget held and all of them deserve our thanks.

I also witness a lot of what it takes to manage the affairs of the Town, and I am aware of how important volunteers are to the work of the Town. I know there are many vacancies that need filling. I urge all of you to consider donating some of your time to one of the many committees or tasks that are so vital to keeping our small town intact.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Butcher*, Treasurer



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Fund	Balance 1/1/2023	Audit Adj/Prior Year Accruals	Interest Income	In Flow	Out Flow*	Accruals	Balance 12/31/2023	Stmnt Date
General Fund Checking & Sweep	\$ 1,335,740.43	\$ 110,837.71	\$ 5,066.99	\$ 12,772,716.74	\$ (13,895,225.22)	\$ 130,527.78	\$ 459,664.43	29-Dec
NH PDIP	\$ 1,545,305.15		\$ 107,967.59	\$ 4,850,000.00	\$ (3,326,778.02)		\$ 3,176,494.72	31-Dec
Money Market Account	\$ 247,633.71		\$ 1,827.80	\$ 1,172,010.93	\$ (1,114,901.00)		\$ 58,937.73	29-Dec
<i>*Out flows include transfers to investments.</i>								
<b>Special Funds Checking</b>								
Conservation-Land Use	\$ 3,999.21		\$ -	\$ 672.50			\$ 4,671.71	29-Dec
Forestry Commission Fund	\$ 133.32		\$ 0.14				\$ 133.46	8-Dec
Health Insurance Fund	\$ 2,057.43		\$ 2.05				\$ 2,059.48	8-Dec
Sewer Commission Fund	\$ 16,991.77		\$ 1.23				\$ 24,727.59	19-Dec
Planning Board Fund	\$ 1,021.66		\$ 0.10				\$ 1,021.76	29-Dec
<b>Special Funds NHPDIP*</b>								
Conservation-Land Use	\$ 104,609.30		\$ 6,945.59	\$ 58,922.41	\$ -		\$ 163,531.71	31-Dec
Dodge Mem Fund	\$ 364.46		\$ 33.77	\$ 553.54	\$ -		\$ 918.00	31-Dec
Forestry Commission Fund	\$ 3,949.88		\$ 427.35	\$ 8,223.86	\$ -		\$ 12,173.74	31-Dec
Health Insurance Fund	\$ 42,860.09		\$ 2,733.58	\$ 17,139.43	\$ -		\$ 59,999.52	31-Dec
Sewer Commission Fund	\$ 24,052.21		\$ 1,029.53	\$ 41,029.53	\$ (23,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 42,081.74	31-Dec
Town Bridge Fund	\$ 1,461.29		\$ 135.33	\$ 2,214.40	\$ -		\$ 3,675.69	31-Dec
<i>*Most inflows in 2023 were due to reallocation of funds from closure of former Certificate of Deposit.</i>								
<b>Long Term Debt</b>			<b>Interest Expense</b>		<b>Principal</b>		<b>Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>Stmnt Date</b>
<b>Town Hall Renovations</b>								
660,000 Note, Northway Bank, 1.35% Due December 1, 2027	\$ 192,876.72		\$ (2,593.94)		\$ (44,000.00)		\$ 146,282.78	1-Dec
<b>Bridge Reconstruction</b>								
1,100,000 Note, Northway Bank, 1.55% Due December 1, 2032	\$ 763,699.60		\$ (11,819.23)		\$ (71,196.69)		\$ 680,683.68	1-Dec
<b>Total Long Term Debt</b>	\$ 956,576.32						\$ 826,966.46	

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Trustees of Trust Funds are elected by the voters of Sandwich, one each year for a term of three years. They are charged as fiduciaries to manage:

- Trust Funds - Funds given to the Town by private parties, usually through bequest or donation. Generally only the income is expendable, restricted to purposes defined by the donor. Depending on the fund, payments are requested by the Selectmen or by applications from Sandwich residents.
- Sandwich Children and Youth Fund - A privately funded fully expendable trust, providing grants of up to \$800.00 towards educational and enrichment programs for Sandwich children and youths. Details about eligibility and the application process can be found on the Trustee of Trust Funds page on the Town website.
- Capital Reserve Funds - Town Funds appropriated by Town Warrant to fund large expenditures, such as capital improvements to Town buildings, roads and infrastructure and equipment.
- Expendable Trusts - Generally Town Funds used for expenses as needed and approved by the Selectmen.

The total market value of these funds was \$ 4,356,965.10 as of December 31, 2023.

The Trustees have an Investment Policy for Trust Funds with an asset allocation of up to 70% in equities and a goal to maximize income, while at the same time providing for principal growth. For Town-funded Capital Reserves and Expendable Trusts, that are fully expendable and usually shorter-term, investments are limited to low-risk vehicles such as CDs and money market funds, with the goal of preserving capital, with modest income and a high degree of liquidity.

Our funds are managed by Cambridge Trust of New Hampshire, who are responsible for the accounting of our annual reports required by the State of New Hampshire, and are reported to Town in the following pages.

The Trustees meet for regular business once a month (optional in August if needed), and meet quarterly with Cambridge Trust to review investment performance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Buderí*

*Julie E. Deak*

*Kathryn MacDonald*

Trustees of the Trust Funds



**TABLE 1**  
**FUNDS PAID OUT BY TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS IN 2023**

<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	
<b>Library Trusts</b>	
Charles Blanchard Trust	301.02
Cora M. Barker Trust	39.21
Erastus P. Jewel Trust	39.21
Joseph Wentworth "A" Trust	156.82
Lena T. Nelson Trust	38.43
Samuel H. Wentworth Library Endowment	42,071.30
Stephen Wentworth Memorial Trust	934.05
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT FROM LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>43,580.04</b>
<b>Cemetery Association Trusts</b>	
Little's Pond Cemetery Plot Maintenance	154.07
Rural Cemetery Plot Maintenance	4,500.00
<b>Charles Blanchard (Roads) Trust</b>	
Repair and paving portions of Church and Grove Streets	5,000.00
<b>Coolidge Conservation Trust</b>	
Conservation Education Program	3,450.00
<b>Doris Benz Trust</b>	
Grant-writing consultant fees for grant for major fire equipment	1,500.00
<b>Moses A.Hall Trust</b>	
Repair and paving portions of Church and Grove Streets	5,000.00
<b>Lena Nelson Memorial Day Trust</b>	
Culture and recreation	450.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT FROM OTHER TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>20,054.07</b>
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT FROM ALL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>63,634.11</b>

<b>CAPITAL RESERVES</b>	
<b>Fire Ponds</b>	
Repair and maintenance of Fire Ponds	1,150.00
<b>Fire Protection Equipment</b>	
Toward purchase of new Fire Truck	500,000.00
<b>Highways, Streets &amp; Bridges</b>	
Metcalf Road engineering	14,770.00
<b>Police Building Fund</b>	
New septic plan for for Police Buiding	2,350.00
Architectural services for Police Building replacement	5,585.00
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Grove Street manholes and new meter reader	24,961.12
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>548,816.12</b>

**TABLE 1 (cont.)****FUNDS PAID OUT BY TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS IN 2023**

<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>	
Town Buildings	
Repair Town Hall lift system	704.53
Repairs to the Church Street Fire Station	3,865.63
Office Equipment	
New laptop for Town Road Agent	1,072.32
Park and Recreation	
Old Home Week expenses	582.50
Equipment Repair	
New snowplow blade	9,000.00
Sandwich Children and Youth Fund	
70 Educational Assistance Grants (See details below *)	24,584.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT FROM EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>39,808.98</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS PAID OUT IN 2023</b>	<b>652,259.21</b>

<b>* GRANTS FROM SANDWICH CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND</b>	
Educational Assistance - Academic Enrichment 2 grants (1@500, 1@ \$595)	1,095.00
Educational Assistance - Camperships 28 grants (5@50, 2@150, 2@200, 1@325, 1@350, 1@360, 6@400, 1@410, 9@500)	9,295.00
Educational Assistance - Arts, Music, Dance & Theatre: 10 grants (2@225, 3@400, 1@490 3@500, 1@600)	4,240.00
Educational Assistance - Driver's Education: 9 grants (1@320, 6@500, 2@0800)	4,920.00
Educational Assistance - Aviation STEM program 1 grant @490	490.00
Educational Assistance - Sports/ Athletic Programs 7 grants (1@70, 1@100, 1@105, 1@140, 1@359, 2@500)	1,774.00
Educational Assistance - Student Travel: 3 grants (1@500, 1@800, 1@1000)	2,300.00
Educational Assistance - Swim Lessons: 10 grants (2@20, 3@30, 1@40, 1@50, 1@60, 1@90, 1@100)	470.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT FROM SANDWICH CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND</b>	<b>24,584.00</b>

**TABLE 2**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE - 2023**  
**SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS**

NAME OF COMMON FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					TOTALS		
		BEGINNING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL ADDED	REALIZED CAPITAL GAINS	WITH-DRAWALS & FEES (2)	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME DURING YEAR	INCOME EXPENDED	INCOME FEES	ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL MARKET VALUE 12/31/23
Library Common Fund	(1)	924,541.84	-	(13,670.47)	(6,271.92)	904,599.45	5,439.24	47,375.00	(43,580.04)	(4,181.29)	5,052.91	929,981.08	909,652.36	1,319,709.93
General Common Fund	(1)	881,137.91	1,000.00	38,831.72	(6,565.28)	914,404.35	227,335.97	39,603.94	(20,054.07)	(4,376.86)	242,508.98	999,560.11	1,156,913.33	1,357,883.72
Capital Reserves Common Fund	(3)	1,589,944.44	403,000.00	-	(548,816.12)	-	-	64,918.71	-	-	-	1,589,944.44	1,509,047.03	1,506,926.69
Expendable Trusts Common Fund	(3)	176,607.99	27,778.94	-	(39,808.98)	-	-	7,866.81	-	-	-	172,444.76	172,444.76	172,444.76
TOTAL		3,572,232.18	431,778.94	25,161.25	(601,462.30)	1,819,003.80	232,775.21	159,764.46	(63,634.11)	(8,558.15)	247,561.89	3,691,930.39	3,748,057.48	4,356,965.10

(1) CDs, money market, government securities, corporate bonds, equities

(2) Principal withdrawals include investment management fees deducted from principal: \$6,271.92:56 Library & \$6,565.28 General Common Funds, and total expenditures from Capital Reserves and Expendable Tr

(3) CDs, money market funds

**TABLE 3**

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE - 2023**

**SAMUEL H. WENTWORTH LIBRARY COMMON FUND**

DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					TOTALS		
				BEGINNING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL ADDED	REALIZED CAPITAL GAINS	WITH- DRAWALS & FEES (2)	PRINCIPAL ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME DURING YEAR (3)	INCOME EXPENDED	INCOME FEES	INCOME ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME ENDING BALANCE	MARKET VALUE 12/31/23
5/1/1920	Charles Blanchard	Library	(1)	6,385.96	-	(94.42)	(43.30)	6,248.24	37.51	327.24	(301.02)	(28.88)	34.85	6,423.47	6,283.09	9,115.44
1/3/1952	Cora M. Barker	Library	(1)	831.77	-	(12.29)	(5.65)	813.83	4.91	42.63	(39.21)	(3.75)	4.58	836.68	818.41	1,187.32
12/30/1912	Erastus P. Jewell	Library	(1)	831.77	-	(12.29)	(5.65)	813.83	4.91	42.63	(39.21)	(3.75)	4.58	836.68	818.41	1,187.32
4/27/1947	Joseph Wentworth "A"	Library	(1)	3,326.99	-	(49.20)	(22.59)	3,255.20	19.53	170.49	(156.82)	(15.05)	18.15	3,346.52	3,273.35	4,748.94
11/11/1994	Lena T. Nelson	Library	(1)	815.52	-	(12.05)	(5.53)	797.94	4.78	41.78	(38.43)	(3.72)	4.41	820.30	802.35	1,164.06
1912	Samuel H. Wentworth Endowment	Library	(1)	892,533.91	-	(13,197.19)	(6,054.78)	873,281.94	5,250.97	45,734.83	(42,071.30)	(4,036.52)	4,877.98	897,784.88	878,159.92	1,274,021.17
2/7/1968	Stephen Wentworth Memorial	Library	(1)	19,815.92	-	(293.03)	(134.42)	19,388.47	116.63	1,015.40	(934.05)	(89.62)	108.36	19,932.55	19,496.83	28,285.68
	TOTAL			924,541.84	-	(13,670.47)	(6,271.92)	904,599.45	5,439.24	47,375.00	(43,580.04)	(4,181.29)	5,052.91	929,981.08	909,652.36	1,319,709.93

(1) Cash/money market, government securities, corporate bonds, equities.

(3) Principal withdrawals are \$6,271.92 investment management fees.

(4) Income net after deduction \$34.42 amortization adjustment

**TABLE 4**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE - 2023**  
**GENERAL COMMON FUND**

DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					PRINCIPAL & INCOME BEGINNING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL & INCOME ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL
			BEGINNING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL ADDED	REALIZED CAPITAL GAINS (1)	WITH- DRAWALS & FEES (2)	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME (3)	INCOME EXPENDED	INCOME FEES				
7/27/1953	Albert C. Blanchard	Children's Health	29,701.67	-	1,308.97	(221.22)	30,789.42	9,369.29	1,334.41	-	(147.50)	10,556.20	41,345.62	48,112.61	
2/7/1977	Bicentennial	Maint & Imp Swim Areas	9,647.91	-	425.18	(71.87)	10,001.22	3,566.27	433.44	-	(47.91)	3,951.80	13,214.18	16,151.12	
1/1/1920	Charles Blanchard	Road Maintenance	91,226.00	-	4,020.37	(679.48)	94,566.89	39,683.12	4,098.45	(5,000.00)	(452.98)	38,328.59	130,909.12	153,679.66	
7/28/1970	Children's Dental	Children's Dental Health	2,428.05	-	106.99	(18.09)	2,516.95	1,559.73	109.10	-	(12.06)	1,656.77	3,987.78	4,173.72	
4/1/2001	Coolidge Conservation	Environmental Education	105,300.25	-	4,640.64	(784.30)	109,156.59	7,925.66	4,730.76	(3,450.00)	(522.88)	8,683.54	113,225.91	117,840.13	
7/1/1937	Daniel D. Atwood	School Fund	849.38	-	37.43	(6.33)	880.48	1,621.94	38.15	-	(4.23)	1,655.86	2,471.32	2,536.34	
7/1/1937	Daniel D. Atwood	Sidewalk Fund	8,365.98	-	368.69	(62.31)	8,672.36	5,426.39	375.85	-	(41.53)	5,760.71	13,792.37	16,339.11	
6/1/1984	Doris L. Benz	General Town Purposes	201,000.27	-	8,858.16	(1,497.07)	208,361.36	42,956.28	9,030.11	(1,500.00)	(998.02)	49,488.37	243,956.55	257,849.73	
3/26/1980	Edrie Burrows	Children's Winter Sports	3,215.48	-	141.71	(23.95)	3,333.24	1,144.14	144.47	-	(15.96)	1,272.65	4,359.62	4,605.89	
9/12/1983	Lena T. Nelson Memorial Day	Flags and Wreaths	12,533.25	-	552.34	(93.36)	12,992.23	1,749.30	563.08	(450.00)	(62.24)	1,800.14	14,282.55	15,338.48	
8/16/1922	Little's Pond Cemetery Assn.	Care of Lots	5,840.94	-	257.43	(43.51)	6,054.86	154.07	262.40	(154.07)	(29.00)	233.40	5,995.01	6,288.26	
4/22/1977	Marjorie Thompson	Children of Sandwich	31,907.99	-	1,406.19	(237.66)	33,076.52	3,010.89	1,433.51	-	(158.42)	4,285.98	34,918.88	37,362.50	
1/1/1931	Moses A. Hall	Road Maintenance	75,392.43	-	3,322.59	(561.55)	78,153.47	30,472.11	3,387.11	(5,000.00)	(374.36)	28,484.86	105,864.54	106,638.33	
4/4/1905	N. Sand. Friends Cemetery Assn.	Care of Lots	1,289.57	-	56.83	(9.60)	1,336.80	138.14	57.93	-	(6.41)	189.66	1,427.71	1,526.46	
1/5/1988	Remick Park	Maintenance & Recreation	6,043.17	-	266.31	(45.00)	6,264.48	2,315.64	271.50	-	(30.00)	2,557.14	8,358.81	10,198.45	
3/28/1988	Robert Ramirez	Substance Abuse Education	34,761.41	-	1,531.95	(258.91)	36,034.45	7,606.74	1,561.73	-	(172.60)	8,995.87	42,368.15	45,030.32	
2/8/1910	Rural Cemetery Association	Care of Lots	172,699.19	1,000.00	7,610.53	(1,288.67)	180,021.05	40,547.56	7,776.38	(4,500.00)	(859.12)	42,964.82	213,246.75	222,985.87	
2/20/1908	Sandwich Cemetery Trustees	Care of Lots	81,255.90	-	3,580.96	(605.22)	84,231.64	23,361.70	3,650.52	-	(403.46)	26,608.76	104,617.60	110,840.40	
2/16/1937	Sandwich Town Grange Fair	General Benefit of Town	4,594.95	-	202.52	(34.21)	4,763.26	2,406.41	206.44	-	(22.84)	2,590.01	7,001.36	7,353.27	
9/13/1949	Slade Improvement	Town Improvement	2,115.69	-	93.24	(13.75)	2,193.18	1,493.42	95.08	-	(10.52)	1,577.98	3,609.11	4,253.18	
1/31/1945	Town of Sandwich Recreation	Athletic Programs	968.43	-	42.69	(7.22)	1,003.90	827.17	43.52	-	(4.82)	865.87	1,795.60	2,090.41	
	TOTAL		881,137.91	1,000.00	38,831.72	(6,565.28)	914,404.35	227,335.97	39,603.94	(20,054.07)	(4,376.86)	242,508.98	1,156,913.33	1,357,883.72	

- (1) Realized capital gains include \$609.79 capital gains dividends  
(2) Principal withdrawals are \$6,565.28 investment management fees  
(3) Income net after \$5.67 depository fees, and \$2,302.97 amortization adjustment



**TABLE 5**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE - 2023**  
**DETAIL FOR CEMETERY PLOT PERPETUAL CARE TRUSTS**

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	Principal			Income			Total		
			Beginning Balance	Principal Added	Gains or (Losses) from Sale of Securities (1)	Withdrawn (Fees)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance		Income During Year	Expended (2)
Rural Cemetery											
7/16/2003	A. Newall and Elizabeth M. Garden	Care of lot	1,043.61	-	45.99	(7.79)	1,081.81	184.27	46.99	(32.38)	1,280.69
9/10/1987	Alan & Betsy Switzer	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
5/27/1997	Albert & Kathryn Hansen	Care of lot	1,015.19	-	44.74	(7.79)	1,052.35	275.77	45.71	(31.50)	1,342.33
12/30/2002	Alfred & Kathryn Moorhouse	Care of lot	1,043.61	-	45.99	(7.79)	1,081.81	184.27	46.99	(32.38)	1,280.69
11/15/2012	Allan W. and Judith Fulkerson	Care of lot	741.79	-	32.69	(5.54)	768.94	55.65	33.41	(23.02)	834.98
1/5/1976	Almira Tappan Dodge	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
7/22/1936	Alonzo March Wallace	Care of lot	313.14	-	13.80	(2.34)	324.60	86.52	14.10	(9.72)	415.50
12/31/2020	Amanda Verbanic	Care of lot	575.79	-	25.37	(4.30)	596.86	12.12	25.93	(17.86)	617.05
10/30/1949	Amy M. Torsey	Care of lot	626.33	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.27	172.87	28.21	(19.44)	830.91
1/1/1999	Andrew Scott Mills	Care of lot	985.00	-	43.40	(7.35)	1,021.05	229.08	44.35	(30.57)	1,263.91
3/15/1973	Ann B. & Philip S. Robbins	Care of lot	2,051.90	-	90.43	(15.31)	2,127.02	445.60	92.40	(63.68)	2,601.34
6/16/1980	Annette Blondeau	Care of lot	584.58	-	25.76	(4.36)	605.98	161.42	26.33	(18.14)	775.59
12/31/1976	Arthur B. Brown	Care of lot	626.33	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.27	172.87	28.21	(19.44)	830.91
9/18/1961	Arthur J. Tuttle	Care of lot	1,148.25	-	50.60	(8.57)	1,190.28	317.08	51.70	(35.63)	1,523.43
6/13/1996	August Blodgett	Care of lot	1,022.88	-	45.08	(7.63)	1,060.33	287.19	46.05	(31.74)	1,361.83
6/12/1980	Austin Burrows	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
4/2/2013	Barbara Schulz Brown Watts	Care of lot	761.12	-	33.54	(5.68)	788.98	56.68	34.28	(23.62)	856.32
8/28/2018	Beckman Family	Care of lot	658.10	-	29.00	(4.91)	682.19	22.04	29.64	(20.42)	713.45
12/6/1966	Bertha G. Smith Est.	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
1/1/1998	Beverly & Harold Dennison	Care of lot	999.57	-	44.04	(7.46)	1,036.15	257.79	45.00	(31.02)	1,307.92
9/16/1996	Burton & Katherine Stuart	Care of lot	1,022.53	-	45.06	(7.63)	1,059.96	284.29	46.04	(31.73)	1,358.56
9/27/1971	Carl G. Beede	Care of lot	1,611.93	-	71.03	(12.03)	1,670.93	403.36	72.58	(50.02)	2,096.85
12/27/1966	Catlin, Ford & Smith Lots	Care of lot	2,087.78	-	92.00	(15.58)	2,164.20	576.51	94.01	(64.79)	2,769.93
4/5/2002	Cecelia & Albert Hanson III	Care of lot	994.87	-	43.84	(7.42)	1,031.29	183.83	44.79	(30.87)	1,229.04
1/1/1998	Ch. & B. Stevenson Memorial	Care of lot	19,803.09	-	872.65	(147.56)	20,528.18	4,816.31	891.58	(614.57)	25,621.50
9/16/1966	Chancellor & Nancy Forbush	Care of lot	626.33	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.27	172.87	28.21	(19.44)	830.91
6/28/1968	Charles & Eva Fellows	Care of lot	313.14	-	13.80	(2.34)	324.60	86.52	14.10	(9.72)	415.50
9/24/1973	Charles & Janet Uhle	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
8/2/2009	Charles & Paula Kuehn	Care of lot	759.43	-	33.47	(5.67)	787.23	53.11	34.20	(23.57)	850.97
11/15/1923	Charles A. Gilman	Care of lot	83.47	-	3.68	(0.62)	86.53	23.09	3.76	(2.59)	110.79
7/21/1939	Charles B. Hoyt	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
2/10/1910	Charles Blanchard	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.39	(6.48)	276.76
1/1/2000	Charles G. & Anna Burrows	Care of lot	577.59	-	25.45	(4.31)	598.73	116.91	26.01	(17.92)	723.73
5/19/1939	Charles L. Wallace	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
5/17/2010	Christine Chamberlain for Ellen Marston Lot	Care of lot	158.65	-	6.99	(1.18)	164.46	11.04	7.14	(4.92)	177.72
1/3/1952	Cora M. Barker	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
5/12/2021	Dana & Jean Pearson	Care of lot	560.19	-	24.69	(4.18)	580.70	14.80	25.23	(17.39)	603.34
9/20/2017	Dana S. Burrows	Care of lot	653.85	-	28.81	(4.88)	677.78	42.09	29.45	(20.29)	729.03
8/2/1937	Daniel D. Atwood	Care of lot	1,461.42	-	64.41	(10.91)	1,514.92	403.48	65.80	(45.35)	1,938.85
12/30/2002	David & Elizabeth Anthony	Care of lot	834.90	-	36.79	(6.23)	865.46	147.42	37.59	(25.90)	1,024.57
1/1/2001	David & Jacqueline Brackett	Care of lot	984.88	-	43.40	(7.35)	1,020.93	201.05	44.34	(30.56)	1,235.76
6/6/1984	David B. & Elizabeth Howe	Care of lot	1,027.71	-	45.28	(7.67)	1,065.52	294.85	46.27	(31.89)	1,374.55
7/12/2011	Dorothea & Walter DeWitt	Care of lot	768.73	-	33.87	(5.74)	796.86	57.76	34.62	(23.85)	865.39
4/14/1980	Dr. & Mrs Donald Hight	Care of lot	1,051.56	-	46.34	(7.85)	1,090.05	288.81	47.35	(32.63)	1,393.58
6/2/1980	Dr. & Mrs H. Curtis Wood Jr	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
12/17/1979	Dr. & Mrs Jodi Folch-Pi	Care of lot	2,091.35	-	92.16	(15.61)	2,167.90	524.49	94.17	(64.89)	2,721.67
5/20/1994	Dr. & Mrs S. Kirkwood	Care of lot	1,023.67	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.14	283.98	46.09	(31.76)	1,359.45
12/30/1982	Dr. Gurney Taylor	Care of lot	1,605.98	-	70.78	(11.98)	1,664.78	389.71	72.31	(49.84)	2,076.96
9/14/1993	Dr. & Mrs. Richard Burns	Care of lot	1,023.79	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.26	284.01	46.10	(31.77)	1,359.60
7/14/1987	Edith F. Gregson	Care of lot	835.13	-	36.80	(6.23)	865.70	230.59	37.60	(25.91)	1,107.98
10/25/1948	Edw. J. & Clarence Bryant	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
9/9/1968	Edward & Victoria Gilman	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
1/5/1978	Edward A. Savin, Jr.	Care of lot	104.37	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.19	28.86	4.70	(3.24)	138.51
2/17/2021	Elaine Paul & Walter Modono	Care of lot	560.19	-	24.69	(4.18)	580.70	14.80	25.23	(17.39)	603.34
9/6/1949	Eliza A. Atwood	Care of lot	309.47	-	13.64	(2.31)	320.80	85.50	13.94	(9.60)	398.84
11/7/2006	Elizabeth Chase	Care of lot	883.63	-	38.94	(6.59)	915.98	116.70	39.79	(27.42)	1,045.05
6/30/1939	Elmer B. Hart	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00

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Rural Cemetery											
11/15/2012	Emmi and Bill Glenday	Care of lot	741.79	-	32.69	(5.54)	768.94	55.65	33.41	(23.02)	834.98
6/4/1990	Ernest W. Bean	Care of lot	1,035.29	-	45.62	(7.73)	1,073.18	285.82	46.62	(32.13)	1,373.49
9/12/1977	Erskine & Catherine White	Care of lot	1,096.06	-	48.30	(8.18)	1,136.18	302.61	49.35	(34.01)	1,454.13
5/25/1985	Erving & Evelyn Mudgett	Care of lot	104.37	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.19	28.86	4.70	(3.24)	138.51
11/28/1984	Ethel Carter	Care of lot	20.90	-	0.92	(0.16)	21.66	5.75	0.95	(0.64)	27.72
1/11/2005	Ethyl Mykland	Care of lot	944.07	-	41.61	(7.04)	978.64	124.71	42.51	(29.30)	1,116.56
11/9/1976	Francis D. Pratt	Care of lot	1,013.55	-	44.66	(7.56)	1,050.65	272.39	45.64	(31.45)	1,337.23
9/28/1933	Frank B. Watson	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
11/29/1943	Frank Burleigh	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
12/29/1931	Frank S. Hunt	Care of lot	52.18	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.09	14.36	2.35	(1.62)	69.18
8/31/1973	Fred & Virginia Croy	Care of lot	267.24	-	11.78	(1.99)	277.03	73.71	12.03	(8.29)	354.48
3/21/2004	Frederick & Susan Bowlden	Care of lot	956.85	-	42.17	(7.14)	991.88	131.26	43.08	(29.69)	1,136.53
4/1/1977	Frederick K. Larsen	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
11/24/1928	Freewill Baptist Church	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
3/27/2020	George & Jan McCormack	Care of lot	575.79	-	25.37	(4.30)	596.86	12.12	25.93	(17.86)	617.05
1/1/1999	George Alcock	Care of lot	979.70	-	43.17	(7.31)	1,015.56	216.85	44.11	(30.40)	1,246.12
11/24/1928	George L. Clark	Care of lot	699.39	-	30.82	(5.22)	724.99	193.11	31.50	(21.70)	927.90
12/7/2009	Gerard & Kay Ives	Care of lot	759.43	-	33.47	(5.67)	787.23	53.11	34.20	(23.57)	850.97
1/5/1978	Gerard & Ruth Ives	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
8/19/1975	Glenn Smith Fund	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
5/25/1979	Harry R. Taylor	Care of lot	730.70	-	32.20	(5.45)	757.45	201.73	32.91	(22.67)	969.42
12/21/1990	Helen Murray	Care of lot	1,035.29	-	45.62	(7.73)	1,073.18	285.82	46.62	(32.13)	1,373.49
4/19/1976	Henry & Mary B. Balch/Patrick Miller*	Care of lot	2,955.68	-	130.25	(22.06)	3,063.87	660.48	133.09	(91.72)	3,765.72
2/19/1975	Herbert E. Moulton	Care of lot	626.33	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.27	172.87	28.21	(19.44)	830.91
12/29/1931	Herman E. Lewis	Care of lot	3,183.87	-	140.30	(23.76)	3,300.41	879.12	143.36	(98.80)	4,224.09
7/12/2011	Hope Jeffers	Care of lot	768.73	-	33.87	(5.74)	796.86	57.76	34.62	(23.85)	865.39
5/17/2010	J & A Twaddle for Walter Atwood/Charles Marston Lot	Care of lot	793.23	-	34.95	(5.92)	822.26	55.15	35.71	(24.62)	888.50
8/16/2010	James & Ellen Greene	Care of lot	793.23	-	34.95	(5.92)	822.26	55.15	35.71	(24.62)	888.50
4/4/1966	James & Harriet Beede	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
9/6/1949	James S. Rogers	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
8/28/2018	James Stephen & Margery Bennett	Care of lot	658.10	-	29.00	(4.91)	682.19	22.04	29.64	(20.42)	713.45
7/17/2018	Janet Burnell	Care of lot	164.41	-	7.24	(1.23)	170.42	6.05	7.40	(5.10)	178.77
12/3/2006	Joan Little	Care of lot	88.36	-	3.89	(0.66)	91.59	11.69	3.98	(2.74)	104.52
6/16/1980	John & Janet Laverack	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
12/7/2009	John & Suzanne Pratt	Care of lot	759.43	-	33.47	(5.67)	787.23	53.11	34.20	(23.57)	850.97
10/26/1940	John S. Quinby	Care of lot	626.33	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.27	172.87	28.21	(19.44)	830.91
12/14/1970	John W. Beede Fund	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	1,384.99
10/21/1931	Jonathan & Julia Tappan	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
10/24/1994	Joseph Duffy	Care of lot	1,023.67	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.14	283.98	46.09	(31.76)	1,359.45
11/28/1984	June Nicoli	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
5/10/1955	Katharine F. Bryar White	Care of lot	2,087.78	-	92.00	(15.58)	2,164.20	576.51	94.01	(64.79)	2,769.93
6/1/1970	Keith G. Lakey	Care of lot	1,039.84	-	45.82	(7.76)	1,077.90	289.19	46.82	(32.26)	1,381.65
1/19/2019	Ken and Betty Alcock	Care of lot	163.77	-	7.21	(1.22)	169.76	3.09	7.37	(5.08)	175.14
5/12/2021	Kroitz Family	Care of lot	140.05	-	6.17	(0.39)	145.17	3.69	6.30	(4.35)	150.81
9/12/1977	Kunigunda Reickert	Care of lot	52.18	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.09	14.36	2.35	(1.62)	69.18
7/10/1995	Langdon Ambrose	Care of lot	1,023.67	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.14	308.03	46.09	(31.76)	1,381.65
9/21/2010	Laura Russell	Care of lot	793.23	-	34.95	(5.92)	822.26	55.15	35.71	(24.62)	888.50
7/17/1972	Lawrence K. Hall	Care of lot	1,023.58	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.05	280.06	46.09	(31.76)	1,355.44
11/11/1994	Lena T. Nelson	Care of lot	2,047.41	-	90.22	(15.28)	2,122.35	567.97	92.00	(63.54)	2,718.98
10/16/1975	Lena T. Nelson Fund	Care of lot	3,131.66	-	138.01	(23.37)	3,246.30	864.78	141.02	(97.18)	4,154.92
7/27/1943	Leonard A. Smith	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
4/2/1968	Lorenzo D. Bean Lot	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	554.02
4/18/1940	Lucy A. Silver Hunt	Care of lot	70.43	-	3.10	(0.53)	73.00	19.37	3.18	(2.19)	20.36
9/9/1971	Luther J. Burrows	Care of lot	1,252.67	-	55.20	(9.35)	1,298.52	345.96	56.40	(38.87)	1,662.01
11/7/1990	M & B Bowler	Care of lot	1,034.48	-	45.59	(7.72)	1,077.23	285.72	46.58	(32.11)	1,372.54
8/12/1929	M. Quinby & M. Leavens	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	277.00
5/8/1989	M/M Arthur Sinclair	Care of lot	1,042.10	-	45.92	(7.78)	1,080.24	287.70	46.92	(32.33)	1,382.53
1/30/1992	M/M David Blackshear	Care of lot	1,029.36	-	45.37	(7.68)	1,067.05	293.77	46.34	(31.94)	1,373.22
6/24/1992	M/M Giles Curtiss Fenn	Care of lot	1,069.68	-	47.14	(7.98)	1,108.84	290.04	48.16	(33.19)	1,413.85
6/24/1986	M/M J. Gilmer Tyson	Care of lot	1,018.73	-	44.90	(7.60)	1,056.03	186.26	45.87	(31.61)	1,256.55
3/30/1992	M/M John Dyer	Care of lot	1,031.49	-	45.46	(7.70)	1,069.25	285.07	46.44	(32.01)	1,368.75

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Rural Cemetery												
10/22/1987	M/M Lester Lear	Care of lot	1,035.77	-	45.64	(7.73)	1,073.68	286.61	46.64	(32.14)	301.11	1,374.79
8/27/1986	M/M Philip Ryder	Care of lot	1,048.67	-	46.21	(7.83)	1,087.05	219.00	47.21	(32.55)	233.66	1,320.71
4/20/1992	M/M R. Q. Peaslee, Jr.	Care of lot	1,030.94	-	45.43	(7.69)	1,068.68	284.90	46.42	(31.99)	299.33	1,368.01
8/11/1994	M/M S Elliott	Care of lot	1,023.67	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.14	281.79	46.09	(31.76)	296.12	1,357.26
3/30/1992	M/M Thomas Johnson	Care of lot	1,026.41	-	45.23	(7.66)	1,063.98	284.38	46.21	(31.86)	298.73	1,362.71
12/14/2016	Mark George & Anne Murray Field	Care of lot	656.85	-	28.95	(4.90)	680.90	43.45	29.58	(20.39)	52.64	773.54
3/18/1940	Mary A. Marston	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	60.59	277.00
8/14/1992	Mary E F Fenn	Care of lot	205.18	-	9.04	(1.53)	212.69	56.87	9.24	(6.37)	59.74	272.43
2/2/1928	Melissa G. Rowe	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	60.59	277.00
5/19/1980	Monroe & Bernice Michael	Care of lot	1,036.29	-	45.67	(7.73)	1,074.23	286.14	46.66	(32.16)	300.64	1,374.87
10/16/1985	Mr & Mrs Burette McBee	Care of lot	1,033.67	-	45.55	(7.71)	1,071.51	285.91	46.54	(32.07)	300.38	1,371.89
10/30/1985	Mr & Mrs Curtis Beaton	Care of lot	1,025.93	-	45.21	(7.66)	1,063.48	284.57	46.19	(31.83)	298.93	1,362.43
3/22/1983	Mr & Mrs Haven Tibbetts	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	60.59	277.00
10/16/1975	Mr & Mrs Nathaniel Burrows	Care of lot	835.11	-	36.80	(6.23)	865.68	230.75	37.60	(25.91)	242.44	1,108.12
10/1/1979	Mr & Mrs Oliver Coolidge	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
12/1/1984	Mr & Mrs Robert Gifford	Care of lot	1,096.06	-	48.30	(8.18)	1,136.18	302.61	49.35	(34.01)	317.95	1,454.13
7/8/1980	Mr & Mrs Theodore Hope Jr	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
8/20/1985	Mr & Mrs Willem Linscheer	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
10/3/1973	Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Uhle	Care of lot	1,237.54	-	54.54	(9.23)	1,282.85	337.94	55.72	(38.41)	355.25	1,638.10
12/11/1995	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Burrows	Care of lot	1,023.67	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.14	294.82	46.09	(31.76)	309.15	1,370.29
10/2/1997	Mr. & Mrs. Donald E. Condon	Care of lot	1,009.19	-	44.47	(7.53)	1,046.13	270.93	45.44	(31.32)	285.05	1,331.18
8/7/1995	Mr. & Mrs. Herman Mowatt	Care of lot	997.13	-	43.94	(7.44)	1,033.63	240.22	44.90	(30.94)	254.18	1,287.81
9/23/1982	Mrs Peter Burrows	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	121.19	554.02
2/4/1918	Mrs. Emma Cox	Care of lot	52.19	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.10	14.37	2.35	(1.62)	15.10	69.20
1/29/1917	Mrs. Henry Hanson	Care of lot	52.19	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.10	14.37	2.35	(1.62)	15.10	69.20
10/11/1952	Mrs. Ida M. Hanson	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	121.19	554.02
11/24/1914	Mrs. James E. Mudgett	Care of lot	52.19	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.10	14.37	2.35	(1.62)	15.10	69.20
1/1/2001	Myrtle & George Christie	Care of lot	978.62	-	43.13	(7.30)	1,014.45	186.37	44.06	(30.37)	200.06	1,214.51
10/20/1938	Nathaniel Burleigh	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	121.19	554.02
11/4/1922	Nellie Hodge	Care of lot	52.19	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.10	14.37	2.35	(1.62)	15.10	69.20
2/14/1917	Nellie J. Nichol	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	60.59	277.00
8/16/2010	Nelson & Alice Russell	Care of lot	793.23	-	34.95	(5.92)	822.26	55.15	35.71	(24.62)	66.24	888.50
7/3/1931	Oliver Lee	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	60.59	277.00
5/8/1926	Ora Fellows	Care of lot	104.37	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.19	28.86	4.70	(3.24)	30.32	138.51
2/8/1910	Orilla P. Worroll	Care of lot	439.58	-	19.38	(3.28)	455.68	121.35	19.80	(13.64)	127.51	583.19
1/1/2000	P. C. Kennedy	Care of lot	786.48	-	34.66	(5.87)	815.27	170.99	35.41	(24.40)	182.00	997.52
6/13/1997	Pam Bean (S-47A)	Care of lot	996.57	-	43.91	(7.44)	1,033.04	250.54	44.87	(30.93)	264.48	1,297.52
10/13/1988	Patricia & Arthur Heard	Care of lot	1,037.29	-	45.71	(7.74)	1,073.26	286.46	46.70	(32.19)	300.97	1,376.23
7/23/1956	Perley C. Knox	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	121.19	554.02
8/21/1997	Philbrick & Anne Dodge	Care of lot	202.25	-	8.91	(1.51)	209.65	54.52	9.11	(6.28)	57.35	267.00
10/19/1979	Polly Switzer	Care of lot	104.37	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.19	28.86	4.70	(3.24)	30.32	138.51
9/20/2021	Quinlan-Sheldon	Care of lot	280.10	-	12.34	(2.09)	290.35	7.40	12.62	(8.69)	11.33	301.68
5/24/1990	R & M Deming	Care of lot	1,035.29	-	45.62	(7.73)	1,073.18	285.82	46.62	(32.13)	300.31	1,379.34
12/14/1994	R&K Delgado	Care of lot	1,023.67	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.14	283.89	46.09	(31.76)	298.22	1,359.36
8/20/1985	Ralph W. Nelson	Care of lot	20.90	-	0.92	(0.16)	21.66	5.75	0.95	(0.64)	6.06	27.72
10/16/1995	Raymond K. & Ruth Conley	Care of lot	1,023.67	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.14	299.24	46.09	(31.76)	313.57	1,374.71
2/27/1981	Rev Harris W & Jean Howe	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
12/3/1979	Richard & Anne Papan	Care of lot	125.30	-	5.52	(0.93)	129.89	34.60	5.64	(3.88)	36.36	188.50
5/17/2010	Richard & Iris Devens for Fay Lot	Care of lot	793.23	-	34.95	(5.92)	822.26	55.15	35.71	(24.62)	66.24	866.25
8/20/1997	Richard & Marcia Allen, Lot C-8	Care of lot	1,011.21	-	44.56	(7.55)	1,048.22	272.57	45.53	(31.38)	286.72	1,334.94
9/10/2021	Richard and Annette Kelley	Care of lot	560.19	-	24.69	(4.18)	580.70	14.80	25.23	(17.39)	22.64	603.34
4/14/1978	Richard N. Ford	Care of lot	626.33	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.27	172.87	28.21	(19.44)	181.64	830.91
1/1/1998	Richard R. Frey	Care of lot	991.39	-	43.69	(7.40)	1,027.68	243.00	44.63	(30.76)	256.87	1,284.55
1/1/1999	Rita & Harold Taylor	Care of lot	979.70	-	43.17	(7.31)	1,015.56	216.85	44.11	(30.40)	230.56	1,246.12
7/3/2019	Rita P Taylor	Care of lot	635.65	-	28.01	(4.74)	658.92	19.47	28.33	(19.72)	28.38	687.30
8/6/2004	Robert Burrows	Care of lot	403.21	-	17.77	(3.01)	417.97	62.94	18.15	(12.52)	68.57	486.54
7/2/1981	Roger & Frederika Merriman	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
12/14/1970	Rueben Hodge Fund	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	121.19	554.02
7/27/1979	Rufus Garland Trust	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
12/14/2016	Sally MacLeod Biddle & Robert Biddle	Care of lot	525.46	-	23.16	(3.92)	544.70	34.76	23.66	(16.30)	42.12	586.82
12/26/1911	Samuel Chase	Care of lot	104.37	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.19	28.86	4.70	(3.24)	30.32	138.51
12/20/1978	Slaker-Kimball	Care of lot	313.14	-	13.80	(2.34)	324.60	86.52	14.10	(9.72)	90.90	415.50

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Rural Cemetery												
10/27/1993	Stephan Albert Hope	Care of lot	1,023.74	-	45.11	(7.64)	1,061.21	284.00	46.10	(31.77)	298.33	1,350.54
12/31/1910	Susan A. Sherman	Care of lot	313.14	-	13.80	(2.34)	324.60	86.52	14.10	(9.72)	90.90	415.50
11/18/1977	T. Guthrie Speers	Care of lot	887.57	-	39.12	(6.62)	920.07	245.12	39.97	(27.55)	257.54	1,177.61
1/1/1999	Theodore & Eleanor Kennedy	Care of lot	196.45	-	8.66	(1.47)	203.64	44.57	8.85	(6.10)	47.32	250.96
8/16/2010	Thomas & Mary Cullen	Care of lot	793.23	-	34.95	(5.92)	822.26	55.15	35.71	(24.62)	66.24	888.50
6/8/1981	Thomas Marshall Dix	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	121.19	554.02
8/20/1985	Vanderpol Adriance	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
11/28/1984	Vaughan & Lois Harmon	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
3/29/1993	Vincent and Betty Ippolito	Care of lot	1,024.00	-	45.12	(7.64)	1,061.48	283.91	46.11	(31.77)	298.25	1,359.73
3/21/2004	W&E C&A&M Quimby	Care of lot	1,008.00	-	44.42	(7.52)	1,044.90	157.34	45.38	(31.28)	171.44	1,216.34
11/12/2004	Walter & Donna Johnson	Care of lot	1,008.00	-	44.42	(7.52)	1,044.90	157.34	45.38	(31.28)	171.44	1,216.34
10/30/1942	Walter G. Atwood	Care of lot	417.55	-	18.40	(3.12)	432.83	115.34	18.81	(12.96)	121.19	554.02
2/1/1944	Warren J. Moulton	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
12/16/1991	Wayne F. Keefe	Care of lot	1,033.91	-	45.56	(7.71)	1,071.76	285.54	46.55	(32.08)	300.01	1,371.77
7/10/1995	Wilfred Plummer	Care of lot	204.72	-	9.02	(1.53)	212.21	61.80	9.22	(6.35)	64.67	276.88
9/10/2007	William & Claire Smith	Care of lot	819.80	-	36.13	(6.12)	849.81	86.21	36.91	(25.44)	97.68	947.49
1/1/2001	William & Faith Wallace	Care of lot	978.74	-	43.13	(7.30)	1,014.57	193.37	44.07	(30.37)	207.07	1,221.64
12/11/1980	William Biddle	Care of lot	260.97	-	11.50	(1.95)	270.52	72.03	11.76	(8.10)	75.69	346.21
11/18/1977	William G & Hope R Hacker	Care of lot	1,043.90	-	46.01	(7.79)	1,082.12	288.25	47.01	(32.39)	302.87	1,384.99
4/17/1940	William Horne Estate	Care of lot	240.10	-	10.58	(1.79)	248.89	66.28	10.81	(7.45)	69.64	318.53
9/16/1996	William S. & Marrie Schultz	Care of lot	1,019.87	-	44.94	(7.61)	1,057.20	280.01	45.92	(31.64)	294.29	1,351.49
9/6/1949	Willis H. Smith	Care of lot	626.33	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.27	172.87	28.21	(19.44)	181.64	830.91
11/28/1984	Winona R Bailey	Care of lot	208.77	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.41	57.67	9.40	(6.48)	60.59	277.00
8/3/2022	Virginia Jones-Newton	Care of lot	250.00	-	11.01	(1.87)	259.14	0.00	11.26	(7.75)	3.51	262.65
8/3/2022	Chandler Newton	Care of lot	250.00	-	11.01	(1.87)	259.14	0.00	11.26	(7.75)	3.51	262.65
9/15/2023	Reginald and Janice Stokes	Care of lot	-	500.00	-	-	500.00	0.00	-	-	-	500.00
9/15/2023	Hubbard and Shirley Sweet	Care of lot	-	500.00	-	-	500.00	0.00	-	-	-	500.00
TOTAL			172,699.19	1,000.00	7,610.53	(1,288.67)	180,021.05	40,547.56	7,776.38	(5,359.12)	42,964.82	222,985.87

(1) Principal Gains include realized capital gains and capital gains dividends.

(2) Income withdrawal is \$4,500.00 for plot maintenance and investment management fees of \$859.12 deducted proportionally across all funds..

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			Beginning Balance	Principal Added	Gains or (Losses) from Sale of Securities (1)	Withdrawn (Fees)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance		Income During Year	Withdrawn (2)	Ending Balance
Sandwich Cemetery Trustees												
10/5/1964	James & Harriet Beede	Beede - Care of Lot	417.89	-	18.42	(3.11)	433.20	171.23	18.78	(2.07)	187.94	621.14
3/1/1990	Lena T. Nelson	Beede-Wentworth - Care of Lot	2,071.34	-	91.28	(15.43)	2,147.19	848.74	93.05	(10.27)	931.52	3,078.71
9/8/1926	Eliza B. Atwood	E. Sand, Nelson - Care of Lot	52.21	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.12	21.39	2.34	(0.26)	23.47	77.59
4/27/1914	Hamlin Huntress	E. Sand - Care of Lot	417.69	-	18.41	(3.11)	432.99	171.15	18.77	(2.07)	187.85	620.84
6/21/1905	John E. Lewis	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	979.93	-	43.19	(7.30)	1,015.82	301.77	44.02	(4.87)	340.92	1,356.74
1/3/1916	Charles H. White	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	2,088.58	-	92.04	(15.56)	2,165.06	643.21	93.83	(10.37)	726.67	2,891.73
2/14/1985	Elisabeth & Grant Powers	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	64.32	9.38	(1.04)	72.66	289.15
8/24/1989	Leon Reed Jr. Family	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	1,042.52	-	45.94	(7.77)	1,080.69	321.06	46.84	(5.18)	362.72	1,443.41
11/9/1989	John & Daphne Carter	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	521.29	-	22.97	(3.88)	540.38	160.55	23.42	(2.59)	181.38	721.76
4/27/1990	P & L Milbury	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	1,035.69	-	45.65	(7.71)	1,073.63	318.97	46.52	(5.14)	360.35	1,433.98
8/14/1991	Linda E. Oliver	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	1,034.85	-	45.61	(7.71)	1,072.75	318.70	46.49	(5.14)	360.05	1,432.80
7/10/1995	M/M Howard Tilton	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	1,024.09	-	45.13	(7.63)	1,061.59	313.54	46.00	(5.08)	354.46	1,416.05
6/13/1996	Dr. & Mrs. Frank D. Bates	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	1,023.30	-	45.10	(7.62)	1,060.78	306.92	45.97	(5.08)	347.81	1,408.59
9/9/1996	James F. & Letitia A. O'Neil	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	2,045.80	-	90.15	(15.24)	2,120.71	630.02	91.92	(10.16)	711.78	2,832.49
5/27/1997	Mr & Mrs Alan Simmons	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	1,015.56	-	44.75	(7.56)	1,052.75	312.77	45.62	(5.04)	353.35	1,406.10
12/20/2002	Ralph Kirke Read	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	1,043.27	-	45.98	(7.77)	1,081.48	318.04	46.86	(5.18)	359.72	1,441.20
8/15/2005	Maurice Auger	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	37.74	-	1.67	(0.28)	39.13	10.73	1.69	(0.19)	12.23	51.36
12/1/2006	Kathryn E. Field	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	883.49	-	38.93	(6.58)	915.84	243.46	39.69	(4.39)	278.76	1,194.60
2/6/2008	Barbara Gilmore	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	754.21	-	33.24	(5.62)	781.83	207.12	33.89	(3.74)	237.27	1,019.10
7/31/2012	Robert & Page Coulter	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	741.65	-	32.68	(5.52)	768.81	185.00	33.32	(3.68)	214.64	983.45
9/20/2017	Mr. & Mrs. Kent Mitchell	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	653.80	-	28.81	(4.87)	677.74	102.42	29.37	(3.25)	128.54	806.28
6/11/2020	Robert Wright & Judith Orth	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	287.82	-	12.69	(2.14)	298.37	15.28	12.93	(1.43)	26.78	325.15
6/11/2020	Robert & Joan C. Wright	Elm Hill - Care of Lot	287.82	-	12.69	(2.14)	298.37	15.28	12.93	(1.43)	26.78	325.15
12/26/1911	Alfred A. Marston	Grove - Care of Lot	1,044.31	-	46.02	(7.78)	1,082.55	367.00	46.91	(5.19)	408.72	1,491.27
4/2/1921	William B. Fellows	Grove - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	73.40	9.38	(1.04)	81.74	298.23
6/7/1922	L. Hartwell Smith	Grove - Care of Lot	793.63	-	34.98	(5.91)	822.70	278.91	35.65	(3.94)	310.62	1,133.32
11/24/1928	George L. Clark	Grove - Care of Lot	344.62	-	15.19	(2.57)	357.24	121.11	15.48	(1.71)	134.88	492.12
8/27/1936	George S. Hoyt	Grove - Care of Lot	313.27	-	13.81	(2.33)	324.75	110.10	14.07	(1.56)	122.61	447.36
6/30/1939	Elmer B. Hart	Grove - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	73.40	9.38	(1.04)	81.74	298.23
7/21/1939	Charles B. Hoyt	Grove - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	73.40	9.38	(1.04)	81.74	298.23
4/17/1954	Robert T. Russell	Grove - Care of Lot	2,088.58	-	92.04	(15.56)	2,165.06	734.00	93.83	(10.37)	817.46	2,982.52
1/26/1970	Thomas Smith	Grove - Care of Lot	417.69	-	18.41	(3.11)	432.99	146.79	18.77	(2.07)	163.49	596.48
9/16/1976	James & Jane Durgin	Grove - Care of Lot	417.69	-	18.41	(3.11)	432.99	146.79	18.77	(2.07)	163.49	596.48
9/9/1996	Nancy Kinsman Hurley	Grove - Care of Lot	1,022.94	-	45.08	(7.62)	1,060.40	359.49	45.96	(5.08)	400.37	1,460.77
7/16/2003	Howard W. Quinby, Jr.	Grove - Care of Lot	1,043.27	-	45.98	(7.77)	1,081.48	363.40	46.86	(5.18)	405.08	1,486.56
6/29/2005	Archibald C. Coolidge	Grove - Care of Lot	943.74	-	41.59	(7.03)	978.30	309.50	42.39	(4.69)	347.20	1,325.50
8/30/2005	Shirley Lear	Grove - Care of Lot	943.74	-	41.59	(7.03)	978.30	309.50	42.39	(4.69)	347.20	1,325.50
9/18/2006	Frances & Richard Walsh	Grove - Care of Lot	883.49	-	38.93	(6.58)	915.84	282.00	39.69	(4.39)	317.30	1,233.14
2/6/2008	Olivia Coolidge	Grove - Care of Lot	754.21	-	33.24	(5.62)	781.83	240.02	33.89	(3.74)	270.17	1,052.00
2/6/2008	Robert & Esther Nolan	Grove - Care of Lot	754.21	-	33.24	(5.62)	781.83	240.02	33.89	(3.74)	270.17	1,052.00
11/15/2017	Richard and Judith Stoebr	Grove - Care of Lot	656.22	-	28.92	(4.89)	680.25	99.96	29.49	(3.26)	126.19	806.44
10/16/2018	Tami Marony	Grove - Care of Lot	659.39	-	29.06	(4.91)	683.54	79.37	29.63	(3.27)	105.73	789.27
2/2/1931	Bessie Lovering	Hubbard E. Sand - Care of Lot	52.21	-	2.30	(0.39)	54.12	21.39	2.34	(0.26)	23.47	77.59
3/11/1957	James E. Hoyt	Hubbard/Little's Pond - Care of Lot	417.69	-	18.41	(3.11)	432.99	171.15	18.77	(2.07)	187.85	620.84
5/3/1938	William McClosky	Hubbard - Care of Lot	104.43	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.25	42.78	4.70	(0.52)	46.96	155.21
7/26/1990	Frank & Anna Beclard	Hubbard - Care of Lot	207.16	-	9.13	(1.54)	214.75	84.90	9.31	(1.03)	93.18	307.93
8/21/1997	George Montgomery	Mason Rd - Care of Lot	1,011.53	-	44.58	(7.53)	1,048.58	414.46	45.44	(5.02)	454.88	1,503.46
2/4/1918	Misses Mason	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	33.01	9.38	(1.04)	41.35	257.84



Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	Principal				Income			Total
			Beginning Balance	Principal Added	Principal (Gains or (Losses) from Sale of Securities (1))	With-drawn (Fees)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income During Year	

**Sandwich Cemetery Trustees (cont.)**

6/25/1927	Charlotte Wallace Davis	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	104.43	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.25	16.50	4.70	(0.52)	20.68	128.93
7/18/1927	Calvin Mason	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	104.43	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.25	16.50	4.70	(0.52)	20.68	128.93
2/2/1928	Hulda A. Wiggins	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	104.43	-	4.60	(0.78)	108.25	16.50	4.70	(0.52)	20.68	128.93
10/31/1975	Mary S. Visney Memorial	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	10,442.95	-	460.22	(77.78)	10,825.39	1,650.42	469.16	(51.85)	2,067.73	12,893.12
5/14/1992	Rosamund F. Ely	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	1,030.66	-	45.42	(7.68)	1,068.40	162.89	46.30	(5.12)	204.07	1,272.47
10/24/1994	E Helen Ingles	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	204.85	-	9.03	(1.53)	212.33	32.39	9.20	(1.02)	40.57	252.90
6/2/2009	Loring Briggs	Mason-Visney - Care of Lot	759.34	-	33.46	(5.66)	787.14	98.42	34.12	(3.77)	128.77	915.91
6/13/1996	Philip A. Kendall	N. Sand. 35B - Care of Lot	1,524.14	-	67.17	(11.35)	1,579.96	392.97	68.48	(7.57)	453.88	2,033.84
1/7/1900	Raymond & Marjorie Healy	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,498.50	-	66.04	(11.16)	1,553.38	386.35	67.33	(7.44)	446.24	1,999.62
2/14/1917	Mrs. Mary Peaslee	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	53.85	9.38	(1.04)	62.19	278.68
2/20/1924	Elizabeth H. Madlocks	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	53.85	9.38	(1.04)	62.19	278.68
8/6/1928	Siella A. Quinby	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	53.85	9.38	(1.04)	62.19	278.68
8/16/1937	Edmund Quimby	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	626.58	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.52	161.55	28.15	(3.11)	186.59	836.11
7/25/1940	Walter S. Tappan	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,044.31	-	46.02	(7.78)	1,082.55	269.26	46.91	(5.19)	310.98	1,393.53
2/12/1941	Joseph And Nancy Quinby	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	208.85	-	9.20	(1.56)	216.49	53.85	9.38	(1.04)	62.19	278.68
11/29/1943	William R. Bigelow	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	208.85	-	46.02	(7.78)	1,082.55	269.26	46.91	(5.19)	310.98	1,393.53
7/10/1987	Dr. & Mrs. J.C. Thompson	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,035.14	-	45.62	(7.71)	1,073.05	266.90	46.51	(5.14)	308.27	1,381.32
5/31/1991	Susan M. Hill	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,024.09	-	45.13	(7.63)	1,061.59	264.05	46.00	(5.08)	304.97	1,366.56
6/27/1994	M./M. R. O. Dolan	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,024.09	-	45.13	(7.63)	1,061.59	264.05	46.00	(5.08)	304.97	1,366.56
11/18/1996	Harold & Renee Bonnyman	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,227.20	-	54.08	(9.14)	1,031.70	255.82	44.71	(4.94)	295.59	1,327.29
3/20/2002	Kerry D. Peaslee	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	995.25	-	43.86	(7.41)	1,031.70	255.82	44.71	(4.94)	295.59	1,327.29
7/29/2002	Preston & Patricia Elliott	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,036.91	-	45.70	(7.72)	1,074.89	265.47	46.58	(5.15)	306.90	1,381.79
8/5/2009	Helen Boswell Blodgett	N. Sandwich - Care of Lot	759.34	-	33.46	(5.66)	787.14	175.50	34.12	(3.77)	205.85	992.99
5/30/1994	M./M. B. Heald	Sandwich - Care of Lot	1,046.15	-	46.10	(7.79)	1,084.46	405.64	47.00	(5.19)	447.45	1,531.91
5/24/1979	R. & P. Peaslee & B. Dresser	Skinner - Care of Lot	822.33	-	36.24	(6.12)	852.45	336.96	36.94	(4.08)	369.82	1,222.27
10/29/1962	Arthur Thompson	Thompson - Care of Lot	626.58	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.52	205.28	28.15	(3.11)	230.32	879.84
6/13/1974	Lena T. Nelson Fund	Thompson - Care of Lot	15,102.14	-	665.61	(112.43)	15,655.32	4,947.79	678.53	(74.99)	5,551.33	21,206.65
9/7/1920	George W. Thompson	W. Sand. - Care of Lot	459.46	-	20.25	(3.42)	476.29	188.29	20.65	(2.28)	206.66	682.95
10/23/1920	Wilson D. George	W. Sand. - Care of Lot	314.12	-	13.85	(2.34)	325.63	128.72	14.11	(1.56)	141.27	466.90
4/15/1963	Charles A. Fowler	Weed - Care of Lot	626.58	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.52	256.74	28.15	(3.11)	281.78	931.30
2/20/1908	William Burleigh	Whiteface - Care of Lot	224.37	-	9.89	(1.67)	232.59	70.33	10.08	(1.11)	79.30	311.89
4/15/1963	Charles A. Fowler	Whiteface - Care of Lot	626.58	-	27.61	(4.67)	649.52	214.80	28.15	(3.11)	239.84	889.36
8/17/1982	Marguerite & Stephen Davol	Whiteface - Care of Lot	417.69	-	18.41	(3.11)	432.99	143.20	18.77	(2.07)	159.90	592.89
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>81,255.90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,580.96</b>	<b>(605.22)</b>	<b>84,231.64</b>	<b>23,361.70</b>	<b>3,650.52</b>	<b>(403.46)</b>	<b>26,608.76</b>	<b>110,840.40</b>

**North Sandwich Friends Cemetery Association**

1928	Dr. A. B. Hoag	Care of Lot	257.82	-	11.35	(1.92)	267.25	27.64	11.59	(1.27)	37.96	305.21
1957	Effie M. Langley	Care of Lot	515.89	-	22.74	(3.84)	534.79	55.25	23.17	(2.57)	75.85	610.64
1921	Walter D. H. Hill	Care of Lot	515.86	-	22.74	(3.84)	534.76	55.25	23.17	(2.57)	75.85	610.61
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,289.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56.83</b>	<b>(9.60)</b>	<b>1,336.80</b>	<b>138.14</b>	<b>57.93</b>	<b>(6.41)</b>	<b>189.66</b>	<b>1,526.46</b>

**Little's Pond Cemetery Association**

8/16/1922	Charles W. Donovan	Care of Lot	209.54	-	9.23	(1.56)	217.21	5.53	9.41	(6.57)	8.37	225.58
1/17/1933	Arven Blanchard	Care of Lot	209.54	-	9.23	(1.56)	217.21	5.53	9.41	(6.57)	8.37	225.58
5/10/1941	Edith L. French	Care of Lot	157.16	-	53.56	(9.05)	1,259.85	4.16	54.59	(38.09)	48.57	1,308.42
8/4/1948	George M. Weed	Care of Lot	419.01	-	6.93	(1.17)	162.92	11.05	7.06	(4.93)	6.29	169.21
7/20/1978	Herman E. Lewis	Care of Lot	2,095.18	-	67.66	(11.44)	1,591.39	55.23	68.97	(48.11)	61.36	1,652.75
7/27/2009	Fred & Stella Bickford	Care of Lot	1,535.17	-	18.47	(3.12)	434.36	40.50	18.83	(13.13)	16.75	451.11
7/29/2019	Earle & Gretta Peaslee	Care of Lot	1,215.34	-	92.35	(15.61)	2,171.92	32.07	94.13	(65.67)	83.69	2,255.61
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,840.94</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>257.43</b>	<b>(43.51)</b>	<b>6,054.86</b>	<b>154.07</b>	<b>262.40</b>	<b>(183.07)</b>	<b>233.40</b>	<b>6,288.26</b>

(1) Principal Gains include realized capital gains and capital gains dividends received.

(2) Income Withdrawn includes payment of \$154.07 for Little's Pond plot maintenance; remainder is investment management fee spread proportionally across all plots.

TABLE 6

## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE - 2023

## CAPITAL RESERVES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

DATE CREATED	NAME OF FUND	TYPE OF FUND (1)	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED (2)	BEGINNING BALANCE	FUNDS ADDED	INCOME	SALE OF SECURITIES GAINS/LOSSES	WITH-DRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	MARKET VALUE 12/31/23
03/09/1994	Fire Ponds/Hydrants	CR	Fire Ponds and Hydrants	(2)	8,374.97	2,000.00	323.86	-	(1,150.00)	9,548.83	9,535.41
03/09/1994	Fire Protection Equipment	CR	Fire Protection Equipment	(2)	368,783.24	150,000.00	14,667.70	-	(500,000.00)	33,450.94	33,403.94
03/12/1999	Gravel Roads	CR	Gravel Roads	(2)	46,168.44	20,000.00	1,967.60	-	-	68,136.04	68,040.30
03/10/1982	Highway Equipment	CR	Highway Equipment	(2)	243,070.21	50,000.00	10,207.54	-	-	303,277.75	302,851.62
12/07/2015	Highway Shed Roof CRF	CR	Highway Shed Roof Replacement	(2)	2,003.24	-	83.00	-	-	2,086.24	2,083.31
03/12/1999	Highway, Streets & Bridges	CR	Repair/Maintain Highways, Streets & Bridges	(2)	474,854.04	25,000.00	19,158.24	-	(14,770.00)	504,242.28	503,533.78
03/19/1999	Landfill Maintenance	CR	State-required Landfill Maintenance & Testing	(2)	366.06	-	15.15	-	-	381.21	380.67
12/15/2017	Police Building Fund	CR	Build new police building or renovate existing	(2)	236,739.20	150,000.00	10,124.15	-	(7,935.00)	388,928.35	388,381.87
03/10/1982	Police Department Equipment	CR	Police Department Equipment	(2)	8,777.21	-	363.65	-	-	9,140.86	9,128.02
03/12/1997	Rescue Vehicle Replacement	CR	Rescue Vehicle Replacement	(2)	18,399.06	-	762.28	-	-	19,161.34	19,134.42
03/11/1987	Sewer	CR	Leachfield Construction/Reconstruction	(2)	176,820.77	6,000.00	7,014.03	-	(24,961.12)	164,873.68	164,642.02
03/14/2012	Sewer Expansion	CR	Sewer Technology	(2)	5,588.00	-	231.51	-	-	5,819.51	5,811.33
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					1,589,944.44	403,000.00	64,918.71	-	(548,816.12)	1,509,047.03	1,506,926.69
07/31/2012	Children and Youth Fund	ET	Scholarship	(2)	9,070.63	21,778.94	-	-	(24,584.00)	6,265.57	6,265.57
03/12/2003	Durbin Bridge	ET	Durbin Bridge Repair & Maintenance	(2)	9,857.89	-	479.51	-	-	10,337.40	10,337.40
03/15/1995	Equipment Repair	ET	Major Repairs to Equipment & Vehicles	(2)	55,483.36	-	2,619.28	-	(9,000.00)	49,102.64	49,102.64
03/14/2012	Library Technology Fund	ET	Library Technology	(2)	3,371.69	-	164.02	-	-	3,535.71	3,535.71
03/13/1985	Office Equipment	ET	Office Equipment	(2)	8,402.74	1,000.00	384.95	-	(1,072.32)	8,715.37	8,715.37
03/13/2007	Parks & Recreation Fund	ET	Parks and Recreation	(2)	5,576.98	-	261.04	-	(582.50)	5,255.52	5,255.52
03/13/2007	Sandwich Coach Fund	ET	Maintenance of Sandwich Coach	(2)	10,912.62	-	530.83	-	-	11,443.45	11,443.45
03/09/1994	Town Buildings	ET	Maintenance of Town Buildings	(2)	38,121.68	-	1,664.37	-	(4,570.16)	35,215.89	35,215.89
03/09/1994	Wentworth Library Exp. Trust	ET	Library Repairs and Maintenance	(2)	35,810.40	5,000.00	1,762.81	-	-	42,573.21	42,573.21
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS					176,607.99	27,778.94	7,866.81	-	(39,808.98)	172,444.76	172,444.76
GRAND TOTAL					1,766,552.43	430,778.94	72,785.52	-	(588,625.10)	1,681,491.79	1,679,371.45

(1) CR = Capital Reserves; ET = Expendable Trusts

(2) CDs, money markets, cash

## PROPERTY VALUATION and TAX RATE COMPUTATION

<b>Value of Land</b>		
Assessed Value, Current Use Land	26,490.53 acres	\$ 1,295,320
Assessed Value, Conservation Land	2,106.81 acres	\$ 89,190
Assessed Value, Other Land		\$ 224,422,063
<b>Total Value, all Taxable Land</b>		<b>\$ 225,806,573</b>
<b>Value of Buildings</b>		
Assessed Value, All Buildings		\$ 222,889,315
<b>Value of Public Utilities</b>		
Public Service Co./NH Elec. Coop.		\$ 8,737,100
<b>Total Value before Exemptions</b>		<b>\$ 457,432,988</b>
Less: Elderly Exemptions		\$ (150,000)
Energy Exemptions		\$ (610,000)
Blind Exemptions		\$ (15,000)
<b>Net Valuation upon which Tax Rate is computed</b>		<b>\$ 456,657,988</b>
<b>TAX RATE COMPUTATION</b>		
2023 Appropriations		\$ 4,484,571
Less: Revenues		\$ (1,625,325)
Less: Revenue Sharing		\$ -
Less: Fund Balance to Offset		\$ (646,101)
Add: Overlay		\$ 77,819
Add: Veteran's Tax Credits		\$ 106,003
<b>Total to be raised by taxes</b>		<b>\$ 2,396,967</b>
<b>\$2,396,967 divided by net valuation 456,657,988 = \$5.25</b>		
<b>TAX RATES/\$1,000</b>		
	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Municipal	\$ 5.11	\$ 5.25
County	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.37
School (Local)	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.91
School (State)	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.89
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 14.41</b>	<b>\$ 15.42</b>
<b>Tax Exempt Land and Buildings</b>		
Assessed Value, tax-exempt buildings*		\$ 13,863,287
Assessed value of tax-exempt land*	1177.5 acres	\$ 11,871,500
*Value of municipal land & buildings: \$5,633,700 (included in tax-exempt figures above).		

## **SCHEDULE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY**

(Assessed Value)

<b>Town Hall (U1 Lot 34)</b>			
Land	\$ 75,400		
Building	<u>\$ 504,200</u>		
			<b>\$ 579,600</b>
<b>Library (U2 Lot 1)</b>			
Land	\$ 112,900		
Building	<u>\$ 555,100</u>		
			<b>\$ 668,000</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>			
Central Station (U3 Lot 14A)			
Land	\$ 76,500		
Building	<u>\$ 338,300</u>		
			<b>\$ 414,800</b>
<b>Whiteface Station (R7 Lot 11B)</b>			
Land	\$ 56,300		
Building	<u>\$ 108,400</u>		
			<b>\$ 164,700</b>
<b>Old Fire Station (U1 Lot 27)</b>			
Land	\$ 85,400		
Building	<u>\$ 47,900</u>		
			<b>\$ 133,300</b>
<b>Highway Department (R8 Lot 7A)</b>			
Town Garage			
Land	\$ 73,700		
Building	<u>\$ 231,900</u>		
			<b>\$ 305,600</b>
<b>Police Department (U1 Lot 41)</b>			
Land	\$ 89,000		
Building	<u>\$ 70,500</u>		
			<b>\$ 159,500</b>
<b>Recycling Center (R19 Lot 11)</b>			
Land	\$ 244,300		
Building	<u>\$ 9,400</u>		
			<b>\$ 253,700</b>
<b>Broadband Hub (R1 Lot 31)</b>			
Land (.5 acre)	\$ 7,500		
Building*	<u>\$ -</u>		<b>\$ 7,500</b>

\*Communications bldg is taxable for NH Broadband with a valuation of \$209,600

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY (cont.)**

<b>Recreation</b>		
Squam Beach (R20 Lot 10)		
Land (1.41 acre)	\$ 1,742,600	
Building (shed)	\$ 1,500	
		\$ 1,744,100
Pot Hole (R7 Lot 14)	1 acre	\$ 32,500
Bearcamp Beach (R2 Lot 19)	1.5 acres	\$ 93,800
Beede's Falls (R18 Lot 5)	30 acres	\$ 91,000
Remick Park (R8 Lot 12A)		
Land (1 acre)	\$ 32,500	
Building (shed)	\$ 800	\$ 33,300
Land Map R1 Lot 35	107.19 acres	\$ 196,700
Land Map R2 Lot 50A	2.62 acres	\$ 28,500
Land Map R12 Lot 81	2 acres	\$ 6,000
Land Map R12 Lot 81A	16.6 acres	\$ 131,500
Land Map R12 Lot 84	6 acres	\$ 47,600
Land Map R14 Lot 17	68 acres	\$ 88,500
Land Map R18 Lot 4	16 acres	\$ 23,300
Land Map R18 Lot 6	136 acres	\$ 234,500
Land Map R20 Lot 15	4.8 acres	\$ 157,900
Land Map R24 Lot 4	1.5 acres	\$ 30,700
Land Map U2 Lot 16A	.02 acre	\$ 7,100
Buzzell Ridge Rd. (R12 Lot 15B)	5.1 acres	\$ -
<b>Total Assessed Value of Municipal Properties</b>		<b>\$ 5,633,700</b>



## TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR

**ELECTIONS:** The First Session of Town Meeting, held Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> welcomed 178 of our 1,243 registered voters, a 14% turnout (low turnout due to a Winter Weather Warning across the State). These 178 voters cast their votes by official ballot on Warrant Articles 1 and 2 (Sandwich Town Officers and the proposed amendments to the Town of Sandwich Zoning Ordinances), as well as the Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District Officers. The Second Session of Town Meeting held Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Sandwich Central School was attended by 134 registered voters, an 11% turnout. The remainder of the Warrant was voted by a show of hands. All Articles passed.

A Special Town Meeting was held September 26<sup>th</sup> to see if the Town of Sandwich would vote to purchase a 2023 Fire Engine. A total of 58 registered voters were in attendance. The Article passed.

*Supervisors of the Checklist:* Sandwich ended the year with 1,236 registered voters; adding 52 new voters; removing 47 voters. As regular maintenance of the voter checklist, the Supervisors sent 30-day Voter Verification letters to individuals who they believed no longer reside in the Town of Sandwich. As a result, 36 names were removed from our Active Voter List.

*Register to Vote* on election day or visit the Town Clerk's office before the deadline (10 days prior to an election). You will be required to complete a Voter Registration form and show a photo ID, as well as proof of domicile/residency. Sandwich Residents who will be 18 years of age or older on the day of the next election, and a United States citizen may register to vote.

*Changing Party Affiliation:* The last day to change your party affiliation prior to a Primary is set by the Secretary of States Office months in advance of a Primary. The last day to change party affiliation prior to the September 2024 State Primary Election Day is June 4, 2024. View your current party affiliation: [app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation](http://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation).

**TAXES:** For the first time in Sandwich history, we issued two (2) property tax bills in 2023 (P01 & P02). Sandwich had been one of five (5) towns in the State that still issued only one annual tax bill.

*Kindly mark your calendars, and/or set a reminder on your phone:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Issue Property Taxes (P01) will be due on or about JULY 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue Property Taxes (P02) will be due on or about DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

The due date will always be a Tuesday or Thursday (a day we are open) and at least 30 days after the bill was issued. View your bill on our Tax Kiosk link available on our website: [SandwichNH.org](http://SandwichNH.org). Acceptable forms of payment: Check, Cash or Bill Pay (from your bank account).

A total of 1,792 property tax bills were issued in May and November, due July 6, 2023, and December 19, 2023, respectively. As of year-end, 98% had been collected. In May, liens were placed on 14 properties for unpaid 2022 taxes; no properties were deeded in 2023 for unpaid 2020 taxes.

Sewer bills were issued in late September to 72 parcel owners; by year-end 94% had been collected. Additional tax bills were mailed out for Gravel (3), Timber Yield (28) and Land Use Change (3).

For questions related to your **tax assessment, credits or exemptions**, please contact the Selectmen's Office at (603) 284-7701.

For questions related to your **bill**, please contact the Tax Collector at (603) 284-7113.

**MOTOR VEHICLES & BOATS:** Vehicle registrations were comparable to last year; however, we did see an increase in both boats, trailers and Moose Plates being registered.

#### **MOTOR VEHICLE**

<b>PERMITS BY FUEL TYPE</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
GAS	1,922	1,954	1,923	1,788	1,747	1,732
DIESEL	148	149	133	146	133	122
ELECTRIC	12	8	9	5	4	4
FLEXIBLE FUEL	8	9	5	-	-	-
HYBRID ELECTRIC/GAS	69	55	50	43	26	26
PLUGIN ELEC/GAS						
HYBRID	14	14	8	1	2	1
METHANOL	-	1	1	1	1	1
	<u>2,173</u>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>2,129</u>	<u>1,984</u>	<u>1,913</u>	<u>1,886</u>
TRAILERS	677	632	621	592	528	493
BOATS	165	147	152	117	125	114

*Moose Plate Program Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:* The Conservation & Heritage License Plate Program celebrated an anniversary in 2023. This program supports a wide variety of conservation, heritage, and preservation programs statewide. Every dollar raised through the sales of Moose Plates (\$30 annual fee) goes directly to designated programs, so you know that your plate helps support programs you care about! Explore their site: [MoosePlate.com](https://MoosePlate.com) to learn more about how Moose Plate funds are "Conserving the Best of New Hampshire." Sandwich has 16% (300 vehicles) registered with Moose Plates, compared to 6% statewide. 'Thank You' Sandwich for doing your part!

*Electric Vehicle Surcharge:* On June 6, 2023, Governor Sununu signed HB2 into law with an effective date of July 1, 2023. HB2 establishes a surcharge on annual registration for electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to offset the loss of road toll revenues derived from transportation fuel taxation. The new regulation requires municipal agents to collect fees, as follows:

- **Battery electric vehicles**, as defined in RSA 236:132, I, shall be assessed a surcharge of \$100 [Fuel Type "E" on registration]
- **Plug-in hybrid vehicles**, as defined in RSA 236:132, V, shall be assessed a surcharge of \$50 [Fuel Type "P" on registration]

Starting September 1, 2023, vehicle types listed above will be assessed the additional charge at time of registration (prorated by number of months):

- New vehicles
- Renewal of vehicles listed above
- Registration transfers

The surcharge is only on fuel types E (Electric) & P (Plug-In Hybrid). Standard Hybrids (H) are not impacted.

**DOG LICENSING:** We broke another record in 2023! Honestly, this one was out of the park...the Dog Park! We licensed 499 dogs, 34 more than the previous year. NH law requires all dogs to be licensed at four months of age, and thereafter, the licenses must be renewed annually by April 30. The license period is May 1 through April 30. The Town Clerk must have proof of a valid rabies vaccination before a license may be issued. Dog licenses are available for purchase at the Town Clerks office beginning in January each year. We kindly ask you to reach out to our office if you have moved or no longer have your dog; we can be reached at (603) 284-7113 or by email at [tctc2@sandwichnh.org](mailto:tctc2@sandwichnh.org), otherwise, you will continue to receive notices about dog licensing.

**NOTARY SERVICES** are offered in both the Town Clerk and Selectmen's Office. Documents requiring notarization must be signed in the presence of the Notary Public. Kindly bring a proper form of identification.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Sandwich.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Alison Gage*  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANDWICH**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

DEBITS	LEVY OF 2023	LEVY OF 2022
<b>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year</b>		
Property Taxes		588,795.84
Land Use Change Taxes		9,570.00
Timber Yield Taxes		1,714.74
Excavation Tax		
Utility Charges - Sewer		3,151.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(1,803.77)	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance		
<b>Taxes Committed This Year</b>		
Property Taxes	6,928,576.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	2,690.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	35,345.71	
Excavation Tax	786.00	
Utility Charges - Sewer	26,000.00	
<b>Overpayment Refunds</b>		
Property Taxes	6,317.00	
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	1,063.83	4,500.62
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>6,998,974.77</b>	<b>607,732.20</b>

CREDITS	LEVY OF 2023	LEVY OF 2022
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>		
Property Taxes	6,802,610.38	555,888.16
Land Use Change Taxes	2,690.00	420.00
Timber Yield Taxes	32,330.38	1,714.74
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	1,039.83	3,709.12
Penalties	24.00	791.50
Excavation Tax	786.00	
Utility Charges – Sewer	24,459.00	1,642.52
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		32,907.68
<b>Abatements Made</b>		
Property Taxes	1,234.00	
Yield Taxes	3,015.33	
Utility Charges-Sewer		
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year</b>		
Property Taxes	137,371.11	
Land Use Change Taxes		9,150.00
Timber Yield Taxes		
Utility Charges - Sewer	1,541.00	1,508.48
Property Tax Credit Balance	(8,126.26)	
<b>Current Levy Deeded</b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>6,998,974.77</b>	<b>607,732.20</b>

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANDWICH  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

<b>SUMMARY OF DEBITS</b>	<b>LEVY OF 2022</b>	<b>LEVY OF 2021</b>	<b>LEVY OF 2020</b>
Unredeemed Liens Balance-Beginning of Year		16,495.89	2,734.59
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	34,442.61		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	365.20	2,075.75	306.00
<b>Total Lien Debits</b>	<b>\$34,807.81</b>	<b>\$18,571.64</b>	<b>\$3,040.59</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF CREDITS</b>	<b>LEVY OF 2022</b>	<b>LEVY OF 2021</b>	<b>LEVY OF 2020</b>
Redemptions	14,540.74	12,911.40	2,734.59
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	365.20	2,075.75	306.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			
Liens Deeded to Municipality			
Unredeemed Liens Balance-End of Year	19,901.87	3,584.49	0.00
<b>Total Lien Credits</b>	<b>34,807.81</b>	<b>18,571.64</b>	<b>3,040.59</b>

Respectfully submitted,

*Alison Gage*  
Tax Collector



**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANDWICH**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

<b>MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS</b>	<b># Issued</b>	<b>\$ Collected</b>
Issued 2,960 Registrations / 230 Titles		
Town Fees		418,354.00
State Fees		149,033.15
<b>BOAT PERMITS</b>	<b>165</b>	
Town Fees		2,718.92
State Fees		7,811.50
<b>DOG LICENSES</b>	<b>499</b>	
Town Fees (499 tags; includes 3 groups)		2,087.00
State License/Overpopulation Fees		887.50
Late Fees, Civil Forfeitures		41.00
<b>VITAL RECORDS</b>	<b>38</b>	
Certified Copies & Searches – Town Fees		421.00
Certified Copies & Searches – State Fees		459.00
<b>MARRIAGE LICENSES</b>	<b>9</b>	
Town Fees		63.00
State Fees		387.00
<b>POLICE ISSUED FINES</b>	<b>63</b>	
Parking, Dog & Town Violations		4,393.50
<b>UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE</b>	<b>3</b>	
Search Fees		135.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FEES</b>	<b>23</b>	
Articles of Agreement		-
Pole Filing Fee		
Postage	6	44.45
Filing Fees		
Voter Checklist Sales	16	400.00
Miscellaneous Fee		
Aqua Therm Permits	1	0.50
<b>TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>		<b>587,236.52</b>

Respectfully submitted,

*Alison Gage*

Town Clerk

*Steve Twaddle*

Deputy Town Clerk

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire (the Town), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, schedule of Town OPEB contributions, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of Town pension contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for

consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 24, 2023, on our consideration of the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Sandwich, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Vachon Clukay & Company PC*

Manchester, New Hampshire  
July 24, 2023

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Sandwich (the "Town"), we offer the readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2022.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The total assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town exceeded its total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent year-end by \$9,103,981 (*total net position*), an increase of \$573,510 from the prior year. Of this amount, \$3,050,360 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$573,510 or 6.7%.
- As of the close of the current year, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$6,035,800. Approximately 26% (\$1,547,742) of this total amount represents unassigned fund balance of the General Fund, which is available for spending within State guidelines.

### **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, and 3) notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains required and other supplementary information.

#### **Government-wide financial statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Town's finances. These statements (*Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*) provide both short-term and long-term information about the Town's overall financial position. They are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes all revenues and expenses connected with the current year even if cash has not been received or paid.

The *Statement of Net Position* found on page 1 presents information for all the Town's non-fiduciary assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position may serve as a useful indicator of trends in the Town's financial position.

The *Statement of Activities* found on page 2 presents information about changes to the Town's net position during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that are reflected in future cash flows (such as uncollected taxes and charges, and earned, unused Paid Time Off).

This statement also presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the Town government and report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The Town's funds are divided into two categories: governmental and fiduciary.

**Governmental funds:** All basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented here with similar information presented 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 funds *Balance Sheet* and the governmental funds *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances* provide reconciliations to the government-wide statements to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Financial information for Governmental Funds is presented in the Balance Sheet and in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances. The Town has two major governmental funds: General Fund and Permanent Funds. The General Fund accounts for most basic and general governmental services provided to the Town's residents, and the Permanent Funds are trust funds in the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds that support the Town's own programs and only the income earned can be expended.

**Fiduciary funds:** These funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

## **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 and are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



## 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 General Fund, which includes a reconciliation between the reported activity of the revenues, expenditures and other financing sources and uses for budgetary purposes and the activity as presented in the governmental fund financial statements. Also, included in the required supplementary information are the schedules of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB and pension liabilities and the schedules of Town OPEB and pension contributions. The notes to the required supplementary information can be found on page 36.

## Other Information

The basic financial statements and accompanying notes are followed by a section of supplementary information which includes combining financial statements of the nonmajor governmental funds.

## Government-wide Financial Analysis

### *Statement of Net Position*

The table below provides a summary of the Town's net position for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current and other assets:		
Capital assets, net	\$ 4,671,644	\$ 4,838,616
Other assets	<u>6,401,169</u>	<u>5,588,842</u>
Total assets	<u>11,072,813</u>	<u>10,427,458</u>
 Deferred outflows of resources	 <u>175,033</u>	 <u>176,122</u>
 Long-term and other liabilities:		
Notes payable	956,624	1,070,734
Financed purchase obligation payable	110,651	144,770
Compensated absences	15,375	19,088
OPEB liability	63,680	60,791
Net pension liability	665,820	485,901
Other liabilities	<u>297,463</u>	<u>108,627</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,109,613</u>	<u>1,889,911</u>
 Deferred inflows of resources	 <u>34,252</u>	 <u>183,198</u>

Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	3,604,369	3,623,112
Restricted	2,449,252	2,475,123
Unrestricted	<u>3,050,360</u>	<u>2,432,236</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,103,981</u>	<u>\$ 8,530,471</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources as of December 31, 2022 by \$9,103,981 as noted above.

### **Net Position**

*Net Investment in Capital Assets:* The largest portion of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure (roads and bridges), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to the citizens; consequently, these assets (representing approximately 40% of net position) are not available for future spending.

*Restricted Net Position:* 27% of the Town's net position represents restricted funds whose resources are subject to external restrictions regarding usage of funds.

*Unrestricted Net Position:* The Town's unrestricted net position, totaling \$3.05 million, may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations. Internally imposed designations of resources are not presented as restricted net position, but rather are recorded as unrestricted. At year end, the Town was able to report positive balances in all categories of net position.

### ***Statement of Activities***

Changes in net position for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 49,745	\$ 88,071
Operating grants and contributions	1,146,933	125,391
Capital grants and contributions	<u>47,693</u>	<u>-</u>
Total program revenues	<u>1,244,371</u>	<u>213,462</u>
General revenues:		
Property and other taxes	2,441,730	2,139,679
Licenses and permits	447,979	432,840
Intergovernmental revenue	180,015	148,541
Interest and investment earnings (losses)	(127,069)	313,671

Miscellaneous	188,641	136,257
Total general revenues	3,131,296	3,170,988
Total revenues	4,375,667	3,384,450
Program expenses:		
General government	1,407,591	529,723
Public safety	705,429	624,175
Highways and streets	957,975	929,653
Sanitation	211,563	225,458
Health and welfare	53,902	51,575
Culture and recreation	420,053	387,182
Conservation	17,911	12,595
Interest and fiscal charges	27,733	36,312
Total expenses	3,802,157	2,796,673
Change in net position	573,510	587,777
Net position - beginning of year	8,530,471	7,942,694
Net position - ending of year	\$ 9,103,981	\$ 8,530,471

### **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 governmental fund financial statements for the Town are provided on pages 3-6. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's near-term 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, within guidelines established by the Department of Revenue Administration.

At the end of the current year, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$6,035,800, which increased \$633,865 during the year. Of the total fund balance, \$1,986,066 is considered non-spendable (principal balance of Permanent Funds and prepaid items); \$475,929 is considered Restricted (income balance of Permanent Funds, Library funds, Cemetery Trusts – General and Mason Cemetery); \$2,026,063 is considered Committed (Expendable Trusts, Carryforward appropriations, Forestry Committee, Conservation Commission, Police Revolving Account, Sewer Trustees); and \$100,000 is considered Assigned for subsequent year appropriations.

The remaining amount of \$1,447,742 is considered unassigned and is available for spending at the Town's discretion subject to budgetary controls. The Town's Budgetary Basis General Fund unassigned fund balance is \$1,733,281 (Notes to RSI).

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Town. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 46% of total General Fund expenditures and other financing uses on the Budgetary Basis.

The unassigned fund balance of the Town's General Fund on the Budgetary Basis increased during the current year by \$387,618.

### **Budgetary Highlights**

By the end of the fiscal year, the total variance between budgeted and actual expenditures was 20% under the budget, and the total variance in revenues was 35% over the budget due to conservative estimates in predicting revenues from sources over which the Town has little to no control. The original budget for revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses was reduced by \$156,606 and \$385,278, respectively, for carryforward appropriations into 2023. A budget to actual schedule for the General Fund is located on page 31 of the financial statements.

### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

Capital Assets: The Town's capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2022 amounts to \$4,671,644 net of accumulated depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in process, buildings and improvements, vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure. Major additions during the current year included the purchase of a skid steer, police cruiser, and phase two of a geographical information system.

Debt Administration: The Town's general obligation debt decreased from the prior year by \$114,110 with a balance at year-end of \$956,624. This was the result of payments made on existing debt obligations. Additionally, the Town's financed purchase obligations had a decrease of \$34,119 during the year to a balance of \$110,651. This was the result of scheduled payments on existing obligations.

### **Economic Factors and the 2023 Budget**

The Selectmen and Budget Committee continued to focus on maintaining our infrastructure (roads) and Town equipment while planning for future purchases. This Budget Advisory Committee focused on minimizing the tax burden and Town debt. They preferred to ease up on equipment purchases and contributed to Capital Reserves in anticipation of future capital purchases.

The overall increase to the 2022 Budget was 6.5% from the previous year, offset by a healthy (11.5%) increase in revenues projected.

### **Additional Financial Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Sandwich's finances for all the citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors 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 Sandwich, Selectmen's Office, PO Box 194, Center Sandwich, NH 03227 or telephone (603) 284-7701.

## **TOWN WARRANT NARRATIVE**

**OVERVIEW:** Responding to the pressure of inflation appears to be the consistent theme of budget discussions throughout the last few years. We started 2023 with a lean budget, seeking to ensure budgeted increases are justified. 2023 budgets for most departments were in the range of 97-99% expended. Our 2024 overall budget reflects a 2.75% increase, primarily due to operating costs. As always, we seek to balance our current needs with projected capital outlays for the upcoming years. The recent adoption of a semi-annual tax billing cycle has profoundly improved our cash flow and reduced the town's reliance on debt to fund town services. In addition, this transition has generated modest revenues that ultimately benefit our taxpayers. We are very grateful for the support of the Quimby Trustees and their ongoing generosity to the town.

The following is a brief overview of each Article listed in the Town Warrant.

**ARTICLES 1 & 2:** Articles 1 and 2 in the Town Warrant will be decided by ballot on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. Voting hours are 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. All other Articles contained in the Warrant will be considered at the Deliberative Session on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Sandwich Elementary School at 10:00 A.M.

**ARTICLE 2:** The following is an explanation of the substantive changes to Sandwich's zoning ordinance proposed by the Planning Board.

*Questions 1 and 2:* These proposals seek to revise the existing Groundwater Protection Overlay District provisions for consistency with regulations of the NH Department of Environmental Services.

*Questions 3 and 4:* The zoning ordinance currently restricts Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to a maximum size of 1000 square feet. The proposals increase the maximum size to the greater of (i) 1,000 square feet or (ii) 50 percent of the size of the principal single-family dwelling on the property but in no event larger than 1,500 square feet.

The proposals further provide that (i) ADUs are only allowed on lots on which the only other residential structure is a single-family dwelling and (ii) either the single-family dwelling or the ADU must be exclusively used by (rather than being the primary residence of) the property owner.

*Questions 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15:* The zoning ordinance currently allows two family dwellings in all districts permitting residences (except the Shoreland Overlay District) under the provisions governing multiple unit dwellings. These amendments permit conversions of existing single-family dwellings into two-family dwellings and new two-family dwellings in all districts permitting residences (except the Shoreland Overlay District) under the provisions governing single-family dwellings. The primary differences between multiple unit and single-family dwelling regulations are minimum lot sizes and setbacks.



The proposals are separated for voting with respect to the Rural/Residential Zoning District (Question 9), Village Zoning District (Question 10), Historic Overlay District (Question 11), steep slopes (Question 14) and cluster subdivisions (Question 15).

*Question 12:* The zoning ordinance currently requires a larger minimum lot size for any parcel having slopes of 15% or more, but does not specify the amount of steep slopes required to trigger such an increase. The proposal clarifies that the larger minimum lot size is triggered only if 60% or more of the parcel has a slope of 15% or more.

The remaining amendments (Questions 5, 6, 7, 8) propose non-substantive changes to clarify ambiguous and inconsistent definitions and references in the zoning ordinance and to require Planning Board review of site plans for the development of multiple unit structures (Question 13).

**ARTICLE 3:** The Energy Committee has spent over a year working to develop a plan for a municipally owned photovoltaic array. The Energy Committee recommends construction of a 120 Kwh array adjacent to the town's leach field (Squam Lake Road). As proposed, the Board would seek to finance the project with a 10-year loan from the Community Development Finance Authority Clean Energy Fund. The Clean Energy Fund provides resources for municipalities, businesses, and nonprofits to invest in renewable energy projects. The Town would be subject to a 4.5% fixed interest rate. Any future grants, donations, or rebates obtained would be used to offset loan costs. Due to the scale of debt required (over \$100K), this vote requires 3/5 majority vote by ballot.

**ARTICLE 4:** General article notifying of any changes to Town Officer wages. In 2024, we propose the addition of a stipend for our Welfare Administrator.

**ARTICLE 5:** The General Government section increases were largely due to insurance fees and our upcoming assessment revaluation cycle. In 2024, we made the decision to move property and liability insurance premiums from departmental budgets into one budget line; the historical process of allocating departmental portions of the premium was imperfect, and arguably this budget area is distinct from the general operations of each department. This shift in accounting is responsible for approximately \$35,000 of the proposed increase. The Administrative and Town Clerk/Tax Collector budgets were increased 1% and 7% respectively. With several elections in 2024, we anticipate more hours for our employees and included a 2% wage adjustment. The Town Building budget was slightly reduced as we expect continued vacancy of our contractor position but hope to fill this role either internally or with an outside vendor. Our legal retainer increased as we near the resolution of several outstanding cases. Debt service continues for our Town Hall Building Renovation bond (bond ends in 2027) and the Young Mountain Road and Schoolhouse Road Bridge Projects (bond ends in 2032). Our welfare budget was modestly decreased due to reduced demand over the last few years; at the same time, housing is the most consistent challenge clients face. Short-term housing is extremely expensive – if available and is often unavailable locally. Also included is our proposed budget to facilitate professional support to study employee compensation and conduct an organizational assessment. As our population increases, we

are keenly focused on ensuring our organizational structure is aligned to best meet the town's needs for services while effectively utilizing our limited budget resources.

**ARTICLE 6:** The Police Department's operating budget increased by 5.3% from 2023 due primarily to increased personnel expenses. In addition to compensation adjustments for our full-time officers and part-time administrative assistant, the 2024 budget includes a compensation increase for our part-time officers to remain competitive with neighboring communities. The 2024 budget also includes one additional shift per week for coverage by our part-time officers. Our part-time (specials) officers are typically utilized when one of our full-time officers is off duty (paid time off, etc.). We plan to use an outside instructor to continue the LEAD program taught at Sandwich Central School which will be funded by the Robert Ramirez Trust.

**ARTICLE 7:** The Highway Department excavator (2009) is scheduled for replacement this year. We purchased this equipment in 2014 as a used, former rental unit; this will be traded in to offset the cost of purchase for a new excavator. Additionally, a one-time highway block grant from the State of New Hampshire last year will offset purchase costs as the equipment is utilized for road maintenance. An excavator is readily available pending Town Meeting approval. Our Road Agent researched used equipment options but due to the nature of the used equipment market, available incentives, and warranties, we are seeking to purchase a new excavator.

**ARTICLE 8:** The Highway Department Ford 550 is a smaller truck than the rest of our fleet. We intend to trade in or sell our existing truck to offset the purchase cost. The 550 is a dump truck/plow truck used to plow more narrow town roads, transfer station and parking lots. It's also used to haul some of our smaller equipment.

**ARTICLE 9:** Ambulance prices for 2024 will increase according to our contract. Contract prices are formulated based upon valuation and call usage as a percentage of total calls among Moultonborough, Center Harbor, Meredith and Sandwich. In addition to regular ambulance service, this inter-municipal agreement provides for 24/7 paramedic coverage out of Moultonborough. This contract does not cover an individual's costs for ambulance services. Our 2023 budget was underspent due to a reduction in available paramedics to meet our contractual requirement for additional paramedic coverage as an auxiliary service. The 2024 budget includes this surcharge as Stewart's hopes to fill its paramedic vacancies.

**ARTICLE 10:** We are fortunate to have an active departmental roster and due to increased participation by members, our department budget was nearly overspent in 2023. The Fire Department's operating budget is up by 17% from 2023 due primarily to personnel costs and insurance. Our worker's compensation insurance nearly doubled in cost and is responsible for 7% of the total increase. The 2024 budget includes compensation adjustment for our Fire Chief, additional resources for existing members and compensation of standby pay to ensure coverage for time our Fire Chief is off-duty and/or unavailable. Our Fire Chief is otherwise on-call 24/7 as the only full-time member of the Department. Additionally, we've included resources for the Chief to offer two shifts per week of part-time detail work for existing

members. Included within this budget are the costs for the special detail at the Sandwich Fair (\$5,275), which are offset in full by the Sandwich Fair Association.

**ARTICLE 11:** The Highway Department operating budget has decreased by 6% from 2023 when you factor in outlay for pavement in 2023. For capital outlay, our 2024 focus will be gravel road improvements as opposed to paving. We are now fully staffed after a 3-month vacancy in 2023. Our 2023 budget was underspent but likely would've been fully expended if fully staffed. Increased expenses include personnel/benefits and anticipated training for one of our drivers to obtain CDL certification. The cost for vehicle repair and maintenance has also increased, though we are fortunate that many repairs are done in-house.

**ARTICLE 12:** Upper Road bridge railings have been on our capital improvement plan for several years but delayed due to increased paving costs and other capital needs. In 2024 we propose replacement of the railings with offset from a one-time highway block grant restricted to use for bridge maintenance/repair.

**ARTICLE 13:** This Article is to raise and appropriate funds for the sixth year's lease payment for the two dump trucks acquired in 2019.

**ARTICLE 14:** The Transfer Station operating budget reflects an 11% increase mostly due to increased costs for waste removal; the 2023 budget was overspent due to an unanticipated surge in waste removal fees. Due to volatility in the recycling market, recycling costs spiked considerably. In addition to variable costs based upon tonnage, we have a built-in 3.5% increase in fees per our multi-year contract with Waste Management. We are fortunate to have a multi-year contract as many vendors have dramatically increased costs and/or are unwilling to undertake new contracts. Landfill monitoring has also significantly increased due to reporting/monitoring requirements. Several monitoring requirements are cyclical and not required annually, however 2024 is a year with additional sampling and reporting required.

**ARTICLES 15 & 16:** These Articles are submitted on behalf of the Sewer Commissioners and cover their operating expenses and Capital Reserve deposit. These monies are derived from sewer user fees and have no impact on the tax rate.

**ARTICLE 17:** This article includes the Parks and Recreation Department, Old Home Week, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Memorial Day celebrations. Personnel costs, sanitation facilities, winter ski program and supply costs have increased within the Parks & Recreation budget. The Town is very grateful to the Quimby Trustees for their continued support of these programs and the Parks and Recreation Department. Overall, this budget reflects an 8% increase from 2023.

**ARTICLE 18:** This article is for ongoing maintenance of the Quimby Field. Quimby Field is owned by the Alfred Quimby Fund and made available for use to by the public/for parks and recreation programs. The Quimby Trustees have generously offered to continue funding this maintenance.

**ARTICLE 19:** The Remick Park Advisory Committee has spent more than a year assessing existing conditions and planning for improvements at Remick Park in North Sandwich. Approximately \$7,000 will be used to address existing safety and ADA compliance issues. The remainder will be used to purchase and install a new playground suitable for ages 5-12. We are thankful for the Quimby Fund's generous support in contributing \$27,000 to this project. We also anticipate future park improvements as this is a multi-year, phased project.

**ARTICLE 20:** There are two components to the Groundskeeping expenditure: General Groundskeeping (around Town buildings and other Town properties) and Roadside Snow Removal to provide downtown parking along Main and Maple Streets. These are contracted services.

**ARTICLE 21:** The Town's Forest Account will pay for expenses related to the maintenance and improvement of the Town's Meadow Brook property; specifically, mowing a small section of existing fields and encouraging/introducing pollinator plants.

**ARTICLE 22:** This appropriation is used to support the Conservation Commission, assist with the funding of Five Days of Sandwich (a three-week summer program for children ages 7-14), and contribute to the Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) toward their annual river testing. The Coolidge Conservation Trust assists the Town in funding these endeavors, as do camper fees and general taxation.

**ARTICLE 23:** The Selectmen propose funding \$105,671 of the library's operating budget; this reflects a 2% increase from last year's request. The balance of the library budget is derived from income from the Wentworth Trust and private donations.

**ARTICLE 24:** The Selectmen continue to prioritize funding of the Town's Capital Reserves and Expendable Trusts to save for future projects or purchases, however this area represents our sharpest decrease in the 2024 budget. The Town has made several significant capital expenditures over the last three years: grader, loader, and fire engine to name a few. The Selectmen continue to prioritize planning for the future replacement or renovation of the Police Building and replacement of a fire engine in the more distant future. While we purchased a new fire truck in 2023, due to the scale of replacement costs, we seek to rebuild the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve to position the town favorably when the next engine is due for replacement. Saving for these expenditures assists the Selectmen in achieving tax rate stability particularly during years of capital cost spikes. The Selectmen actively pursue grant funds to offset most capital expenditures.

**ARTICLE 25:** Every five years the Town must update its hazard mitigation plan (as well as its Emergency Operations Plan). Expenses will be mostly offset by a grant via the Department of Homeland Security. Hazard Mitigation Plans assist in identifying our community's vulnerabilities and ensure FEMA assistance if a disaster occurs.

**ARTICLE 26:** One of the Police Department's doppler radar units (in-vehicle) is no longer functioning appropriately; the radar was a hand-me-down from the Moultonborough Police Department and is used to monitor vehicular speeding on our roads. The Alfred Quimby Fund has generously offered to pay for this expenditure.

**ARTICLE 27:** The Fire Department is working with the Tamworth Fire Department to apply for a joint grant to purchase portable radios. The Quimby Fund Trustees have offered to offset the Town's portion of expenses associated with the project, resulting in no tax impact.

**ARTICLE 28:** The Town seeks to replace a computer in the Selectmen's Office and the shared public/Supervisors of the Checklist computer in Town Hall. We anticipate increased use of the public computer with the rollout of our GIS (online tax map) system as well. In addition, we propose the replacement of our antiquated Town Hall phone system as its functionality has deteriorated considerably over the last year. The Quimby Fund has offered to offset these expenses in their entirety.

**ARTICLE 29:** The Elderly Exemption has not been modified since 2005. Due to the rising cost of living and anticipated spike in property assessments resulting from the 2024 revaluation, the Board seeks to raise the exemption amounts and update eligibility criteria including income and asset thresholds. Proposed increases include: \$5,000 increase to exemption on assessment amount (from \$25,000 to \$30,000); \$5,000 increase to Income Limit (from \$20,000 to \$25,000/single, from \$30,000 to \$35,000/married); \$30,000 increase to Assessment Limit (from \$50,000 to \$80,000).

**ARTICLE 30:** The Marjorie Thompson Trust may be used to assist the children of Sandwich with the costs of their education or other needs. This is an annual article.

**ARTICLES 31 - 42:** These petitioned articles require the signatures of at least twenty-five registered voters in Sandwich to be placed on the Warrant. Brief descriptions are as follows:

**Community Food Center:** The Community Food Center is a food pantry that serves the towns of Sandwich and Tamworth.

**Tri-County Community Action Program:** Community program which provides necessary services to Sandwich residents if they are financially distressed. Services include fuel and electric bill assistance, emergency shelter, and support of several food pantries.

**Doris L. Benz Community Center:** Our local community center that provides a gathering space for private parties, club meetings, social groups, Town government, charitable organizations, exercise, musical groups and more.

**Moultonborough-Sandwich Senior Meals:** The Sandwich Senior Meals program (Meals on Wheels) is run under Ossipee Concerned Citizens and provides home-delivered meals to area residents as well as hot meals served at the Benz Center and Moultonborough Lions Club.



**Starting Point:** A non-profit organization serving victims of domestic and sexual assault in Carroll County. Services include a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, court and hospital advocacy, and support groups and education. All services are provided at no charge.

**InterLakes Community Caregivers:** An organization which provides rides to medical facilities, grocery stores, and personal appointments to Sandwich residents at no charge to assist them in remaining independent and in their own homes.

**Sandwich Children's Center:** Since 1985, Sandwich Children's Center has provided a high-quality, affordable, early-learning experience for the children of Sandwich and surrounding communities.

**Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association:** Visiting Nurse Association, providing Hospice Care, Nursing, Therapy and Aide Care to homebound residents.



**Little Pond**

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## **2024 SANDWICH TOWN WARRANT**

State of New Hampshire

Carroll County, S.S.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., to elect Town and Cooperative School District Officers by official ballot, and vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance; then on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sandwich Central School to consider all other Town business; and if this meeting is reconvened, the date will be the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sandwich Central School to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect by official ballot all necessary Town and Cooperative School District Officers for the ensuing year. On the ballot for the Town of Sandwich are the following positions:

- One (1) Moderator for 2-Year Term
- One (1) Selectman for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for 6-Year Term
- One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Sewer Commissioner for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Cemetery Trustee for 3-Year Term
- Two (2) Library Trustees for 3-Year Term

**ARTICLE 2:** To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments to the *Town of Sandwich Zoning Ordinance* as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

*In § 150-5. Definitions:*

*As used in this ordinance, to amend or add the following terms to conform to the language used by NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES):*

*BIOSOLIDS, COMMERCIAL, IMPERVIOUS SURFACE, PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM, REGULATED SUBSTANCE, SANITARY PROTECTIVE RADIUS, SEASONAL HIGH-WATER TABLE, WELLHEAD PROTECTION AREA, SEPTAGE, and SLUDGE*

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance:

*To revise various provisions of Article XVII Groundwater Protection Overlay Ordinance to conform to current NHDES language and standards?*

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit (Attached) and Accessory Dwelling Unit (Detached) to increase the permissible size of ADUs from 1,000 square feet to the greater of 50% of the net living area of the principal single-family dwelling or 1,000 square feet with a maximum square footage of 1,500 square feet; and amend the regulations regarding ADUs to provide that ADUs are not permitted on lots where more than one dwelling unit already exists. Further, to allow the conversion of accessory structures to detached ADUs only if the structure meets the required setbacks for detached ADUs.*

4. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend Section 150-7 11 to require that the principal dwelling unit or the ADU (attached or detached) be the primary residence of or be exclusively occupied by the owner of the property.*

5. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 5 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the definition of "Bunkhouse / Sleeping Cabin" as an accessory residential structure with sleeping quarters for temporary use by guests or employees of the owner of the principal use on the lot, which may contain sanitary facilities, but which may not contain cooking facilities.*

6. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 6 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Add definitions of "Dwelling", "Dwelling Unit", "Principal Dwelling", "Single-Family Dwelling", and "Two-Family Dwelling".*

7. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 7 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the definitions of Dwelling to clarify that dwellings are structures designed for or occupied by one or more families; amend the definition of "Multiple Unit Dwelling" or "Developments and Multiple Unit Structures" to clarify that they consist of three or more dwelling units; and amend the definition of "Principal Structure" as a structure which is the primary use of the property, excluding telecommunications facilities.*

8. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 8 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Replace various references to "principal dwelling units" with "principal structure" or "principal dwelling," and replace various references to "single unit dwellings" with "single family dwellings" throughout the Ordinance.*

9. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 9 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the structures and uses permitted in the Rural/Residential District to include two family dwellings and conversions of single-family dwellings to two-family dwellings.*

10. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 10 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the structures and uses permitted in the Village Zoning District to include two-family dwellings and conversions of single-family dwelling to two-family dwellings.*

11. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 11 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the structures and uses permitted in the Historic Overlay District to include two-family dwellings and conversions of single-family dwelling to two-family dwellings.*

12. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 12 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the lot area requirements for the Rural/Residential and Commercial Zoning Districts to increase the minimum lot size from 100,000 square feet of unrestricted area to 260,000 square feet of buildable area if 60% or more of the unrestricted area contains slopes of 15% or greater; and to increase the minimum lot size for multiple-unit structures from 175,000 square feet of unrestricted area to 455,000 square feet of buildable area if 60% or more of the unrestricted area contains slopes of 15% or greater.*

**Article 2, Question 13 will not appear on the ballot, nor will it be voted on.**

13. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 13 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Exempt principal and accessory structures from required wetland setbacks if the wetland area is less than 15,000 square feet and is not contiguous to surface waters such as lakes, ponds, or streams.*

14. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 14 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend Article V 150-32 regarding Multiple Unit Structures to require, rather than empower, the Planning Board to review site plans for the development of Multiple Unit Structures.*

15. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 15 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend Article X regarding Steep Slopes to permit two-family dwellings.*

16. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 16 to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board, as follows:

*Amend the required lot area in the Village Zoning District to clarify that the minimum lot size for cluster subdivisions shall be determined as set forth in Article IV, Cluster Subdivisions.*



**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,000 for the purpose of purchase and construction of a solar photovoltaic system at the Town leach field and to fund this appropriation through the issuance of a note in an amount of not more than \$364,000 from the Community Development Finance Authority in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq, as amended; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal and state grants or rebates if any which may be available for the project and to comply with laws applicable; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said notes to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend any state or federal grant or rebate to reduce the principal or terms of the note and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any vote relative thereto. And further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$29,000 for the first year's payment on the note. 3/5 ballot vote required. The Selectmen's vote on recommending passage of this article is 2 yes and 1 no.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will determine by vote the salaries and/or other compensation to the following officers and agents at the following rates:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	\$27.40 per hour
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	\$20.82 per hour
Welfare Officer:	\$1,500 annual stipend

All other salaries and/or compensation of Town Officers to remain at last year's rates.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$806,244 for General Government.

General Government	\$ 643,209
Welfare	\$ 33,835
Debt Service	\$ 129,200

The breakdown of the major categories is listed in the budget.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$348,924 for the Police Department for the purposes listed below. The LEAD program will be funded by withdrawing \$ 1,500 from the Robert Ramirez Trust Fund, it is anticipated \$10,000 will be offset by income from Police Department Special Details, and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

Police Department	\$ 347,424
LEAD Program	\$ 1,500

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,000 for the purchase of a new John Deere Excavator and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the expenditure of \$32,668.47 from unexpended fund balance representing previously accepted highway block grant funding, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade the 2009 Case Excavator for \$38,000 to offset this purchase and the balance of \$72,331.53 to be raised by authorizing the withdrawal from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,000 for the purchase of a new Ford 550 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or trade in the existing Ford 550; further, to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$83,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for ambulance service.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$337,347 for Fire Protection. It is anticipated the sum of \$5,275 will be offset by income from Fire Department Special Details, and the remainder (\$332,072) to be raised by general taxation.

Fire Department	\$ 330,022
Forest Fires/Red Hill Tower	\$ 2,050
Fire Department Special Details	\$ 5,275

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$808,982 to pay for expenditures for Highways, Streets and Bridges.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for repairs to Upper Road bridge railings and to fund this appropriation with \$27,000 from unexpended fund balance representing previously accepted highway block grant funding. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,836 for the sixth year's lease payment for the two 2020 International Dump Trucks.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$226,268 for expenditures on Sanitation.

Transfer Station	\$ 214,772
Landfill Monitoring	\$ 8,750
Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 2,746

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for expenses related to the operation and maintenance of the Central Sewer System. These monies to be offset by sewer user fees. This article by request of the Sewer Commissioners.



**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for deposit into the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund. These monies to be offset by sewer user fees and no amount to come from taxation. This article by request of the Sewer Commissioners. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$162,412 for Culture and Recreation. Further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to accept \$39,400 from the Alfred Quimby Fund, to authorize the withdrawal of \$450 from the Lena Nelson Trust, to partially offset the expenses by \$1,500 in program fees, with the remainder of \$121,062 to be raised by general taxation.

Parks and Recreation	\$ 150,762
Old Home Week	\$ 2,900
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 8,750

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the ongoing maintenance of Quimby Field and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to accept \$2,500 from the Alfred Quimby Fund. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,000 for the purpose of maintenance and improvements at Remick Park and to fund the appropriation by authorizing the acceptance of \$27,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund; the balance to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,049 for the purpose of Groundskeeping and plowing for roadside parking.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000 to be used to pay for expenses incurred in maintaining and preserving the Town's Meadow Brook property, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw \$ 1,000 from the Town Forest Account. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,281 for the listed purposes for conservation. Further, to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$3,450 from the Coolidge Conservation Trust Fund, to partially offset the expenses by \$1,000 in camper fees, with the remainder of \$8,831 to be raised by general taxation.

Conservation Commission Operating Expenses	\$ 2,587
5 Days of Sandwich Conservation Camp	\$ 9,594
Green Mountain Conservation Group River Testing	\$ 1,100

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,671 for the support of the S.H. Wentworth Library operating budget and trust fund management fees.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$293,000 to be added to existing Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trusts as follows:

Fire Pond Capital Reserve	\$ 2,500
Office Equipment Expendable Trust	\$ 1,000
Library Building Expendable Trust	\$ 5,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 150,000
Police Building Fund Capital Reserve	\$ 100,000
Equipment Repair Expendable Trust	\$ 15,000
Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000
Town Building Expendable Trust	\$ 4,500

And to fund this appropriation by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for costs related to update of the Town's hazard mitigation plan and to authorize the Selectmen to accept a grant of \$7,500 from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety to offset this appropriation. The balance to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

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**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for replacement of computer and phone systems at Town Hall; and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to accept \$3,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$80,000 excluding the value of the person's residence up to 2.25 acres.

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**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Sandwich Children Center's financial support for families (tuition). This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association for the purpose of supporting Hospice Care, Nursing, Therapy and Aide Care to homebound residents who are at medical or social risk, and immunization services. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

**ARTICLE 39:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Town of Sandwich this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanne D. Haight*, Chairman

*Caroline H. Nesbitt*

*Adam E. Heard*

Board of Selectmen

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## 2023 TOWN OF SANDWICH MEETING MINUTES

The First Session of the 260<sup>th</sup> Sandwich Town Meeting was held March 14, 2023 in the second floor auditorium at the Sandwich Town Hall. Moderator James Mykland called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced that there would be no smoking, loitering, or politicking in the building. He read the notarized attestation of the Warrant signed by Joanne Haight, Todd Horn and Caroline Nesbitt, Sandwich Board of Selectmen, certifying that on February 21, 2023, an attested copy of the within Warrant was posted at three public places in said Town. He stated that the meeting would be held in two sessions, to vote by official ballot on Articles 1 and 2, as well as the Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District Ballot, then on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandwich Central School to consider and vote on Articles 3 through 37. The Moderator commenced reading of the 2023 Warrant, and at the conclusion of Article 2, Caroline Nesbitt moved to suspend the reading of the rest of the warrant until Saturday's Town Meeting, seconded by Joanne Haight, voted affirmative. Selectman Haight then moved to vote on Articles 3 through 37 at Saturday's Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Nesbitt, voted affirmative. The Moderator announced that absentee ballots would be cast at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Police Chief Shawn Varney inspected the ballot boxes, and upon declaring them empty, locked the boxes. Mr. Mykland declared the polls to be open until 7:00 p.m. and the first voters were accepted at 10:10 a.m.

The National Weather Service had forecast a Winter Weather Warning for Tuesday. Sandwich decided to proceed with our uncontested Election, accepting 55 Absentee Ballots on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. A total of 178 ballots were cast (14% participation); 105 voters braved the elements to vote in person, while 18 absentee ballots had been accepted prior to the weather alert. The Nor'easter storm missed Sandwich leaving behind only 6 to 8 inches of snow, while other parts of the State received upwards of 3 feet!

The Second Session of the 260<sup>th</sup> Sandwich Town Meeting was called to order on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am by Moderator James Mykland at the Sandwich Central School. Mr. Mykland read Lee Rouner's Prayer for Town Meeting.

This year's Annual Report was dedicated to the Broadband Advisory Committee (BAC) whose vision and diligent work brought fiber-optic Internet to Sandwich in 2022. The committee worked tirelessly over the last several years to achieve this goal and subsequently saved the town many millions of dollars. The BAC Chair Julie Dolan, members Brad Holmes, Josh Ulman, Courtney Delaney, Richard Knox, Jeanne Ryer and Selectman Representative Joanne Haight were asked to rise and lead the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. All residents were requested to join in singing the National Anthem.

Mr. Mykland introduced the Board of Selectmen, Joanne Haight, Todd Horn and Caroline Nesbitt, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Alison Gage and Deputy Steve Twaddle, Supervisors of the Checklist Dotty Burrows, Amanda Twaddle and newly elected



Supervisor Tracy Ripkey. The moderator thanked Ted Adriance for filling in as Supervisor after we lost our longest serving Supervisor Janet Brown.

Mr. Mykland took a moment to read a Citation from Governor Chris Sununu recognizing Janet E. Brown for "her 56 years of dedicated, selfless service to the Town of Sandwich. Since 1967, Janet has served as the Supervisor of the Checklist for the Town of Sandwich, helping to ensure the success of the town elections, and providing great support to the local community. We join Janet's family in grieving the loss of Janet, and in recognizing her enduring legacy in the Town of Sandwich."

The Moderator continued to introduce Town Administrator Courtney Delaney, Administrative Assistant Kelly Cox, Ballot Clerks Evelyn MacKinnon and Louisa Bryant, Fire Chief Ted Call, Road Agent Ty Bryant, Recreation Director Ole Anderson and Assistant Moderator Christopher Boldt. He also thanked all the volunteers who work on the many committees that help keep our town running smoothly and encouraged all to volunteer.

Mr. Mykland requested that all cell phones be silenced and indicated that a microphone was available at the top of the main aisle, and to introduce yourself for the record. He proceeded to read the rules of conduct of the Town Meeting and commenced with reading of the Town Warrant and Election Day results.

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect by official ballot all necessary Town and Cooperative School District Officers for the ensuing year. On the ballot for the Town of Sandwich are the following positions:

- One (1) Selectman for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Sewer Commissioner for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Cemetery Trustee for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Library Trustee for 3-Year Term

#### **OFFICIAL RESULTS OF TOWN OFFICERS**

##### **SELECTMAN (3 Years)**

Adam E. Heard                      167

##### **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (3 Years)**

Robert Buderl                      162

##### **SEWER COMMISSIONER (3 Years)**

Mike Yeager                      169

##### **CEMETERY TRUSTEE (3 Years)**

Alison Gage                      172

##### **ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years)**

Cynthia (Cyd) Clark              170

##### **SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST (3 Years)**

Tracy Ripkey                      170

**SANDWICH RESULTS**  
**INTER-LAKES COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

<u>Moderator (1 Year)</u>	Patrick Kelly ( <i>write-in</i> )	10
	Jim Mykland ( <i>write-in</i> )	27
	<i>plus 11 other write-ins</i>	11
<u>Member Sandwich Resident (3 Yrs)</u>	Nancy O. Starmer	170
	<i>plus 1 other write-in</i>	1
<u>Member At-Large (3 Years)</u>	Siobhán E. Balázs	143
	<i>plus 7 other write-ins</i>	8

The Moderator then read the combined results of voting for the Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District Officers:

Patrick Kelly was elected as Moderator with 31 votes  
Nancy Starmer was elected to the Sandwich seat with 379 votes  
Siobhán Balázs was elected to the Member At-Large seat with 368 votes

**RESULTS FOR ZONING BALLOT**

**ARTICLE 2. To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments to the Town of Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance to make the following housekeeping changes and corrections:

Under §150-05 Definitions:

1. "Attached Accessory Dwelling Units" and "Detached Accessory Dwelling Units": change to "Accessory Dwelling Units (Attached)" and "Accessory Dwelling Units (Detached)" to keep together alphabetically in listing.
2. "Approval": change "meets" to "meet". (grammatical)
3. "Easement": delete comma after "run". (grammatical)
4. "Historic Structure": add a line space after numbered entries 3 and 4.
5. "Plat": add "County" after "Carroll".
6. "Telecommunications": change © to (c) (correct autocorrect)

Under §150-07 Permitted Uses:

1. Under A. 11 (c): add "living space" to define the 1,000 square feet.
2. Under C: change "automobile/truck" to "vehicle".
3. Under D (b): change "principle" to "principal" (use correct spelling).



Under Article III, §150-10 Lot area:

Add approximate acreage to define square footage.

YES 170 NO 4

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add the following definition to § 150-05 Definitions: "Living space -- A space designed, adapted, or equipped for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, bathing, washing and sanitation purposes" and for inserting the phrase "living space" in § 150-05 ADU definitions, § 150-07 Permitted Uses: A. 11 (c), and § 150-13 Setbacks: F, to improve the interpretation, application, and administration of those specified sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

YES 169 NO 5

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete (remove) the definition for "Fall Zone" in § 150-05 Definitions because it is not used in the ordinance.

YES 167 NO 3

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add the phrase "not registered or inspected" from § 150-05 Definitions "Unlicensed Vehicles – Vehicles that are not registered or inspected or fit for use on a public way" to § 150-19 to clarify the application of that provision.

YES 161 NO 12

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete § 150-82 Telecommunication Facilities Procedural Requirements, subsection A to remove (pursuant to Town counsel advice) a Zoning Ordinance provision in conflict with applicable NH law.

If this passes, subsection "B" will become "A".

YES 162 NO 4

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete § 150-87 in Article VIII Telecommunication Facilities, Annual Compliance Permit to remove a Zoning Ordinance provision that is not utilized by the Town.

YES 164 NO 5

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete, "Appeals must be filed within 30 days of the date of the decision." in § 150-101 Appeal as recommended by the Zoning Board of Adjustment as provided in RSA 676:5 that it is the ZBA, not the town meeting voters, that has the authority to determine what is a reasonable time limit for administrative appeals.

YES 156 NO 11

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete, "A letter of denial or cease and desist order was issued with respect to the requested special exception by any other Town authority of competent jurisdiction" in § 150-105 Special Exception as recommended by the Zoning Board of Adjustment because a special exception is an allowed use under the Zoning Ordinance and only a ZBA can make the determination it meets the required criteria.

YES 161 NO 7

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will determine by vote the salaries and/or other compensation to the following officers and agents at the following rates:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	\$26.86 per hour
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	\$20.41 per hour
Forest Fire Warden:	\$500.00 per year
Health Officer:	\$600.00 per year

All other salaries and/or compensation of Town Officers to remain at last year's rates.

**Motion by Courtney Delaney, second by Diana Witt. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 3 passed.**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$701,651 for General Government.

General Government	\$ 529,012
Welfare	\$ 40,000
Debt Service	\$ 132,639

The breakdown of the major categories is listed in the budget.

**Motion by Alfred Lavigne, second by C. Pierce Hunter. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 4 passed.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$331,240 for the Police Department for the purposes listed below. The LEAD program will be funded by withdrawing \$ 1,500 from the Robert Ramirez Trust Fund and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

Police Department	\$ 329,740
LEAD Program	\$ 1,500

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Joanne Haight, second by Evelyn MacKinnon. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 5 passed.**



**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purchase of a new John Deere Grader and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the expenditure of \$296,101.28 from unexpended fund balance, to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of \$16,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade the 1998 John Deere Grader for \$35,000 to offset this purchase and the balance to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Milton "Ty" Bryant, second by Todd Horn. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 6 passed.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for ambulance service.

**Motion by Alfred Lavigne, second by Ronald Lawler. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 7 passed.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$288,876 for Fire Protection. It is anticipated the sum of \$5,275 will be offset by income from Fire Department Special Details, and the remainder (\$283,601) to be raised by general taxation.

Fire Department	\$ 281,551
Forest Fires/Red Hill Tower	\$ 2,050
Fire Department Special Details	\$ 5,275

**Motion by Abigail Hambrook, second by Julie Dolan. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 8 passed.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$737,773 to pay for expenditures for Highways, Streets and Bridges.

**Motion by Jon Greenawalt, second by Kim Buker. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 9 passed.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the repair and paving of portions of Grove Street, Church Street, Quimby Field Road, Heard Road, and any other roads as determined necessary by the Road Agent. And to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Moses Hall Fund, \$10,000 from the Charles Blanchard Trust Fund, and the withdrawal of \$100,000 from unexpended fund balance, representing \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds already accepted. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

**Motion by Kim Buker, second by S. Griffith O'Brien. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 10 passed.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,836 for the fifth year's lease payment for the two 2020 International Dump Trucks.

**Motion by Louisa Bryant, second by Bradford Holmes. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 11 passed.**



**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,105 for expenditures on Sanitation.

Transfer Station	\$ 194,210
Landfill Monitoring	\$ 2,750
Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 2,145

**Motion by Alfred Lavigne, second by Diana Witt. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 12 passed.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,675 for expenses related to the operation and maintenance of the Central Sewer System. These monies to be offset by sewer user fees. This article by request of the Sewer Commissioners.

**Motion by James Hambrook, second by David Patridge. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 13 passed.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for deposit into the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund. These monies to be offset by sewer user fees and no amount to come from taxation. This article by request of the Sewer Commissioners. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Oliver Anderson, second by David Patridge. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 14 passed.**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,695 for Culture and Recreation. Further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to accept \$35,900 from the Alfred Quimby Fund, to authorize the withdrawal of \$450 from the Lena Nelson Trust, to partially offset the expenses by \$1,000 in program fees, with the remainder of \$113,345 to be raised by general taxation.

Parks and Recreation	\$ 138,395
Old Home Week	\$ 3,800
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 8,500

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Peter Winship, second by Abigail Hambrook. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 15 passed.**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,085 for the purpose of Groundskeeping and plowing for roadside parking.

Groundskeeping	\$ 15,253
Snow blowing for Roadside Parking	\$ 4,832

**Motion by Margaret Longley, second by Leonard Witt. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 16 passed.**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the ongoing maintenance of Quimby Field and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to accept \$2,500 from the Alfred Quimby Fund. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.



**Motion by Jessie Chapman, second by S. Griffith O'Brien. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 17 passed.**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,764 for the listed purposes for conservation. Further, to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$3,450 from the Coolidge Conservation Trust Fund, to partially offset the expenses by \$1,000 in camper fees, with the remainder of \$8,314 to be raised by general taxation.

Conservation Commission Operating Expenses	\$ 2,070
5 Days of Sandwich Conservation Camp	\$ 9,594
Green Mountain Conservation Group River Testing	\$ 1,100

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Julia Hird, second by Alfred Lavigne. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 18 passed.**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,242 for the support of the S.H. Wentworth Library operating budget and trust fund management fees.

**Motion by Duncan Porter-Zuckerman, second by Ronald Lawler. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 19 passed.**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used by the Town Forest Committee to pay for expenses incurred in maintaining and preserving the Town's Meadow Brook property, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw \$1,000 from the Town Forest Account.

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Susan Bryant Kimball, second by Julie Dolan. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 20 passed.**

After a brief intermission the Moderator called the meeting back into session at 10:55am. He indicated that Asst. Moderator Chris Boldt would now act as the microphone runner.

Selectman Joanne Haight recognized outgoing Selectman Todd Horn for his service. One of Todd's legacies was developing our Mission Statement: "We provide exceptional public services in a responsive, fiscally responsible manner while preserving our unique rural small-town character that is Sandwich." Todd graciously accepted a parting gift of his favorite Eisenhower Matrix: Important/Urgent [Do], Important/Not Urgent [Decide], Not Important/Urgent [Delegate], Not Important/Not Urgent [Delete]. Todd thanked the incredible team at Town Hall and praised the community for its' heart of service, it is second to none. To Live Here is a Gift! Todd was greeted with a standing ovation by all the town residents. Selectman Haight also thanked Todd's wife, Jane, for bringing him here and sharing him with us and welcomed our newest Selectman Adam Heard.



**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$403,000 to be added to existing Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trusts as follows:

Fire Pond Capital Reserve	\$ 2,000
Office Equipment Expendable Trust	\$ 1,000
Library Building Expendable Trust	\$ 5,000
Gravel Roads Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 50,000
Highway Streets & Bridges Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 150,000
Police Building Fund Capital Reserve	\$ 150,000

And to fund this appropriation by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Todd Horn, second by Vanderpoel Adriance III. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 21 passed.**

**Mr. Mykland took a moment to thank the Budget Advisory Committee for all their hard work and long hours that goes into establishing the budget along with the Selectmen and Department Heads.**

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,784 for lighting, electrical and other improvements to the Town Hall building and to authorize the Selectmen to accept \$33,784 from the Alfred Quimby Fund to offset this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

**Motion by F. Chase Rozelle, second by Sharon Teel. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 22 passed.**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Miles Pond Road as a Class V Town Road.

**Motion by Julie Dolan, second by Oliver Anderson. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 23 passed.**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 45,600 for the third year of the three-year agreement to implement a Geographical Information System (GIS); and to authorize the Selectmen to accept \$ 45,600 from the Alfred Quimby Fund. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**Motion by Joanne Haight, second by Julie Dolan. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 24 passed.**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II the "Optional Veterans' Tax Credit," for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.

**Motion by Kim Buker, second by Louisa Bryant. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 25 passed.**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the "All Veterans' Tax Credit" in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall



be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

**Motion by Courtney Delaney, second by Kim Buker. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 26 passed.**

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend income from the Marjorie Thompson Fund as they see fit, for the benefit of children of Sandwich residents.

**Motion by Diana Witt, second by Catherine Teran. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 27 passed.**

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the Community Food Center, a food pantry serving the towns of Sandwich and Tamworth. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

**Motion by Joanne Haight to amend Article 28 *(to combine the vote on Articles 28 through 36 as one Article for a total of \$36,745)*, second by Duncan Porter-Zuckerman. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Motion to amend Article 28 passed. Moderator James Mykland proceeded to read Articles 28 through 36.**

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,299 for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Sandwich: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, and Tamworth Dental Center. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Doris L. Benz Community Center. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be allocated to the Moultonboro-Sandwich Senior Meals Program for the year 2023. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,146 in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by Granite VNA & Hospice. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.



**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for the support of Interlakes Community Caregivers Inc. which provides support services to residents of the Town of Sandwich. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Sandwich Children Center's Scholarship/Town Warrant. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Court Approved Special Advocates (CASA). This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

**The Moderator noted that the petition articles are requests for funds for very worthy causes that the Town cannot handle on the local level. These services support all of us in various times of need.**

**Motion on Article 28, as amended, by Oliver Anderson, second by Ann Burghardt. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 28, as amended, passed.**

**Mr. Mykland thanked Principal Jeremy Hillger and the facility staff for the use of the Sandwich Central School to hold our Annual Town Meeting. They do a wonderful job of organizing the room for our needs and we always feel welcome.**

**ARTICLE 37:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Several members of the community expressed concerns regarding the following topics: food insecurity, aging population, affordable housing, and childcare:

*Food Insecurity:* Diana Witt, member of the Carroll County Food Access Network (CCFAN) is asking all to participate in the Community Food Access Survey to help them learn more about the needs of the community.

Francis Strayer wanted to remind everyone that the Town accepts gift cards to local grocery stores or gas stations and will work with Town Welfare to get the funds to those in need. Local churches will also assist in distributing your generous donations.

*Aging Population, Affordable Housing and Childcare:* Leonard Witt expressed his concern for the community regarding aging population and affordable housing and inquired if the town is planning for the future. Selectman Caroline Nesbitt indicated that the Zoning and Planning Boards are looking at new housing opportunities. PB Chair Brewster Lee shared that the committee is actively reviewing housing issues with an outside agency and seeking grants to review Zoning Ordinances and other regulations.

Kasia Beznoska expressed the community's need for quality childcare and affordable housing. We need to consider ways to support young families to be able to work *and* live here in Sandwich. Sandwich is a gem of a town, and we are so fortunate to live here but it is hard to encourage other young families to come here when housing costs are disproportional to local wages.

Courtney Delaney indicated that childcare is her #1 issue facing this community. Childcare is a multifaceted issue and will require real community support. We must act and do something to support a solution; it will require the effort of many people in this community.

All are encouraged to participate if you have any expertise or interest in any of these issues. The Town Master Plan will be reviewed in the coming years to outline how we as residents envision our town in the future. *Now is the time to join a committee!*

Several individuals also wished to extend their gratitude: Jack Starmer shared a hearty "Thank You!" on behalf of UPS driver Frank Matthews; he is overwhelmed by the community support in signing his petition and sharing of testimonials.

Jeanne Ryer praised all who assisted in the budgeting process. The smoothness of this meeting is a testament to the Town Team, Select Board and all the Committees who do all the hard work in the background. It is easy to vote 'yes' because we trust you. Thank You for everything you do!

Tim Miner recognized the Broadband Advisory Committee to which the Town Report was dedicated. It was a giant step the Town took to make our economy and community more viable for many people, especially the younger generation. It is a perfect example of how our town can come together to address these issues. We all owe a great many thanks to the committee members who worked for several years to make that happen.

Christopher Wood motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Abigail Hambrook. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor. Article 37 passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31am. A total of 134 Registered Voters were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alison Gage  
Town Clerk



## **2023 SANDWICH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Session of the 260<sup>th</sup> Sandwich Town Meeting was held September 26, 2023 at the Sandwich Central School. Moderator James Mykland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Moderator read Lee Rouner's Prayer for Town Meeting, then proceeded to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Mr. Mykland introduced the Board of Selectmen, Joanne Haight, Caroline Nesbitt and Adam Heard, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Alison Gage and Deputy Steve Twaddle, Supervisors of the Checklist Dotty Burrows, Amanda Twaddle and Tracy Ripkey, Ballot Clerks Jane Horn and Louisa Bryant, Town Administrator Courtney Delaney, Administrative Assistant Kelly Cox, Fire Chief Ted Call and Assistant Moderator Christopher Boldt.

The Moderator requested that all cell phones be silenced and indicated that a microphone was available at the top of the main aisle, and to introduce yourself for the record. He proceeded to read the rules of conduct of the Town Meeting.

Mr. Mykland read the notarized attestation of the Warrant signed by Joanne Haight, Caroline Nesbitt and Adam Heard, Sandwich Board of Selectmen, certifying that on September 5, 2023, an attested copy of the within Warrant was posted at three public places in said Town.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town of Sandwich will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,000 for the purchase of a 2023 Fire Engine, and to fund the purchase by withdrawing \$500,000 from the Fire Protection Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, by selling the town's current 2005 Fire Engine and using the proceeds towards the purchase of the 2023 Fire Engine, with the balance of not more than \$250,000 to come from the town's unexpended fund balance.

The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3-0.

**Motion by Louis Brunelle, second by Courtney Delaney. Voted by a show of hands, voted affirmative, 1 opposed. Article 1 passed.**

**Abigail Hambrook motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christopher Wood. Voted by a show of hands, all in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. A total of 58 Registered Voters were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

***Alison Gage***

Town Clerk



## COMPLIANCE OFFICER

The Sandwich Building Permit Ordinance was adopted on March 11, 1981 at Town Meeting and states that any alteration, construction, reconstruction or renovation of any structure, septic system or well requires a building permit through the Selectmen's Office.

Building permits are key to ensuring our assessors have the most up-to-date information to address property changes in a timely and accurate manner.

The Selectmen's Office received 111 permit applications in 2023, one fewer than last year. Permits approved in 2023 include:

- 30 accessory structures: sheds, garages, barns, carports, swim spa, pavilion;
- 19 additions/renovations;
- 17 septic systems;
- 15 principal structures: 11 dwellings (eight new, three rebuilds), two Detached Accessory Dwelling Units, two bunkhouses/cabins;
- 12 demolitions (five dwellings, three garages/sheds, two cabins, one barn, one room);
- 12 solar installations.

One of the Compliance Officer's responsibilities, as directed by the Board of Selectmen, is to ensure compliance with the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance is a great resource for questions regarding allowable property changes and the processes to seek approvals. It is available on the Town website: [sandwichnh.org](http://sandwichnh.org).

My role also includes assisting in the administration and enforcement of the rules and regulations of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, specifically in the areas of septic, shoreland and wetlands permits.

At least one site inspection is needed with all applications and a few require multiple site visits. I do not perform any building code inspections; adherence to State Building Codes is the responsibility of the contractor and property owner(s), per RSA 674:51 and 155-A:2.

My thanks to Fire Chief Ted Call and Road Agent Ty Bryant for their assistance in reviewing relevant permit applications and addressing permit questions and issues. Last, but not least, I'd like to thank both Kelly Cox and Courtney Delaney for their expertise.

I appreciate the cooperation from property owners and contractors in abiding by our building permit process. Please submit a building permit application and/or contact the Selectmen's Office in advance of any building activity. Please contact me with any concerns or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

*Russ Johnson*  
Compliance Officer

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

In December of 2023, the Fire Department took delivery of a new fire truck. The 2023 Alexis/Spartan is a custom cab pumper tanker with a 1500 GPM pump and a 2000 gallon tank. The vehicle became available on short notice as a result of an overlooked option. The intended customer chose to have another truck built instead of upfitting this truck. A great deal of effort was put forth by the Selectboard, Town Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk and Fire Department members for this acquisition.

The truck was purchased with the following fund accounts: \$500,000 Fire Department Capital Reserves and \$250,000 General Fund. The old truck will be sold after approval of the Selectboard and proceeds returned to the General Fund.

The Fire Department welcomed new member Herb Greene. Herb is a long-time resident of Sandwich with close ties to the fire service. In less than a year, Herb has obtained training which includes EMT and Firefighter II certification.

Run totals for 2023 remained close to the totals for 2022 as seen in the table below:

**Fire/EMS Activity**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>EMS - Non-transport</b>	93	58	47	61	65
<b>EMS - Hospital Transport</b>	20	78	58	71	80
<b>Motor Vehicle Crash</b>	17	16	12	15	15
<b>Backcountry/Carry Out</b>	0	5	7	5	2
<b>Structure Fire</b>	1	11	4	5	4
<b>Fire: other</b>	31	37	24	24	10
<b>Chimney Fire</b>				1	1
<b>Brush Fire</b>				9	4
<b>Fire Alarm Activation</b>	26	23	36	24	22
<b>Trees and Wires</b>	27	25	32	32	19
<b>Service Call</b>	10	3	10	13	8
<b>Mutual Aid</b>	10	10	19	21	44
<b>Total</b>	235	266	249	281	274

Training continues within the department including department drills, online continuing education and monthly mutual aid trainings. Members spent over 400 hours on training! Thanks to the members for their dedication and time to help keep Sandwich taxpayers and residents and their property safe.

The Fire Department continues to review Building Permits, propane and oil burn permits and conducts photovoltaic inspections and smoke and carbon monoxide inspections. Special event permitting and blasting permits were also conducted throughout the year.

Thanks to all Sandwich Fire Department members for their dedication and hard work. Thanks to all Town Departments, the Selectboard, Selectmen's Office and the Town Clerk for their assistance and guidance throughout the year.

Thank you to the Alfred Quimby Fund, White Sylvania Trust and the taxpayers of the town of Sandwich for their continued support.

Please reach out with any questions regarding smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep batteries changed every six months.

The Fire Department is in the process of updating the information on the town website. The email address is now [fire@sandwichnh.org](mailto:fire@sandwichnh.org). The phone number for the Central Fire Station is (603) 284-6264; the phone number for the Whiteface Fire Station is (603) 284-6466.

Please remember to maintain all smoke/CO detectors and have your chimneys cleaned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ted Call*, Fire Chief



**Special Town Meeting for the New Fire Truck**

**Louie Brunelle, Ted Call, Alison Gage, Adam Heard, Caroline Nesbitt, Steve Twaddle, Kelly Cox, Joanne Haight, Courtney Delaney, Jim Mykland**

*~ Photo credit: Derek Meredith ~*

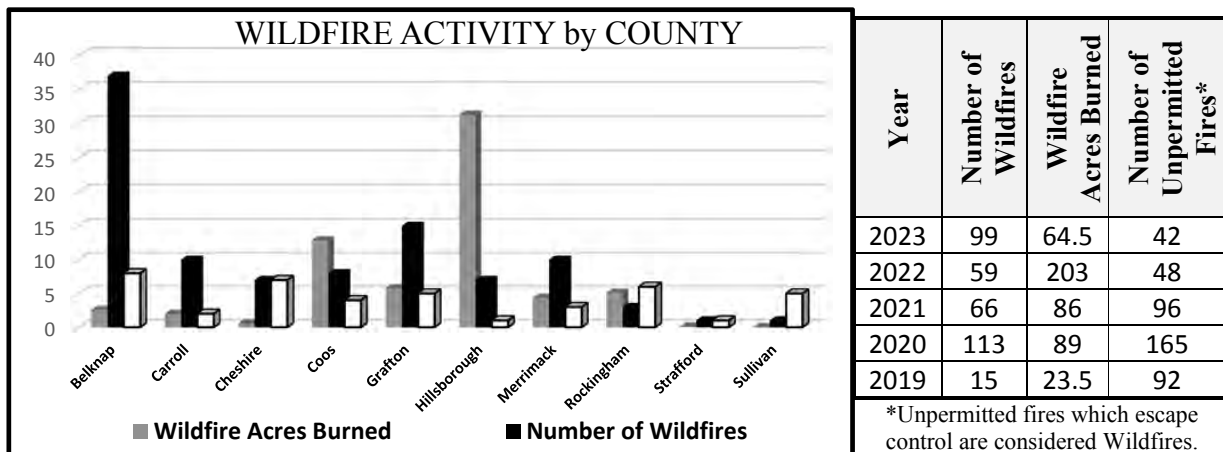
## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

In 2023 we observed wet weather in late spring and through the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able to team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year fires threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home including keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns or may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdf/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/).

### 2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED								
Undetermined	Recreation & Ceremony	Debris & Open Burning	Natural	Other Causes	Power Generation, Transmission, Distribution	Smoking	Arson	Equipment & Vehicle Use
22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	4

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2023 was a very wet year! We responded to 25 winter storms between November 16, 2022 and our last storm on March 23, 2023. Spring was mild compared to past years mainly due to the lack of frost in the ground. Summer was busy but very wet with lots of rain and mild flooding which resulted in less grading and spreading of gravel. Overall, we used 3,000 yards of gravel.



**The New John Deere Grader**

*~ Photo credits: Ty Bryant ~*

We welcomed our new 2023 John Deere 672G Grader in June and immediately put it to work. In July we paved Grove Street (452 tons of asphalt), Heard Road (168 tons of asphalt), Church Street (173 tons of asphalt), Town Hall Parking Lot (97 tons of asphalt) and Quimby Road (92 tons of asphalt) for a total of 1,000 tons of asphalt.

Fall we were busy preparing for winter, blowing leaves, last minute grading, spreading gravel, replacing culverts and roadside ditching.

Winter was slow to start. Our first storm was on November 9, 2023, followed by two major rain events resulting in 5"-7" of rain and two additional mud seasons.

Lastly, I would like to thank the taxpayers of Sandwich for your continued support, the Board of Selectmen for their support throughout the year and my crew for their hard work and dedication to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ty Bryant*, Road Agent



**Road Crew**

*~ Photo credit: Ty Bryant ~*



## PARKS AND RECREATION

Sandwich Parks and Recreation collaborates with many people and organizations in order to best serve our community. Two of the many people I relied on retired from Sandwich Elementary School in 2023. I want to express my thanks and gratitude for Alex Adriance and Diane Decker Booty. Alex was beyond helpful in handling registration forms and announcements, as well as coordinating after-school activities with participant families, the school, and me. Diane was so much more than a fixture in our ski program, or leader of a Girls on the Run group in Sandwich, she was an architect and catalyst for community events. Diane and Alex, THANK YOU, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

In January we had our youth basketball program back in action, playing each Saturday in Meredith. We also hosted a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grader program in March. We also hosted our Adult indoor pickleball and basketball program throughout the winter in the SCS gym. Our Adult Tai Chi, with Susan MacLeod occurred every Monday in Town Hall throughout the year.

We had 52 kids participate in our alpine ski program at King Pine in January. This program is hugely reliant on volunteers, too many to name in this report, but I would like to acknowledge Kendra Peaslee assisting with the program, either as a ski chaperone or lodge helper.

In the Springtime we created soccer teams for 3-6 grade kids and played games against club teams from Wolfeboro and Ashland. We were also able to offer instructional spring soccer for kids in grades K-2. We hosted our instructional T-ball program, with wonderful assistance from parents and other family members.

In the summer we were able to offer four weeks of swim lessons with instructor Laura Thorndike. We are so grateful to have had Laura lead this program. Laura was assisted by our beach attendants: Drake Dearborn, Devin Gasque, Rory Kepner, Larking Kjellberg and Ellie Smith. This team did a great job with the 54(!) kids registered in this program. In the Summer we also had great participation in our youth and adult tennis programs, and our adult Pickleball program continued to grow.



**Adult Pickleball is Popular!**

*~ Photo credit: Nancy Morton ~*





**Oliver Greene with the Prize Winner!**

*~ Photo credit: Ole Anderson ~*

Old Home Week in August was a little rainy, but we were able to host all our activities. It was a great week of tennis, swimming, horseshoes, triathlon, foot races, fishing, bike trike and doll carriage parade, and Pickleball Round Robin. It was so great to see so many folks of all ages come to participate or spectate in all that was offered throughout the week. Camp Hale joining us for Sports Day is an annual highlight. We want to thank the Camp Hale Alumni Association for feeding us with their annual BBQ!

In the Fall we offered our soccer program for Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We had a very successful season for our 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade teams, and all the players throughout the program developed their skills and grew their understanding of the sport

and of teamwork. Thank you coach Adrien Cloutier for leading a team! Chris Krotz and Jessie Chapman were outstanding coaching our Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade soccer players. In October we took all of our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade players to the Annual Donna J. Kuethe Soccer tournament in Moultonboro. This annual Tournament is for teams throughout Carroll County, and Sandwich won the tournament without losing a game!

In November we resumed our indoor basketball and Pickleball programs, with Pickleball now offered three nights a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday).

We want to thank everyone who helped us with all of the above-mentioned programs: Steve Watson, Tyler Damon, Leo Greene, Nicholas Sovie, Leo Greene Jr, Adrian Cloutier, Chris

Krotz, Jessie Chapman, Justin LaRue, Klaas Tempelman, Ian Paquette, Cayla Peaslee, Kendra Peaslee, Paul Durfee, Benny Hallgren, Thank You!



**Sandwich 4-6 Grade Soccer Team Win the Donna J. Kuethe Carroll County Soccer Tournament!**

*~ Photo credit: Ole Anderson ~*

2023 was a great year to experience the recreation facilities in town. The Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Conservation Commission, the Squam



**Selectmen Adam Heard and  
Caroline Nesbitt at the Beach  
Reclamation Project**

*~ Photo credit: Todd Horn ~*

We would like to end this submission by thanking all of the community organizations we work with throughout the year. We thank the entire Inter-Lakes school district, and specifically SCS principal Jeremy Hilger, Administrative Assistant Lucy Cunningham, and Custodian J.R. Patton. We also want to thank the youth sports organizations: Inter Lakes Youth Soccer, Bill Lamper Youth Basketball, Northern New Hampshire Soccer Club, Pemi-Baker Soccer Club, Moultonborough Recreation Department Tamworth Recreation Department, the Sandwich Fair Association and Camp Hale.

We look forward to continuing to provide facilities and programs for our residents to enjoy throughout the year in 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ole Anderson*

Sandwich Parks & Recreation Director

Lakes Association, and the Merrimack River Watershed Council to establish erosion control measures at the town beach on Squam Lake. The highlight of this partnership was a community planting of erosion control vegetation on May 7 at the town beach. In July we added 10 yards of beach sand to the town beach, a wonderful moment for castle builders of all ages.

We did set our skating rink up at Remick Park in North Sandwich, but with little success, and we will not be setting the rink up for the 2023-24 winter. The Nordic ski trails were available throughout the winter with grooming shared with coach Steve Olafsen.

The Remick Park Revitalization Committee had an active year. We want to thank our committee volunteers Sara Korpi, Riley Paquette, Derek Meredith, Pam Casadonte, Casey Cloutier, and Richard Hodges.



**Beach Attendant Drake Dearborn and  
Company atop a Fresh Load of Sand!**

*~ Photo credit: Kendra Peaslee ~*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the residents for allowing me to serve the Town as your Chief of Police. The community support has been overwhelming and we certainly appreciate the continued support and relationships we have fostered with the citizenry. We have been and will continue working very hard to keep the town safe and protected.

In the onset of 2023, we had some staffing changes. We welcomed Louis Caldarulo onboard to serve as our Parking Enforcement Officer. Louis brought valuable experience to the team. Due to an unfortunate accident involving Louis early in the season, we had to temporarily fill his summer position. We were fortunate to have Dennis Sampey step up to assist in our time of need. Dennis occupied the position for the summer and for that we are grateful.



**Dennis Sampey, Roberta French, Chief Varney**

*~ Photo credit: Karl Koch ~*

Also joining our team is Roberta French, as the agency's part time Administrative Assistant. She has also been a great addition, allowing us to focus more time on investigations and patrol. We are hopeful that this will give Administrative Assistant Carrie Fair the opportunity to spend more time with her family. We appreciate all of the hard work Carrie has done for our agency and we look forward to her assisting us with special events in the future.

This year, we were able to secure a grant to allow for the purchase of two new Motorola portable radios at no cost to taxpayers. These will be used for patrol and in conjunction with our older ones which will be an asset to the agency.

I am happy to report that the annual Sandwich Fair went smoothly. We made some operational changes with respect to staffing and how we handle the impact on the community during this very busy weekend. We appreciate the great working relationship with the Fair Association, and we will continue to strive to make the event better each year. We are also thankful that we have surrounding agencies willing and able to help.

During the year, we have been busy with meetings surrounding the proposed new police facility and countless hours of discussion have been spent on design and operability. The team will continue focusing on responsible decisions that best serve completion of this project. A huge thank you to Town Administrator Courtney Delaney for juggling our sometimes-crazy schedules. Also, a huge thanks to Dick Devens for his countless hours in assisting us with the floorplan designs. And of course, a huge thanks goes out to Selectman Joanne Haight, Van Adriance, Bob Buderer and Ann Glavin for all their expertise and continued support surrounding the project. We will get it done!



In our efforts to serve you better and to maintain our professional certifications, some of the training we participated in this year were the following courses:

- Criminal Justice Security and Privacy Training
- Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Response to Barricaded Subjects
- Avoiding Wrongful Termination
- De-Escalation, Ethics and Implicit Bias in Law Enforcement Training
- U.S. DOJ Civil Rights Training for Grantees
- Steven's Advanced Driver Training for Law Enforcement

This year could not have been possible without the staff at Town Hall: Courtney Delaney, Kelly Cox, Alison Gage and Steve Twaddle. They have been a tremendous asset.



**Sgt. Koch in Training**

*~ Photo credit: Shawn Varney ~*

I would also like to recognize the currently seated Selectboard and backbone of the town: Joanne Haight, Caroline Nesbitt and Adam Heard. Thank you to all of them for their utmost attention, direction, and leadership. They are truly personnel-oriented and clearly have the best interest of the town in mind. It has been a pleasure working with each of you!

With the new year underway, I am announcing my intention to go into partial retirement this year after serving the surrounding communities for the past thirty years. This has not been an easy decision and I thank you for your support over my 14-year tenure with the Town of Sandwich. I have made many friends here in town and I hope to continue serving the community as a part-time officer for the department. I fully expect a seamless transition during the process and am confident that Sergeant Koch will assist me in this endeavor. It has been a pleasure working alongside Sergeant Koch and our part-time officers; it is truly a great team of professionals!

In closing, I would like to thank the remainder of Team Sandwich, the people we work closely with to provide the best municipal services: Fire Department, Highway Department, Parks and Recreation, Library, and Transfer Station. Thank you to our other partners: Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Dispatch Staff, New Hampshire State Police, Troop-E, U.S. Forest Service, and the Moultonborough Police Department for support and assistance. Finally, thank you to the citizens of Sandwich for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shawn J. Varney,*  
Chief of Police

## POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORTED</b>					
Burglary	2	6	3	3	2
Conduct After an Accident	-	-	-	-	3
Criminal Mischief (Vandalism)	5	2	6	2	2
Criminal Trespass	4	1	3	4	4
Harassment and Phone Harassment	0	1	3	7	2
Littering/Unlawful Activities	4	1	1	2	5
Intimidation (Threats/Stalking)	1	4	2	2	0
Theft/Forgery/Fraud	13	30	27	22	13
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>					
Alarms/Intrusion	30	26	47	53	26
Assist Fire/EMS	56	21	57	83	45
Assist to Motorists and Citizens	40	86	44	259	310
Civil Stand	5	2	3	6	15
Disturbance Calls	-	-	17	9	18
Domestic Animal Calls	21	1	65	55	58
Fish and Game	6	4	28	35	10
Juvenile Issues/Complaints	11	2	8	7	3
Mental Health: Suicide/ Attempted Suicide	4	1	1	2	5
Overdoses	5	3	1	0	0
Paperwork Service	4	6	44	37	30
Road Hazard	-	-	53	46	36
Suspicious Activity	8	15	36	34	26
Unattended Death Investigations	5	3	4	5	2
VIN Verifications	9	14	24	26	23
Welfare Check	-	-	46	44	31
Other	890	857	1395	1342	1195
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT</b>					
Directed Patrol	21	15	45	279	240
Motor Vehicle Accidents	21	15	32	33	17
Motor Vehicle Complaints	-	-	54	43	19
Motor Vehicle Stops	140	324	597	561	721
Parking Tickets	91	181	130	95	101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1621</b>	<b>2776</b>	<b>3096</b>	<b>2962</b>
<b>OFFENSES CHARGED</b>					
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assult	-	-	-	1	
Animal Abuse					2
Attempted Theft by Unauthorized Taking	-	-	-	1	
Conduct After an Accident	-	-	-	2	
Criminal Threatening	-	-	-	2	
Criminal Trespass					1
Driving after Suspension or Revocation	-	-	-	1	2
Driving while Intoxicated					1
Failure to Appear	-	-	-	2	1
Falsifying Physical Evidence					1
Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon					1
Fugitive from Justice					1
Resisting Arrest					1
Simple Assault					2
Other	-	-	-	8	
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES CHARGED</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>

## TRANSFER STATION

Over the past year, management and staff of the Transfer Station have worked diligently to make improvements to the facility with the goal of increasing efficiency and service and decreasing expenses.

Please remember that plastic bags and Styrofoam DO NOT go in Single-Stream recycling! They are considered contaminants and the container will not be processed as recycling. Styrofoam and plastic bags are recycled separately. There are two holding bins for styrofoam located by the electronics collection site and one trashcan-sized container for recycling plastic bags located in the hut. Both areas are easy to access.

Permit Stickers/Guest Passes are required at the Transfer Station. Sticker enforcement is necessary to ensure that only residents and property owners are utilizing the facility. The 2023-2024 stickers are red and are valid through December 31, 2024. Residents and property owners may purchase stickers through the Selectmen's Office (in person Monday, Tuesday, Thursday), via Drop Box (back of Town Hall) or by mail. The Facility Permit application form is available on the website: [sandwichnh.org/Departments/Selectmen's Office](http://sandwichnh.org/Departments/Selectmen's%20Office).

The Transfer Station is open four days per week (excluding holidays): Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

### **SUMMARY OF DISPOSED MATERIALS (tons)**

<b>Disposed Materials</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Household Trash	312	343	463	402	391	392
Construction Debris	122	123	59	118	124	155
Recyclables	130	159	115	168	166	155
Recyclable Metals	58	45	38	44	39	56
Freon	-	-	-	-	89 units	91 units

The second Sandwich Transfer Station Video is now available on our website: [sandwichnh.org/departments/transfer\\_station/index.php](http://sandwichnh.org/departments/transfer_station/index.php). It is a helpful tool that answers questions you may have about using our facility.

We look forward to continuing to serve the community and providing the best experience possible at the Transfer Station. Thank you to John Noble, Transfer Station Attendant, and Ty Bryant, Road Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kevin Smith*  
Foreman



## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Sandwich Agriculture Commission, established in 2010, focuses on the following mission:

- To protect and sustain the rural, agricultural character and history of the town as outlined in the current master plan;
- To be a public voice for the Town of Sandwich agricultural community;
- To encourage and advocate for educational programs, initiatives, policies, and practices that are related to the enhancement of the rural, agricultural, historical, and future impact of such within the Town of Sandwich;
- To act as a resource to Town boards, committees, and individuals on issues related to agriculture and land use policy.

During the 2023 calendar year we considered how this mission relates to the Town of Sandwich more than a decade later. Supporting local food production and encouraging agricultural literacy was our main objective as we considered what activities could benefit our community.

We worked throughout the winter months to initiate a program series designed to excite Sandwich residents about the importance of local agriculture, food resiliency, and to get them thinking about ways they can partake in these systems, whether as food producers or consumers. With the support of the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and with the assistance of the Sandwich Historical Society, we were able to bring noted author and architectural historian, Thomas Hubka to our community to speak about the significance of connected farm buildings that are an integral part of Sandwich's historic landscape.

Hubka's interest in the topic of this style of vernacular architecture, unique to northern New England, resulted in his landmark study *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn* (1984), published by University Press of New England. His program focused on case studies that showed how 19<sup>th</sup>-century farmers converted their typical separate house and barns into connected farmsteads. Hubka's research demonstrated that average farmers were motivated by competition with farmers in other regions of America, who had better soils and



**Your Neighbor's Flowers, N. Sandwich**

~ Photo credit: Richard Masta ~

growing seasons and fewer rocks to clear than here in New Hampshire. The connected farmstead organization, housing equal parts mixed-farming and home-industry, was one of the collective responses to the competitive threat and our town is replete with numerous examples of this architectural style.

We participated in Carroll County's annual "School to Farm" Day held at the Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm. This is a one-day event developed by New Hampshire



**Something Wild Farm, N. Sandwich**

*~ Photo credit: Richard Masta ~*

Agriculture in the Classroom (NHAITC) for 4<sup>th</sup>-graders from throughout the county. Farmers and other professionals presented mini-lessons and demonstrations on topics such as beekeeping, sheep raising, dairy cows, maple sugaring, vegetable production, soil ecology, chickens and more. Students visited the stations, met the experts, saw the animals and experienced a taste of farm life.

The pop-up farmers market held in Center Sandwich throughout the summer is evidence that there is still an interest and desire for locally produced foods in our community. As a result we are looking to present more learning opportunities centered on the backyard garden and DIY activities that reinforce our commitment to sustaining the agricultural character of our community.

I want to thank the Agriculture Commission members for their energy and dedication to reviving this important work. Our current roster includes Holly Cook, Dick Devens, Rich Masta, and Maggie Porter. Joanne Haight is our liaison to the Selectmen's Office.

The Agriculture Commission meets in the Town offices on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm, September through June. We invite you to join us and learn about Sandwich's agrarian heritage and how we all can be responsible stewards of the land by supporting local agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cara Sutherland*, Chair



**Waxing Moon Gardens,  
N. Sandwich**

*~ Photo credit: Richard Masta ~*

## BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Got broadband!? Hopefully most people are happy with their high-speed internet service delivered via Conexon / NH Broadband / NH Electric Cooperative. Unfortunately, there remain two roads in town which need to be connected via different NHEC districts, so a small percentage of households are still unable to obtain this great service. We continue to pester Coop to keep us updated on estimated construction dates. As of this writing, they tell us Metcalf and Tilton Haley Roads are top priorities and should be underway this year.

Our committee remains intact (although not meeting regularly) and responsive until our stated mission of “100% town-wide coverage” is met. Currently there are ~600 subscribers to this service in Town. Speeds available are 100MBPS, 1GBPS or 2GBPS of synchronous speed.

We remain committed to helping troubleshoot when we can, although it’s always best to start with NH Broadband directly. Their contact info is:

For Customer Service: 866-431-1928 or [info@nhbroadband.com](mailto:info@nhbroadband.com)

For Technical Support: 866-431-7617 or [support@nhbroadband.com](mailto:support@nhbroadband.com)

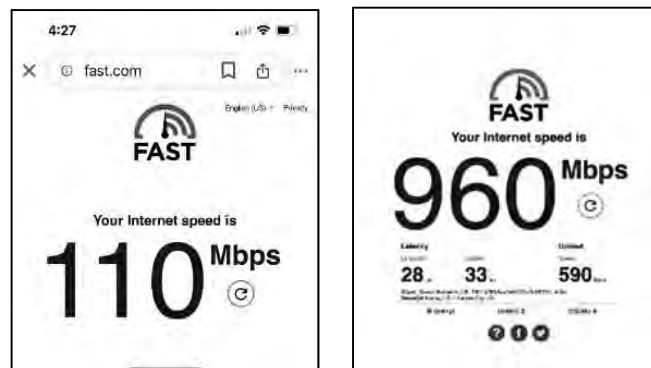
Our email address remains active. People should feel free to reach us at: [sandwich.broadband@gmail.com](mailto:sandwich.broadband@gmail.com).

We continue to be contacted by other towns across the State looking for guidance to get their communities better internet options. We feel very fortunate that we managed to be on the leading edge of getting this important infrastructure brought to rural NH towns, especially considering our hilly terrain and low population density. There were obstacles and kinks, but we managed to build grass-roots support and seize timely opportunities to get the job done – **with no impact on Sandwich taxpayers!**

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Dolan*, Chair  
On behalf of members:

*Courtney Delaney*  
*Brad Holmes*  
*Dick Knox*  
*Jeanne Ryer*  
*Josh Ulman*  
*Joanne Haight*, Selectman



Speeds Seen Around Town...

## **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE/ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) resident members provide perspective, advice, challenge and support to our Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen in formulating Operating and Capital Budgets for the coming year.

The BAC also examines major capital programs planned for future years to determine deposits to Capital Reserve accounts. The current view of future major projects and estimated capital expenditures is contained in the attached Project and Equipment Assessment Schedule.

Over the period September 2023 through January 2024 the BAC met with Department Heads, Town Committees and organizations to consider proposed 2024 projects and budgets in a series of highly productive discussions. Our compliments to all who participated.

Highlights include:

- Despite continuing, across-the-board, sometimes unpredictable, inflationary pressures the Town managed quite successfully to keep within approved 2023 budgets.
- Increased attention has been paid to Town revenues, acknowledging the Town's modest but steady population growth, to better balance revenues against steadily increasing expenditures.
- Inflationary pressures continue, notably reflected in increased manpower costs (compensation, insurances) and the sometimes-soaring costs of major equipment e.g. fire trucks and new buildings.
- Evaluation of the need for additional part time manpower in the Police and Fire Departments, notably to undertake essential administrative duties and provide cover for our full-time staff.
- Town roads are generally in good condition. Therefore, in a change from recent years, there will be no top-coating of asphalt roads in 2024 while the Highway Dept focuses on improvement of gravel roads.
- Despite general support for clean energy initiatives, the BAC unanimously expressed concerns with the proposed Municipal Solar Array, primarily on the grounds of economic projections.

With the exception of the proposed Municipal Solar Array, the resident members of the BAC are in full support of the 2024 Budget which will be presented to Townspeople at the March 2024 Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Budget Advisory Committee*

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

### Project and Equipment Replacement Schedule and Capital Reserves

Updated December 31, 2023

Project/Equipment		Last Purchased	Anticipated Review Year	Anticipated Life (YRS)	Estimated Cost w/inflation	Annual Expense (Cost/Life)
Board of Selectmen						
	Town Hall Renovation	2012	2027 (15 yr bond)		\$ 660,000	\$ 44,000
	Town Hall Roof	2012	Annual	25	\$ 30,000	\$ 1,200
Town Buildings Exp. Trust Balance at year end 2023: \$35,216						
Town Equipment Repair Fund Exp. Trust Balance at year end 2023: \$49,103						
Office Equipment Exp. Trust Balance at year end 2023: \$8,715						
Fire Department						
Vehicles						
	Engine #1: Mack (1995)	1995	Annual	30	\$ 750,000	\$ 25,000
	Engine #2: Alexis Pumper (2023)	2023	2048	25	\$ 900,000	\$ 36,000
	Engine #3: HME (2013)	2013	2038	25	\$ 900,000	\$ 36,000
	Forestry Vehicle #1: 550 (2017)	2017	swap body w/rescue	10	\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000
	Forestry (DRED) Vehicle #2 (1975)	(1975)	Annual	state owned		
	Rescue Vehicle: F550 (2017)	2017	2032	15	\$ 250,000	\$ 16,667
	Pontoon Boat 1 (1995 boat)	2016	2032	15	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,000
	Chief's Vehicle (2022)	2022	2032	10	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000
	Boat #2: Princecraft (1989)		2027	15	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,000
Other						
	Fire Ponds		Annual			
	Air Packs (last year of lease - 2021)	2017	2032	15	5 year lease	\$ 26,718
	Polaris ATV	2001	2027	15	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,000
	Thermal Imager	2021	2031	10	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000
	Former Engine #2: KME (2005)	2024 planned sale (replaced by Alexis Pumper)				
Fire Protection Equipment Cap. Reserve Balance at year end 2023: \$33,404						
Rescue Vehicle Replacement Cap. Reserve Balance at year end 2023: \$19,134						
Fire Pond Cap. Reserve Balance at year end 2023: \$9,535						
Highway Department						
Gravel Roads		Annual / continuous maintenance program; costs included in Operating Budget.				
Roads & Bridges						
	Roads & Bridges (paving)		Annually varies		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
	Bridges - (Bonds)		Annually varies			\$93,817
Vehicles						
	HSB #1 1-Ton Dump w/ plow(2016)	2016	2026	10	\$ 75,000	\$ 7,500
	HSB #2 2020 Intl. (2019)(Lease)	2019	2026	7	Lease	\$ 19,918
	HSB #3 Int 7300 (2015)	2015	2025	10	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000
	HSB #5 CV Intl. & Plow (2020)	2020	2030	10	\$ 98,000	\$ 9,800
	HSB #6 Doosan Loader - (2021)	2021	2046	25	\$ 140,000	\$ 5,600
	HSB #7 2020 Intl. (2019)(Lease)	2019	2026	7	Lease	\$ 19,918
	HSB #8 Ford 550 (2012)	2012	2024	10	\$ 85,000	\$ 8,500
	JD Grader - 672G (2023)	2023	2038	25	\$ 400,000	\$ 16,000
	Flatbed Trailer - 15 Ton	2014	2034	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000



Project/Equipment		Last Purchased	Anticipated Review Year	Anticipated Life (YRS)	Estimated Cost w/inflation	Annual Expense (Cost/Life)
	Excavator - CX75 Case (2009)	2014	2024	15	\$ 140,000	\$ 9,333
	Backhoe (2020)	2020	2035	15	\$ 160,000	\$ 10,667
	Vibratory Roller (2002)	2016	2027	25	\$ 100,000	\$ 4,000
	Skidsteer (2022)	2022	2032	10	\$ 79,000	\$ 7,900
	Plows & Sanders	2021	Annual	5	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,000
	Chipper (1998)		2028	30	\$ 30,000	\$ 1,000
	Garage Roof	2020	2070	50	\$ 80,000	\$ 1,600
<b>Gravel Roads Exp. Trust Balance at year-end 2023: \$68,040</b>						
<b>Highways, Streets &amp; Bridges Cap. Reserve Balance at year-end 2023: \$503,534</b>						
<b>Highway Equipment Cap. Reserve Balance at year-end 2023: \$302,852</b>						
<b>Durgin Bridge Exp. Trust Balance at year-end 2023: \$10,337</b>						
<b>Highway Shed Roof Cap. Reserve balance at year-end 2023: \$2,083</b>						
<b>Wentworth Library</b>						
	Roof	Annual	2024		\$ 45,000	
	Building Repairs & Maintenance	Annual	Annual	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<b>Library Technology Fund Exp. Trust balance at year-end 2023: \$3,536</b>						
<b>Wentworth Library Exp. Trust balance at year-end 2023: \$42,573</b>						
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>						
	Snowmobile/Groomer	2016	2026-2031	10	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,800
	John Deere Tractor	2015	2025	7	\$ 18,800	\$ 2,686
	Truck (2019 Dodge Ram)	2019	2029	10	\$ 22,000	\$ 2,200
	Tennis Court Repairs (single court)	2019	2028	10	\$ 8,000	\$ 800
	Tennis Court Repairs (double court)	2014	2025	10	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,500
<b>Parks &amp; Rec Fund Exp. Trust balance at year-end 2023: \$5,256</b>						
<b>Police Department</b>						
Vehicles						
	Car #1 (Chief's)	2020	2026	6	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,333
	Car #2 (Sergeant's)	2022	2028	6	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,333
Other						
	PD Building (costs & timeline TBD)	1950	Annual		\$ 600,000	
<b>PD Building Fund Cap. Reserve balance at year-end 2023: \$388,382</b>						
<b>PD Equipment Cap. Reserve balance at year-end 2023: \$9,128</b>						
<b>Transfer Station</b>						
	Compactor #1 (1990) refurbished	2017	2027	10	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000
	Compactor #2 (2017) refurbished	2017	2037	20	\$ 10,000	\$ 500
	Compactor #3 (2000) refurbished	2018	2038	20	\$ 10,000	\$ 500
	Compactor #4 (2018) refurbished	2018	2038	20	\$ 10,000	\$ 500
<b>Landfill Maintenance Cap. Reserve balance at year-end 2023: \$381</b>						

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The citizens of Sandwich elect three Cemetery Trustees to fulfill the State mandate for all municipalities to provide burial spaces for its citizens. Operations of our cemeteries are governed by State law NH RSA 289. The Trustees are volunteers who create rules, create a budget, use perpetual care funds, schedule maintenance, schedule burials and manage sales of “right to bury” in our three town cemeteries: Elm Hill, Grove Street and North Sandwich. The Trustees also manage cemetery records.

For the last two years there has been a project, supervised by the Town Highway with guidance from Ben Fullerton, to improve the one-half acre lot in North Sandwich Cemetery purchased by the Town in 2005. Great improvements have resulted and a vision of what it will be is apparent!

Sandwich is fortunate to have a core of folks who embrace the sentiment that it is the responsibility of this generation to care for our past citizens. Jere Burrows has faithfully been in charge of clean-up and mowing our cemeteries for many years. He “keeps his eye on things!” He is a strong advocate for the cemeteries in his care and for other burial grounds in Town. People should acknowledge what he does for this Town!

Carl Nydegger for many years has been a volunteer whose expertise in the *right way* has repaired hundreds of broken gravestones in this Town and in this region. Carl does not let broken gravestones *stand* that way very long! Carl also “keeps his eye on things” and deserves a giant thank you! The Trustees are very appreciative of Jere and Carl’s work.

The Trustees also thank Bryan Peaslee for work at Mason Cemetery and for Kip and Cindy Downs at Hubbard Cemetery. The Trustees acknowledge the support of Grove Cemetery by the Arthur Heard Trust.

Our system for managing Town cemeteries has been in place since about 1940 when Jessy Flanigen, Jesse Ambrose, Dr. Quinby and a few others “fixed” the problem of neglected cemeteries. We are volunteers who deliver commitment and dependability to this Town. Education in state law RSA 289, the rules for Town cemeteries and some knowledge of cemetery history are required for our system to work. Having experience as a Cemetery Trustee is an advantage! As most do not think of their final rest until the time, so too is the consideration of the service provided to this Town by its volunteer Trustees and advocates!

Thank you to my fellow Cemetery Trustees, Alison Gage and Ben Fullerton.

Respectfully submitted,

*Geoffrey Burrows*

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

GENERAL ACCOUNTS	
MVSB Checking Account as of 1/1/2023	\$ 12,333.95
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Lots and Perpetual Care	\$ 600.00
Interest from Checking Account	\$ 1.21
2023 Annual Town Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Arthur M. Heard Trust (2023)	\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$ 4,601.21
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
General Maintenance	\$ 3,289.38
Post Office Box Rent	\$ 78.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 3,367.38
MVSB Checking Account as of 12/31/2023	\$ 13,567.78
MVSB Certificate of Deposit as of 12/31/2023	\$ 9,301.93

MASON VISNY ACCOUNTS	
MVSB Savings Account as of 1/1/2023	\$ 1,399.58
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Transfer from CD	\$ -
Interest from Perpetual Care Trust Funds	\$ -
Interest from Savings Account	\$ 1.17
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$ 1.17
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Maintenance: Mason & Visny 2023	\$ 860.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 860.00
MVSB Savings Account as of 12/31/2023	\$ 540.75
MVSB Certificate of Deposit as of 12/31/2023	\$ 1,793.53

Respectively submitted,

*Alison Gage*, Trustee

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The year opened with town-wide concern about logging and clearing at a local property. In order for DES to review the situation, a resident needs to file a complaint with DES. No DES permits were recorded for the clearing of several acres of trees, stumps and wetlands. In February, a complaint was logged, and DES began an investigation resulting in a detailed plan to re-habilitate the property under specific guidelines. The owner began the required mitigation work specified and continues to meet the requirements. The Commission has continued to monitor progress and offer input as needed.

**Bearcamp River Trail** – This is its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year(!) although a challenging one for the trail. Policy changes and landowner concerns have resulted in the separation of the trail into four active segments. Despite the willingness of our dedicated local volunteers to monitor and maintain the trail, we can no longer spend town dollars to rebuild bridges or buy materials, and each volunteer has to sign a liability waiver form. Many thanks to Jean Knox for her dedicated work to keep the trail open to hikers and the ten volunteers who regularly maintain the trails.

**Five Days of Sandwich** – Another successful year for the camp – but not without its challenges. Adam Weeks and Rebekah Castleberry returned with improvements and ideas for the camp. To aid with scheduling, camps were designed as multi-age as opposed to ones with age limits. Also, consistent with our goal to get kids out into the woods, rental vans were used to transport kids up to various field sites. Overall, it was a successful summer but with fewer campers than desired.



**Visiting the Covered Bridge**

*~ Photo credit: Cindy Duchin ~*

**Squam Lakes Association (SLA) and Sandwich Beach Erosion Mitigation Day** - We have continued to support the SLA's water quality management work over the course of several years. In March, SLA's Cole Beale updated the commission on their proposed erosion control and remediation project at the Sandwich Town Beach. The north side of the beach area has been eroding due to heavy wave action, and run-off from the parking lot has been adding silt to the lake. On May 6<sup>th</sup> approximately 35 townspeople attended the mitigation planting event and successfully installed several dozen native trees and shrubs. Many thanks to Cindy,

Heidi, and Ron for the work they did to organize the event around the SLA Erosion Mitigation project.

**Water Quality** - Every spring the SCC receives an update from Green Mountain Conservation Group's annual water quality sampling in the Ossipee River watershed.



**Hiking and Swimming in a Cold River on a Hot Day**

*~ Photo credit: Cindy Duchin ~*

Results of routine samples collected along the Cold River and the Bearcamp rivers were presented, along with handouts that contained graphs and related data. Bottom line results were that the water quality of these two streams was - in the words of the presenter - superb! Copies of the graphs and data have been left with Town Administrator for anyone interested in seeing them.

**Sandwich Notch Park** (Beede Falls & Cow Cave) - Fred Lavigne regularly monitors and organizes work parties to do stewardship work at our much "loved" Sandwich Notch Park. Over the years he has, with the help of volunteers, restored heavily impacted areas, built wooden fences, installed trail bridges, and constructed trail 'turnpikes'. In June, the Sandwich Conservation Commission (SCC) held a walk-through to review the history of SNP, restoration work since 2012, and current needs. Because of the recent interest in using the park for "bouldering," two representatives of the bouldering community also attended the walk-through meeting. Due to the potential for these types of users to remove moss, cause compaction around bouldering sites, and create new trails, the SCC was inclined to recommend disallowing bouldering for Beede Falls for the time being. Meanwhile, the Commission unanimously approved a motion to hire Matt Coughlin of Recon Trail Services to develop a trail plan and to build more 'turnpikes' at Lower Falls to address erosion.



**Volunteers at the Sandwich Beach**

*~ Photo credit: Cindy Duchin ~*

**Wetlands** - The SCC continued to review over a dozen wetland permits throughout the year. Several Conservation Commissioners also attended the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Seminar on Wetlands Protection. It was very valuable but raised the question



about how the commission can better educate landowners about the need for wetland protections. It was noted that it is important to be notified in a timely fashion of DES actions due to the limited amount of time for raising objections.

**Easements** - November is easement monitoring month – we oversee 23 easements (17 are LCIP) that need a commissioner to contact the landowner, walk the boundaries, and report on any issues or violations of the easement. We submit reports on each property to the state. We received the following commendation from Charlotte Harding who is in charge of the LCIP program and properties at the state:

“These reports are excellent. The Town of Sandwich never ceases to amaze me with the quality of their work to ensure these properties are in compliance with the conservation easement deeds and purposes. Being responsible for the protection of 17 LCIP properties in perpetuity is no small feat!”

All the work throughout the year has been accomplished by a dedicated team of residents and enthusiasts, guest “members” Skye Jowdy, Lee Warren, BJ Pressia, and the constant support of Courtney Delaney, Town Administrator!!

Respectfully submitted,

*PJ Blankenhorn*, Chair

Commission members:

PJ Blankenhorn, Chair  
Will Viner, Vice Chair  
Rick Van de Poll  
Ron Albert  
Cindy Duchin  
Susan Gutchess  
Jean Knox  
Fred Lavigne  
Heidi Rowe  
Adam Heard (Selectman)



**Beach Erosion Mitigation Day**

~ Photo credit: Cindy Duchin ~

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

The Sandwich Energy Committee functions as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen. The Energy Committee is charged with promoting energy conservation and the use of renewable resources for municipal, business and homes by the townspeople of Sandwich.

At the March, 2020 Sandwich Town Meeting, residents voted to commit:

“to a goal of 100% reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and for all other energy needs, including heating and transportation, by 2050. The intent of this goal is to protect the well-being and health of our citizens by practicing and promoting energy conservation, ensuring food, water and heat security, by being fiscally responsible and by keeping energy dollars in the local economy. We can, by actively shifting towards renewable energy, end dependence on subsidies for fossil fuels and address the threat of global climate change on a local, state and national level. This article reaffirms Warrant Article 53, passed at the March 13, 2007 Sandwich Town Hall Meeting.”

In 2023, the main project for the Energy Committee was to work with the Selectmen on a municipal solar array. For the past 2 years, the committee has worked hard to save the town money and meet the goals of our 2020 Warrant Article.

The Energy Committee has five members and Selectmen’s representative Adam Heard:

**Katherine Thorndike**, Chair. Originally from Gilford, NH, Kathy moved to the McCrillis farm in Whiteface Intervale in 1990. During that time, she worked as a registered nurse administrator in the Meredith-Laconia area. Her work experience was good training for the organizational skill to chair a committee and her interest in energy and climate issues brought her to volunteer for the Energy Committee. Kathy believes in giving back to our community, supporting localism and nurturing the beauty of our town for its citizens.

**Tim Miner**, Vice Chair. Tim was born and grew up in Sandwich, spending chunks of time away from age 10 through high school and college. For several years after college he taught in adventure education programs and traveled often to remote and wild parts of the world; returning to Sandwich as home. He and Patsy settled here full-time in 1980 and pursued new interests as they built an off-grid homestead - yup, still building. Tim is a founder and partner in BEAM Construction Associates since 1989, where he now wrestles with how to gracefully retire. Along the way he has contributed to the community as a member of the Recreation Committee, Planning Board, Budget Committee, Selectboard, Housing Comm., ZBA, and Energy Committee; moving on often enough to avoid term limits. His interest in environmental and energy issues has directed much of his professional and personal pursuits.

**Wharton Sinkler**, Secretary. Wharton was employed for more than 30 years in energy-related fields, including nuclear energy, refining and petrochemicals. He moved to Sandwich from Illinois in 2021 after retiring from Honeywell, where he was R&D Fellow, and managed a research group specializing in microscopic analyses of catalyst and adsorbent materials. He's also held leadership positions in advocacy for climate change, and in local bicycle and pedestrian issues.

**Leonard Witt**. Witt began his professional journalism career 50 years ago as a reporter for the Carroll County Independent. He received his Master's Degree in Nonfiction Writing from UNH in 1978. He and his wife Diana have kept connected to the Sandwich community ever since. He retired to North Sandwich in 2019. He was part of a three-member team which wrote the Energy Chapter for the Town of Sandwich Master Plan.

**Derek Meredith**. Derek worked for nearly 40 years supporting Command and Control (C2) Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for national satellite systems initially in the United States Air Force and for over 30 years at Lockheed Martin. He and his wife Denise relocated to Sandwich in the summer of 2019 as their daughters and grandchildren were also in New England by that point. Derek brings to the Energy Committee his experience with evaluation and acquisition of large projects coupled with personal experience with residential solar arrays (both in his prior home in CO and recently here in Sandwich). He is actively involved with the Town of Sandwich as a volunteer member of both the Remick Park Revitalization Committee and the Energy Committee.



**Derek Meredith Tim Miner, Kathy Thorndike, Wharton Sinkler, Selectman Adam Heard  
Missing from photo: Leonard Witt.**

*~ Photo credit: Lucie Sinkler ~*

Having a committee with experience and commitment has made the job of chairperson a pleasure. I cannot thank the committee enough for all they do for the Town of Sandwich. Finally, the committee would like to thank Courtney, Kelly and the Board of Selectmen for their continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katherine Thorndike*

## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

The citizens of Sandwich voted to establish the Center Sandwich Historic District at Town Meeting in 1982. The motives for creating the Historic District are evident in the village we have today. Mr. Bryant Tolles wrote years ago “Center Sandwich has long been regarded as one of the most aesthetically pleasant, historically noteworthy and architecturally significant rural villages in northern New England.” It is our responsibility to appreciate what has been handed down to us and to care for what we will leave for the next generation. The Historic District is bordered approximately by three brooks: Stanton Brook, Red Hill River and Burleigh Brook (Creamery Brook).

The Historic District Commission (HDC) meets on the third Tuesday of every month, providing there is new business. Applications should be made at the Selectmen’s Office no later than 15 days prior to the next meeting.

One of the biggest applications for the HDC this year was the project at 45 Grove Street. It began as a renovation and ended up as a total demolition, as the original structure was found to be completely rotten and unsound. The new owners have made every effort to recreate the original house, with a few amendments that adhere to the historic guidelines of our town.

The Corner House was approved for a new doghouse dormer to the rear of the building, as well as for new roofing consisting of Tesla Solar roof tiles. This system is more attractive and appears more in line with historic roof treatments than the alternative solar panels.

Other projects which were approved included a solar mount on a new barn in the village, new signage in various locations, clear panels on the pergola at Foothills Cafe and Curio and new replacement windows at the Sandwich Children’s Center (SCC). In addition, a HVAC splitter unit was installed at the back of the SCC, which is not visible from the road.

The HDC endeavors to stay up to date with the rapidly evolving building materials, HVAC solutions and solar systems that continue to be presented to us. While we move forward, it is our overall job to maintain the beauty and culture of our village. We welcome your queries and comments at any of our scheduled meetings and encourage prospective applicants to contact either of the chairmen to discuss potential projects on an informal basis.

Resources for the HDC are the National Register of Historic Places, Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings by the National Park Service, and the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources. The HDC is a resource for property owners in the Historic District to inform themselves as to the standards for rehabilitation of their historic property.

Respectively submitted,

*Patrícia Carega* and *Mallory Hathaway*, Co-chairs

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Scheduled consultations and applications acted upon in 2023 included four (4) preliminary consultations and two (2) site plan reviews, three (3) boundary line adjustments and three (3) minor subdivisions. In addition, the excavation activities off Beede Flats Road were inspected and signed off as reclaimed to established standards.

During the last year, the Planning Board also spent significant time focused on certain proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for approval by town residents in March 2024. The text of the proposed amendments and other related documents are posted on the Town's website and available at Town Hall. All are encouraged to review the same in preparation for the election session of Town Meeting.

The proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are intended to respond to an imbalance in the Town's housing stock (more than 98% is single family residences), a shortage of rental properties, and substantially higher construction costs and median house prices in recent years.

The Planning Board notes that the Town's Master Plan calls for "diversified housing," "housing opportunities for all age groups," and a "variety of housing types." The Master Plan commits Sandwich to strive to "provide reasonable opportunity for housing choice so that greater age and income diversity can be achieved."

The proposals were developed after discussions with Town residents and officials (through interviews, a public survey, housing forums and public hearings), Town counsel, planning commissions and land use organizations, and an independent land use consultant paid for by a grant of state funds.

The substantive proposals were initially suggested by officials at various regional planning commissions and were endorsed by the independent land use consultant. The proposals have been unanimously approved by the Planning Board. Importantly, the proposals were supported by Town residents in an overwhelming majority of survey responses (available on the town website ([www.sandwichnh.org](http://www.sandwichnh.org)) under Planning Board tab, see Housing Efforts and in hard copy at Town Hall) and at the housing forums and public hearings.

The Planning Board's statutory role is the oversight of development in the municipality. After being established by a Town Meeting vote, its first task is usually the regulation of subdivisions.

The other primary task is the creation of the Master Plan, the blueprint for the "best and most appropriate future of the town with a set of statements, and land use and development principles for the municipality" based on the residents' vision of the town. The zoning ordinance is then based on this plan that has been adopted with public input and approval by Town Meeting vote.



The Board is responsible for reviewing and acting upon applications for subdivisions, boundary line adjustments, site plan reviews of commercial and multi-units of three or more, earth excavation, development on steep slopes, and scenic road tree cuts. It also reviews and proposes amendments to the Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and regulations through a process of public meetings, public hearings, and in the case of the Zoning Ordinance, Town Meeting approval.

The Board may have up to seven (7) regular members and up to five (5) alternate members and holds a regular meeting on the first Thursday of each month to review applications and conduct other board business. The third Thursday of the month is scheduled as a work session to focus on reviewing regulations in light of new legislation, and work on projects. Members participate in training offered by NH Municipal Association and the NH Office of Planning and Development to further their understanding of State statutes and procedures of land use boards.

The Planning Board's Rules of Procedure govern its organization and the manner of conducting meetings. Such rules are reviewed annually, amended regularly, and posted on the Town website.

If you have a prospective project and questions about its feasibility and the process, you are strongly encouraged to request a preliminary consultation for an informational, general discussion where no decisions are made, but guidance is given. A non-binding Design Review by the Board is also available for projects with further developed engineering, architectural and/or operational plans.

Any town resident who would like to become a member of the Board should contact the Selectmen's Office to volunteer. Submission of ideas and proposals to the Board is encouraged. All are welcome to attend Board meetings. Please feel free to contact the Board at [landuse@sandwichnh.org](mailto:landuse@sandwichnh.org).

The Planning Board cannot operate without the civic commitment of its members who generously give their time, skills, and knowledge and deserve a heartfelt thanks for their work this year. Thanks go to Board members: Ray Cameron, Mary Hillsgrove (resigned), Brewster Lee, Will Speers, to Selectmen Ex-Officio members Caroline Nesbitt and alternate Joanne Haight, and newcomers Alix Coolidge, Maureen Westrick and Bonnie Osler (resigned). Town Administrator Courtney Delaney and Administrative Assistant Kelly Cox, and Land Use Secretary Susan MacLeod are also to be thanked for their assistance.

Special and sincere thanks are owed to former member Julie Dolan who stepped down in 2023 after serving for many years and contributing significantly in many ways. Her voice is sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brewster Lee*  
Planning Board Chair

## **POLICE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The long-standing effort to plan for a new or refurbished Sandwich Police Department building saw substantial progress in the past year. The department's current headquarters was constructed in the 1950s as a doctor's office and converted to its current use around 1990. While the structure has seen minor improvements over the past 30-odd years, it has fallen far behind what is appropriate for a modern-day police building, even in a small town like Sandwich. The Board of Selectmen formed the Police Building Advisory Committee (PBAC) in September 2022 to determine whether to renovate the existing facility or construct a new station in order to cost-effectively meet modern police standards and needs for the next three decades or more.

In 2016, realizing that the police headquarters would need to be significantly refurbished or replaced entirely in the coming years, the Selectmen put forth Warrant Article 24, which called for the creation of a Police Building Fund Capital Reserve. At the time, it was thought work might begin within five years. An early incarnation of the PBAC was formed to help with this process. It convened regularly until mid-2017. Despite the 5+ years that passed between then and the current committee's formation, Sandwich voters continued to show their support for the initiative, approving \$100,000 appropriations in both 2020 and 2021. Last year, voters approved another \$150,000 for the effort, bringing the current total appropriated for the building to \$388,382 as of the end of 2023.

The PBAC consists of five community members with experience in policing, public service, government, building, business, and financial management. As noted in last year's Town Report, the committee came to the firm conclusion that the current station falls short in meeting many standards of a modern police facility. These include standards for building and officer security, arrestee detention, separation of victims from perpetrators, space for victim interviews, evidence booking and secure storage, public meeting area, locker facilities appropriate for officers of different sexes, secure police vehicle carport (sallyport), and more. Nothing happened in the past year to change that conclusion.

In 2023, the committee made significant additional progress. After discussions with several builders, members determined that the most cost-effective course is to erect a new building on the spot of the current headquarters. A septic design has been commissioned. A design for a new building was completed by committee member Van Adriance; retired designer Dick Devens did the drafting. (An early iteration of a design was exhibited at last year's town meeting and the latest version will be on hand this year). After a competitive bidding process, an architectural firm was hired this fall. The firm, Alba Architects of North Woodstock, NH, has experience in designing police buildings. Several local builders were also consulted, lending their expertise about the scope and cost of the project. We would like to thank Tim Miner, Steve Olafsen, Adam Peaslee, Phil Strother, and Peter Wobber.

Perhaps the biggest challenge the committee faced lay in finding ways to hold down costs of the project given high inflation the past few years. That led to further iterations of the design. We believe a modest new police building of approximately 1,600 square feet can be constructed cost-effectively.

The committee plans to continue seeking potential offsets. Because of its relatively high median income, Sandwich does not qualify for federal grants. However, the town may qualify for local energy savings incentives. The committee now hopes that construction, if approved by the town, can begin in the first half of 2025. To achieve this, the Committee will work in 2024 to refine plans and specifications to enable a bidding process for construction; resulting bids will confirm costs and enable a more exact timeline.

As noted last year, members have considered implications for how the department will operate during construction. Fortunately, Sandwich has strong collaborative ties with neighboring communities and relies currently on some mutual services with Moultonborough PD and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. We do not, therefore, anticipate challenges maintaining the town's services during construction with the assistance of these agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

*Van Adriance*

*Bob Buderì*

*Anne P. Glavin*

*Joanne Haight, Chair*

*Shawn Varney*



**Police Building Design Draft**

## **REMICK PARK REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Vision: To have Remick Park serve as a community asset enabling enrichment, recreation, and connectivity for all ages.**

**Mission: To develop a cohesive, actionable plan for revitalizing and maintaining Remick Park so it can better serve as a widely utilized community resource.**

2023 was a busy year for the Remick Park Revitalization Committee. We created our vision and mission statements, established a prioritized list of park components to be added or repaired, and invited community members to a meeting in November to share plans and listen and incorporate feedback. Our 2023 goal was to bring forward a proposal to the 2024 Town Meeting to begin the much needed revitalization of Remick Park.

To achieve that goal, we focused on:

- Identifying desired key playground characteristics, equipment, and qualities to maximize community and children's experiences.
- Defining the key components/aspects of the revitalization effort.
- Developing a phased approach which aligns to the key components.
- Assessing potential funding sources (Town Capital, grants, etc.)

The committee has identified a multi-year project to achieve the goals of taking the sole public playground in the Town of Sandwich and make it into a true gathering and play location for the community.

Along the way, we identified much needed repairs and improvements for the existing play area. Our 2024 budget request includes funds to both address the old (equipment and ground repairs, pathways) as well as begin the implementation of a new play area that focuses on ages 5-12 that will add to the existing play area which is primarily for 2-5-year-olds.

We look forward to continuing the revitalization project in 2024. We meet the second Thursday of each Month in Town Hall at 7pm, and members of the public are always welcome. Please note that meeting times are subject to change.

Thank you to our member volunteers Sara Korpi, Riley Paquette, Derek Meredith, Pam Casadonte, Casey Cloutier, Richard Hodges and Selectman representative Joanne Haight. We appreciate you sharing your time and your passion for this revitalization project!

Respectfully submitted,

*Ole Anderson*

Director, Parks and Recreation



## **SAMUEL H. WENTWORTH LIBRARY**

2023 was a year of high activity at the Library. Some 1,000 attendees, both onsite and online, took part in 75 different events throughout the year. The scope of offerings was wide-ranging, reflecting the diverse interests of our community. Offerings in the first six months included presentations on Nepal, NH gardening, and Zora Neale Hurston as well as a talk by local author Rick Adams Carey. There were also “Coffee with Friends” gatherings, *Books Sandwiched In* book discussions, a bike clinic, and a crocheting-for-kids series.

Highlights of the second half of the year were a townwide Touch-a-Truck day, the Summer Reading Program for youth, the One Book One Valley online book discussion of *The Bear*, a NH Humanities WWII presentation, a month of guest readers from Sandwich Central School staff, and a paper star craft afternoon in December. Woven through the entire year were family storytimes and visits from the Sandwich Central School sixth grade. Busy indeed!



**Bearcamp Bikes’ Volunteers Keep Things Rolling in Sandwich**

~ Photo credit: Lois Brady ~



**Christopher Basto Gives Grandma Jo Bickford Some Pointers at Touch-A-Truck**

~ Photo credit: Hannah Coleman ~

This year’s slate of offerings was made possible in large part by a tremendous number of volunteers. Local talent served as volunteer readers, bike mechanics, informational presenters, storytellers, discussion leaders, knitters, driver-docents of Town vehicles and more. We were also fortunate to have weekly volunteer support from Friends of the Library members. It is not too much of a stretch to call 2023 “The Year of the Volunteer” at the Library. Thank you, volunteers. We are immensely grateful for all you do and our Library is stronger for your efforts!

The Library building and grounds also saw important activity this year. In late summer, a much-needed chimney liner and cap was added to the original flue, connected to the new boiler. The second fireplace flue, now unused, was fully



capped to prevent water and animal intrusion. Outside on the grounds, Kevin Hashem was hired to rebuild a portion of the stone wall along the front lawn and adjacent to the street. Both projects were generously supported by the Quimby Fund.

Maintenance of the Library's physical collection occurs all year long. New items are added each month and items that are removed are offered for sale as part of the Friends of the Library book sales. In 2023, 2,602 items were added to the collection and 2,660 items were removed, to finish the year with a collection total of 21,950 physical items. 452 accounts were used to check out over 12,850 physical items from the collection and 4,865 digital audiobooks, eBooks, and eMagazines were accessed through our subscription to New Hampshire Downloadable Books. Another 346 movies were viewed through our Kanopy streaming service. The building's high-speed Wi-Fi network, which began late fall in 2022, continues to provide residents with around-the-clock access to the Internet.

Our Library staff, "the engine" of all our patron services, saw more transitions in 2023. In the summer we said goodbye to Lois Brady, our Youth Services Librarian, and Gary Kunz, our "Mr Fix It," who provided building maintenance services. In the summer we were also fortunate to welcome back Hannah Coleman, to coordinate a very successful Summer Reading Program, and to welcome Eben Misavage at the Circulation Desk in August. Unchanged operational support throughout the year was provided by Barbara Ulm, Library Assistant; InterLibrary Loan Librarian, Rose De Mars; Circulation Clerk, Frederick Bickford; Substitute Library Assistant, Laura Mudgett; and Dee Hutchins, Housekeeping.

Each year the Library benefits from the very generous gifts of our local Friends of the Library, the White Sylvania Trust, the Heard Trust, the Marjorie Wheeler family, and many wonderful patrons.

The Library is also very fortunate to have its budget supported by the interest from the Wentworth Trust, which is managed by the Trustees of Trust Funds, and which consistently provides over 20% of the recurring library budget income. Community member donations of books, craft materials, youth materials (such as LEGOs), magazine subscriptions, and more also support our library programs and collection.



**"Do Not Disturb" - Big Works in Progress!**

*~ Photo credit: Lois Brady ~*

Library oversight comes from the Library Trustees: elected officials governed by Chapter 202-A of the Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA), which separates the Library Board from the governance of the Board of Selectmen. The Trustees are responsible for developing and overseeing the library budget; the operation and upkeep of the building, land, and other property of the Library; and regularly reviewing and updating existing library policies. They also have the responsibility of hiring employees, determining their compensation, and accepting and expending donations. In 2023, the Library was served by Trustees Emma Dassori (Chair), Cyd Clark (Vice-Chair), Griff O'Brien (Treasurer), Eve Porter-Zuckerman (Secretary), and Gregg Rogers. Cristina LaRue joined the Board in 2023 as a Trustee Alternate.

Once again, we invite you to visit the Library often in the upcoming year: to use the Library's services and to participate in the many activities and programs on offer. The Library remains an essential cultural hub and community asset for our town and it exists to provide opportunities for our residents to explore, to learn, and to connect with our Sandwich neighbors and to the wider world.

Respectfully submitted,

*Emma Dassori*, Chair,  
Board of Trustees

*Nancy Fredrickson*,  
Library Director



~ Photo credit: Anne Gallivan ~

## SAMUEL H. WENTWORTH LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

	2023 Budget	Jan - Dec 23 Unrestricted	Jan - Dec 23 Restricted *	Proposed 24 Unrestricted	Proposed 24 Restricted *
<b>Income</b>					
Library Trusts	40,000.00	46,708.47		40,000.00	
Town Contribution	98,242.00	98,264.00		100,671.00	
Expendable Trust	1,000.00				1,000.00
Carry Forward	19,129.00			12,961.33	6,000.00
Special Donations	15,400.00	11,342.00	11,320.00	2,000.00	16,500.00
Other Donations/Fundraising	5,750.00	266.00		300.00	
Hospitality	-			-	
Interest	15.00	110.28		20.00	
Book Sales	75.00	87.00		20.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>179,611.00</b>	<b>156,777.75</b>	<b>11,320.00</b>	<b>155,972.33</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted &amp; Restricted</b>			<b>168,097.75</b>		<b>179,472.33</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Salaries/Insurances	119,476.00	112,609.11		126,072.33	
Utilities	11,460.00	8,348.84		10,950.00	
Supplies	3,900.00	1,233.16	1,500.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Dues/Conferences	1,500.00	810.00		1,500.00	
Technology: Support/Repair	6,200.00	3,311.49		4,900.00	
Postage/Administration	375.00	266.07		400.00	
Equip & Bldg: Service/Repair	4,000.00	3,886.98		4,000.00	
Groundskeeping/Plowing	1,000.00	775.00		1,000.00	
Special Programs	1,500.00	1,276.38	300.00	300.00	1,200.00
Hospitality	100.00	43.93		100.00	
Books/Audio Books/DVD	13,500.00	4,666.07	10,071.00	2,300.00	12,850.00
Periodicals	1,200.00	1,770.42		1,200.00	
Fundraising		-			
Stone Wall rebuilt			3,500.00		
Computers/Small Equip	6,000.00	-		4,800.00	1,000.00
Furniture/Carpet	5,000.00	-			3,000.00
Outdoor/Chimney Project	4,400.00		4,000.00		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>179,611.00</b>	<b>138,997.45</b>	<b>19,371.00</b>	<b>159,472.33</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted &amp; Restricted</b>			<b>158,368.45</b>		<b>179,472.33</b>
<b>Balance Sheet: 12/31/22</b>					
MVSB Checking	7,491.29				19,127.57
MVSB CMA	54,743.42				60,859.20
Bequest Acct/Reads	24,279.02				23,815.12
<b>Total Accounts</b>	<b>86,513.73</b>				<b>103,801.89</b>
Income 2023	168,097.75				
Bequest interest	36.10				
checks from 2022 cleared in 2023	(19,150.92)				
Expense 2023	(158,368.45)				(26,673.68)
<b>Balance 12/31/23</b>	<b>77,128.21</b>				<b>77,128.21</b>

\* **Restricted:** Funds given for a specific purpose.

## **SEWER COMMISSION**

The proposed 2024 operating budget will be \$26,000.

In 2023, the metered water usage was 1,775,740 gallons, which was 243,977 gallons less than 2022.

The Sewer Commissioners currently operate the system under a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Permit by Rule. Under this permit, the Commission is required to manage the total flow into the system at less than 500,000 gallons per month (16,438 gallons per day). In the event that the flow increases beyond 500,000 gallons per month, the system would then revert to a Groundwater Discharge Permit, which is what the original NHDES permit was issued as and would allow the system to be operated up to the full design capacity. Total flow includes both wastewater flow and infiltration flow. Infiltration is an unavoidable component of the flow in sanitary sewer systems, and the current long-term average infiltration is consistent with the Facility Plan specifications. Reducing infiltration does not provide for an increase in capacity above the system design. No reserve capacity was designed into the system.

This past year the Commissioners hired Randy Brown Excavation to raise the manholes on Grove Street in preparation for repaving the road. This work required resetting and mortaring the brickwork that sits on the concrete manhole structure. The work quality was excellent and done in a timely fashion. Special thanks to Jason Brown and Hayden Hillsgrove.

The Sewer Commission has the following policy: “The capacity for a given lot that was assigned by the NHDES in 1984 to determine the overall sewer system capacity is the maximum available capacity for that lot today.” This is to make sure there is reasonable future capacity for all of the properties, no matter how they are currently being used.

All users are reminded that sump pump hook-ups to the system are illegal. If your sump pump is connected to the sewer, then it must be properly redirected immediately and permanently. Also, leaking toilets are a major cause of high water usage so we encourage all users to do periodic inspections to make sure your toilets are operating properly.

The system is thirty-six years old, and all users need to be careful about what ends up in the system. Residential users must be careful as to what they put down the drain. Be mindful and choose soaps and cleaning products which have no or are low in phosphates. In addition, no petroleum or hazardous substances are to be discharged to the sewer system. Please check your labels and dispose of these substances responsibly.

If you have a grease trap, please check it frequently, and have your traps cleaned before they are ineffective. Remember, businesses with grease traps are required to provide documentation to the commission when the traps are cleaned.

Finally, the commission would like to thank Jennifer Rowan, Alison Gage, Courtney Delaney and Kelly Cox for their continued assistance without which we would not be able to perform our job.

Respectively submitted,

*James Hambrook*  
*Michael Yeager*  
*David Patridge*

Sewer Commissioners



**Bearcamp Pond**

~ Photo credit: Susan MacLeod ~



## SEWER BUDGET

Expenses	2023 Budget	2023 Actual		Variance	2024 Budget
Operator	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,625.51		\$ 3,374.49	\$ 7,000.00
Technical Maintenance/Repair	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,800.00
Special Project: Grove Street	\$ -	\$ 19,094.72		\$ (19,094.72)	\$ -
Electricity	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,335.30		\$ (435.30)	\$ 2,500.00
Tools and Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,666.40		\$ (5,666.40)	\$ 1,000.00
Tax Collector	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ -	\$ 200.00
Treasurer	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ -	\$ 200.00
Administration	\$ 700.00	\$ 508.20		\$ 191.80	\$ 617.00
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 575.00	\$ 574.56		\$ 0.44	\$ 300.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Pumping	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,287.50		\$ 212.50	\$ 7,500.00
Training & Mileage	\$ 200.00	\$ -		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Propane	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,909.76		\$ (1,409.76)	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ -		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,675.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,551.95</b>		<b>\$ (20,876.95)</b>	<b>\$ 26,917.00</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Revenue: 2023 Fees Billed			\$ 26,000.00		
Revenue: 2023 Fees Collected			\$ 24,444.71		
Revenue: Fees Prepaid			\$ -		
Revenue: Prior Year Fees Collected			\$ 1,642.52		
Revenue: Interest/Penalties on Fees			\$ 178.27		
2023 Sewer Tax Abated			\$ (584.00)		
Interest Earned on Fund Balance			\$ 1,030.76		
Meter Sales			\$ -		
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 26,712.26</b>		
Capital Reserve (Grove St/Meter Reader)			\$ 24,961.12		
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 51,673.38</b>		
Unpaid Fees Receivable			\$ 3,049.48		
	<b>1/1/2023 Balance</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>12/31/2023 Balance</b>	
Cash Balance*	\$ 35,043.98				
*Reflects 2022 Adjusted Entries (NHEC/Bank Int.) in the amt of \$213.75					
2023 Operations		\$ (47,551.95)	\$ 51,673.38		
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 35,043.98</b>	<b>\$ (47,551.95)</b>	<b>\$ 51,673.38</b>	<b>\$ 39,165.41</b>	

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Hambrook*

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

A Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) exists to hear appeals of administrative decisions, applications for special exceptions and variances to the Zoning Ordinance, requests for equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and, as needed, to rehear ZBA decisions.

The ZBA is made up of five voting members and alternate members who have been appointed by the Selectboard of the town. All members must be residents of Sandwich. The Zoning Board acts as a quasi-judicial board and has powers granted under the Revised Statutes Annotated (RSAs) to act on specific matters. Regular monthly meetings are not required when there is no application to hear, but meetings are held for general housekeeping – reviewing the *Rules of Procedure* and reviewing legislative updates and court cases pertinent to the decision-making process. Adjudicating a ZBA appeal requires a great deal of pre-meeting preparation: each member must read and understand the entire appeal, research related Town ordinances and State of New Hampshire statutes, and develop a thorough grasp of the unique situation that each particular case represents.

Currently, the ZBA has five voting members and four alternates:

- Mary Cove, Chair

Mary and her family have been Sandwich residents for a decade. Mary is a recently retired investment advisor to nonprofits.

- Chris Grant, Vice chair

Chris Grant and his wife Martha have been Sandwich residents since 2013 and homeowners since 1998. Serving on the ZBA, Chris says, allows him to participate in the life of the town and help keep Sandwich the special place it's always been.

- Jim Bullitt, Member

Jim is a substitute teacher at Inter-Lakes High School and a summer staff member of the William Lawrence Camp in Tuftonboro. He moved to East Sandwich in 2005-2007 with his wife Anne. They both have been involved in Town government since 2011.

- Jim Gaisser, Member

Jim is a longtime resident of Sandwich. As a member of the ZBA he says, "When looking over an application prior to a meeting, I will generally form an opinion. Then during the subsequent hearing, upon listening to the evidence and the thoughts of my colleagues, sometimes my opinion will change. That is when I know I have done my best."

- Tim Miner, Member

Tim was born in Sandwich, and as an adult has lived here full-time since 1980. He is a founder and principal with BEAM Construction Associates. An active citizen, he has served on the Budget Committee, Recreation Committee, Senior Housing Committee and first iteration of

the Energy Committee. He assisted the Planning Board in reviewing the updates to the Groundwater Protection Overlay Ordinance in 2023.

- Jon Greenawalt, Alternate

Jon Greenawalt and his family has summered on Bearcamp Pond since 1945. A management consultant in Michigan, Jon moved to Sandwich fulltime in 2017. Jon said he is intrigued with the ZBA and its role in balancing the individual's rights with the town's interests.

- Kurt Olafsen, Alternate

Kurt moved to Sandwich in 2019, but his family's history in town goes back to 1977, when Kurt's parents bought an old farm in East Sandwich as their retirement home. Kurt formerly lived in Baldwin, Maine, where he was active in town government.

- Geoffrey Tyson, Alternate

Geoff's Sandwich property has been in the family since the early 1950s and he's summered here since birth. Geoff recently became a year-round resident and wanted to get involved with the Town and to give back to the community. He is an avid outdoors person and enjoys hiking the White Mountains.

2023 saw six applications submitted with two Motions for Rehearing, a Special Exception, and three Variance applications, one of which was withdrawn. After careful examination of the facts as presented and deliberation by all board members, one motion to rehear was granted that resulted in the variance request being denied again, the Special Exception was denied on grounds it did not apply, and one variance was granted.

Susan MacLeod is the Land Use Secretary with part-time office hours at Town Hall and an email address, [landuse@sandwichnh.org](mailto:landuse@sandwichnh.org) to contact for information and to arrange an appointment.

Having a board so talented and committed makes the job of chairman very easy and I cannot thank them individually enough for all they do to help me and the Town of Sandwich.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Cove*, ZBA Chair



~ Photo credit: Bill McArthur ~

## ALFRED QUIMBY FUND

This year, work on finishing the Quimby House continued and aside from a few small items the project is complete. Peter Pohl, former trustee, continues to volunteer on this project and the Trustees are very grateful for his efforts. The Trust spent \$52,667 during 2023 toward the completion of this project.

This year was fairly quiet with regards to capital improvements to our properties. Regular maintenance and upkeep of our grounds and buildings is ongoing. The total 2023 administrative costs to operate the Fund and maintain its properties was \$69,761.

The Trustees awarded grants to the Town of Sandwich for the Parks and Recreation Program, the winter ski program, and specific funding as requested by the Selectmen and approved by Town Meeting. In addition, funds were provided to the Children and Youth Fund specifically used to provide scholarship assistance for students to participate in short term unique educational experiences.

In addition, the following non-profit 501(c)(3) Sandwich based organizations as well as outside non-profit organizations who specifically benefit Sandwich residents received grants:

Advice to the Players, Red Mountain Lodge #68, Sandwich Central School, Green Mountain Conservation Group, Samuel Wentworth Library, Sandwich Children & Youth Trust, Sandwich Childrens Center, Sandwich Home Industries, Sandwich Historical Society, Winnepesaukee Wellness Center, Scholarships to NHCF, and the Town of Sandwich. **The total distribution to all beneficiaries for the calendar year 2023 was \$343,900.00.**

The Alfred Quimby Fund is administered by three volunteer trustees. Currently serving in that role are R. Kirke Read, Geoffrey Burrows and Jim Hambrook. As with all non-profit organizations, our records are available for review by the interested public. The Quimby Trustees continue to work in partnership with the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the Town of Sandwich to fund the Children and Youth Fund. The fund assists families with children who have the unique opportunity to participate in a short-term educational experience. This scholarship aid available to help students up to 26 years of age, has helped students in the past attend day and overnight summer camp, educational programs such as the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., licensed child care programs, driver education, EMT training, ski programs and other enrichment opportunities. A special committee of volunteers review all applications and decide on the amount of aid provided. In 2023 the fund provided 102 scholarships from 49 Sandwich families. Individuals are encouraged to contribute to the fund. The Quimby Fund contributed \$20,000 to this program through the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Applicants are encouraged to apply during two scholarship cycles. The first cycle provides funds for the school year (September 1- June 30), and the second cycle intended for summer programs (July 1 – August 31). Recipients of the fund will be considered based upon financial need outlined in the application with awards to be made accordingly. Applications are

available through the Sandwich Central School, Sandwich Parks and Recreation, Selectmen's Office and the Sandwich Children's Center or by request at the following address: Sandwich Children and Youth Fund, P.O. Box 95, Sandwich, N.H. 03227

The Alfred Quimby Fund contracts with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) to administer scholarship awards. The fund provides scholarship aid to Sandwich students who have graduated from a secondary institution or home school experience other than Inter-Lakes High School. Inter-Lakes graduates qualify for scholarship aid from the Doris L. Benz Trust Fund. To inquire about scholarship assistance, visit the NHCF's website at [www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org) or contact Hilary Miskoe at the office number 603-225-6641 Ext. 20235 or a direct number at 603-263-8315 or by e-mail at [hfm@nhcf.org](mailto:hfm@nhcf.org). She can provide the eligibility requirements for undergraduate assistance, graduate aid and other educational opportunities. In the case of graduate studies, one is eligible regardless from which high school you graduated. Specific deadlines are established for each category of assistance. The deadline for Statewide Student Aid is April 15, 2023; the Career Aid to Technical Students Program is June 1, 2023 and the Adult Student Aid Program has three deadlines throughout the year: May 15, August 15, and December 15. It is critical to meet these deadline dates in order to qualify for financial assistance. Contact Hilary as noted above to find out the latest information for all the different programs.

The three Trustees would like to extend our appreciation to the various professionals who assist us with the administration of the fund, especially our bookkeeper, Pat Rowell.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Kirke Read  
Geoffrey Burrows  
Jim Hambrook*



**The Sandwich Coach in Front of the Quimby House**

*~ Photo credit: Geoff Burrows ~*



## SANDWICH FAIR ASSOCIATION

We started off 2023 with the typical winter excitement of Nordic skiers circling our grounds, enjoying whatever snow Mother Nature had to offer. In the spring we went to work on our new maintenance building, preparing and planning, and then digging and building. Once completed we finally had room for all the equipment needed to keep the grounds looking their best. July found us short staffed and in the interest of keeping up with ever-growing grass, we purchased a used, quite large, lawn mower which took an immense amount of work off our already overloaded volunteers and employees.

The biggest challenge we face is volunteers for our 4-day event, so as always, **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Any and all who are looking for a fun way to get involved and even make some extra money should get in touch!

Our Friday night ride preview continues to grow each year. We have expanded with some new events to keep the parents entertained such as Humble Grunt Work's Cornhole Tournament, which received rave reviews from competitors and spectators alike.

As always, weather can be our best friend or our worst enemy! The 2023 Sandwich Fair experienced both. With a dismal Saturday attendance, Sunday and Monday were tasked with picking up the slack; and they did! The unbelievable attendance on those two day helped us finish out with an above average attendance!

As we gear up for this coming year, we plan to continue with upgrades to our facilities, largely a complete reconstruction of our livestock side electrical system. On a more fun note, we are in the process of planning for a new playground for our young attendees! Planning has begun and hopefully we will construct this summer.

As always, our appreciation for the volunteers, staff and community that support us is overwhelming. We can never thank everyone enough. We look forward to another year of fun at The Sandwich Fair!

See you at the Fair!

Respectfully submitted,

*Bryan Peaslee*, President



**Flying Fun at the Fair!**

~ Photo credit: Nancy Morton ~

## **SANDWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Sandwich Historical Society is a busy and vital organization. Many hours are given by our officers and trustees to keep the Society moving forward and growing. Our staff works toward, not just the day-to-day operations, but to look down the road and help in planning for the Society's future.

Our summer exhibit in the Wentworth Gallery, "Tiny Treasures, Great Joys," was a wonderful success. Our many visitors this summer were amazed and delighted by the miniatures brought together by the exhibit committee. Doll houses, some from the Society's collections and others loaned by Sandwich families, showcased an amazing assortment of folk art, from fancy designer kits to dollhouses made with love by doting fathers and grandfathers. Other miniatures from our collections and on loan showed architect models, a Howard Johnson's restaurant, a model train layout, a miniature Durgin Bridge, and many other items detailed in intricate miniature design. My personal favorite was the tiny "Richard Benton, Builder" lawn signs in the dollhouse loaned by Frances Strayer-Benton. We had many, many positive comments and some visitors returned for a second and third time. Thank you to Lauren and Nancy Hansen for spearheading this wonderful exhibition.

The Society was the recipient of a \$27,400 Inspire! Grant for Small Museums from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This was the second year we applied for this grant, and this year we were successful. Many hours of tedious and hard work by Lauren Hansen, Helen Ingalls and Susan Davies were rewarded when we were notified in August of the grant award. The monies were targeted towards restoration of three Enoch Wood Perry oil paintings, which were starting to deteriorate; preservation of Albert Gallatin Hoit's Passport from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century; and the restoration of the Beede Family secretary, which was donated to the Society last year. The grant will also allow us to purchase display panels for the Wentworth Gallery for future exhibits. At the end of 2023 all of these goals were met, and three additional paintings were cleaned and restored with the grant award.

The Elisha Marston House was open three days a week this summer, and the Quimby Transportation Museum was open on Saturdays from May through Columbus Day. Opening Day in June featured craft demonstrators at the Quimby barnyard; all were extremely interesting and enjoyed by many. The summer exhibition at the Elisha Marston House also held its grand opening. Our thanks to the many volunteer greeters who are the public face of the Society as well as the backbone of our summer operation.

A mini split unit was installed in the room-within-a-room at the Quimby Barn to stabilize the temperature and humidity in the storage area. We hope with a more stable environment we can expand the use of the area to store many other items from our collection.

Old Home Week was a busy time for the Society. We held a cemetery walk at the Rural Cemetery and Baptist burial ground, a plant foraging walk at the Chapman Sanctuary and Visny Woods, a collector's day at the Grange Hall, and a reunion of students from Sandwich's one-room schoolhouses. These were just a few of the programs sponsored by the Society. The

Annual Excursion and Picnic was held at the home of Kurt and Sue Olafsen in East Sandwich on a beautiful August day. What a busy and fun week! In September we hosted a 'Taste of History: Apples through the Ages: Heirloom Apple Tasting Event' at the Grange Hall, and in November we had another fascinating walk in Whiteface led by Dan Reidy and Dan Tinkham, which covered millions of years of geologic and human history. We also held our annual meeting at the Doris L. Benz Center with author MJ Pettengill as our guest speaker.

Our committees work hard to keep our organization a vital presence for historical collections, education, and necessary restorations and repairs. A big drainage project at the Heard Barn was overseen by the facilities committee and was completed this summer. This will be a big help in keeping the lower level of the barn dry. Painting and repairs continue on all our buildings. The development committee continues to meet regularly to work on ideas to increase our endowment and membership. The collections committee works every week cataloging and conserving our collections. The education and programs committee is responsible for our various programs and events throughout the year. In addition to those programs previously mentioned, the Society sponsored a Picture Night in March and the New Hampshire Humanities to Go presentation: "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn" in the spring. Our research and publication committee produced another jam-packed excursion book, and our finance committee continues to keep the Society financially viable.

The Society was open for Christmas in the Village again in December, and it was a great success. We moved into our new space on the Sandwich Fairgrounds for Sandwich Fair this year, which is in the old scale shed; this move was a huge success for both the Society and the Fair Association.

A big thank you again to all our officers and trustees for all of their hard work, which oftentimes is not seen, but very appreciated. A huge thank you to our staff: Jenny, Jennifer and Lauren, who are the ones who make the wheels on the bus go round and round. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the director of this great organization.

Respectfully submitted,

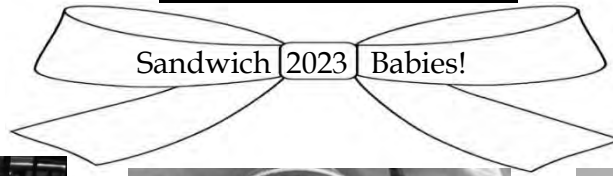
*Jim Mykland*



**Restored Purple Martin House**

*~ Photo credit: Jim Mykland ~*

## VITAL STATISTICS



**April 13, 2023**  
Hannah Lynn Canfield



**September 22, 2023**  
Oliver James Peterson



**December 19, 2023**  
River Gene Savage

## BIRTHS

REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>
April 13	Plymouth, NH	Hannah Lynn Canfield	Christopher Canfield	Susannah Canfield
August 13	Concord, NH	Tucker Ronald Hashem	Kevin Hashem	Abigail Taylor
September 20	Plymouth, NH	Allissa Mae Canfield	Joseph Canfield	Kelly Canfield
September 22	Concord, NH	Oliver James Peterson	Kristian Peterson	Rachel Peterson
December 19	Plymouth, NH	River Gene Savage	Ryan Savage	Jessica Brown

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alison Gage*, Town Clerk

*Steve Twaddle*, Deputy Town Clerk

## **MARRIAGES**

### **REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

<b><u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u></b>	<b><u>PERSON A'S RESIDENCE</u></b>	<b><u>PERSON B'S RESIDENCE</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u></b>
May 20	Tracy L. Coyle Sandwich, NH	Keith D. McKenna Dover, NH	Sandwich, NH
June 24	Margaret K. Cheek Cleveland Heights, OH	Alexander W. Richards Cleveland Heights, OH	Sandwich, NH
June 24	Jillian N. Cookingham Sandwich, NH	Thomas J. Hurley Sandwich, NH	Gilford, NH
August 1	John P. Dolan Sandwich, NH	Michael J. Giovinco Sandwich, NH	Sandwich, NH
August 26	Katie A. DeRoche Sandwich, NH	Coleman A. Mason Sandwich, NH	Sandwich, NH
September 2	Morgan A. J. Bullard-Hodge Westport, MA	Ryan M. Palmer Westport, MA	Tamworth, NH
September 30	Christine F. Cheverier Sandwich, NH	David K. Sabo Sandwich, NH	Rumney, NH
October 29	Jennifer L. Wright Meredith, NH	John H. Rowan Meredith, NH	Sandwich, NH

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alison Gage*, Town Clerk

*Steve Twaddle*, Deputy Town Clerk



## DEATHS

### REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF SANDWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>
March 5	Jonathan Marston Heard	Laconia, NH	Arthur Heard	Patricia Gather
March 9	William F. Smith	Laconia, NH	Francis Smith	Mary Motte
March 21	Nancy Bird Nichols	Sandwich, NH	Harold Bird	Linda Bassett
April 13	Anne Brooks Dodge	Center Sandwich, NH	Lawrence Gibbons	Anne Ferbrache
April 15	Ann Guest Balise Sidwell	Watertown, MN	John Balise	Lucy Elmer
April 27	Mildred Siegel	Peabody, MA	Abraham Marks	Rebecca Caplan
May 23	Michael Joseph Woodaman	North Sandwich, NH	Lewis Woodaman	Mary Veach
June 17	Charlotte Batchelder Paddleford	Center Sandwich, NH	Benjamin Batchelder	Stella Bundy
July 2	William Gilpatrick Hoag	Center Sandwich, NH	Roland Hoag	Dorothy Sommers
July 28	John Louis Buchet	<i>unknown</i>	Jean Buchet	Cornelia Taylor
August 22	Charles Roy Bickford, Jr.	Lawrenceburg, KY	Charles Bickford, Sr.	Edna Burrows
October 30	Robin Charles Burrows	Center Sandwich, NH	Charles Burrows	Anna Geers
December 14	Suzanne Marie Rowan	Center Sandwich, NH	Hudson Robbins	Edna Culkins
December 26	Leo October Goldman	Center Sandwich, NH	Samuel Goldman	Gittel Levine
December 31	Robert Dean Fletcher	Wolfeboro, NH	William Fletcher	Dorothy Bellavance
December 31	Charles Blair Norwood	Sandwich, NH	Fredrick Norwood, Sr.	Betty Perkins
Not previously entered in Town Records:				
Dec 9, 2022	Barry Raymond Paterno	Clarkrange, TN	Jack Paterno	Ruth MacInnis
Dec 26, 2022	Claire Marie Vanasse	Wellesley, MA	Arthur Balthazar	Antonia Chagnon

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alison Gage*, Town Clerk  
*Steve Twaddle*, Deputy Town Clerk

## **TAX CREDITS / EXEMPTIONS**

**TAX CREDITS:** Applications for the following permanent property tax credits must be filed by April 15 (credits are deducted directly from the tax bill):

- \$4,000 credit for service-connected total and permanent disability
- \$2,000 credit for widow of veteran killed or died on active duty
- Total tax credit for double amputee or paraplegic
- \$750 credit for veteran/active service member's surviving spouse

(Service-connected credits may also be claimed by those who served on active duty in the armed forces of our allies if they were citizens of the United States at the time of their entry into these armed forces and are presently residents of New Hampshire.)

**TAX EXEMPTIONS:** Applications for the following permanent exemptions must be filed by April 15 (exemptions are deductions from the assessed valuation):

- Solar Energy System
- Wood Heating Energy System
- Legally Blind
- Elderly – subject to age, income and asset restrictions
- Owner / resident of property modified for the physically handicapped
- Current Use, Conservation Easement, Conservation Restriction

**Applications and information are available in the Selectmen's Office.**



**July 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandwich Fireworks**

*~ Photo credit: Dick Knox ~*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER - 2024**

- FEBRUARY 7**..... Inter-Lakes School District Budget Meeting
- FEBRUARY 8**..... Town of Sandwich Budget Hearing
- MARCH 1** ..... Deadline to file for abatement of your 2023 property taxes
- MARCH 6** ..... Inter-Lakes School District Meeting
- MARCH 12** ..... Town Election (Annual Meeting Session I)
- MARCH 16** ..... Town Meeting (Annual Meeting Session II)
- APRIL 1** ..... All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner this date
- APRIL 15** ..... Last day to file permanent application for property tax credits or exemptions for 2024.
- APRIL 15** ..... Last day to apply for Current Use land assessment or Conservation Restriction assessment.
- APRIL 15** ..... Last day to file annual list of exempt properties for Charitable, Religious or Education organizations. Failure to file on time may be grounds for denial.
- APRIL 30** ..... 2023 dog licenses expire
- APRIL 30** ..... Beach and Dump stickers must be purchased by this date. (2023-2024 stickers are red).
- MAY 31**..... After this date, late charges begin to accrue for unlicensed dogs
- JUNE 20** ..... After this date, a \$25 forfeiture charge may be imposed for any unlicensed dog(s).
- JUNE 30** ..... Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Applications are due. 2023 claims must be postmarked no earlier than May 1, 2024 and no later than June 30, 2024. **PLEASE NOTE:** this is a State program. We will have the forms at Town Hall once they are made available by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue. Once released, Form DP-8 can also be downloaded from **[www.revenue.nh.gov](http://www.revenue.nh.gov)**.
- JULY 1**..... Last day for assessing officials to mail notices of decision on tax credits, exemptions and abatements for 2024. Failure to respond constitutes a denial.

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