

# TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH

## Annual Report

### 2023

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

2024 Town Meeting Warrant



Planning Board Members: Maggie Moody, Steve Foglio, Roland Legere (retired 2023), Norman Baker, Barbara Felong (secretary), Roger Allaire (retired 2023), Madge Baker

Thank you, Roger Allaire and Roland Legere, for your MANY years of dedicated service.



# TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH DIRECTORY

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<u>Clerk/Tax Collector</u>	
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed 12-12:30 for lunch)	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday Evening	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
First and Third Saturday of month (excluding Holiday weekends)	9:00 am – 12 noon
<u>Code Enforcement Officer</u>	
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday Evening	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
First Saturday of month (excluding Holiday weekends)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**\* When calling in on 636-2211, 636-2839, 207-636-2843 or 207-636-2844 the extension selection is 9.**

Fire Department and Rescue Squad*	636-2211	Station/Message Number	
Fire Chief*	432-4388	Steve Guillemette	<a href="mailto:firechief@shapleighfire.org">firechief@shapleighfire.org</a>
Rescue Chief *	636-2211	Gene Streck	<a href="mailto:rescuechief@shapleigh.net">rescuechief@shapleigh.net</a>
Emergency Management Agency*	793-8416	Director - Darren Rogers	
Ross Corner Fire Company	247-7070	Chief - Ethan Hunt	<a href="mailto:RCFCSecretary1787@gmail.com">RCFCSecretary1787@gmail.com</a>
Road Commissioner - North	793-8416	Darren Rogers	
Road Commissioner - South	432-0566	Jeff Goodwin	
Animal Control Officer	206-6065	Jim Driscoll	

## Meeting Schedule

Board of Selectmen  
Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. as needed

Conservation Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

## **Solid Waste Facility • 636-3688**

### Summer Hours (May – September)

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm  
Saturday & Sunday, 8 am to 4 pm

### Winter Hours (October – April)

Wednesday, 10 am to 4 pm  
Saturday & Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm

## **Shapleigh Community Library • 636-3630**

### Summer Hours (June – August)

Tuesday, 3 pm to 8 pm  
Wednesday, 10 am to 2 pm  
Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm  
Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm

### Winter Hours (September – May)

Tuesday, 3 pm to 6 pm  
Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm  
Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm

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## Dedication to Bill and Eileen Mageary

The Board of Selectmen have chosen to dedicate this year's Annual Report to Bill and Eileen Mageary. The two are the epitome of what community involvement means.

Bill, with a background in law enforcement, and Eileen, a nurse; it seems the two have always been destined to help serve their community.

Bill and Eileen Mageary are active members of the Acton-Shapleigh Lions Club. The organization as a whole, has hosted many fundraising opportunities in the community and with that support have helped fund several Shapleigh causes such as Recreation activities, Community Day activities, Local Heating Fuel Assistance fund, as well as helping needy families in the community.

Bill and Eileen also serve on the Maple Grove Cemetery Association. Bill has served on the Shapleigh Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Committee, Mousam Dam Coalition, and served as a Shapleigh Selectman for 9 years. Eileen also serves the Town in her role as a dedicated election worker and was recently recognized as a Spirit of America award recipient.

If there is a Town function going on, Bill and Eileen always step up and volunteer to help in any way they can. Bill is now known around Town as the grill master and Eileen's potato salad has become a requested dish at every Town function.

The Town is truly fortunate to have such actively involved community members like Bill and Eileen and we cannot thank them enough for everything they offer to our community.

THE TOWN WISHES TO RECOGNIZE THE PASSING OF THOSE IN OUR  
COMMUNITY BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2023 & DECEMBER 31, 2023.

*Although they are gone, they are certainly not forgotten.*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Affleck, Yvette D.	10/31/2023
Aldrich, Marita Arlene	08/07/2023
Benson, Barbara A.	10/09/2023
Benson, Ronald Lee	12/22/2023
Bickford, Gene A.	04/24/2023
Brooks, Stacey Carol	04/29/2023
Brown, Michael H.	12/30/2023
Caron, Ronald Reon	12/01/2023
Caudill, Vincent I.	12/02/2023
Debutts, Sherry G.	11/01/2023
DeFeo, Jane Elizabeth	12/23/2023
Garceau, William E.	02/10/2023
Garrett, Stephen John	09/11/2023
Goodwin, Roland H.	02/21/2023
Gorman, Pauline M.	07/18/2023
Guillemette, Marguerite Adrienne	07/04/2023
Harding, Robert William Jr.	06/15/2023
Harrington, Robert	03/13/2023
Hewey, Alma E.	08/03/2023
Howard, Ronald L.	03/10/2023
Huggard, Robert Joseph	06/21/2023
Hupe, Donna May	10/24/2023
Lovell, Ernestine M.	10/28/2023
Melanson, Arthur S.	01/20/2023
Michaud, Robert Normand	05/12/2023
Phelps, Judy Ann	02/16/2023
Poisson, Scott Lee	06/28/2023
Russo Diane L.	10/20/2023
Smarrella, Edith Ann	01/09/2023
Spencer, Darlene D.	09/19/2023
Stocker, Hazel J.	03/27/2023
Sylvia, William F.	12/30/2023

<b>Budget Committee:</b>	Jennifer Roux, Chairman	03/09/2024
	Josh Lewis	03/10/2025
	Linda Haley	03/10/2025
	Carolyn Rand	03/07/2025
	Susan Marcoux	03/07/2025
<b>Forest Trustees:</b>	Kevin Brown	03/07/2025
	Dave Lemaire	03/10/2026
	Thomas Small	03/09/2024
<b>Library Trustees:</b>	Richard Nason	03/09/2024
	Pamela Snowe	03/09/2024
	Joan Dyer	03/10/2026
	Eileen Glover, Chairman	03/07/2025
	Judy Kelley	03/10/2026
	Joseph Duclos	03/07/2025
	Katie Richards – Librarian/Employee	
<b>Road Commissioner's:</b>	Jeffrey Goodwin, South	03/07/2025
	Darren Rogers, North	03/10/2026
<b>RSU 57 Director:</b>	Stephen Marquis	03/10/2025
	Clinton Wesley Phinney JR	03/10/2026
	Nuvia Dighello	03/10/2024
<b>Selectmen, Assessor and Overseers of the Poor:</b>		
	Scott E. Cudworth, Chairman	03/07/2025
	Michael J. Cote	03/09/2024
	Shawn J. Cavanaugh	03/10/2026
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector:</b>		
	Kayla Moulton	03/09/2024
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Michelle Rumney	03/07/2025
<b>Animal Control:</b>	Jim Driscoll	11/09/2024
<b>Assessment Review Board:</b>	Harold Cebulla	11/01/2027
	Katherine Fagan	11/01/2027
	Vacant	

<b>Ballot Clerks:</b>	Madge Baker	05/01/2024
	Doris Brown	05/01/2024
	Martha Chessie	05/01/2024
	Liam Connelly	05/01/2024
	Else-Maria Cook	05/01/2024
	Joan Dyer	05/01/2024
	Anna Desmond	05/01/2024
	Diana Garry	05/01/2024
	Brenda Goodwin	05/01/2024
	Bethanne Harmon	05/01/2024
	Eileen Mageary	05/01/2024
	Margaret Moody	05/01/2024
	Nancy Small	05/01/2024
	Donna Morton	05/01/2024
	Rosanne Chessie	05/01/2024
	Annette Brown	05/01/2024
	Joanne Rankin	05/01/2024
<b>Capital Improvements Committee:</b>		
	Katherine Fagan	07/20/2024
<b>CEO/LPI:</b>	Michael Demers	11/28/2024
	Jason Sevigny (Alt)	07/01/2024
<b>Community Days:</b>	Monica Lemaire	04/19/2024
	Nancy Hodgdon	04/19/2024
	Suzanne Gagnon	04/19/2024
<b>Conservation Commission:</b>	Anna Desmond, Chairman	04/30/2026
	Stephen Hinds	04/30/2028
	David Mann	04/30/2027
	Carol Boothby	04/30/2025
	Susan Marcoux	04/30/2026
	Elizabeth Savincki	04/30/2027
	Susan Baker	04/30/2028
<b>E9-1-1 Services:</b>	Michael Demers	
<b>EMA Director:</b>	Darren Rogers, Director	04/30/2024
	Gene Streck, Deputy Director	04/30/2024
<b>Fair Hearing Authority:</b>	Harold Cebulla	04/30/2024
	Katherine Fagan	04/30/2027
	Susan Mulcahy	06/08/2026



<b>Fire Chief/Fire Warden</b>	Steve Guillemette	12/31/2024
<b>Health Officer:</b>	Joanne Bargioni	09/19/2024
<b>Mousam Watershed Dam Coalition:</b>		
	Roland Legere, Chairman	04/30/2025
	Shawn J. Cavanaugh	04/30/2026
<b>Planning Board:</b>		
	Madge Baker	04/30/2026
	Steve Foglio, Chairman	04/30/2027
	Ann Harris	04/30/2026
	Roland Legere	04/30/2025
	Margaret Moody	04/30/2024
	Norman Baker	04/30/2024
<b>Public Information Officer:</b>	Michelle Rumney	05/01/2024
<b>Recreation Committee:</b>		
	Samantha Rodriguez	04/30/2026
	Allison Carter	04/30/2024
	Sandra Anderson, Chairman	04/30/2026
	Kristen Bennett	04/30/2026
	Jessica Proto	04/30/2024
	Jennifer Medico	04/30/2026
	Melissa Parnham	03/30/2024
<b>Registrar of Voters:</b>		
	Kayla Moulton	12/31/2024
	Tanya Mills (Deputy)	12/31/2024
<b>Rescue Chief:</b>	Gene Streck	12/31/2024
<b>Saco River Corridor:</b>	Anna Desmond	11/01/2024
<b>Superintendent of Cemeteries:</b>	Ronald Rivard	Until Completion
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector:</b>	Kayla Moulton	03/09/2024
<b>Town Clerk/Deputy</b>	Tanya Mills	03/09/2024
<b>Treasurer/Deputy</b>	Kayla Moulton	03/07/2025
<b>Warden:</b>	Joanne Rankin	*per election

**Williams Property Advisory Committee:**

Madge Baker	04/30/2024
Elizabeth Savincki	04/30/2024
Bruce Lamb	04/30/2024
Thomas Clement	04/30/2024
Patricia Kaye Schiess	04/30/2024

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Harold Cebulla, Chairman	04/30/2027
Katherine Fagan	04/30/2027
Karla Wilcox	04/30/2024
Vacant (2)	

**Letter from the Select Board**

To the Citizens of Shapleigh

Over the past few years, the cost of goods and services has continued to increase significantly. The Board has worked with Department Heads to try to minimize that impact on your annual tax bill by keeping the tax rate as low as possible. A break for those residents 65 years and older, through the Tax Stabilization Program, allowed tax bills to remain flatlined for 2023. Unfortunately, the State has since done away with that program. In lieu of that program, they have increased the credit available through the Property Tax Fairness Credit. To claim the credit, file your annual Income Tax Form 1040ME and Schedule PTFC/STFC with the Maine Revenue Service.

Open Town Meeting resumed in March at the Shapleigh Memorial School after all Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. The Shapleigh PTC hosted a bake sale and provided lunch.

There are several changes that took place this year. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's position was changed from an elected position to an appointed position. This will help ensure that the Town always has a qualified and capable person in this position. Selectman Bill Mageary's seat (9 years of service) was vacated and filled by Shawn Cavanaugh. John Burnell's seat as Road Commissioner of the Northern District (21 years of service) was vacated and filled by Darren Rogers. Town Clerk/ Tax Collector, Joanne Rankin, retired (37 years of service) and Deputy Town Clerk Maria Marchant (17 years of service) left to pursue other opportunities. Longtime Planning Board Members, Roger Allaire (34 years of service) and Roland Legere (15+years of service) stepped down from their roles on the Board. Kayla Moulton filled the role as the new Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Tanya Mills was appointed as her Deputy. We thank those who have completed their service, for their time and dedication and wish them well in the future.

In June, a Special Town Meeting was held to appropriate money for matching grant funds for some much-needed stormwater run-off mitigation projects around the lakes. Also appropriated at the meeting were additional funds for Fire Department Turnout Gear. The Board proposed the combining of the Fire and Rescue Departments in an effort to reduce redundancy and streamline operations under one Chief. This proposal was defeated by the voters and the departments remain separate.

The Building Committee began work on planning for the new Community Building, which is partially funded by funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act. The final design has been completed, and work has begun clearing the land where it will be located. This building, when complete, will be the new home of ALL Town Elections and Town Meetings, and will also offer many other opportunities for use.

In November, a second Special Town Meeting was held to carry forward the remainder of the American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Community Building use.

There were several community events held this year that could not have been accomplished without the hard work of our staff and volunteers. A spaghetti supper was organized by the Fire and Rescue Departments to raise money for a crew member that suffered a severe medical emergency. The Recreation Committee teamed up with the Shapleigh Parent Teacher Committee to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and the Holiday Food Drive with Santa. The Community Day Committee pulled off another successful Community Days event that provided a parade, good food, music, vendors, and lots of fun for the kids. The Town Administrator hosted the 2nd annual Volunteer BBQ that served approximately 100 volunteers in the community. The Shapleigh First Baptist Church also began hosting

free dinners to the Community. It is always nice to see the community gather and enjoy each other's company and get to know their neighbors.

The Select Board would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Volunteers, Employees, Committee Members, and Elected Officials for the hard work, time, and dedication that were provided to the Town of Shapleigh. Many Thanks!

If you would like to get involved with your community, there are several vacancies on various Town Committees, and we encourage you to reach out to the Town Administrator to get more information on how to be involved.

In closing, thank you to the voters of Shapleigh for your support. It is an honor to serve the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Shapleigh.

Respectfully,

The Shapleigh Select Board

Scott E. Cudworth, Chairman

Michael J. Cote

Shawn J. Cavanaugh

*Town of Shapleigh Mission Statement:*

*To be a fiscally responsible and transparent government; to serve its residents and taxpayers with care, to protect natural resources and preserve the rural character of the town.*

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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APPROPRIATIONS  
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LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

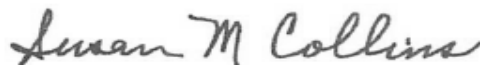
These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25<sup>th</sup>, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855<sup>th</sup> consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right — Dirigo — because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

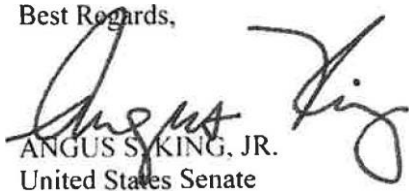
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency, and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,

  
ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senate

*131st Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 22*

*Senator James D. Libby*  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate and for putting your trust in me to be your voice in Augusta. As the only Maine Senator with a 100% voting record, you can rest assured that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. And as a lifelong resident of Maine, I am Quite familiar with the struggles our small towns face each year.

The First Regular and First Special sessions of the 131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during their first year.

One area of unique success was the Highway Fund. In the past, our Highway Fund has been supported through taxes on gasoline. Yet those funds have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles. The highway budget will now be funded by dedicating 40% of the sales and use tax collected by the State from vehicle purchases beginning this year. This sustainable, long-term funding model should generate about \$200 million per biennium.

A major impact that has been felt across Maine's towns, families, seniors and small businesses in general has been high costs and inflation. Addressing policies that have contributed to some of these high costs has been a priority of mine this year and I will continue those efforts in the next session. As your State Senator, I will continue to find ways to ensure your tax dollars are being spent wisely.

In addition to addressing costs, the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature was tasked with passing a balanced budget by June 30, 2023. This required careful review of current state spending and a prioritization of allocations that meet the most vital needs of our towns. We were able to continue funding our schools at 55% as well as increase revenue sharing to all cities and towns.

Thank you for electing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. The 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature still has a great deal of work to do; but I know if we come together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Please contact me at 287-1505 or [james.libby@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:james.libby@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



James D. Libby  
State Senator  
Maine Senate District 22

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Superintendent

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RSU 57 prepares students for success in an ever-changing world.

January 2024

To: Town of Shapleigh Selectboard

I am pleased to report to your community, the State of RSU 57 Schools. The information provided represents the current 2023-2024 school year inclusive of all schools and specific attendance and budgetary information pertaining to the Town of Shapleigh.

Strategic Planning: As we reflect on the accomplishments and progress made thus far during the 2023-2024 school year, I am pleased to report the RSU 57 School Board has approved the implementation of the RSU 57 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan, aptly considered a living document, stands as the compass directing our efforts towards the collective mission of "*Preparing students for success in an ever-changing world*".

In the Fall of 2022, the RSU 57 School Board approved the formation of the Strategic Planning Committee, which was composed of parents, community members, RSU 57 staff, RSU 57 school board, and RSU 57 administrators. The Committee exhibited commendable leadership throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Their collaborative spirit was instrumental in crafting a vision for the future of education in RSU 57.

The Committee diligently sought input from all corners of the RSU 57 community. They garnered insights from over 2,500 survey responses from middle and high school students, RSU 57 staff, and community members, hosted monthly public meetings, as well as two well-attended community forums. These efforts provided a transparent view into the strategic planning process and allowed community members to actively participate in the review and refinement of District goals and core values. The feedback received from our community's stakeholders was crucial in guiding the Committee's work to develop a plan that reflects the diverse needs, hopes and aspirations of the greater RSU 57 community in "*Preparing students for success in an ever-changing world*".

The RSU 57 Strategic Plan centers around four fundamental focus areas: students, staff, community, and facilities; all of which are anchored in our district mission of "Preparing students for success in an ever-changing world". Since the initiation of the plan at the outset of the 2023-2024 school year, we have observed notable improvements in student participation, achievement, and attendance.

While we celebrate these achievements, we acknowledge that there is more work ahead. The Strategic Plan is not a static document but a dynamic guide that will continue to steer our actions and enable us to measure our progress. Our commitment to fostering an environment conducive to the growth and success of every student within RSU 57 remains unwavering. Through the implementation of public facing progress monitoring tools aligned with the goals in our plan, we are committed to a transparent accounting of our progress throughout the entirety of the plan's implementation.

Finance and Budget: The School Board began the development of the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget in early January, 2024. The goal of the budget process is to provide a budget that aligns with the District's Strategic Plan while being mindful of the financial impact to taxpayers. The budget is developed annually based upon the district educational goals,



evaluation of current and future education programs, needs as expressed by state and federal requirements, staffing which is necessary to achieve these goals, facility maintenance plans as well as consideration of local economic conditions. The Finance Committee meets weekly from January through March to prepare a budget for the School Board’s review and consideration that will then be brought forward to voters in June.

Facilities and Maintenance: As part of the District’s Strategic Plan the School Board and Finance Committee remain committed to continually reviewing and updating both the facility maintenance plan as well as the long-term facility improvement plan. Given the number of buildings and also the aging nature of the District’s facilities these plans are critically important to ensure that the facilities are cared for as efficiently as possible in an effort to keep unexpected repair costs to a minimum. The District continues to provide well maintained buildings through a structured preventative maintenance approach which includes roofing, leach fields, heating and ventilation systems, air and water quality, masonry, lighting, life safety systems and windows. The vast majority of these projects have been and will continue to be funded through the District’s annual budget, federal grant funds or the District’s capital reserve fund. It is through this structured and proactive approach that the District has been able to control repair and replacement costs and be as efficient as possible in using your local tax dollars.

The School Board plans to have a final approved budget in April to present to the citizens of RSU 57. Citizens will be asked to attend the District Budget Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the Massabesic Middle School at 7:00 p.m. The District Referendum Vote will be held on June 11, 2024, at your local precinct. The total General Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 school year for RSU #57 is \$49,782,115. The Town of Shapleigh’s local portion of this budget is \$4,640,462 which equals 15.16% of the total local tax assessment and represents an increase in Shapleigh’s local tax of \$199,269 or 4.49% over the 2022-2023 assessment. The district per pupil expenditure continues to be at a moderate level comparative to the state average.

Enrollment: The total enrollment for RSU #57 was 2,920 students in grades Pre-kindergarten through 12 based on the October 1 count. A total of 324 students from Shapleigh represent 11.10% of the total district enrollment. Current location of students:

Alfred Elementary School (PK-5) 0	LINE Elementary School (PK-5) 9
Lyman Elementary School (PK-5) 1	Shapleigh Memorial School (PK-5) 159
Waterboro Elementary School (PK-5) 1	Massabesic Middle School (6-8) 71
Massabesic High School (9-12) 83	

Thank you to the staff of RSU #57 for all their hard work and to the communities of RSU 57 for your continued support. These past few years have proven to be a challenging time for everyone associated with the district; however, given the perseverance and the level of cooperation, we are optimistic about our future. The parent and community support that is afforded our schools is truly outstanding. We are most appreciative of this support and look forward to continued collaborative efforts in support of the growth of all of our students.

We would like to remind you that School Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and a schedule of committee meetings can be found on our website.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Stephen D. Marquis  
  
RSU #57 Superintendent of Schools

## **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

M.R.S.A. 36 Section 683 provides a property tax exemption of up to the just value of \$25,000 of the homestead of a permanent resident of this State who has owned a homestead in this scale to: the preceding 12 months prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. The application for exemption must be filed by April 1<sup>st</sup> with the municipal assessor where the homestead is located. The exemption must be adjusted by the ratio of current just value. Homeowners who qualified for exemption for tax year 2023 and whose homestead status has not changed for 2024 need not reapply.

## **VETERAN'S EXEMPTION**

Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 653(C) allows for exemption from taxation of estates, up to the value of \$6,000 having a taxable situs in the place of residence, of veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period, including the Korean Campaign, the Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War, when they shall have reached the age of 62 years or when they are receiving any pensions from the United States Government for total disability. The exemption must be adjusted by the ratio of current just value.

## **BLIND EXEMPTION**

Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 654 exempts from taxation the residential real estate up to \$4,000 of inhabitants of Maine who are legally blind, as determined by a properly licensed Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy or a Doctor of Optometry.

**NOTE:** Any veteran, veteran's widow or minor children, or blind persons who are, or may be, entitled to an exemption under the provisions of the law and have not previously qualified for an exemption must apply to the Assessors prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> and furnish proof of entitlement. Forms are available at the Town Hall.

### 2023 Tax Commitment

<b>Total Taxable valuation of Real Estate</b>	<b>\$601,388,839</b>
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<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>		
	County Tax	\$ 341,456.00
	Municipal Appropriation	\$3,275,338.00
	Local Education Appropriation	\$4,540,828.00
	Overlay	\$ 49,805.98
	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$8,207,427.98</b>

<b>ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS</b>		
	State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 235,436.00
	Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 135,340.80
	BETE Reimbursement	\$ 729.49
	Other Revenue	\$1,461,200.00
	<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$1,551,914.62</b>

<b>Net Assessment for Commitment</b>	<b>\$6,374,721.69</b>
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<b>Tax Rate/\$1,000 valuation</b>	<b>\$ 10.60</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Scott E. Cudworth, Chairman  
Michael J. Cote  
Shawn J. Cavanaugh  
Board of Selectmen/Assessors

**The following applications were reviewed by the Board in 2023:**

## Application

- Conditional Use Permit
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### Description

- Replace Existing Wall & Add Wall 25' Back from HWM in SD – Map 27, Lot 12 (84 16<sup>th</sup> Street Loop)
- Motorcycle Inspection Station – Map 2, Lot 13D (512 Hooper Road)
- Rent Former Snowmobile Club Building to Real Estate Office – Map 7, Lot 3-2 (926 Shapleigh Corner Road)
- Replace Retaining Wall in SD – Map 26, Lot 43 (19 Buccaneer's Way)
- Shapleigh Corner Store / Remodel – Map 45, Lot 15 (3 Back Road)
- New Structure in Shoreland District 25' from ROW – Map 33, Lot 56 (87 Treasure Island Road)
- Replace Retaining Wall in SD – Map 17, Lot 18 (Old Loop Road)
- Replace Retaining Wall in SD – Map 33, Lot 22 (90 Treasure Island Rd)
- Home Day Care – Map 5, Lot 25C (144 Owls Nest Road)
- Mobile Food Trailer – Map 19, Lot 13 (63 Emery Mills Road)
- Replace Retaining Wall in SD – Map 30, Lot 9 (23 Totte Road)
- 3 Year Renewal of Gravel Extraction Permit – Map 5, Lot 44A (Goose Pond Road)
- Renew Permit to Use Barge Landing for 2 Years – Map 22, Lot 1 (84 Wardens Way)
- Replace Existing Structure(s) with Precast Blocks – Map 44, Lot 16 (140 Silver Lake Road)
- Replace Retaining Walls in SD – Map 24, Lot 24 (7 Acorn Way)
- 8' x 16' Storage Shed within 25' of ROW in SD – Map 33, Lot 20 (84 Treasure Island)
- Howling Hunger Food Truck – Map 7, Lot 3-2 (926 Shapleigh Corner Rd)
- In-home Day Care – Map 10, Lot 12 (64 Mann Rd)
- Build Garage 25' from Totte Road – Map 30, Lot 11A (Totte Road)
- 2-Family Home in SD Using Existing New Foundation – Map 27, Lot 14-4 (55 Point Road)
- New Structure in SD located 29' from Apple Road – May 37, Lot 1 (Apple Road)
- Sale of Company Apparel Utilizing Garage – Map 4, Lot 45C (29 Walnut Hill Road)
- Replace Retaining Wall in SD – Map 17, Lot 44 (167 30<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Replace Retaining Wall in SD – Map 17, Lot 46 (171 30<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Replace Retaining Wall in SD – Map 28, Lot 48 (39 Carpenters Cove Rd)
- Placing a Culvert in the Stream Protection District for a new Driveway. Map 4, Lot 1 (Back Road)
- Build New Structure within 25' of 30<sup>th</sup> Street – Map 17, Lot 27 (110 30<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Replace Structure in SD – Map 35, Lot 14 (87 Cypress Road)
- New Foundation – Map 27, Lot 11B (92 16<sup>th</sup> Street Loop)

- Best Practical Location                      Move Existing Structure in SD to Place New Foundation Under – Map 43, Lot 11 (107 North Shore Road)
  - Best Practical Location                      Replace Structure in SD – Map 34, Lot 25 (14 Cherry Road)
  - Best Practical Location                      Replace Structure in SD – Map 24, Lot 24 (7 Acorn Road)
  - Best Practical Location                      Replace Structure in SD – Map 30, Lot 11 (35 Totte Road)
  - Best Practical Location                      Replace Structure in SD – Map 23, Lot 9 (41 Starboard Lane)
  - Best Practical Location                      Replace Structure in SD – Map 19, Lot 22 (30 Sixth Street)
  - New Private Way                              Map 3, Part of Lot 22B (185 Hooper Road)
  - 3-Lot Minor Subdivision                      2 Lot Division with Remaining Land – Map 11, Part of Lot 23F (Little Poverty Pond Road)
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- *Application(s) Tabled Pending Further Information:*
  - Conditional Use Permit                      RV Campground – Map 1, Lot 41 (368 Simon Ricker Road)
  - Conditional Use Permit                      Municipal Multi-Use Building 3,200 sf Structure – Map 5, Lot 28A (Back Road)
  - Conditional Use Permit                      Host Weddings & Events – Map 8, Lot 34 (625 Ross Corner Road)

Thirty-four (34) Growth Permits were available per the Growth Ordinance for the year 2023 with an additional two permits available for Habitat for Humanity. As of December 2023, 25 Growth Permits were given out for family homes (included in this count were two permits for seasonal conversions and three for duplexes). This left nine growth permits still available, as well as the two permits for Habitat for Humanity. This is a slight decrease in new homes from last year.

The Planning Board presented an Accessory Dwelling Units ordinance to voters in June of this year. This ordinance was based on legislation passed by the State of Maine under LD2003. There was a public hearing held on May 9, 2023; the Select Board members attended along with members of the public. The Townspeople voted to accept the new ordinance at a special town meeting in June 2023, which made the Zoning Ordinance in compliance with the State mandates. A copy of the new ordinance can be obtained at the Town Hall or by going to [Shapleigh.net](http://Shapleigh.net) and looking at the eCode, which can be found on the Code Officer's web page.

The Planning Board is proposing several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance at March Town Meeting 2024. Under §105-15 "Definitions", the board proposes to amend the definition of Dwelling, Two-Family, for clarity on exactly what the town envisions as a two-family dwelling. Under §105-17 "Land uses", under Note 3, the following sentence was added, so the section complies with the new State mandate for accessory dwelling units; the sentence reads as follows: *This does not apply to accessory dwellings units (ADU's)*. Under Section §105-19 "Notes to Table on Dimensional Requirements, a typographical error will be fixed. Under §105-34 "Access control on Routes 109 and 11", Section A is being removed, as the board feels the MDOT is the authority for access onto State roads. Under §105-37 "Campgrounds", the board is changing the required number of bathrooms for camping sites, to more closely be in alignment with the State requirements. (There will be less toilets / sinks / showers required). Under §105-38 "Individual private campsites not associated with campgrounds", the board revised Sections A & B for clarity and intent. There had been some confusion with respect to interpretation, therefore, the board added language, so it is easier to interpret the requirement. Under §105-51.3 "Revegetation requirements", the board agreed an expert in shoreline stabilization should address stabilization efforts, to be certain stormwater mitigation will be effective for Planning

Board approved projects in the Shoreland District. Therefore, York County Soils & Water Conservation District shall inspect the site after stabilization efforts have been completed. A copy of all the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes can be obtained at the Town Hall during regular office hours or by emailing the Land Use Secretary at [planningboard@shapleigh.net](mailto:planningboard@shapleigh.net).

The purpose of the Planning Board is to administer the priorities of the Town of Shapleigh's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and Growth Ordinance in order to maintain safe and healthful conditions, prevent and control water pollution, protect spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitat, control building sites, placement of structures and land uses and conserve shore cover, visual as well as actual points of access to inland water and natural beauty, and to encourage the preservation of farmland. As a board member, part of the responsibility is to administer the Shoreland Zoning guidelines mandated by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection which are reflected in the Zoning Ordinance. Other specific duties as a board member are to make recommendations regarding ordinance amendments; review applications for the reconstruction and relocation of nonconforming structures; review applications for commercial uses; and review applications for new roads and parking facilities. Working with the Code Enforcement Office, the role of a member is very important, as you can see, for the environment, and the health and safety of Shapleigh's citizens.

The Planning Board is made up of seven members, five regular members and two alternates. Being an effective Planning Board member requires you to get involved in your community, become informed, and use common sense, fairness, and objectivity towards all that comes before you. It is your responsibility to balance the public good with private rights and interests. If you are interested in being a board member, please contact Town Administrator Michelle Rumney or Land Use Secretary Barbara Felong.

Planning Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Planning Board agendas are posted at the Town Hall on the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting, and on the Town's website at [www.Shapleigh.net](http://www.Shapleigh.net). You may contact the Land Use Secretary during regular town office hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday if you have any questions or have additional information you feel will be helpful to the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Foglio, Chairman

Madge Baker, Esq.

Norman Baker

Barbara Felong, Land Use Secretary

[planningboard@shapleigh.net](mailto:planningboard@shapleigh.net)

Ann Harris, Vice Chairman

Maggie Moody

Thomas Clement, Alternate

I am pleased to serve as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Shapleigh. My job is to ensure compliance with the regulations adopted through the land use and zoning ordinances, as well as the adopted housing codes, and uniform building and fire codes. I am looking forward to another year of assisting residents of Shapleigh and helping them make certain their homes are comfortable and safe.

In the Code Enforcement Office, 2023 has been another productive year in the Town of Shapleigh. The Town had a total of twenty-one new single-family dwellings, three duplexes, as well as two seasonal conversions permitted during the calendar year of 2023. Plumbing permits consisted of thirty-eight septic systems and thirty-four internal plumbing permits.

Please continue to contact my office before starting any project to see if a permit is required thru this office and/or the State Department of Environmental Protection. As a note, it is highly likely any project taking place within the shoreland district, that being anything taking place within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of a normal high-water line of any great pond or river, will require a permit. I can be contacted at 636-2844, x3. The summary of permits issued for 2023 are as follows:

Single Family Dwellings	21
Renovations	15
Accessory Structures	31
Additions	5
Decks	8
Internal Plumbing	34
Septic Systems	38
Tree Removal	25
Retaining Walls	8
Signs	1
Shore Land Buffer Improvements	12
Demo	2
Miscellaneous	38
Total Permits Issued	238

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Demers  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Local Plumbing Inspector  
E911 Addressing Officer

Greetings,

My name is Steven Guillemette, I am the Fire Chief for the Town of Shapleigh. I have been the Chief now for 4 years. 2023 was good for the fire department, we added 6 new members to the department, all are interior qualified firefighters. This brings the membership total to 20 members.

The Shapleigh Fire Department Command Staff for 2023 was made up with the following members:

Fire Chief – Steven Guillemette  
Assistant Fire Chief – Bryant Jackson  
Captain – Brian Carroll  
Lieutenant – Tim Benoit  
Lieutenant – Nicholas Payne  
Fire prevention officer – Roger Van Baarle

The following is a current list of Firefighters:

FF – Seth Merrill  
FF – Heath Bryant  
FF – Andrew Auger  
FF – Katie Roesse  
FF – Elliott Payne  
FF – Christopher Alden  
FF – John Tierney  
FF – Zack Face  
FF – Darren Rogers

We also have a traffic control division. The function of the group is to assist on the fireground and at motor vehicle accidents, alerting motorists of the traffic hazards associated with the call. This group is made up of the following members. Bob Kirton, Jane Kirton, Russ Creteau, John Bedard, and Richard Anderson.

Shapleigh Fire Department is always looking for new members. If you have a strong desire to help others, consider joining our team. If you are interested in joining the fire department as a firefighter, driver operator or the traffic control division, please go to the Town of Shapleigh website for an application, you can find the application and job description under the fire department section on the town's web page.

We applied for a Grant through the Maine Forest Service to be used to purchase needed items to fight forest fires. Some of the items purchased were 2 DeWalt 60-volt battery operated chain saws, several hose adapters, gated wyes, inline tee's, 2 hose bags to be used to build progressive hose packs and 4 Icom portable Radios. This was a matching grant; the Shapleigh Fire Department was awarded \$4,975.00.

At the 2023 town Meeting the Fire Department asked for support to replace a 30-year-old combination hydraulic cutter and spreader extrication tool, to be used at car accidents to help free a subject from a vehicle. In April we purchased



a battery-operated cordless combination hydraulic cutter and spreader from the Amicus Tool Company. The cost was \$12,500.00 and is located on Engine #1.

As for calls for service Shapleigh Fire Department responded to 168 calls for service.

**Here is a list of calls the department responded to:** motor vehicle accidents with injuries (14) - motor vehicle accident with no injuries (21) – medical assistance (36) – public assistance (10) – carbon monoxide detector activation (7) – fire alarm activation (10) – structure fires (2) – smoke investigation (4) – car fires (1) – gas leak (2) – chimney fires (3) – outside fires (9) – woods fire (4) – wires & lines down (5) – trees down (3) – trees on wires (15) – Haz-mat (2) – water rescue (1) – odor investigation (1) – mutual aid fire calls (19). I am proud to say that Shapleigh Fire did not miss any calls for service.

If you are interested in getting a burning permit you can apply online at ([maineburningpermit.com](http://maineburningpermit.com)).

If you need to contact me my cell phone # is **207-432-4388** or email me at [firechief@shapleighfire.org](mailto:firechief@shapleighfire.org). **if you need to report an emergency dial 9-1-1.**

Stay safe, stay healthy, and remember smoke detectors save lives, always change your batteries every 6 months.  
Best Regards,

Chief Steven Guillemette  
Shapleigh Fire Department

To the Residents of the Town of Shapleigh & Select Board of the Town of Shapleigh.

I take great pleasure in providing you with this entry for the year 2023. The year proved for considerable growth for Shapleigh Rescue. We added several new members to the department as well as advanced technology to help us perform our jobs better. Several of our staff have attended specialized training courses throughout the year to continue to provide you with superlative emergency medical services that you expect from our department.

The year has not been without a challenge, having to meet new requirements from the state and federal government and seeing a rise in COVID cases. New statewide EMS protocols will further advance our care for the community. They will allow us to provide better care for all Mainers and the residents of the Town of Shapleigh. While the year was not without its difficulties, the year did see an increase in call volume for us. Your rescue made up of 23 staff members provide coverage with a single ALS ambulance licensed equipped and licensed by the state at the paramedic level. In 2023, we responded to 324 requests for service. At our core are our values, and mission statements our mission statement - Our Mission at Shapleigh Rescue is caring for the sick and injured with energy, vigor, authority, and strength. Our values statement – Shapleigh Rescue brings integrity and compassion to emergency medical services while helping people overcome sickness and injuries.

Abdominal Pain	10
Allergic Reaction/Stings	0
Assault	1
Pain (other)	27
Breathing Problem	23
Burns/Explosions	0
Carbon Monoxide/ Hazmat	12
Cardiac Arrest/Death	13
Chest Pain	10
Community assistance	7
Convulsions/Seizure	11
Diabetic Problems	1
Environmental	2
Falls	21
Fire	21

Industrial accident	1
Heart Problems	13
Hemorrhage/Laceration	0
Medical Alarm	6
No Other Choice	8
Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion	9
Pandemic Response	5
Psychiatric Problems	17
Sick Person	23
Stabbing	0
Stand-by	9
Stroke/TIA/CVA	5
Syncope	8
Traffic/Transportation Accident	31
Traumatic Injury	26
Unconscious/ Fainting/ Near-Fainting	3
Well Person Check	1

Our hope for you all is a safe and wonderful 2024. We thank you for your dedication to us and your support.

Respectfully Submitted

Gene T. Streck  
Chief of Department

## ANNUAL REPORT

Over the last year our members devoted many hours to training both within our company and surrounding departments.

Although much of our gear and equipment is in good working order, some pieces have reached their useful lifespan and have been replaced with new gear.

Even though normal maintenance and upkeep of our trucks has always been a priority this year proved more costly than others as many wear items on both trucks such as brakes, exhaust, and pump packing's reached their limits and required replacement or servicing. Both trucks are currently in service, completely operational, and ready to respond to emergencies.

Special thanks to the community members of Alfred, Waterboro, and Shapleigh; your continued generous support provides us with the ability and resources required to provide effective fire protection and emergency response.

As always, a huge thank you to the dedicated hard working men and women of the Ross Corner Fire Company for continuing to go above and beyond the call of duty both within the fire service and your daily lives.

Sincerely,

Ethan Hunt

Fire Chief

Ross Corner Fire Company



## Emergency Management Report

December 31, 2023

The 2023 season has been a very busy year. While we did not receive record snow, we still had plenty to fill the ditches. In the spring along with the spring melt, we were met with heavy rains and windstorms which caused some roads and shoulders to wash out and toppled trees causing power outages. These series of storms began in December of 2022 and continued in the spring and summer, right through fall. In working with York County EMA and FEMA, the Town should be able to recover a good portion of funds that were expended on the cleanup and repair. We are updating some equipment to better prepare for future storm events. I would like to thank all of our First Responders, Shapleigh Fire, Shapleigh Rescue, and Ross Corner Fire Company for all the help and dedication. I would also like to thank our Town Administrator/Treasurer for the countless hours putting together the reports for FEMA for reimbursement.

As always, I wish good health and safety to all.

Respectfully,

Darren M. Rogers, EMA Director

Gene Streck, Assistant EMA Director

Town of Shapleigh

## 2023 Animal Control Officers Report

I have enjoyed working with the residents and pet owners in Shapleigh. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen for their commitment towards the wellbeing of all animals residing in Shapleigh. Thank you to The Town Treasurer and the Town Clerk for all their help throughout the year. Thank you to Deputy Sanborn for his professional assistance .

Dogs at large and unneutered, unsplayed feral cats continue to be a challenge. I have plenty of have-a-heart traps I'll gladly lend to residents if needed or call me and ill gladly assist.

Rabies vaccinations are very important .Help Keep our family, friends and pets safe with an up-to-date rabies vaccine.

Avoid contact with non-vaccinated animals-All mammals can become a victim to rabies, the most common in the US are raccoons, bats, skinks and fox. The rabies virus causes acute encephalitis in all warm blooded animals and the outcome is always fatal.

Dog registrations per Maine Law -the deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year-any registrations after the 31<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a late fee of \$25.00 dollars per dog.

If you've moved out of town or if your dog has passed, please notify the Town Clerks Office to be removed from the late dog list.

### January 2023 to January 2024

January 2023- 9 calls- 6 dogs at large—2 excessive barking-1 investigation-9 calls

February 2023- 14 calls-7 loose dogs-2 feral cat-3 wildlife/domestic pet interaction-1 wellness check-1 investigation

March 2023-16 calls-6 dog complaints-3 livestock/cows and pigs-1 quarantine/dog bite-2 multiple home visits unregistered dogs-3 feral cats-1 wellness check.

April 2023-12 calls-5 loose dogs at large-1 dog bite-1 quarantine dog bite-2 deceased animals-1 domestic rabbit -2 feral cat havahart traps.

May 2023-18 calls-1 stolen puppies-1 dog bite quarantine-3 Sheriff assistance incapacitated owner, 3 dogs surrendered, court summons-6 loose dogs at large-2 domestic pets/peacock, parrot-2 wellness check investigations.

June 2023-19 calls-8 dogs at large/loose-1 Sherriff assistance dog fight-2 dog quarantine /1 court summons-3 injured animals,1 transport,1 buried1 wellness check-4 cats,1 transport,3 traps havahart-2 wellness checks-2 livestock.

July 2023-16 calls-9 dogs at large/loose dogs-1 dog bite/quarantine /warning-2 livestock/loose pigs-loose cow-2 dead animals in road removed-1 invesigation-1 wellness check.

August 2023 15 calls- 8 dogs-one left in hot car/warning-1 quarantine dog bite-6 loose dogs at large-3 injured animals in street-2 livestock,pigs,1 guinea hens neighbor dispute-

September 2023-14 calls- 6 Dogs-1 wellness.1 neglect,1 pitbull attack,quarentine,3 at large loose-4 cats-2 trapped,1 bite quarantine , 1 wellness check-2 livestock, 1 pig,1 poultry in road-2 investigations.

October 2023-12 – 4 calls-livestock,3 pigs,1 cow-5 cats,1 hit by car,1 transport,1 feral cat colony-1 havahart- 2 dead animals in the road-1 investigation/wellness check.

November 2023- 14 calls-4 livestock,animal trespass law violation-7 dogs-2 excessive barking-1 aggressive towards walker,2 loose at large- 1 wellness check-3 cat, 1 havahart trap,1 transport,1 pickup of 2 fearl kittens-

December 2023-9 calls-4 loose dogs-4 livestock, 2 animal trespass, turkeys and roosters,1 poultry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Driscoll

Animal control Officer

Shapleigh Recreation

2023 Report

This year was a difficult year for the committee as we lost a few key volunteers, so it was a period of adjustment while welcoming some new volunteers. Due to lack of volunteerism for the sports programs for coaches and refs, we focused on the Tiny Tot age group for soccer. The older children have had opportunity through Massabesic United, SSYA, Nasson, Waterboro Rec, and other local groups. We would love to offer more sports program for all ages right here in Shapleigh, but to do that, we need your help! Without volunteers these programs cannot happen.

We teamed up with the Shapleigh PTC for some other great events in the community this year. We held the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and Food Drive/Cookie Walk with Santa. We are also trying to get the pond at Shapleigh Commons ready for ice-skating over the winter, however the weather has not been conducive to making that happen so far.

At the Route 11 Ball Fields, new basketball hoops were installed at the basketball court along with benches. We continue to work towards our goal of \$35,000 fundraising goal to do some much-needed upgrades to the Playground. We are almost half way to the goal!

If you are interested in coaching, volunteering for an event, or being a committee member please reach out to the committee via email at: [shapleighrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:shapleighrecreation@gmail.com)

Thank you to the wonderful people of Shapleigh for your support!



### Three Rivers Land Trust Annual Report to the Town of Shapleigh Shapleigh 2023

The Land Trust is excited to announce the donation to the trust this year of a 101 acre parcel off of Apple Road and Town Farm Road. Long a part of the Dunnells family land holdings, the parcel will henceforth be known as the Marjorie Dunnells Chadbourne Preserve. Over the next several years, trails and a parking lot will eventually be established for the public to access the property. The property will remain open for hunting and a forestry management plan is currently in place. The close proximity of this parcel to Square Pond makes its preservation an important contributor to the present and future health of the lake especially as two brooks enter the lake from the property. The Land Trust is very grateful for this extremely generous donation and looks forward to our stewardship of the property.

Pump Box Brook 1 Preserve at the end of Knox Road now has a completed parking lot and two trails for public use. One trail winds its way down to Pump Box Brook ending in a scenic overlook of the brook and swamp beyond. In the past year, heavy rains blew out the beaver dam where the swamp dumps into the brook and as a result, the water level in the swamp is down about a foot. The second trail splits off of the first one and follows next to an impressive stone wall (almost 6 feet wide in places) for a bit before entering an old farm path through two overgrown pastures. Eventually it joins on to the old, abandoned Coley Trafton Road next to a granite house foundation and heads back to the parking lot.

We encourage the public to check out any of our properties in Shapleigh and surrounding towns. The trust has a lot on its plate this upcoming year and is always looking for new members and volunteers to help on our many ongoing projects. Please contact any of us for more information as well as the office in Alfred.

Happy outdoor wandering from the Land Trust Shapleigh Board members,

Madge Baker

Davis Mann

Ana Desmond

Keith Davis

## Shapleigh Conservation Commission

We are happy to report that we have a new member on our commission. Elizabeth Savincki has joined us and eagerly worked on trail maintenance and plans for future projects. Elizabeth brings a great deal of experience with her since she has worked with other conservation organizations, and we are pleased to have her on board.

The Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps did not enlist enough members in 2022. As a result, projects that they would have helped us with either did not get accomplished or fell to town volunteers to do. A heartfelt thanks goes out to the many volunteers who stepped up and cleaned the town beach area and other community spaces.

For Earth Day 2022, we sponsored a roadside clean up event. People were encouraged to clean up trash on their road. We gathered at the Shapleigh Commons for refreshments after the clean up and we made plans to do it again in 2023.

Our working theme in 2022 for Shapleigh Community Days was "trash"; specifically plastic trash. We mounted trash on boards, placed them all around the Commons and then asked kids to find them and answer true or false questions about the trash they found. It was fun and all who participated were rewarded with frozen treats.

In September, our commission hosted a Project Wild Workshop put on by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. It is a series of activity guides designed for pre-K through 12th grade students. It is the mission of Project Wild to provide wildlife based conservation and environmental education to all school age children. We were joined by several people from other towns and our instructor, Laura Craver-Rogers was extremely knowledgeable and great to work with. We hope to share what we learned with local schools in the future.

Enjoy your time outside and take a walk in the woods. You may just see us out there.  
Respectfully submitted,

Anna Desmond  
Shapleigh Conservation Commission Chair

Members: Susan Baker, Carol Boothby, David Mann, Susan Marcoux, and Elizabeth Savincki

**Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps**

P.O. Box 47, Springvale, ME 04083-0047

The Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps (ASYCC), a non-profit organization serving Goose Pond, Loon Pond, Mousam Lake, and Square Pond (Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed), is pleased to submit our annual program update to be included in the Shapleigh Town Report. We wish to thank the Town of Shapleigh for the continued dedication and support of the ASYCC. Shapleigh's funding in 2023 greatly assisted the ASYCC in meeting its program goals and expectations for the 2023 season.

The ASYCC is a community based non-profit organization created to protect our lakes and water quality in the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed through public outreach and education, courtesy boat inspections, technical assistance, and the application of effective erosion control measures. The ASYCC works closely with town code enforcement officers, town officials, the York County Soil & Water District, local lake associations and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. We are proud to staff our program with youths and adults with direct ties to the towns we serve.

The primary program under the ASYCC umbrella is the Courtesy Boat Inspection program (CBI). The CBI program works to prevent the introduction of invasive aquatic plants from entering the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed and the typical CBI season is April through October. During the 2023 season our inspectors examined a total of 7,074 boats, of which, 6,197 boats entered Mousam Lake at the boat launch in Shapleigh and 877 boats entered Square Pond at the boat launch in Acton. The number of plant fragments collected was 351 and of those collected, 38 were determined to be invasive swollen bladderwort found at the launch on Mousam Lake. This invasive plant has taken hold in several areas on Mousam Lake and has raised concerns with Town officials, the Mousam Lake Region Association (MLRA) and concerned residents. There is a big push via the MLRA to control the spread of the swollen bladderwort. As a result of the discovery of the swollen bladderwort in Mousam Lake, we extended our coverage hours at the Square Pond launch before and after the usual busy times that we perform inspections as a precaution.

As the number of boaters visiting the clean waters of the Mousam Lake-Square Pond Watershed continues to increase, so do the chances of an invasive plant or organism being transported into our important waters. With the constant and consistent presence of the CBIs on the Mousam Lake and Square Pond Boat Launches, the public continues to respond favorably toward inspection and are better educated about the risks of these invasive plants and their potential hazards to our beautiful waterways. There are several lakes and ponds within a thirty-minute drive of our Watershed that are infested with one or more invasive species. The ASYCC CBI program is an important line of defense for our lakes.

In 2023 we were able to assemble a robust Erosion Control Crew (ECC) for its eight-week summer program. We were happy to have this year's hard-working crew, after being unable to find any workers for the 2022 season. The crew completed 21 projects, 12 on Mousam Lake, 7 on Square Pond and 2 on Loon Pond. All projects on Mousam Lake and Square Pond except for one, qualified for coverage under their respective Federal 319 grants. One of the most effective treatments to slow erosion is the application of erosion control mulch. The ECC crew spread 359 yards of erosion control mulch in the eight-week season.

To give you an idea of that quantity – it would fill two average three-bedroom homes from floor to ceiling! One of their proudest project achievements was the extensive work done at the Shapleigh town beach! Demand for the Erosion Control Crew continues to remain constant. Considering the number of properties within the Watershed, there is always more work to be done. Landowner education continues to be a major focus of this program and technical site visit assistance is always available from the ASYCC for erosion matters.

Our Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) is made up of some of our most enthusiastic young student CBIs. They have been out this season assisting with the search and removal of the invasive swollen bladderwort in Mousam Lake.

On behalf of the ASYCC organization and our volunteer Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful year of working together for the good of the residents and businesses of Shapleigh, the lake and pond property owners and the visitors of our great water resources.

If you would like to learn more about the ASYCC or to view past ASYCC Annual Reports, please visit [www.asycc.com](http://www.asycc.com).

Sincerely and on behalf of our Board,

*Joe Borst*

Joe Borst

Treasurer of the Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps Board of Directors

#### **2023 Board of Directors:**

1. Kent Haake (Mousam Lake, Acton)
2. Joe Borst (Mousam Lake, Shapleigh)
3. Jane Thomas (Square Pond, Acton)
4. Debbie & Scott Lansberry (Square Pond, Acton)
5. John Chamberlain (Mousam Lake, Shapleigh)
6. Margarita & Terry Borgal (Square Pond, Acton)

Aquatic Plant Advisor: Dennis Roberge (Mousam Lake, Shapleigh)

Road Commissioner- Northern District

December 31, 2023

Greetings,

First I would like to thank each and every one of you who supported me up to and through March Election. Without all of your support and communication, I would not be able to do my job efficiently. Thank you for the great “team effort”. I would also like to thank everyone who works with me on a daily basis; my crew and all the contractors who have been there to help in moments notice, you are greatly appreciated. I have worked on the Town of Shapleigh roads for many years, and each year is not like the previous. This past year has been somewhat challenging, keeping up with the day-to-day operations and dealing with the MANY winds, rain, washout events. This trend seemed to be the normal day to day routine over the past year, one which I hope we do not get used to! With that being said, the weather does show us areas in which we can improve.

The final overlay went down on to Town Farm Road earlier in the year, finishing that major project. We completed a storm water mitigation project partially funded by grant monies in conjunction with York County Soil and Water District on Goose Pond Road and worked on clearing some overly full catch basins in the area. Next, we began heavy ditching on Ross Corner Hill and did some tree clearing of nuisance trees within the right-of-way on Owls Nest Road. It is the intention to complete these projects in 2024 with repaving a section of Ross Corner Road, widening of Owls Nest “Hams Hill” area, and re-paving the entirety of the road up until the dirt section in 2024.

As always, please call with any questions or concerns. Wishing you all safe travels and a great year!

Respectfully,

Darren M. Rogers, Northern District Road Commissioner

(207) 793-8416

## Road Commissioner Report Southern District 2023

Road weight limit posting started on March 13 and removed on April 15, 2023. Spring grading started March 13 and continued through the month. Intersections were swept the beginning of May.

The major road project this year was repaving the Back Road from Shapleigh Corner to roughly the County Road. Brush was mulched back; the ditches were cleaned out and regraded adding stone in spots to help with erosion. The driveway culverts were cleaned out, a section of 6" underground drainage pipe was installed near the top of the hill. The road was then paved with a full shim and a 1" topcoat. The gravel driveways were matched in, and gravel shoulders were installed to finish the project.

We also had numerous washouts, flooded roads and plugged culverts this year with all the heavy rainstorms. It was a busy year just keeping up with the storm damage. There was a lot of shoulders repaired and ditches cleaned out around town, some pond roads were also washed out several times.

Fall grading was completed in November. Also, the yellow lines were painted.

Winter sand was screened in early November. Around 3800 yards of sand was screened mixed with salt and stacked in the sand building.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who worked with me this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call 432-0566

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Goodwin

Road Commissioner – Southern District

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**SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION** “*Communities Working Together to Protect Our Rivers*”

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) was created with one purpose in mind – to protect the rivers in the Saco Basin and all that these rivers represent to the people who live and work here. The Maine legislature provided the performance standards to initiate our program, and the current cleanliness of the river is a testament to that effort. The Commission’s role is one of partnership with our communities, and our standards apply to the first 500-1000ft of land around the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee (i.e. the Corridor). All twenty towns with lands in the Corridor can appoint one regular and one alternate Commissioner, and we currently have one open seat for Shapleigh. Representation from Shapleigh means that your community is weighing in on development patterns along the rivers, from Fryeburg to Saco and south to include Acton and Shapleigh along the Little Ossipee. Together, representatives from our twenty municipalities help to keep the water clean and preserve natural resources, ultimately protecting public health and quality of life in our region. Clean water is one of Maine’s greatest assets, and our volunteer Commissioners work hard to ensure the Saco and its major tributaries are protected from unsustainable or incompatible development.

Development in Maine has been booming in recent years. As areas are built up, inappropriate land-use planning can cause degradation to the shoreland area, along with water quality problems. The SRCC has kept up with the recent surge and continues to review each application for new development within the corridor for its compliance with the Saco River Corridor Act, and the best-practice standards that we know can protect our waterways. In FY23, the Commission carefully reviewed 119 applications for development within the Corridor. We encourage any landowner along the river to get in touch when they plan new projects, to ensure the activity meets the Act’s requirements.

The SRCC has now completed its 22<sup>nd</sup> successful year of the Water Quality Monitoring Program. Staff and volunteers monitor for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity, temperature, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, orthophosphates, alkalinity, nitrogen (NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub>), total phosphorous/phosphates, ammonium, and either *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) or *Enterococci*. Our testing takes place bi-weekly along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers at 43 different locations from May through mid-September, with weekly *E. coli* testing at certain recreational sites from June to September. Our monitors also keep an eye out for invasive plants or other concerning conditions.

In 2022, SRCC purchased advanced bacteria monitoring equipment, which has expanded our capacity to analyze samples in-house and continued to serve us well in 2023. This means our reports are available faster, and towns can more quickly take action to advise the public when high levels of *E. coli* or *Enterococci* occur. With assistance from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, the Commission is also exploring applications of environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis, in hopes of developing a new method to determine the source of bacterial contamination.

To help communicate water quality testing results to the public, the map available on our website highlights sites with recently elevated bacteria levels. The site also provides links to the most updated *E. coli* test results. While the monitoring program is currently at capacity for new sites, the SRCC is happy to discuss the possibility of expanding testing locations in future. We are especially grateful to our volunteer water quality monitors, who make our current set of testing locations possible. We encourage those interested in volunteering to contact us ahead of the April 2024 training dates, in hopes of expanding our monitoring capacity.

The SRCC’s mission is to work with the communities of the Corridor to help keep the rivers clean and preserve quality of life in southern Maine. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions on any of the Commission’s programs, please contact the Commission’s office. We are located at 81 Maple Street in Cornish, Maine, where we have staffed hours Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm. You can reach us at 207-625-8123 or [srcc@srcc-maine.org](mailto:srcc@srcc-maine.org), and you can find much more information on our website at [www.srcc-maine.org](http://www.srcc-maine.org). We thank Shapleigh for helping to protect the Saco River and its tributaries!

## William's Property Report

2023

William's town park has seen an increase in foot traffic during COVID and over the last year. The public has been great about walking their dogs, cleaning up after them and keeping them under control.

The park committee would like to express its thanks to Scott Brown for doing an excellent job mowing the fields and roadways. During the winter months the parking area has been plowed for winter activities such as snowshoeing and X-Country skiing.

This year we had some intense rainfall leading to areas of washout and culverts that have become clogged. The roads and culverts will need some maintenance in the near future. Shrubs and brush have been growing up along the rock walls and will need attention. Members of the board have been active in trimming the branches that encroach into the roads, especially after a heavy snow or ice event.

We generally have a Spring cleanup day in May to remove blow downs and scattered branches on the roads and in the fields. We are looking for someone to address the growth along the rock walls if anyone is interested in submitting a bid for this project.

Bill Sleight, Chair

Williams Property Committee



The purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to hear grievances from Shapleigh property owners as they relate to a decision made by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board. The property owner can request either an administrative appeal or a variance appeal. *As a note, anything related to an enforcement action cannot be appealed, this must be taken to the Superior Court.*

In general, an administrative appeal is sought when the applicant believes the CEO or Planning Board erred in its interpretation of the town ordinance or in the processing of the permit application.

A variance appeal is sought when the CEO issues a denial of a permit due to the inability to meet dimensional standards of a town ordinance, such as setback or lot coverage. State law requires the Board of Appeals to find that the applicant meets four tests before the Board can grant a variance. The applicant bears the burden to prove to the Board that he/she does meet ALL four tests. The four tests are:

1. That the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless the variance is granted.
2. The need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions in the neighborhood.
3. The granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.
4. The hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner.

During the 2023 calendar year, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard one variance appeal as follows:

**December 4, 2023** Owner of Shapleigh Tax Map 3, Lot 1, 268 Shapleigh Corner Road, sought a Variance Appeal to be able to keep a permitted lean-to, which does not meet the setback requirement of 75 feet from the centerline of the road, this requirement falls under §105-18 of the Shapleigh Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the lean-to also does not meet the front yard requirement for an accessory building, which falls under §105-35 of the Ordinance. The existing lean-to would require an 11 foot variance from the centerline of Shapleigh Corner Road. After careful deliberation of all four tests, as noted above, the Board voted, and the Variance Appeal was Denied. *A copy of the minutes can be obtained at the Town Hall during regular office hours.*

All Zoning Board of Appeals hearings are open to the public and are held on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Shapleigh Town Hall. Please note these hearings are held on an “as needed” basis. In the past the appeals board has met an average of three times a year.

Appeals board members are asked to decide legal questions in accordance with local ordinances and State laws. When making a decision a member must be able to make his or her decision based on the established laws until the law is changed, even when decisions seem contrary to 'common sense' to everyone involved in the decision making process. Therefore, it is important as a member to have the time to review both Town and State Ordinances, as well as court cases.

The Zoning Board of Appeals currently has vacancies for two regular members and two alternate members. If you are interested, please contact any board member or contact the Town Administrator Michelle Rumney during regular town office hours or through email at [townadmin@shapleigh.net](mailto:townadmin@shapleigh.net).

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Cebula, Chairman – Karla Wilcox - Kathy Fagan - Barbara Felong, Recording Secretary

### ***TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT***

***Commitment (8/15/2023)***

Real Estate	\$6,374,721.69
Personal Property	<u>\$977.21</u>
<b>Total Commitment</b>	<b>\$6,375,698.90</b>

### ***CREDITS***

Real Estate	\$ 6,043,896.03
Personal Property	\$ 833.37
Abatements	\$ 19,024.28
Supplemental	<u>\$ 18,585.93</u>
	<b>\$ 6,082,339.61</b>

***Unpaid Taxes as of 12/31/2023***                      **\$ 331,802.87**

### ***TAX ABATEMENTS***

Albert, Barbara & Denis	209.63
Beaudoin, Gail	2336.44
Grant, Richard	5599.04
Gerry, Ashley	3500.54
Harvey, Thomas	54.95
Jacobs, Mark & Grace	2211.27
Maine Department of IFW	525.65
Nicolucci, Nancy & Steven	4511.33
Sturtevant Mousam Lake Trust	4.64
 Total Tax Abatements	 \$19,024.28

### ***SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES***

Beaudoin, Raymond Jr.	2,336.44
Chard, Fredrick & Sarah	2,514.17
Estochen, Eric & Theresa	209.63
Gerry Family Trust	3,238.51
Grant, Richard	4,511.33
Litchfield, Paul	176.81
Nicolucci, Nancy & Steven	
 Total Supplemental Tax	 \$18,585.93

### ***PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION PROGRAM***

Property Tax Stabilization Program was a state program that allowed certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. The program was enacted in August 2022. On July 6, 2023, the program was repealed by the Maine Legislature with an effective date of October 11, 2023.

210 Properties Stabilized in 2023  
\$21,035.13 Tax Value

**2023 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES**

Account Amount Due	Name	Year	Original Tax		Payments
38	1224 LAS BRISAS-POF, LLC	2023	703.48	0.00	703.48
2382	382 OCEAN AVE REALTY TRUST	2023	2,441.54	0.00	2,441.54
2658	ADAMS, Colby Tracy	2023	1,501.23	0.00	1,501.23
136	ADAMS, MICHELLE	2023	1,455.66	1,455.34	0.32
779	ALBERT, Barbara J	2023	209.63	0.00	209.63
61	ANTHONY, KEITH E	2023	1,542.52	577.03	965.49
64	ARMITAGE, GREG H	2023	3,831.27	3,836.30	-5.03
2226	BARATTA, KENNETH	2023	311.96	0.00	311.96
139	BEAULIEU, DANIEL A	2023	2,130.53	800.00	1,330.53
1079	BEDELL, Nathan K	2023	2,883.15	0.00	2,883.15
2958	BERUBE, ROGER	2023	413.19	0.00	413.19
180	BERUBE, ROGER J REV REAL ESTATE TRUST	2023	7,342.09	0.00	7,342.09
185	BICKNELL DECLARATION OF TRUST	2023	918.38	913.28	5.10
188	BICKNELL DECLARATION OF TRUST	2023	691.01	687.17	3.84
186	BICKNELL DECLARATION OF TRUST 5306 114	2023	39.75	39.53	0.22
187	BICKNELL, RANDALL	2023	1,564.40	1,346.64	217.76
878	BIGHORN DEVELOPMENT, LLC	2023	2,846.03	0.00	2,846.03
202	BISHOP, NORMAN H	2023	2,089.16	3.60	2,085.56
214	BODWELL, CANDACE L , GENEST, BARBARA I	2023	1,793.22	915.90	877.32
1302	BOMBARA, Michael	2023	2,865.59	0.00	2,865.59
2038	BOUTOT, Debra E	2023	5,527.53	0.00	5,527.53
243	BOWDEN, WILLIAM H III	2023	2,431.59	0.00	2,431.59
254	BRADISH, KEVIN L	2023	1,298.72	0.00	1,298.72
1723	BRADLEY, DOUGLAS	2023	326.27	0.00	326.27
575	BRANNELLY, PAUL J	2023	2,870.44	0.00	2,870.44
265	BREWER FAMILY TRUST	2023	1,733.04	0.00	1,733.04
306	BROWN, NATHAN J	2023	835.27	0.00	835.27
493	BRYANT, DONNA M	2023	281.43	0.00	281.43
328	BURNELL, EDWARD E SR	2023	1,928.88	0.00	1,928.88
372	CARLIN, LAURIE ANN MICHAEL E	2023	2,152.02	2,065.37	86.65
375	CARLSON, JOHN P	2023	434.02	431.99	2.03
399	CAVANAUGH, GAIL H	2023	3,188.23	0.00	3,188.23
414	CHAGNON FAMILY 2010 REVOCABLE	2023	2,376.10	0.00	2,376.10
415	CHAGNON FAMILY 2010 REVOCABLE	2023	1,186.09	0.00	1,186.09
416	CHALIFOUR, LILLIAN V	2023	3,088.68	0.00	3,088.68
2682	CHALIFOUR, Lillian V	2023	1,715.01	0.00	1,715.01
418	CHAMBERLIN, JOHN M	2023	3,061.83	0.00	3,061.83
421	CHAPLIN, JEFFREY R	2023	2,680.96	0.00	2,680.96
432	CHIASSON-DALTON FAMILY TRUST	2023	3,943.69	0.00	3,943.69
1984	CHIEF REALTY, LLC	2023	11,985.32	0.00	11,985.32
2256	CINNAMON SPICE LLC	2023	3,867.22	0.00	3,867.22

449	CLARK, Bruce A	2023	1,229.79	0.00	1,229.79
446	CLARK, Frank W	2023	5,247.93	0.00	5,247.93
447	CLARK, Frank W	2023	349.16	0.00	349.16
448	CLARK, Frank W	2023	835.36	0.00	835.36
2885	CLARK, Frank W	2023	518.76	0.00	518.76
1977	CLARK, Frank W III	2023	2,794.96	0.00	2,794.96
464	COBB, Mark R	2023	1,143.24	0.00	1,143.24
2552	COLLINS, BURTON J	2023	216.83	99.81	117.02
580	COTE, Dennis D	2023	2,545.24	2,417.21	128.03
1809	CRAM, DANIEL	2023	156.14	0.00	156.14
610	DAIGLE, Robert K Jr	2023	420.23	49.47	370.76
2310	DAVIS, JAMES R	2023	325.00	0.00	325.00
688	DAVIS, SCOTT	2023	3,071.95	0.00	3,071.95
644	DELISLE, Daniel P	2023	209.88	0.00	209.88
645	DELISLE, Daniel P	2023	2,236.15	0.00	2,236.15
899	DELONG, Jessee	2023	599.32	0.00	599.32
2288	DESMARAIS, KELLY J	2023	707.23	0.00	707.23
2981	DESROCHERS, BRIAN	2023	477.42	0.00	477.42
651	DEZAN, LEE F	2023	319.91	0.00	319.91
419	DIGREGORIO, JOSEPH A	2023	2,524.91	0.00	2,524.91
940	DILLON, SCOTT	2023	470.67	0.00	470.67
2817	DIXEY, ADAM B	2023	352.98	348.04	4.94
708	DONAHUE, Michael J	2023	370.79	0.00	370.79
722	EDMONSON, BRIAN T	2023	505.39	0.00	505.39
795	EPPERLY, Suzanne	2023	2,673.24	0.00	2,673.24
796	EPPERLY, William C	2023	2,364.37	0.00	2,364.37
807	FALLON, BONNIE J	2023	1,134.32	0.00	1,134.32
810	FANJOY FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST	2023	2,015.81	0.00	2,015.81
809	FANJOY, RUSSELL A & SHARON L	2023	1,575.70	0.00	1,575.70
841	FIELD COTTAGE TRUST 1-20-2022	2023	3,804.46	3,804.36	0.10
842	FIELDS, Todd L	2023	4,124.96	0.00	4,124.96
850	FISKE STEPHEN F, FISKE PAMELA J,	2023	5,250.95	2,000.00	3,250.95
851	FITCH, Christopher T	2023	1,494.30	1,491.98	2.32
871	FORBES, David O	2023	2,467.96	0.00	2,467.96
879	FOSS, David A	2023	628.10	0.00	628.10
887	FOX, Phyllis E-Trustee, FOX FAMILY	2023	4,291.86	4,268.80	23.06
2303	FRASER, CRAIG	2023	429.19	0.00	429.19
2302	FRASIER, CRAIG	2023	143.63	0.00	143.63
911	FROST, Mark V	2023	3,673.86	0.00	3,673.86
2563	GAGNON, Samuel G	2023	925.54	0.00	925.54
2956	GALLAGHER, Yolanda, R	2023	208.45	0.00	208.45
939	GALLANT Family Trust	2023	520.83	518.52	2.31
958	GASSETT, Charles E	2023	607.97	0.00	607.97
1196	GAUVREAU, Joshua J	2023	431.82	0.00	431.82
967	GENDREAU, Kimberly	2023	1,173.02	0.00	1,173.02
84	GEORGE, RITA E	2023	556.32	0.00	556.32
896	GEORGES ENTERPRISES LLC	2023	483.29	0.00	483.29
897	GEORGES ENTERPRISES LLC	2023	481.24	0.00	481.24
2954	GEORGES ENTERPRISES LLC	2023	529.72	0.00	529.72

1000	GLOVER, Dennis A	2023	348.53	0.00	348.53
789	GODFREY, SEAN D	2023	5,327.48	0.00	5,327.48
985	GOLINVEAUX, WILLIAM S	2023	1,988.92	0.00	1,988.92
1017	GOODWIN, Jeremiah F	2023	277.30	0.00	277.30
1018	GOODWIN, Jeremiah F	2023	357.22	0.00	357.22
1790	GOODWIN, Tonda A	2023	1,070.72	0.00	1,070.72
1035	GOSSELIN, M Jane R Guy	2023	268.82	0.00	268.82
2802	GRANT, Christopher	2023	1,848.89	0.00	1,848.89
1053	GREENLEAF, Brian A	2023	919.29	88.46	830.83
1069	GROFF, Joann H Estate	2023	2,498.20	0.00	2,498.20
1073	GUARINO, Barbara D	2023	2,794.04	0.00	2,794.04
2521	H D C NEW ENGLAND INC	2023	529.30	0.00	529.30
1095	HALEY, Scott J	2023	3,224.24	0.00	3,224.24
1104	HAM RUTH SREVOCABLE RE TRUST	2023	1,372.35	0.00	1,372.35
1105	HAM RUTH SREVOCABLE RE TRUST	2023	587.66	0.00	587.66
1100	HAM, Daniel W	2023	828.66	0.00	828.66
1101	HAM, Michelle, L	2023	906.75	0.00	906.75
1109	HAND, Margaret M	2023	1,182.43	0.00	1,182.43
1110	HAND, Margaret M	2023	322.77	0.00	322.77
1121	HAPPNIE, John C	2023	972.96	0.00	972.96
2227	HAPPY MOUNTAIN HOLDINGS LLC	2023	1,387.69	0.00	1,387.69
1122	HARDIN, Brett E	2023	1,621.47	0.00	1,621.47
2875	HARDING, Debra A	2023	1,053.38	1,046.59	6.79
1134	HARPER REALTY TRUST	2023	883.62	822.12	61.50
1140	HARRINGTON, Robert	2023	1,896.39	0.00	1,896.39
1149	HARWOOD, Mark D	2023	393.74	385.01	8.73
1158	HAWKINS, Elsa M; LUCAS, Melissa	2023	92.60	0.00	92.60
1204	HODGKINS, Kenneth L	2023	821.92	0.00	821.92
1234	HOUSTON, Barry	2023	1,077.41	0.00	1,077.41
1231	HOUSTON, Barry W	2023	7.95	0.00	7.95
2880	HUTCHINS, John W	2023	1,702.91	0.00	1,702.91
1275	HUTCHINS, John Winslow	2023	1,503.18	0.00	1,503.18
1019	JJS FAMILY REALTY TRUST	2023	384.78	0.00	384.78
1309	JOHNSON, Barrett J	2023	1,333.73	1,319.80	13.93
759	JORDAN, DAVID M	2023	3,958.90	0.00	3,958.90
1322	JOSLYN, Curry C	2023	1,413.57	0.00	1,413.57
2158	JOY-NET LLC	2023	263.30	236.30	27.00
2949	KENNEY, LIAM T	2023	389.87	0.00	389.87
2729	KNOX, Adrian L	2023	1,689.34	0.00	1,689.34
85	KNOX, ISAIAH	2023	340.90	0.00	340.90
1390	KNOX, Isaiah Z	2023	1,615.82	0.00	1,615.82
1420	LAJEUNESSE, Daniel J	2023	5,213.95	0.00	5,213.95
242	LAKIN, THOM	2023	1,695.46	1,695.45	0.01
1437	LAMONTAGNE, Jason P	2023	2,841.74	1,974.11	867.63
204	LANGLAIS, David A	2023	1,513.10	1,238.52	274.58
658	LAVERRIERE, ROBERT G	2023	1,225.53	0.00	1,225.53
2988	LAWRENCE, JASON L	2023	3,396.36	0.00	3,396.36
2953	LEDGEVIEW LLC	2023	431.81	431.61	0.20
930	LEEDBERG, Melvin E JR	2023	259.49	0.00	259.49

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2260	LEEDBURG, MELVIN E JR	2023	39.75	0.00	39.75
2906	LEEDBURG, MELVIN E JR	2023	778.24	0.00	778.24
2946	LESSARD, SCOTT	2023	284.36	0.00	284.36
2984	LESSARD, SCOTT J	2023	257.96	0.00	257.96
1563	LODGES CARE CENTER, INC	2023	95.40	0.00	95.40
1582	LUNNY, Florence A Estate	2023	4,237.11	0.00	4,237.11
1598	MACGREGOR, Michael	2023	492.51	0.00	492.51
2331	MAGEE, Ronald K	2023	3,720.85	0.00	3,720.85
2661	MAINE ROOTS RHV, LLC	2023	257.20	0.00	257.20
2662	MAINE ROOTS RHV, LLC	2023	1,089.03	0.00	1,089.03
1660	MARHAK, Martin J	2023	1,473.38	0.00	1,473.38
1692	MARTINEAU, Caren L	2023	2,370.72	2,270.72	100.00
2896	MATTHEWS, Scott D	2023	575.05	570.96	4.09
2557	MCGRATH, BRANDON E	2023	836.69	623.39	213.30
1697	MEIKLEJOHN, DANIEL	2023	241.93	0.00	241.93
1698	MEIKLEJOHN, Daniel	2023	1,991.48	0.00	1,991.48
1959	MILLER, Lois R	2023	3,713.02	1,856.01	1,857.01
1794	MITCHELL, Scott E	2023	1,744.03	1,668.92	75.11
2939	MOORE, DONNA	2023	1,310.82	0.00	1,310.82
1076	MORGAN HILL PROPERTIES LLC	2023	3,590.00	0.00	3,590.00
1832	MORRISON, Jeffrey	2023	71.95	0.00	71.95
1833	MORRISON, Jeffrey	2023	780.45	0.00	780.45
2074	MORSE, Cathy J	2023	286.32	0.00	286.32
2075	MORSE, Cathy J	2023	127.20	0.00	127.20
1838	MOSES, Brian L	2023	2,191.92	0.00	2,191.92
589	MUDGE, Carolyn E	2023	7,100.98	7,048.91	52.07
1914	NICKERSON, Gary L	2023	168.54	15.14	153.40
1935	NORVELL, Deborah Rachel Ellis	2023	2,506.92	0.00	2,506.92
2518	OUELLETTE, BRANDON J	2023	2,124.78	2,108.25	16.53
1985	PARKER, Mark A	2023	2,919.94	0.00	2,919.94
1995	PAUL, Brian G	2023	2,016.13	0.00	2,016.13
2027	PERRON, Roger L	2023	3,599.27	990.40	2,608.87
1599	PHELPS, MATTHEW	2023	1,402.50	33.39	1,369.11
780	PICARD, ERIC P	2023	2,711.31	2,347.21	364.10
1248	PICCOLO, JOSEPH A	2023	143.74	123.74	20.00
2067	PILLSBURY, PAULINE	2023	1,307.04	0.00	1,307.04
1340	POVALL, Louise	2023	2,265.27	0.00	2,265.27
475	RAND, Daniel R	2023	4,687.73	0.00	4,687.73
586	RAND, Daniel R	2023	778.73	0.00	778.73
584	RAND, Emily M	2023	456.55	0.00	456.55
433	RBBJM REALTY TRUST	2023	391.39	0.00	391.39
1862	RBBJM REALTY TRUST	2023	1,519.69	0.00	1,519.69
667	RG CONSULTING SERVICES LLC	2023	4,437.79	4,413.34	24.45
2181	RICHARDS, Brian A	2023	2,849.89	2,849.88	0.01
1123	RICHARDSON, NICKOLAS	2023	1,851.71	0.00	1,851.71
2202	RIDLEY, Joseph T	2023	2,253.38	58.09	2,195.29
2223	ROBERTS FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST	2023	2,353.89	0.00	2,353.89

2258	ROMANO, Gino	2023	980.91	0.00	980.91
2259	ROMANO, Gino J	2023	96.71	0.00	96.71
689	ROSENGREN, MICHAEL J	2023	3,051.03	2,940.68	110.35
2088	ROY, Rick J	2023	2,245.24	0.00	2,245.24
1356	SAMUELS, BRETT A	2023	2,330.03	0.00	2,330.03
2316	SCAMMAN, Charles W	2023	2,307.51	0.00	2,307.51
2987	SCHNEIDER, AMY S	2023	418.86	0.00	418.86
2342	SHACKLEY, Andrew H	2023	1,380.15	0.00	1,380.15
1847	SHAPLEIGH IRREVOCABLE REALTY	2023	2,351.19	1,775.38	575.81
361	SHERIFF, ANDREW M	2023	660.21	641.53	18.68
2407	SIMPSON, TRACY	2023	1,207.86	479.33	728.53
984	SKY-WAY INVESTMENT, LLC	2023	325.00	0.00	325.00
1787	SKY-WAY INVESTMENT, LLC	2023	325.00	0.00	325.00
2398	SLATER-DUBE, Sandra J	2023	2,040.32	1.84	2,038.48
2437	SMITH, JAMES M	2023	4,938.03	4,798.28	139.75
2438	SMITH, JAMES M	2023	1,716.99	1,493.71	223.28
148	SON, EMILY A	2023	1,369.17	0.00	1,369.17
251	SPAULDING, SABRINA L	2023	2,177.77	0.00	2,177.77
2472	SPOHRER, Alison M	2023	3,331.40	33.82	3,297.58
2475	SPURR, Frederick	2023	2,274.15	1,400.00	874.15
1504	STACY R GLIDDEN REVOC. TRUST	2023	3,935.38	0.00	3,935.38
2504	STARBIRD, CHARLES	2023	620.25	0.00	620.25
2519	SULLIVAN, Robert J	2023	808.78	0.00	808.78
2543	SULLIVAN, Robert J	2023	872.81	0.00	872.81
2544	SULLIVAN, Robert J	2023	3,243.22	0.00	3,243.22
158	SWANBURG CAROL J TRUST	2023	679.28	0.00	679.28
2562	TANNER JULIE-ANN LIVING TRUST	2023	3,535.02	0.00	3,535.02
	5/13/2019 RICHARD C II LIVING TRUST 5/13/2019				
2455	TEAGUE, KEVIN C	2023	471.23	16.69	454.54
2578	TEJEDA, Victor R	2023	311.96	0.00	311.96
2579	TEMKIN LEONID I LIVING TRUST	2023	2,947.13	0.00	2,947.13
2935	THIBEAULT, MARY A	2023	415.41	0.00	415.41
2055	THOMAS, Robert E	2023	1,628.53	0.00	1,628.53
2056	THOMAS, Robert E	2023	415.69	0.00	415.69
2631	TRAVIS, George	2023	891.62	0.00	891.62
1245	TRAVIS, Glen W	2023	2,004.35	1,958.23	46.12
513	TRIPP, GLENDA J	2023	201.61	0.00	201.61
516	TRIPP, GLENDA J	2023	1,516.74	0.00	1,516.74
75	TROMBLEE, MELANIE Y	2023	4,188.79	0.00	4,188.79
2650	UNKNOWN	2023	854.89	0.00	854.89
546	WAKITA LIVING TRUST	2023	3,702.63	0.00	3,702.63
2696	WAKITA LIVING TRUST	2023	4,558.50	0.00	4,558.50
2947	WAKITA LIVING TRUST	2023	379.06	0.00	379.06
2694	WAKITA, Bruce W	2023	2,602.36	0.00	2,602.36
2701	WALLACE, Thomas	2023	584.30	0.00	584.30
2279	WALLINGFORD, Scott	2023	4,058.42	3,943.56	114.86
1092	WATERS EDGE LAND DEVELOPMENT	2023	1,035.42	0.00	1,035.42

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910	WHITE RONALD MIGDALIA FAMILY REV TRUST	2023	2,061.63	0.00	2,061.63
643	WILCOX, SCOTT A	2023	2,259.04	0.00	2,259.04
1477	WINSLOW, Mark S	2023	1,248.56	0.00	1,248.56
2807	WOOD, Francis Edward	2023	602.25	0.00	602.25
			<b>415,891.77</b>	<b>84,088.90</b>	<b>331,802.87</b>

**Total of 240 Accounts**



2022 OUTSTANDING TAX LIENS

Acct	Name	Year	Principal	Payment	Total Due
265	BREWER, ROLAND A JR	2022	1,797.59	0.00	1,797.59
415	CHAGNON FAMILY 2010 REVOCABLE TRUST	2022	1,243.38	89.87	1,153.51
446	CLARK, Frank W	2022	5,299.03	0.00	5,299.03
447	CLARK, Frank W	2022	407.73	0.00	407.73
448	CLARK, Frank W	2022	893.19	0.00	893.19
2885	CLARK, Frank W	2022	577.07	0.00	577.07
1977	CLARK, Frank W III	2022	2,849.79	0.00	2,849.79
516	COOK, Glenn B Estate	2022	1,640.32	0.00	1,640.32
2288	DESMARAIS, KELLY J	2022	765.26	0.00	765.26
651	DEZAN, LEE F	2022	337.86	0.00	337.86
419	DIGREGORIO, JOSEPH A	2022	2,580.16	0.00	2,580.16
2563	GAGNON, Samuel G	2022	1,203.00	112.95	1,090.05
985	GOLINVEAUX, WILLIAM S	2022	2,044.98	0.00	2,044.98
2521	H D C NEW ENGLAND INC	2022	587.59	521.24	66.35
1101	HAM, Michelle, L	2022	938.00	0.00	938.00
1121	HAPPNIE, John C	2022	1,030.58	0.00	1,030.58
1322	JOSLYN, Curry C	2022	1,444.06	628.80	815.26
1598	MACGREGOR, Michael	2022	558.96	0.00	558.96
2236	ROBINSON, William F Jr	2022	4,540.65	0.00	4,540.65
2088	ROY, Rick J	2022	2,273.78	0.00	2,273.78
251	SPAULDING, SABRINA L	2022	1,484.76	1,270.92	213.84
2504	STARBIRD, CHARLES	2022	592.27	0.00	592.27
513	TRIPP, GLENDA J	2022	260.41	0.00	260.41

## **DOG LICENSES**

According to State Law, all dogs need to be licensed upon reaching the age of 6 months in the town where they reside. Or after the dog has been with the family for 10 days, if adopted. To obtain a license for your dog, the owner must present a current State of Maine Rabies Certificate obtained from a veterinarian.

All dog licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Renewal of licenses for the following year can be done at the Town Clerk's office starting October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year calendar year.

### **Dog Licensing Fees**

- \$6 per year for spayed / neutered dogs.
- \$11 per year for dogs not spayed / neutered.
- Per state law, any dog license that is re-licensed after January 31 will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

*Dogs may be licensed at the Town Clerk's office or online by visiting [www.doglicensing.com](http://www.doglicensing.com)*

**IN 2023 THERE WERE:**

0	Kennel
194	Male / Female
501	Spayed Females / Neutered Males
4	Service

**267 DOGS WERE REGISTERED ONLINE IN 2023**

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## **VITAL STATISTICS**

The following statistics have been recorded for the year ending December 31, 2023

BIRTHS:	18
DEATHS:	35
MARRIAGES:	18

## **REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

### **Who can register to vote?**

To register to vote you must:

- be a United States citizen
- be at least 16 years of age to pre-register (not eligible to vote)
- be a Maine resident

You can register to vote by filling out a voter registration card at the Town Clerk’s office  
or through any MotorVehicle branch office.

### **What identification can I bring when registering?**

- Maine Driver’s license
- Maine State identification card
- U.S. passport
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Other official document such as public benefit determination, utility bill, bank statement, government check, etc. showing name and address

If your current Shapleigh address is NOT listed on the proof of identity, then you must provide additional documentation of residency.

To **vote** in a Referendum or General Election, you must be registered in the community where you reside and be at least 18 years of age. A 17 year old may vote in a Primary Election, if that person will be 18 by the General Election.

### **Total Registered Voters in Shapleigh:     2325**

Democrat:	559
Green Independent:	140
Ineligible:	2
Libertarian:	8
No Labels:	18
Republican:	836
Unenrolled:	762

### **2023 Election Statistics:**

March 10, 2023	Municipal Election	216 votes cast
June 13, 2023	RSU #57 Referendum	59 votes cast
November 7, 2023	State Referendum	778 votes cast

### **2024 Election Schedule:**

March 5, 2024	Municipal & Presidential Primary Election
June 11, 2024	RSU #57 Budget Vote & State Primary
November 5, 2024	Presidential Election

## **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

Passenger	2007
Motor Home	15
Commercial	197
Trailers	537
Tractor / Farm	9
Motorcycle / Moped	187
Equipment	6
Transfers	147
Transit Permit	22

*Rapid Renewal* allows you to renew a current registration online by paying your local excise tax, state motor vehicle registration fee, and a small fee for this online service. New registrations or registrations that have expired more than 7 months require visiting your municipal office to pay excise tax. Please visit the Town's website at [www.shapleigh.net](http://www.shapleigh.net) or [www.SOSonline.org](http://www.SOSonline.org).

There was a total of 967 registrations that were processed through Rapid Renewal in 2023.

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## **RESIDENT / NON-RESIDENT LICENSES & PERMITS**

Combination Licenses	25
Hunting Licenses	12
Fishing Licenses	33
Archery Licenses	3
Bear Hunting Licenses	1
Muzzle Loader Licenses	3
Night Coyote Hunting Licenses	4
Spring / Fall Turkey	4
Over 70 Lifetime Licenses	3
Saltwater Fish Registry	8
Superpack	2
Crossbow	3

### **RESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSES**

Senior lifetime licenses for hunting, fishing and archery are available for Maine residents who are 65 years of age or older. Youth lifetime licenses are available for those who are 15 years of age or younger. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office or at [www.mefishwildlife.com](http://www.mefishwildlife.com). However, must be done directly through the state. The Resident Lifetime Over 70 license is \$8.00 and includes all permits. This type of license can be done in the Town Clerk's office.

**BOAT, SNOWMOBILE & ATV REGISTRATIONS**

Boat Registrations	446
Personal Watercraft Registrations	92
Non-Resident Milfoil Stickers	47
Resident ATV Registrations	171
Non-Resident ATV Registrations	35
Resident Snowmobile Registrations	107
Non-Resident Snowmobile Registrations	16
Duplicate Registrations	4

BOAT REGISTRATIONS CAN BE RENEWED ONLINE.

WEBSITE: [www.maine.gov/online/sporting](http://www.maine.gov/online/sporting)

There were 374 boats registered online during 2023.

Please be advised that when coming into the Clerk's office to renew any boat, snowmobile or ATV registration, the state requires that you provide one of the following:

- Registration Number
- Bow Number
- Sticker Number
- Vin Number

The state will NOT allow us to look up any registration by name.  
Without one of the previously listed items, we will not be able to process your renewal.

## Town of Shapleigh Reserve Funds

Ambulance	286.82	Ross Corner Truck	25,552.11
Bridge	31.96	So. District Road Imp	47,305.41
Brush Control No	12,007.45	Solar Energy	118,796.38
Brush Control So	12,799.06	Solid Waste	1,251.74
Capital Imp	413,965.37	Tar/Sealer North	399,011.25
Community Day	1,885.71	Tar/Sealer South	829.64
Community Day Scholar	12,323.44	Town Hall Bldg	12,088.58
Community Forest	67,670.75	Williams Property	8,287.13
Cottage Lots	12,700.17	Winter Road Maint	16,064.93
Dam Maintenance	952.66	URIP/LRAP North	162,225.25
Dam Reserve	45,088.10	URIP/LRAP South	229,581.98
Cummings Welfare Int	24,182.15	<u>Revaluation</u>	<u>2,698.82</u>
Fire SCBA	4,172.47		
Fire Truck	308,951.09	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,231,051.77</b>
Fire Victim	397.98		
Gruber Scholarship	3,642.28		
Gruber Scholarship Saver	90,000.00		
Hargrave Bridge	1,990.85		
Medical Staffing	74,129.58		
New Public Safety Building	31,161.96		
No. District Road Imp	0.00		
Public Safety Bldg Maint.	54,233.97		
Public Works Facility	351.75		
Public Works Pit	18,828.59		
Rec Field/Building	10,057.58		
Recycle Fund	5,546.81		

## Town of Shapleigh Trust Funds

Hobart Library Remodeling Fund	2,925.68
Hobart Library Book Fund	1,497.26
<u>Cemetery Fund <i>*(see breakdown below):</i></u>	65,001.01
Cummings/Ferguson Scholarship Fund	4,973.03
Cummings/Ferguson Scholarship Saver	619.62
Wilma “Billie” Thying Scholarship Fund	28,111.12
Storer Fund	2,398.39
Cummings Welfare Fund	5,718.00
Holdsworth Scholarship	<u>45,597.51</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>156,841.62</b>

### \*Cemetery Fund Breakdown:

Wesley C. Abbot	6,274.74
Bodwell	877.40
Eliza Boston	1,064.58
Everett Brown	1,140.60
Almeda Coffin	988.52
Gladys Forest	6,298.43
Charles F Ham	634.43
Angus Moulton	1,529.59
Lizzie O’Philbrick	684.36
Ross Cemetery-OCCumming	46,882.54
Roscoe Wadleigh	1,625.82

**Assigned Balances**

Planning Board Fees	11,351.40	Contingency Rsv	25,605.62
Zoning Board Fees	1,320.56	Elections Grant	1,390.33
Town Dog Fees	21,125.19	Com Building-ARPA	262,703.86
Donated Assistance	7,850.17	Earned Paid Leave Fund	12,444.30
Recreation Capital Playground Fund	16,712.28	Transfer Station Fees	26,251.63
Rescue Service	140,453.82	Library Operations/Building	<u>2,598.88</u>
Rescue Stipend Rsv	5,000.00		
Rescue Education Rsv	2,356.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>657,607.66</b>
Rescue Person Prot. Gear	19,628.60		
Rescue Donations	4,136.59		
FEMA-Emergency Funds	13,927.50		
Veterans Cemetery Reserve	1,823.49		
Shapleigh Commons	1,068.62		
Fire Dept Donations	1,949.42		
Fire Dept Medical Rsv	0.00		
Fire Dept Hydrant Rsv	10,027.68		
Fire Dept Uniform Rsv	3,738.22		
Fire Dept Turnout Gear Rsv	11,788.52		
Fire Dept Incentive Bonus Rsv	10,000.00		
Fire Dept Hose& Nozzle Rsv	0.00		



## 2023 APPROVED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	REQUEST	SOURCE	Article
<b>General Government</b>	<b>763,150</b>	Assessment	20
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Fire Dept Maint./ Salaries	84,971	Assessment	24
Fire Dept Stipend	16,480	Assessment	25
Fire Dept Medical	321	Assessment	26
Fire Dept Turnout gear	25,180	Assessment	27 & STM 3
Fire Dept Hose/Nozzle	131	Assessment	28
Fire Dept Hydrant	237	Assessment	29
Fire Dept Incentive	2,500	Assessment	30
Fire Dept Truck Rsv	30,000	Assessment	31
Fire Dept Extrication	12,500	Assessment	32
Ross Corner Fire	9,993	Assessment	33
Communications	36,795	Assessment	34
Sheriff Deputy Contract	75,000	Assessment	35
Public Safety Building	38,500	Assessment	36
PSB Reserve Fund	10,000	Assessment	37
Rescue Squad	85,013	Assessment	38
Rescue Per-Diem	464,217	335,704 Assess/ 50k Service/ 78,513 Staffing Rsv	39
EMA Operations	10,836	Assessment	40
Animal Control	10,346	Assessment	41
Street Lighting	3,700	Assessment	42
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS</b>	<b>916,720</b>		
<b>Public Works:</b>			
Winter Maintenance RSV	451,800	Assessment	44
Ways Bridges No./So.	90,000	Assessment	45
Pond Roads No./So.	40,000	Assessment	46
Brush Cutting RSV	10,000	Assessment	47
Tar Sealer No./So. RSV	300,000	Assessment	48
Road Improv. So RSV	40,000	Assessment	49
Road Improv. No RSV	40,000	Assessment	50
Town Pit	15,000	Assessment	52
Transfer station	410,000	Assessment	53
E-911	3,500	Assessment	54
<b>Public Works Totals:</b>	<b>1,400,300</b>		
<b>Social Services:</b>			
American Red Cross	2,500	Assessment	57

Caring Unlimited	876	Assessment	57
Kids Free to Grow	800	Assessment	57
Lifeflight	730	Assessment	57
Maine Health VN	2,500	Assessment	57
Maine Public Radio	100	Assessment	57
Sexual Assault Response	1,000	Assessment	57
So. ME Agency on Aging	1,800	Assessment	57
YC Comm Action	2,700	Assessment	57
YC Shelter Program	1,000	Assessment	57
<b>Social Service Totals</b>	<b>14,006</b>		
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
CEO Vehicle Rsv	5,000	Assessment	21
Earned Paid Leave	10,000	Assessment	23
Digital Mapping	3,000	Assessment	22
4H	400	Assessment	55
Community Building	261,204	ARPA Funds	56
Essential Employees Bonus	30,000	ARPA Funds	56-A
So. ME Veterans Cemetery	1,000	Assessment	59
Cemetery Maint	2,850	Assessment	58
Library	41,350	Assessment	60
Community Day	1,500	Assessment	61
Community Day Scholar	2,000	Scholarship Reserve	62
Comm, TH, Lby grounds	8,500	Assessment	63
Sports Fields	15,400	Assessment	64
Recreation Committee	10,000	Assessment	65
Dam Reserve	10,000	Assessment	67
Dam Maint	6,600	Assessment	68
Comp Plan Reserve	5,000	Assessment	69
Capital Imp. Reserve	125,000	Assessment	70
Conservation	300	Assessment	71
Saco River Corridor	400	Assessment	72
Acton/Shap Youth CC	20,000	Assessment	73
Acton/Shap Historical	2,000	Assessment	74
Forestry	6,000	Forestry Reserve	16&17
Grant Match-YCSWD	13,000	Assessment	STM 2
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TOTALS</b>	<b>580,504</b>		
<b>Totals:</b>			
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>3,275,338</b>		
<b>Reserve Funds</b>	<b>399,342</b>		
<b>Undesignated Funds</b>	Used at commitment		(600,000)
<b>Anticipated Revenues</b>	Used at commitment		(861,200)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,674,680</b>		

Audited Financial Statements for year ending December 31,2023  
were not available at the time of printing.

Once the audit report is complete  
it will be posted to the Town website:  
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**The following audit report is from FY2022**

# **Town Of Shapleigh**

## **Annual Town Meeting Warrant March 5, 2024**

### **Select Board:**

Scott E. Cudworth, Chairman

Michael J. Cote

Shawn J. Cavanaugh

### **Voting Budget Committee Members:**

Linda Haley, Susan Marcoux,

Carolyn Rand, Jennifer Roux

**WARRANT  
COUNTY OF YORK  
STATE OF MAINE**

To: Michael Roy, a resident in the Town of Shapleigh, in the County of York and the State of Maine.

***Greetings***, In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Shapleigh, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, **to meet at the Shapleigh Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 AM**, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect by "Secret Ballot" the following Town Officials:

(1) Select Board, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor	3 years
(1) Director, Regional School Unit #57	3 years
(1) Director, Regional School Unit #57	1 years
(2) Trustee, Shapleigh Community Library	3 years
(1) Trustee, Shapleigh Community Forest	3 years
(1) Budget Committee Member	3 years

Polls will be open for the election of Town Officers immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open until 8:00 PM. **After the closing of the polls, the meeting will be recessed until 10:00 AM, Saturday March 9, 2024 at the Shapleigh Memorial School to act on the following articles:**

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall an ordinance entitled **Chapter 105 Zoning, Town of Shapleigh** adopted March 1983, as amended be further amended in sections 105-15, as proposed. Proposed amendments are as follows: *(Note: strike-throughs are removals and additions are BOLD underlined)*

§105-15. Definitions

Dwelling, Two-Family – ~~A single building containing two dwelling units, with a separate entrance for each. May also be referred to as a 'duplex'.~~

Dwelling, Two Family – **A two-family dwelling for occupation by not more than two families, is one building with two units that are either stacked vertically or side-by-side, sharing a common wall with living space on each side, having a separate entrance for each unit.**

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee makes no recommendation.

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall an ordinance entitled **Chapter 105 Zoning, Town of Shapleigh** adopted March 1983, as amended be further amended in section 105-17, as proposed. Proposed amendments are as follows: *(Note: strike-throughs are removals and additions are BOLD underlined)*

§105-17. Land uses.

Notes:

<sup>3</sup>~~Additional~~ Detached dwelling units ~~in excess of one~~ on a single lot shall require review and approval by the Planning Board. A site plan certified by a registered land surveyor, licensed in the State of Maine, showing all existing and proposed structures, and other pertinent information relating to the possible division of land, shall be submitted to the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall determine that the property and all structures can meet the current zoning and setback requirements if the property were to be divided. **This does not apply to accessory dwelling units (ADU's).**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee makes no recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall an ordinance entitled **Chapter 105 Zoning, Town of Shapleigh** adopted March 1983, as amended be further amended in section 105-19, as proposed? Proposed amendments are as follows: *(Note: strike-throughs are removals and additions are BOLD underlined)*

§105-19. Notes to Table on Dimensional Requirements

- A. Each lot on which is located a principal structure or use, unless in compliance with §105-40.2 or ~~105.42~~ **105-42** of this chapter, shall meet all the dimensional standards set forth in §105-18.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee makes no recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 6.** Shall an ordinance entitled **Chapter 105 Zoning, Town of Shapleigh** adopted March 1983, as amended be further amended in section 105-34, as proposed? Proposed amendments are as follows: *(Note: strike-throughs are removals and additions are BOLD underlined)*

§ 105-34. Access control on Routes 109 and 11.

- ~~A. Land lying on Routes 109 and 11 may be divided into lots, but all vehicular movements to and from the highway shall be via a common driveway or entranceway serving adjacent lots or premises. All lots of record existing at the time of the ordinance amendment shall be allowed direct access to Routes 109 and 11, provided that minimum safe sight distance standards can be met.~~

- B. All lots accessing Routes 109 and 11 must obtain an MDOT entrance permit. For all conditional use permits requiring access, the applicant shall provide proof of an MDOT entrance permit prior to obtaining approval.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee makes no recommendation.**

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall an ordinance entitled **Chapter 105 Zoning, Town of Shapleigh** adopted March 1983, as amended be further amended in section 105-37, as proposed? Proposed amendments are as follows: *(Note: strike-throughs are removals and additions are BOLD underlined)*

§105-37. Campgrounds.

- I. A campground shall provide water and sewerage systems, sanitary stations and convenience facilities in accordance with the regulations of the State Plumbing Code and State of Maine Department of Human Services. ~~In no case shall less than one toilet, lavatory and shower be provided for each sex for every 10 camping and tent sites.~~ **For all camping sites, including RV sites, there shall be for each sex a minimum of one toilet and lavatory for every 20 sites, and one shower for every 30 sites.**

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee makes no recommendation.

**ARTICLE 8.** Shall an ordinance entitled **Chapter 105 Zoning, Town of Shapleigh** adopted March 1983, as amended be further amended in section 105-38, as proposed? Proposed amendments are as follows: (*Note: strike-throughs are removals and additions are BOLD underlined*)

§105-38. Individual private campsites not associated with campgrounds.

EXISTING:

- A. ~~One campsite per lot existing on the effective date of this chapter, or 30,000 square feet of lot area within the shoreland zone, whichever is less, may be permitted.~~
- B. ~~When an individual private campsite is proposed on a lot that contains another principal use and/or structure, the lot must contain the minimum lot dimensional requirements for the principal structure and/or use, and the individual private campsite separately.~~
- A. **One individual private campsite is allowed on an existing legal lot of record in the General Purpose District. One campsite is allowed on an existing legal lot of record or 30,000 square feet of lot area, whichever is less, in the Shoreland District.**
- B. **When an individual private campsite is proposed on a lot in the General Purpose District, that contains another principal use or structure, the lot shall contain the minimum lot dimensional requirements for the principal structure. When an individual private campsite is proposed on a lot in the Shoreland District, that contains another principal use or structure, the lot shall contain the minimum lot dimensional requirements for the principal structure or use and have an additional 30,000 square feet of lot area for the private campsite.**

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee makes no recommendation.

**ARTICLE 9.** Shall an ordinance entitled **Chapter 105 Zoning, Town of Shapleigh** adopted March 1983, as amended be further amended in section 105-51.3, as proposed? Proposed amendments are as follows: (*Note: strike-throughs are removals and additions are BOLD underlined*)

§105-51.3. Revegetation requirements.

- A. The property owner must submit a revegetation plan, prepared with and signed by a qualified professional **in shoreline stabilization**, that describes revegetation activities and maintenance. The plan must include a scaled site plan, depicting where vegetation was, or is, to be removed,

where existing vegetation is to remain, and where vegetation is to be planted, including a list of all vegetation to be planted.

- C. If part of a permitted activity, revegetation shall occur before the expiration of the permit. If the activity or revegetation is not completed before the expiration of the permit, a new revegetation plan shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval. ~~with any renewal or new permit application.~~ Upon completion of the revegetation and shoreline stabilization, York County Soils & Water Conservation District (YCS&WCD) shall inspect the site to be certain all stabilization activities are completed as presented and approved, and provide the inspection report to the Code Enforcement Office and Planning Board.
- F. Fee. A fee of \$150 shall be collected at the time of application for the 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspection for all revegetation & shoreline stabilization plans, to be done by YCS&WCD. If subsequent inspections are required, the applicant shall pay YCS&WCD a re-inspection fee at the time of inspection, at a rate to be determined by YCS&WCD, not to exceed \$150.

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee makes no recommendation.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Treasurer from an elected Position to an appointed position with a 3-year term, effective at the end of the Current term, March 8, 2025.

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to hold for municipal use, or to sell, any **town property acquired** by matured liens and to issue quit claim deeds for the same when all obligations to the Town have been satisfied. The sale process shall follow all requirements of State and Federal Law. Further provided that if the Select Board sells property tax-acquired from certain qualifying low-income, senior taxpayers shall use the sale process required by 36 MRSA § 943-C if they sell such property to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of **town-owned equipment or town-owned personal property** under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use **overlay funds** for tax abatements and applicable interest.

Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.  
Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.



**ARTICLE 14.**

To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on **abated taxes** at 8.5 % pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 15.**

To see if the Town will vote to commit taxes no later than **August 20, 2024** with taxes due and payable no later than 45 days from commitment and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest of 8.5 % to be charged on taxes and tax liens, unpaid after said due date.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 16.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate any and all **State and Federal Funds and Excise Tax receipts.**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 17.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to **accept any income from any source** including but not limited to fines, fees, gifts, sales, grants and reimbursements and to appropriate said income into various municipal accounts in accordance with the purpose for which the funds were received and to expend those monies received for specific purposes.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 18.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount **not to exceed 3/12 (25%)** of the budgeted amount of the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025 to the Annual Town Meeting in March 2025.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 19.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board upon request of the Treasurer, to allow the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of a tax lien on a specified property for a specified year with reference to the Tax Lien Certificate recorded at the York County Registry of Deeds, in circumstances where the Select Board determine that the foreclosure may encumber the Town.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 20.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to use the **Cash Management Interest/Cash Investments** and undesignated funds to pay for the 2024 Tax Anticipation Notes interest.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Shapleigh Community Forest and the Select Board to expend from the Community Forest Fund monies the sum of **\$5,000** for the **maintenance of the Community Forest and Town Beach.**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Shapleigh Community Forest and the Select Board to expend from the Community Forest Fund monies in the sum of **\$1,000** for the purpose of a **Forestry Scholarship** for any student from the Town of Shapleigh in a high school graduating class who plans to further their education in any fields that are related to forestry activities, such as wildlife biology, forestry conservation or management, the recipient of this scholarship to be chosen by the Community Forest Trustees and the Select Board.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see what sum the Town will vote to compensate the following:

<b>Select Board (each)</b>	<b>\$ 11,908</b> proposed
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>\$ 37,033</b> proposed

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$788,492** for the **General Government Account** for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to fund **General Assistance** as required by Maine State Law.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** to the **CEO Vehicle Reserve Fund.**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 27.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** for the **digital mapping** annual maintenance fee for the Town of Shapleigh.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 28.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,500** to replenish the **Earned Paid Leave Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 29.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$91,668** for the **Fire Department** to be spent as follows.

Operations, Maintenance and Equipment	\$ 66,600
Officer Stipends	\$ 25,068

<i>Fire Chief</i>	<i>\$ 10,927</i>
<i>Assistant Chief</i>	<i>\$ 7,649</i>
<i>Captain-Operations</i>	<i>\$ 2,186</i>
<i>Lieutenant (each x2)</i>	<i>\$ 1,694</i>
<i>Safety Officer</i>	<i>\$ 481</i>
<i>Fire Prevention Officer</i>	<i>\$ 437</i>

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 30.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,975** for the **Fire Department Stipend Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 31.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** for the **Fire Department Medical Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 32.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the **Fire Department Uniform Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the **Fire Department Turnout Gear Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,600** for the **Fire Department Fire Hose and Nozzle Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for the **Fire Department Hydrant Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** for the **Fire Department Retention and Incentive Bonus Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** to be deposited in the **Fire Truck Reserve Fund** for the eventual purchase of a new fire truck.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to create a **Fire Department Pump Repair Reserve Fund** and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** to the same.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,160** for the general maintenance of the **Ross Corner Fire Company** for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,694** for receiving and dispatching **Emergency fire and rescue calls, PSAP and Communications** for the Town of Shapleigh.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**  
**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 41.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for contract services with **York County Sheriff's Department** for 2024 law enforcement services in conjunction with the Town of Acton.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 42.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,500** for the **Public Safety Building** expenses for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 43.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** for insulation of the **Public Safety Building**, said monies to be placed in the **PSB Reserve Fund**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 1/6, motion fails**

**ARTICLE 44.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,248** for the operation of the **Shapleigh Rescue Squad** to be spent as follows for the ensuing year.

General Operations/Maintenance	\$ 58,200
Officer Stipends:	\$17,048

<i>Deputy Chief</i>	<i>\$ 7,649</i>
<i>Captain (each x2)</i>	<i>\$ 2,186</i>
<i>Lieutenant (each x2)</i>	<i>\$ 1,694</i>
<i>Community Education Officer</i>	<i>\$ 1,639</i>

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 45.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$329,529**, and to appropriate **\$86,000** from the Ambulance Service Fund, and **\$74,000** from the Medical Staffing Reserve Fund, to fund **Rescue Chief of Service and Per-Diem Staffing** for a total expenditure of **\$489,529**; and to place any unexpended funds into the Medical Staffing Reserve Account.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 46.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,002** for **Emergency Management Agency** for the ensuing year, as follows.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 47.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,093** to be used for the salary/expenses/education/mileage for the **Animal Control Department**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 48.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,700** for **Street Lighting** for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 49.**

To see if the Town will vote to pay **road crews for labor, trucks, tractor operators, etc.** for the ensuing year at rates negotiated by the Select Board and the Road Commissioners to be adjusted after the annual State Rates are published.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 50.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$461,780** for **Winter Road Maintenance**, said funds to be placed in a Reserve Account.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 51.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the general maintenance of **Town ways and bridges** as follows for the ensuing year.

**Northern District:                      \$ 50,000**

**Southern District:                      \$ 50,000**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 52.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to assist in the repair and maintenance of **pond roads**, so called, only on such pond roads as the Town holds proper easements for the ensuing year.

**Northern District:                      \$ 25,000**

**Southern District:                      \$ 25,000**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 53.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **cutting brush** along Town ways and pond roads, so-called, for which the Town holds proper easements for the ensuing year, said funds to be placed in a Reserve Fund until expended.

**Northern District:                      \$10,000**

**Southern District:                      \$10,000**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 54.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Tar and Sealer** on Town ways, said funds to be placed in a Reserve Fund until expended.

**Northern District:                      \$ 175,000**

**Southern District:                      \$ 175,000**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 55.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for road improvements in the Southern District, said monies to be placed in the **(Southern District Road Improvement Reserve Fund)** until expended. Projected road improvement projects for 2024: 21<sup>st</sup> Street

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 56.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 40,000** for road improvements in the Northern District, said monies to be placed in the **(Northern District Road Improvement Reserve Fund)** until expended. Projected road improvement projects for 2024: Owls Nest Road/Ross Corner

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 57.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to expend the **Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP)** funds received from the State for capital improvements on any and all Town ways for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 58.**

To see if the Town will vote create a **Catch Basin Maintenance Northern District Reserve Fund** and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000 to the same.**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 59.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$432,850** for the expenses relating to the operation of the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 60.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200** for the **E-911** expenses for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 61.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$400** for the **Four-Leaf Clover (4-H Club)** for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 62.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,656** for the following agencies for the ensuing year.

American Red Cross	\$2,500
Caring Unlimited	\$ 876
Child Abuse Prevention Council (Kids Free to Grow)	\$ 800
Day One	\$1,000
Lifeflight	\$ 730
Maine Health Visiting Nurse Service	\$2,500
Sexual Assault Response Services	\$1,000
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$2,000
York County Community Action Corporation	\$2,750
York County Shelter Program Inc	<u>\$1,500</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,656</b>

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written 2/0 (1 abstention)**

**ARTICLE 63.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,850** in order to decorate the **Veteran's graves in the Town of Shapleigh**, maintain the multitude of cemeteries containing veterans located throughout the town to comply with Maine State law for the ensuing year and any research that is necessary, any unused funds will be deposited in the **Veteran's Cemetery Reserve Account**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**



**ARTICLE 64.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for beautifying (planting additional flowers and shrubs, erecting monuments honoring Veterans) at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery; said donation will be payable to the **Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery Memorial Association.**

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 65.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$43,500** for the operation and maintenance of the **Shapleigh Community Library** for the ensuing year, as follows.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 66.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to be used for **Shapleigh Community Day.** Any unused funds will be placed in the Shapleigh Community Day Reserve Fund.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 67.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Committee and the Select Board to expend from the **Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Fund** monies for two awards annually each award to be in the amount of **\$1,000** for the purpose of scholarships for any resident of the Town of Shapleigh who plans to further their education. The recipients of these scholarships will be chosen by the Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Committee using a competitive process. *(Note: All monies in the Shapleigh Community Days Scholarship Fund account are raised through on-going fundraising events. No tax payer's dollars support the scholarship fund.)*

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 68.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,500** for the maintenance and repairs of the grounds at the **Shapleigh Library, Town Hall and Commons area** for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 69.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,000** for the operations and maintenance of the **Sports Fields** for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 70.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the operation, equipment, and maintenance of the **Recreation Committee** for the ensuing year and deposit any unspent funds into the Playground Fundraising Capital Campaign Account at year end.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 71.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenues received for the Recreation Committee, unless otherwise restricted, to the Playground Fundraising Capital Campaign Fund.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 72.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from the sum of **\$5,000** to be placed in the **Dam Reserve Fund** to be used for capital expenditures for upkeep in the future.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends, 3/0**

**ARTICLE 73.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000** to be placed in the **Capital Improvement Reserve Account**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 74.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the **Revaluation Reserve Account**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 75.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be placed in the **Bridge Reserve Account**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 76.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$350** for the **Conservation Committee** operating expense for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 77.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** towards the support of the **Saco River Corridor Commission** for its continued water quality monitoring program for the ensuing year.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 78.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 22,000** for support of the **Acton/ Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps** program performing work throughout the Mousam Lake –Square Pond watershed in erosion control measure, stormwater run-off mitigation and invasive species mitigation.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 79.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for support of the **Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society**.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 80.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State for snowmobile registration reimbursements, equally to the **Mousam Valley Snowmobile Club and the Squash Hollow Sno-goers Club**, so long as they are properly organized, for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails within the borders of Shapleigh to be open for the use by the Public for snowmobiles at all times, *and* to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Clubs under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable for that purpose.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 81.**

To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following account balances and appropriate those balances for their intended purpose.

Planning Board fees	1-155-00	Rescue Donations	1-330-65
Zoning Board Fees	1-155-01	FEMA-Emergency	1-338-00
Town Dog Fees	1-310-11	Shapleigh Commons	1-355-01
Donated Assistance	1-315-02	Transfer station fees	1-370-00
Recreation Playground	1-320-01	Fire Dept donations	1-360-00
Contingency fund	1-390-00	Ambulance Service	1-330-10
Elections grant	1-380-12	Rescue Subscriptions	1-330-15
Earned Paid Leave	1-380-15		

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

**ARTICLE 82.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **Fiscal Year 2024** anticipated Municipal Revenues from the categories listed below, and to use funds from the Municipal Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation during the tax commitment.

**Revenue Categories:** Auto Excise, Boat Excise, Agent Fees, Tree Growth, Plumbing and Building fees, interest and penalties on taxes and liens, Lien Costs, Interest, Planning Board fees, Sundry, Miscellaneous Income, Commercial Haulers fees, and other non-restricted State Revenue not previously appropriated in other articles

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**ARTICLE 83.**

To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit, established by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

**Select Board recommends approve the article as written, 3/0.**

**Budget Committee recommends approve the article as written, 4/0.**

Given under our hands at the Town House, Shapleigh Maine on the 23rd day of January 2024.

Shapleigh Select Board:

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Scott E. Cudworth, Chairman

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Michael J. Cote

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Shawn J. Cavanaugh

## 2024 Town Meeting - PROPOSED

DESCRIPTION	REQUEST	SOURCE	Article	<i>Increase/ (Decrease)</i>
<b>General Government</b>	<b>788,492</b>	Assessment	24	<b>25,342</b>
<b>Public Safety:</b>				
Fire Dept Maint./ Salaries	91,668	Assessment	29	6,697
Fire Dept Stipend	18,975	Assessment	30	2,495
Fire Dept Medical	4,000	Assessment	31	3,679
Fire Dept Uniform	2,000	Assessment	32	2,000
Fire Dept Turnout gear	10,000	Assessment	33	(15,180)
Fire Dept Hose/Nozzle	2,600	Assessment	34	2,469
Fire Dept Hydrant	6,000	Assessment	35	5,763
Fire Dept Incentive	4,000	Assessment	36	1,500
Fire Dept Truck Rsv	30,000	Assessment	37	0
Fire Dept Pump Repair	12,000	Assessment	38	12,000
Ross Corner Fire	11,160	Assessment	39	1,167
Communications	38,694	Assessment	40	1,899
Sheriff Deputy Contract	75,000	Assessment	41	0
Public Safety Building	38,500	Assessment	42	0
PSB Reserve Fund	7,000	Assessment	43	(3,000)
Rescue Squad	75,248	Assessment	44	(9,765)
Rescue Per-Diem	489,529	329,529 Assess/ 86k Service Fees/ 74,000 Staffing Rsv	45	25,312
EMA Operations	11,002	Assessment	46	166
Animal Control	15,093	Assessment	47	4,747
Street Lighting	3,700	Assessment	48	0
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY TOTALS</b>	<b>946,169</b>			<b>29,449</b>
<b>Public Works:</b>				
Winter Maintenance RSV	461,780	Assessment	50	9,980
Ways Bridges No./So.	100,000	Assessment	51	10,000
Pond Roads No./So.	50,000	Assessment	52	10,000
Brush Cutting RSV	20,000	Assessment	53	10,000
Tar Sealer No./So. RSV	350,000	Assessment	54	50,000
Road Improv. So RSV	40,000	Assessment	55	0
Road Improv. No RSV	40,000	Assessment	56	0
Catch Basin Rsv	5,000	Assessment	58	5,000
Transfer station	432,850	Assessment	59	22,850
E-911	1,200	Assessment	60	(2,300)
<b>Public Works Totals:</b>	<b>1,500,830</b>			<b>100,530</b>

<b>Social Services:</b>				
American Red Cross	2,500	Assessment	62	0
Caring Unlimited	876	Assessment	62	0
Day One	1,000	Assessment	62	1,000
Kids Free to Grow	800	Assessment	62	0
Lifeflight	730	Assessment	62	0
Maine Health VN	2,500	Assessment	62	0
Sexual Assault Response	1,000	Assessment	62	0
So. ME Agency on Aging	2,000	Assessment	62	200
YC Comm Action	2,750	Assessment	62	50
YC Shelter Program	1,500	Assessment	62	500
<b>Social Service Totals</b>	<b>15,656</b>			<b>1,650</b>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>				
Beach/Forestry Scholar	6,000	Forestry Reserve	21 & 22	0
General Assistance	10,000	Assessment	25	10,000
CEO Vehicle Rsv	5,000	Assessment	26	0
Digital Mapping	3,000	Assessment	27	0
Earned Paid Leave Rsv	12,500	Assessment	28	2,000
4H	400	Assessment	61	0
Cemetery Maint	2,580	Assessment	63	0
So. ME Veterans Cemetery	1,000	Assessment	64	0
Library	43,500	Assessment	65	2,150
Community Day	2,000	Assessment	66	500
Community Day Scholar	2,000	Scholarship Reserve	67	0
Comm, TH, Lby grounds	6,500	Assessment	68	(2,000)
Sports Fields	14,000	Assessment	69	(1,400)
Recreation Committee	10,000	Assessment	70	0
Dam Reserve	5,000	Assessment	72	(5,000)
Capital Improvement Rsv	125,000	Assessment	73	0
Revaluation Rsv	25,000	Assessment	74	25,000
Bridge Reserve	40,000	Assessment	75	40,000
Conservation	350	Assessment	76	50
Saco River Corridor	500	Assessment	77	100
Acton/Shap Youth CC	22,000	Assessment	78	2,000
Acton/Shap Historical	2,000	Assessment	79	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TOTALS</b>	<b>338,300</b>			<b>(242,204)</b>
<b>Totals:</b>				
<b>Assessment</b>	3,421,477			<b>146,139</b>
<b>Reserve Funds</b>	168,000			
<b>Undesignated Funds</b>	At commitment			
<b>Anticipated Revenues</b>	At commitment			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,589,477</b>			<b>(85,203)</b>





April 19, 2023

Selectboard  
Town of Shapleigh  
Shapleigh, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Shapleigh, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Shapleigh, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants



## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,064,844	\$ 163,531	\$ 5,228,375
Investments	90,434	62,956	153,390
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes/liens	262,726	-	262,726
Tax acquired property	11,456	-	11,456
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,429,460</u>	<u>\$ 226,487</u>	<u>\$ 5,655,947</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 94,181	\$ -	\$ 94,181
Due to other governments	3,308	-	3,308
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>97,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,489</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	3,602	-	3,602
Deferred tax revenues	226,000	-	226,000
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>229,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,602</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	11,456	129,007	140,463
Restricted	555,316	97,524	652,840
Committed	1,686,943	-	1,686,943
Assigned	721,692	-	721,692
Unassigned	2,126,962	(44)	2,126,918
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>5,102,369</u>	<u>226,487</u>	<u>5,328,856</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 5,429,460</u>	<u>\$ 226,487</u>	<u>\$ 5,655,947</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 6,081,653	\$ -	\$ 6,081,653
Excise taxes	741,183	-	741,183
Intergovernmental revenues	615,085	-	615,085
Charges for services	214,490	-	214,490
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	15,042	(17,327)	(2,285)
Miscellaneous revenues	27,902	-	27,902
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>7,695,355</u>	<u>(17,327)</u>	<u>7,678,028</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	648,251	-	648,251
Public safety	751,257	-	751,257
Health and sanitation	377,117	-	377,117
Public works	1,025,939	-	1,025,939
Education	4,395,775	-	4,395,775
County tax	316,526	-	316,526
Social services	11,567	-	11,567
Other	576,626	-	576,626
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,103,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,103,058</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(407,703)	(17,327)	(425,030)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>5,510,072</u>	<u>243,814</u>	<u>5,753,886</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 5,102,369</u>	<u>\$ 226,487</u>	<u>\$ 5,328,856</u>

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## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 5,510,072	\$ 5,510,072	\$ 5,510,072	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	6,092,048	6,092,048	6,081,653	(10,395)
Excise taxes	691,150	691,150	741,183	50,033
Intergovernmental revenues	377,514	377,514	615,085	237,571
Charges for services	71,000	75,700	214,490	138,790
Interest income	11,823	11,823	15,042	3,219
Miscellaneous revenues	31,750	31,750	27,902	(3,848)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>12,785,357</u>	<u>12,790,057</u>	<u>13,205,427</u>	<u>415,370</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)				
Current:				
General government	695,835	695,835	648,251	47,584
Public safety	845,807	1,012,485	751,257	261,228
Health and sanitation	375,000	377,118	377,117	1
Public works	968,000	1,103,942	1,025,939	78,003
Education	4,395,775	4,395,775	4,395,775	-
County tax	316,527	316,527	316,526	1
Social services	11,567	11,567	11,567	-
Other	308,136	758,315	576,626	181,689
Total Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)	<u>7,916,647</u>	<u>8,671,564</u>	<u>8,103,058</u>	<u>568,506</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 4,868,710</u>	<u>\$ 4,118,493</u>	<u>\$ 5,102,369</u>	<u>\$ 983,876</u>
Utilization of committed fund balance	\$ 266,362	\$ 1,003,192	\$ -	\$ (1,003,192)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	-	13,387	-	(13,387)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	375,000	375,000	-	(375,000)
	<u>\$ 641,362</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,579</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,391,579)</u>

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## SCHEDULE A

## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government	\$ 695,835	\$ -	\$ 695,835	\$ 648,251	\$ 47,584
	695,835	-	695,835	648,251	47,584
Public Safety -					
Fire Department General Maintenance	64,300	-	64,300	39,899	24,401
Fire Chief/Assistant Fire Chief	17,447	-	17,447	16,452	995
Medical Reserve	518	321	839	839	-
Turnout Gear Reserve	8,469	-	8,469	5,649	2,820
Stipend Reserve	16,000	-	16,000	16,000	-
Bonus Reserve	10,000	-	10,000	2,500	7,500
Fire Hose and Nozzle Reserve	2,500	-	2,500	31	2,469
Uniform Reserve	2,363	-	2,363	1,201	1,162
Ross Corner Fire Co	9,993	-	9,993	9,993	-
Rescue Squad	450,038	-	450,038	363,745	86,293
Rescue Squad Education Reserve	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Personal Protection Equipment Reserve	800	-	800	-	800
Public Safety Building Expenses	35,500	-	35,500	22,182	13,318
Dispatch PSAP	36,117	-	36,117	35,473	644
Animal Control Officer	9,370	4,116	13,486	13,486	-
Street Lighting	3,700	-	3,700	2,381	1,319
York County Sheriff Contract	75,000	-	75,000	43,781	31,219
Fire Truck Reserve	30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000
SCBA Reserve	35,000	-	35,000	-	35,000
Ambulance	-	162,241	162,241	162,241	-
Hydrant Reserve	3,017	-	3,017	254	2,763
Public Safety Building Reserve	25,000	-	25,000	9,857	15,143
Emergency Management Agency	9,675	-	9,675	5,293	4,382
	845,807	166,678	1,012,485	751,257	261,228

## SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Social Services -					
Caring Unlimited	800	-	800	800	-
American Red Cross	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Child Abuse Prevention Council	800	-	800	800	-
Maine Health Visiting Nurse Service	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Maine Public Radio	100	-	100	100	-
York County Community Action Corp.	2,700	-	2,700	2,700	-
York County Shelter Program	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Lifeflight	667	-	667	667	-
Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
	<u>11,567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,567</u>	<u>11,567</u>	<u>-</u>
Public Works -					
Winter Maintenance	415,000	29,314	444,314	444,314	-
Ways and Bridges - North	40,000	5,267	45,267	45,267	-
Ways and Bridges - South	40,000	-	40,000	39,022	978
Pond Roads - North	20,000	-	20,000	14,541	5,459
Pond Roads - South	20,000	-	20,000	17,491	2,509
Brush Cutting - North	5,000	-	5,000	725	4,275
Brush Cutting - South	5,000	-	5,000	2,189	2,811
Tar and Sealer - North	150,000	85,267	235,267	235,267	-
Tar and Sealer - South	150,000	2,393	152,393	152,393	-
Reconstruction of 23rd Street	30,000	-	30,000	27,783	2,217
Goose Pond/Mousam Lk Grant	13,000	-	13,000	-	13,000
No. District Road Improvement Reserve	40,000	-	40,000	33,246	6,754
So. District Road Improvement Reserve	40,000	-	40,000	-	40,000
Public Works Facility Reserve	-	276	276	276	-
Gravel Pit	-	13,425	13,425	13,425	-
	<u>968,000</u>	<u>135,942</u>	<u>1,103,942</u>	<u>1,025,939</u>	<u>78,003</u>

## SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid Waste Management	375,000	2,118	377,118	377,117	1
	375,000	2,118	377,118	377,117	1
Education	4,395,775	-	4,395,775	4,395,775	-
County Tax	316,527	-	316,527	316,526	1
Other -					
Cemeteries and Flagging Soldiers Graves	2,850	-	2,850	2,455	395
4-H Club	750	-	750	750	-
Town Library Maintenance and Librarians	38,850	-	38,850	33,162	5,688
Conservation Committee	300	-	300	-	300
Recreation Committee and Sports Field Maint	24,000	-	24,000	23,852	148
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	6,323	-	6,323	6,323	-
Recreation Field/Building Reserve	-	9,205	9,205	9,205	-
Emery Mills/Sq. Pond Dam Maintenance	9,400	-	9,400	9,400	-
Dam Reserve Fund	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
Acton/Shapleigh Historical Society	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Comm. Forest Maintenance/Town Beach	5,000	-	5,000	690	4,310
Comm Forest Scholarship	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Saco River Corridor Commission	400	-	400	400	-
Shapleigh Commons Maintenance	6,000	-	6,000	4,630	1,370
Shapleigh Community Day	2,000	3,614	5,614	5,614	-
Acton/Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps	22,000	-	22,000	22,000	-
Williams Property Maintenance	-	1,568	1,568	1,568	-
Digital Mapping	2,400	-	2,400	2,400	-
Bridge Repair Reserve	-	426,987	426,987	426,987	-
Solar Energy Reserve	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000
Capital Improvements Fund Reserve	125,000	-	125,000	300	124,700
Earned Paid Leave Reserve	6,000	3,872	9,872	9,872	-
General Assistance	-	4,933	4,933	4,933	-
Overlay/abatements	23,863	-	23,863	10,085	13,778
	308,136	450,179	758,315	576,626	181,689
Total Departmental Operations	\$ 7,916,647	\$ 754,917	\$ 8,671,564	\$ 8,103,058	\$ 568,506

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## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 163,531	\$ 163,531
Investments	62,956	62,956
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 226,487</u>	<u>\$ 226,487</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable	129,007	129,007
Restricted	97,524	97,524
Committed	-	-
Assigned	-	-
Unassigned	(44)	(44)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>226,487</u>	<u>226,487</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 226,487</u>	<u>\$ 226,487</u>

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## TOWN OF SHAPLEIGH, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES		
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ (17,327)	\$ (17,327)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>(17,327)</u>	<u>(17,327)</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Other	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(17,327)	(17,327)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>243,814</u>	<u>243,814</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 226,487</u>	<u>\$ 226,487</u>

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## **Doomsday Notice**

### **Tax Payers to list property**

In accordance with Title 36, Section 706, Maine Revised Statutes annotated, notice is hereby given to all persons liable to taxation in Shapleigh to furnish true and perfect lists of their property, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they are possessed on the FIRST DAY OF APRIL 2024 and to be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same, and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation, and value of their property liable to be taxed.

Any person who neglects to comply with this notice shall be barred of his right to make application to the Assessors, or any appeal there from, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he furnishes such a list with his application, and satisfies the Assessors that he was unable to furnish it at the time appointed.

The Assessor Agent will be available in the office at the Town Hall from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for the purpose of receiving said lists on Monday April 1st. Such lists may be mailed or brought to the Town Hall prior to that date during regular hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, +and Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Any homeowner, veteran, veteran's widow or minor children, or blind persons who are, or may be, entitled to an exemption under the provisions of the law and have not previously qualified for an exemption must apply to the Assessor prior to April 1st and furnish proof of entitlement.

Necessary forms may be obtained at the Assessor's office at Shapleigh Town Hall.

*FMI CALL (207) 636-2843 EXT 0*

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