



THE TOWN OF
SUTTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

About the cover: This year's Annual Report photo credit goes to Sue Esposito. Sue captured the full glory of the glistening ice harvested from Kezar Lake on Ice Day. Ice Day is an annual event generally held on a Sunday in late January, weather permitting. In 2022, sadly, Ice Day was cancelled, but we wanted to pay homage to this wonderful event where you can participate in the harvesting of massive blocks of ice which are transported to Muster Field Farm for use at Summer events. For those of you who are new to Sutton, it is a really fun event and a great way to celebrate days gone by as well as Sutton's wild, wintery weather.



Annual Report and Vital Statistics

for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

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Population (NHOSP)..... estimated 2,006

Registered Voters.....1,692

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**SUTTON DIRECTORY
EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Police Department – **Chief Jon Korbet** (non-emergency 927-4422) 911
Fire – **Chief Cory Cochran** (non-emergency 927-4740) 911
Sutton Rescue Squad – **Chief Hilary Grimes** (New London Ambulance) 911

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Yvonne Howard,
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR.....927-2401
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR.....Beth Holly LaDuke

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Last Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m. to Noon

SELECTMEN’S OFFICE – Elly Phillips and Lorri Himes.....927-2400

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Selectmen’s Meetings – Mondays at 5:00 p.m.
All items for the agenda must be submitted by noon the Wednesday before the meeting. Appointments only at meetings.

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Matthew Grimes.....927-2400
CONSERVATION COMMISSION.....927-2400

The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

FIRE WARDEN – Aaron Flewelling.....927-2727
HEALTH OFFICER – David Burnham.....927-2400
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER – Matthew Grimes.....927-4321
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Adam Hurst, Road Agent.....927-2407
SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING – Diego Solimine 927-4475

Tuesday 7a.m. – 11:45, and Thursday Noon - 4:45 p.m. / Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

LIBRARY – Elizabeth Geraghty, Librarian.....927-4927

Library Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
& 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
CLOSED: Monday, Friday, Sunday

PLANNING BOARD – Peter Stanley,
PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.....927-2402

By appointment.
The Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., as needed.

WELFARE OVERSEER – Alison Jones.....927-2400

Meetings by appointment.

ZONING BOARD – Peter Stanley,
Planning and Zoning Administrator.....927-2402

By appointment.
The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., as needed.

TOWN OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES

For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

** Is an elected position*

MODERATOR*

Derek Lick* Term Expires 2023
Garrett Evans, Assistant Moderator

SELECT BOARD*

Michael McManus Term Expires 2025
Walter Baker, Jr. Term Expires 2024
Dane Headley Term Expires 2023

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Elly Phillips

ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Lorri Himes

PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Peter Stanley

TREASURER

Jennifer Call Term Expires 2023

DEPUTY TREASURER

Vacant

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR*

Yvonne Howard Term Expires 2024

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Beth Holly LaDuke

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Adam Hurst, Road Agent

Michael Bascom, Eugene Cote, Brandon Grendell, Richard Bixby, Jr.,
Timothy Greene

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Korbet, Police Chief

Valerie Crone, Sergeant; Kevin Faria, Corporal
Jennifer Rowe, Administrative Assistant

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cory Cochran, Fire Chief

Aaron Flewelling, Deputy Fire Chief

RESCUE

Hilary Grimes, Rescue Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Matthew Grimes, Director

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Diego Solimine, Solid Waste Supervisor
Charles Nelson, Carl Johnson, Jr., Attendants

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE*

Alison Jones, Term Expires 2023

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Matthew Grimes

HEALTH OFFICER

David Burnham
Matthew Grimes, Deputy Health Officer

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Geraghty

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS*

Robert DeFelice..... Term Expires 2025
Michael Cornelio Term Expires 2024
Beth Renzulli..... Term Expires 2023

BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Bruce Kozikowski Term Expires 2025
Robert Wright, Jr. Term Expires 2025
Robert DeFelice, Chair Term Expires 2024
Gail Guertin Term Expires 2024
Samantha Gordon Term Expires 2023
Vacant..... Term Expires 2023
Walter Baker Jr., Ex-Officio Term Expires 2023

PLANNING BOARD

Roger Wells Term Expires 2024
Christine Fletcher Term Expires 2024
Charles Bolduc..... Term Expires 2023
Pete Blakeman..... Term Expires 2023
Glenn Pogust, Chair..... Term Expires 2025
David Hill..... Term Expires 2025
Kristin Angeli, Alternate Term Expires 2025
Jason Teaster, Alternate Term Expires 2025
Dane Headley, Ex-Officio Term Expires 2023
Peter Stanley, Planning and Zoning Administrator

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Derek Lick, Chair Term Expires 2025
Kathryn Beauchemin Term Expires 2025
Marc Beauchemin (Alternate) Term Expires 2025
Betsy Forsham, Vice Chair Term Expires 2024
Samantha Gordon Term Expires 2024
Melissa Ballinger (Alternate) Term Expires 2023
Zachary Brock Term Expires 2023
Peter Stanley, Planning and Zoning Administrator

CEMETERY COMMISSION*

Vacant Term Expires 2025
William O’Connell Term Expires 2024
Timothy Hayes Term Expires 2023

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST*

Jenn Alford-Teaster Term Expires 2028
Glenn Pogust Term Expires 2026
Kathleen Stowell Term Expires 2024

TRUSTEES, SUTTON FREE LIBRARY*

Catherine Paden Term Expires 2025
Lauren Avery Term Expires 2025
Emily Cooper Term Expires 2024
Nancy Glynn Term Expires 2024
Tracy Mingarelli Term Expires 2023
Betsy Anderson (Alternate) Term Expires 2023
Nancy Heckel (Alternate) Term Expires 2023

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Donald Davis, Jr. Term Expires 2024
Deborah Lang Term Expires 2024
James Morris Term Expires 2024
Chuck Bolduc Term Expires 2023
Henry Howell, Chair Term Expires 2023
Barbara Hoffman Term Expires 2023
Bonnie Hill Term Expires 2025
Lynn Wittman, (Alternate) Term Expires 2025
Walter Baker, Jr (Alternate) Term Expires 2025
Bonnie Hill, Recording Secretary

ROAD COMMITTEE

Douglas Sweet, Chair Adam Hurst, Road Agent
Peter Blakeman Carroll “Pete” Thompson

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD SCHOOL BOARD*

Kyle Lombard Term Expires 2025

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Robert DeFelice Term Expires 2025

Round Room Report

The Planning Board completed the 2021 Master Plan Update in 2022 which summarizes the shared vision of what we, as citizens of Sutton, want our town to be and to provide prioritized recommendations to help achieve that vision. We encourage you to review the updated plan. It is an easy and informative read that provides a pathway for our future. Copies are available at the Town Hall or on our website homepage at: www.sutton-nh.org

The Master Plan states that “it is important to acknowledge all of the residents who have served as volunteers, giving their time and service to our community. It is the ability for all of us to work together that has so greatly contributed to Sutton’s high quality of life and sense of community for all.” We agree wholeheartedly and would like to begin this year’s Round Room Report by recognizing and commending Pete and Marne Thompson for their significant contributions to the town of Sutton. Pete turned 90 on November 1, 2022, and we would like to remind everyone how much he and Marne have done for Sutton over the years.

Back in 2016, Governor Maggie Hassan honored Pete with a lifetime achievement award for 70 years of service in the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department where he advanced progressively from an enthusiastic 13-year-old to the membership committee, moderator, Forest Fire Warden, Lieutenant, Captain, and finally Chief. Garrett Evans took the accompanying picture of Pete receiving the award, which appeared that year in the April 26th edition of the *InterTown Record*.



A perusal of past town reports shows Pete also on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Budget Committee, and Cemetery Commission. Marne for many years headed both the Cemetery Commission and the Supervisors of the Checklist. She was also in charge of inviting and organizing the exhibitors at Farm Days and Harvest Day at Muster Field Farm. On Ice Day, Marne could be counted on being in the schoolhouse helping to serve soups and chowders. Pete, too, has always been an important part of those event days.



Pete and Marne at Muster Field Farm. Photo Credit: Sue Esposito

Marne and Pete have long been active in veterans' affairs, Pete having served in Korea. Together they have organized the town's annual Memorial Day celebrations which take place a few days after they have led the fifth grade class at Sutton Central School to the cemeteries to replace the flags by the veterans' gravestones. We thank you, Pete and Marne, for your many contributions.

For several years, the Town has endeavored to work with the owners to clean up the property located at 155 Route 103. The Town approved a warrant article in 2020 for \$30,000 for the cleanup, but experienced difficulties locating a contractor willing to undertake the task. The property was tax deeded to the town in 2021 which alleviated some of the vendor concerns with the project. Fast forward to 2022, when newly elected Selectman McManus coordinated with Ben France to complete the effort and complete it he did. Mr. France and his crew did a phenomenal job, removing a whopping 121 tons of trash from the site. This year, we took a hard look at tax deeded properties and considered a tax sale with a goal of getting this property and other tax deeded properties back on the tax rolls. In some instances, we have found that it makes sense for abutters to have an opportunity to purchase deeded properties, in which case, the conveyance must be done through a warrant article. This year, as in past years, you will see articles to convey such properties to abutters for your consideration.

Navigating a return to the “new normal” post pandemic has posed its fair share of obstacles such as staffing and supply chain shortages as well as inflationary factors. We are happy to report that by the end of the year, all town departments were fully staffed as we welcomed Kevin Faria, Police Corporal; Beth Holly LaDuke, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Tim Greene and Richard Bixby, Jr., Highway Maintainers, and Carl Johnson, Jr., Solid Waste Attendant. Supply chain issues once again delayed the manufacture of the fire department’s tanker which was approved in 2020. We anticipate that the Town will have the new tanker in 2023. We were able to complete the Grist Mill parking lot with the exception of the lighting (more supply chain problems). As we bid out the Grist Mill parking project, we discovered that the \$50,000 we approved at Town Meeting was not sufficient due to increased labor, equipment, and material costs. We selected KA Stevens’ bid of \$87,527. Fortunately, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding came to the Town’s rescue providing an additional \$37,527 for this project.

The Town received a total of \$202,213.50 in ARPA funding. In addition to the parking area, we used \$78,500.00 to address some much needed repairs to the Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Sutton Free Library’s slate roofs. John Greene, GDC Slate and Copper, performed these much needed repairs. We are genuinely grateful to have found someone with Mr. Greene’s knowledge and expertise to do the job and equally delighted for the ARPA funding to cover the costs.



We also spent \$9,295 of our ARPA funding on a debris blower for the highway department. Although an article in 2021 to acquire a debris blower failed to pass, we made the decision to use this grant funding to acquire this equipment as we felt it would be of great benefit to our highway crew. We put the debris blower to use this year, and it has proven itself to be both a cost and labor saving piece of equipment. By way of example, clearing the ditches with the new blower on Baker Hill Road took one crew member 1.5 man hours. Previously, Baker Hill required 3 crew members equipped with backpack blowers over 2 workdays to clear the ditches.

Additionally, we spent \$7,437 from ARPA on a drainage project on Davis Court. The Town was also approved for the ARPA Local Equipment Purchase Program and received \$47,449 in funding for public safety

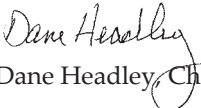
equipment. With these funds, the Police Department was able to acquire two defibrillators and a portable traffic control sign, and the fire Department purchased a fully-equipped, remote rescue vehicle and trailer. We were delighted to receive this unanticipated influx of funding from the federal government. Although the grants did not allow for a direct offset to the tax rate, we were able to obtain some useful equipment, complete a planned project, and address deferred maintenance items that did not directly affect our current tax rate and alleviates a potential future impact on our budget.

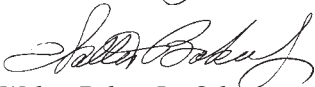
As recommended in the Master Plan, we established an Economic Development Committee whose mission is to identify ways to (1) bring appropriate types of non-residential uses to Sutton that will improve our tax base, and (2) create opportunities for the development of appropriate senior and workforce housing. We are looking for a few new members, so if you are interested in serving on the committee, or another municipal board or committee, please email a letter of interest and summary of qualifications to our attention to: townadmin@sutton-nh.org.

We know that many of you turn directly to the last pages of the annual report to make sure that you have caught up on the births and marriages in town and to remember those who have passed away during the year. These statistics are provided to the Town by the NH Division of Vital Records. In some instances, citizens opt out of being included in the public record, and at other times, due to the various zip code assignments in Sutton, we do not receive formal notification. If for some reason, your milestone has been omitted from the Annual Report, please let us know, and we will include it in next year's report.

In closing, we extend a warm welcome to those of you who are newcomers to Sutton in 2022, and give our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, staff, local officials, and citizens for your various contributions to Sutton's quality of life and sense of community. Alas, and on a sad note, it appears we must bid a fond farewell this year to Elly Phillips, our long-trusted and gifted Town Administrator, who's impeccable service to Sutton over the last 25 years cannot be understated. They like to say in business that no one is irreplaceable, but in this case, we might argue that adage. Fortunately, Elly has agreed to assist us in the search and transition to a new TA, but fair warning Sutton, without her fully at the helm over this period, we could be in for a bumpy ride. Elly, we simply can't thank you enough, and we wish you our best for a long and happy retirement!

Sincerely,


Dane Headley, Chair


Walter Baker, Jr., Selectman


Michael McManus, Selectman

Town History

Fishing

From the town's Perrystown years, prior to its incorporation as Sutton in 1784, no records mention fishing. Brook trout, pickerel, perch, horned pout, and other fish would have been in the town's ponds and brooks, but there were no freshwater bass or landlocked salmon anywhere in New Hampshire until after the Civil War. If Atlantic salmon ever ran up the Contoocook River and Warner River to spawn in Sutton's Stevens Brook or Lane River - strong possibilities - it would have been before the first settlers arrived in 1770. A 1760s Warner River sawmill dam at Davisville likely would have stopped them. Far longer salmon spawning runs elsewhere in the Contoocook River watershed's small tributaries are confirmed by the name of Antrim's Salmon Brook near the uppermost headwaters.

During the Perrystown years, Jonathan and Matthew Harvey were born in a log cabin at Muster Field Farm in 1780 and 1781 and probably grew up fishing in two nearby ponds. On June 17, 1818, when the brothers were simultaneously serving New Hampshire as President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, they pushed through "An act for the preservation of fish in Kezar's Pond, and Gile's Pond, in the town of Sutton." Spearing fish in either pond would draw a fine of two dollars for each fish. This was at the time when Jonathan was paying his Muster Field Farm laborers fifty cents a day for their work. The fish most likely to have been speared were unwary pickerel when they were spawning in the shallows each spring shortly after ice-out.

In 1865, legislators created the Commission on Fisheries, primarily in an effort to restore New Hampshire's lost spawning runs of Atlantic salmon and shad. In addition, they authorized the commissioners to introduce bass and landlocked salmon. The first bass in Sutton went into Blaisdell Lake on August 25, 1870. A Fish and Game record shows that half a century later bass were stocked into Kezar Lake in 1932, but it's unknown if those were the first bass there.

Earlier generations in Perrytown and Sutton caught brook trout in incredible numbers. The legislature in 1878 set the first daily catch limit at ten pounds with no mention of any limit on the number of trout. In 1889 it added a minimum length limit of five inches, and in 1899 it became illegal to fish for brook trout with the "intent to sell or trade fish." Catching and keeping as many trout as possible was the measure of bragging success. The *Kearsarge Independent* issue of May 4, 1906, contained the

following: "It is estimated that at least 500 trout were taken from French, Meadow [both tributaries of Stevens Brook], and Stevens Brook last Sunday. Two local men caught 162 and two others a string of 140." Such overfishing eventually impressed legislators enough so that in 1921 they reduced the daily creel limit to five pounds, but it wasn't until 1935 that they imposed a daily catch limit at 25 trout. The minimum legal length at some point was raised to six inches, but later, as the daily catch limit progressively shrank to today's limit of five trout, the length limit was abandoned.

Horace Eaton was born at Eaton Grange in East Sutton in 1810, left town in 1825, eventually settled into his life's work as a minister out in New York state, but in his old age returned to Sutton for reunions with his nieces and nephews. In 1881, two years before his death, he wrote, "... the mountain air of my own native hills is a more healthful tonic than the mineral waters of Saratoga, and fishing for trout in Stevens Brook, a fitter recreation than watching the fashions and follies of a modern watering-place."

My good friend Carlton Bradford was born in 1926 and reminisces about his boyhood fishing in Stevens Brook with his father. He said that they usually had no difficulty catching their limits. From 25 trout each day the limit dropped to 20 in 1939 and to 15 in 1941, when Carlton turned 15. I was twenty years behind Carlton fishing in Stevens Brook with my grandfather and remember a limit of 10 trout. We caught mostly small natives, which we measured with the six inch wooden ruler he carried in his wicker creel.

The construction of Interstate 89 in the mid 1960s crippled the native brook trout fishery in Stevens Brook. Many Warner sections of the brook were rerouted into straight, shallow channels with no cover for trout. Some of my grandfather's favorite trout pools now lie either beneath the northbound lane of the Interstate or else under the slopes of fill that support it. A number of Stevens Brook tributaries, where trout had spawned for centuries, passed through hanging culverts that trout couldn't ascend. Trout habitat suffered as well from the excavation of countless thousands of cubic yards of highway fill, leaving barren gravel surfaces behind that resulted in lower water levels and higher water temperatures in summer. Small native trout in Sutton still spawn in a few tiny woodland brooks, but with near certainty the trout fishermen catch now from Stevens Brook, Lane River, and Kezar Lake are all Fish and Game hatchery fish. Lake and pond fishing remain popular in Sutton, both through the ice and from watercraft.

Jack Noon

Notes

SUTTON TOWN MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE 2023

Unless changed by the voters at the Meetings, the Town Moderator will use the following Rules of Procedure to conduct the Town Meeting:

1. The Moderator will not follow Robert's Rules. The Moderator will use the following general rules of procedure, whose main purpose is to keep the meeting moving, and not get bogged down in procedural quagmires.
2. By majority vote, the voters can overrule any decision that the Moderator makes and any rule that the Moderator establishes. A voter can raise such a request by Point of Order.
3. The Moderator will take Articles in the order that they appear on the Warrant unless the Moderator announces the intent to take Articles out of order.
4. The Moderator will consider each Article, as follows:
 - a. The Moderator will announce the Article number. The Moderator need not read the full text of the Article, as the text of the Article will have been provided in the Town Report.
 - b. The Moderator will recognize a member of the Budget Committee or of the Board of Selectmen, or the petitioner (if a petitioned Article) to move the adoption of the Article.
 - c. If the Motion is seconded, the Moderator will recognize a member of the Board of Selectmen (or their designee) or the petitioner to explain the Article.
 - d. The Meeting will debate and then vote on the Article.
5. Everyone who speaks must use a microphone so they can be heard. (The Moderator will announce the location of the microphones in the Meeting room.) If a voter is unable to reach one of the stand-up microphones, the voter should raise his/her hand and one of the hand-held microphones will be provided.

6. No one may speak unless he or she has the floor.
 - a. No one may have the floor unless recognized by the Moderator.
 - b. Each speaker must provide his/her name and address.
 - c. Even if a voter does not have the floor, a voter may speak to raise a Point of Order, to challenge a Moderator's ruling, or to overrule the Moderator.

7. The Moderator will allow only one motion on the floor at a time. There are two exceptions to this rule:
 - a. A voter may raise a Point of Order at any time, and
 - b. If a voter has the floor, the voter may make
 - i. A motion to amend the pending motion, or
 - ii. A motion to Call the Question.

8. The Moderator will not accept negative motions, which are motions that require a "no" vote to vote in the affirmative such as "I move that we not adopt the budget."

9. Motions to Call the Question and limit debate shall require a 2/3 vote. If passed, these motions stop debate on a motion. However, all those voters who are standing at a microphone or holding a microphone, and anyone seated at the head table who has previously told the Moderator that he/she wishes to speak on the Motion will be allowed to speak. In addition, the Moderator shall have the right to refuse to recognize a Motion to Call the Question, if, in the Moderator's opinion, the voters have not yet had an adequate opportunity to discuss an issue.

10. Non-voters may not speak at the Meeting without the permission of the voters except, the Moderator will allow non-resident Town officials and consultants or experts who are at the Meeting to provide information about an Article to speak.

11. All speakers must be courteous and must speak to the issues, not the individuals raising them. The Moderator will not allow personal attacks or inappropriate language.

12. If any person behaves in a disorderly manner, and after notice from the Moderator, persists in such behavior, or shall in any way disturb the meeting, or willfully violate any rule of proceeding, the Moderator may have a police officer, or any legal voter of the town, remove such person from the meeting. (RSA 40:8).

13. All questions and comments should be addressed to the Moderator. The Moderator will choose who responds to the questions.
14. With the exception of initial presentations on Articles which the Moderator requests be limited to ten (10) minutes, all speakers in debate will be limited to three (3) minutes.
15. Each speaker may only speak a second time after everyone who has asked to speak has had their first opportunity to do so.
16. The Moderator may determine the method of voting except as determined by law. However, any voter who doubts the accuracy of any non-counted vote may require the Moderator to determine a vote by a counted show of hands or counted standing vote.
17. In addition, any five (5) voters may require that the vote on any Article or question be by secret ballot. To do so:
 - a. All five (5) voters must be present and identified, and
 - b. The request must be presented in writing to the Moderator prior to the end of debate on the Article or question.
18. Any vote on a bond issue of over \$100,000 must be voted on by secret ballot.
19. Motions to reconsider an Article may only be made immediately after the vote on the Article and may only be made by a voter who voted on the prevailing side of the vote to be reconsidered. However, the following limits may apply to the reconsideration of an Article:
 - a. **Mandatory Restriction:** In accordance with RSA 33:8-a, if a motion to reconsider a ballot vote on a bond issue of over \$100,000 passes, the Article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened Meeting that is at least seven (7) days after the original vote. With respect to bond votes, the restriction on reconsideration automatically applies without the need for the Meeting to vote for it.
 - b. **Optional Restriction:** Voters may postpone reconsideration of any Article at this Meeting by voting to restrict reconsideration of the Article in accordance with RSA 40:10. If the Meeting passes such

a motion, then the Article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened meeting held at least seven (7) days after the date of the original vote.

- c. Reminder: Since any rule of the Moderator or decision of the Meeting can be reversed or changed at any time prior to the end of the meeting by a majority vote of the Meeting, there is no rule that can be adopted that can absolutely prevent the reconsideration of an Article.

20. The Moderator may vote on all Articles. However, the Moderator plans to vote only in two (2) instances:

- a. To break a tie
- b. To make a tie vote if a motion the Moderator opposes would otherwise carry by one (1) vote.

21. If the Meeting is not finished at 11:00, the Moderator reserves the right to recess the Meeting to a future date.

Derek D. Lick, Town Moderator

TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2023 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Articles 1 and 2. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 15th day of March 2023 at seven of the clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening, to act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1: To choose all officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to replace the existing Article IX -- Cluster Development with a revised and improved Article IX -- Cluster Development?

The revised Article IX increases the minimum acreage permitted in the Rural Agricultural District to 25 acres and makes a distinction between "Open Space" for conservation and "Common Land".

The revised Article IX increases the perimeter buffer from 25 feet to 100 feet and revises the rules for access roads to the development and internal travel ways and driveways within the development.

This revised Article IX no longer permits commercial uses or apartment buildings within a cluster development.

The revised Article IX also contains changes in the existing Article IX concerning organization, wording, grammar and clarity of language.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,896,378 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

| | Budget Committee Recommends | Select Board Recommends |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Executive Office | \$221,729 | \$216,437 |
| Election and Voter Registration | 3,380 | 3,308 |
| Financial Administration | 89,815 | 87,415 |
| Financial/Executive | 29,442 | 29,165 |
| RP Appraisal Services | 11,500 | 11,500 |
| Judicial & Legal Expenses | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| Personnel Administration | 563,019 | 556,087 |
| Planning & Zoning | 45,880 | 44,899 |
| General Government Building | 34,750 | 36,100 |
| Cemeteries | 16,000 | 17,000 |
| Insurance | 61,650 | 61,650 |
| Ads & Regional Associations | 2,508 | 2,508 |
| Police Department | 407,761 | 395,284 |
| Ambulance | 84,538 | 84,538 |
| Fire Department | 62,165 | 62,165 |
| Building Inspection | 6,332 | 6,116 |
| Emergency Management | 2,087 | 2,050 |
| Dispatching Services | 22,426 | 22,426 |
| Highway Department | 819,093 | 806,933 |
| Bridge Expenses | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Street Lighting | 4,200 | 4,200 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 183,122 | 180,653 |
| Health Administration | 2,250 | 2,250 |
| Health Agencies and Hospitals | 5,736 | 5,736 |
| Welfare | 27,378 | 27,174 |
| Culture & Recreation | 8,853 | 8,853 |
| Library | 106,550 | 105,568 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Conservation Administration | 7,842 | 7,792 |
| Debt Service | 44,372 | 44,372 |
| Total | 2,896,378 | 2,854,179 |

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$655,500 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established, as follows:

| | Budget Committee Recommends | Select Board Recommends |
|------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Blacktop Roads | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Gravel Roads | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Tree Maintenance | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Computers Admin | 4000 | 9,000 |

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|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Town Hall Facility | 500 | 500 |
| Library ADA Modifications | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Police Depart. Computer Equipment | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Cemetery Fence and Tombstone | 0 | 2,500 |
| Conservation Land | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Highway Equipment Plow/Dump Trucks | 60,000 | 90,000 |
| Highway Bridges | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Forest Fire Equipment | 250 | 250 |
| Fire Equipment Replacement | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Rescue Vehicle | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Property Revaluation/Mapping | 12,750 | 12,750 |
| Cemetery – Mastin Road | 0 | 30,000 |
| Municipal Building Fund | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Fire Safety Equipment | 37,000 | 37,000 |
| Fire/Safety Building | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Master Plan Update | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Legal Fees | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Highway Grader | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| Historical Records Preservation | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Total | 588,000 | 655,500 |

Recommended by the Select Board. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund established in 2002 to the Watershed Invasive Species Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend. (2/3 vote required).

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,000 for the purpose of acquiring a fully equipped, 10-wheel Plow/Dump Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Highway Equipment “Plow/Dump” Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of up to \$60,000 is to come from a one-time special Highway Block Grant Revenue provided by the State of NH for this Purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Select Board. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** (Majority vote required)

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of conducting an independent wage classification study and update of personnel and purchasing policies. (Majority vote required)

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of repairs to the Old Store Museum. (Majority vote required)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sale of Tax Deeded Land on Meetinghouse Hill Road, located at Tax Map/Lot 04-194-375 and 04-207-389 for the sum of \$5,000.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize, but not obligate, the Board of Selectmen to convey title to property located at Tax Map 03-776-234, which was obtained by the town via tax deed in 2020, on such terms and conditions as the selectmen may deem reasonable and appropriate.

Article 11: Shall the town readopt the Optional Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00? (Majority vote required).

Article 12: Shall the town readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required) NOTE: This article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

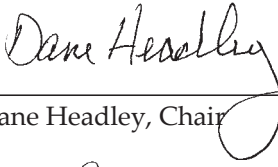
Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the purpose of operating costs for the Sutton Historical Society's headquarters, the Cressy House in South Sutton. Insurance for the headquarters is almost \$5K a year, heating is approximately \$3K a year, and electricity is over \$100 a month. A petitioned Warrant Article is necessary. **Petitioned Warrant Article. Recommended by the Select Board. Recommended by the Budget Committee.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Kezar Lake Protective Association to administer the Kezar Lake Host Program. **Petitioned Warrant Article. Recommended by the Select Board. Recommended by the Budget Committee.**

Article 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Dane Headley, Chair



Walter Baker, Jr., Selectman



Michael McManus, Selectman



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Proposed Budget
Sutton

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

| Name | Position | Signature |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Robert DeFelice | Budget Committee Chair | <i>Robert DeFelice</i> |
| Gail Guertin | Budget Committee Vice Chair | <i>Gail + Guertin</i> |
| Robert Wright, Jr. | Budget Committee Member | <i>Robert Wright</i> |
| Samantha Gordon | Budget Committee Member | <i>Samantha Gordon</i> |
| Walter Baker, Jr. | Budget Committee Member | <i>Walter Baker</i> |
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|---|--|---------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| General Government | | | | | | | | |
| 4130-4139 | Executive | 03 | \$190,152 | \$199,088 | \$216,437 | \$5,292 | \$221,729 | \$0 |
| 4140-4149 | Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics | 03 | \$2,299 | \$4,957 | \$3,308 | \$72 | \$3,380 | \$0 |
| 4150-4151 | Financial Administration | 03 | \$102,608 | \$103,838 | \$116,580 | \$2,677 | \$119,257 | \$0 |
| 4152 | Revaluation of Property | 03 | \$9,649 | \$11,500 | \$11,500 | \$0 | \$11,500 | \$0 |
| 4153 | Legal Expense | 03 | \$32,141 | \$23,000 | \$18,000 | \$0 | \$18,000 | \$0 |
| 4155-4159 | Personnel Administration | 03 | \$427,984 | \$513,948 | \$556,087 | \$6,932 | \$563,019 | \$0 |
| 4191-4193 | Planning and Zoning | 03 | \$27,225 | \$43,575 | \$44,899 | \$981 | \$45,880 | \$0 |
| 4194 | General Government Buildings | 03 | \$28,080 | \$33,700 | \$36,100 | \$0 | \$34,750 | \$1,350 |
| 4195 | Cemeteries | 03 | \$13,195 | \$14,000 | \$17,000 | \$0 | \$16,000 | \$1,000 |
| 4196 | Insurance | 03 | \$60,597 | \$62,475 | \$61,650 | \$0 | \$61,650 | \$0 |
| 4197 | Advertising and Regional Association | 03 | \$2,374 | \$2,374 | \$2,508 | \$0 | \$2,508 | \$0 |
| 4199 | Other General Government | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| General Government Subtotal | | | \$896,304 | \$1,012,455 | \$1,084,069 | \$15,954 | \$1,097,673 | \$2,350 |
| Public Safety | | | | | | | | |
| 4210-4214 | Police | 03 | \$390,635 | \$376,897 | \$395,284 | \$12,477 | \$407,761 | \$0 |
| 4215-4219 | Ambulance | 03 | \$81,261 | \$82,961 | \$84,538 | \$0 | \$84,538 | \$0 |
| 4220-4229 | Fire | 03 | \$58,678 | \$60,365 | \$62,165 | \$0 | \$62,165 | \$0 |
| 4240-4249 | Building Inspection | 03 | \$3,778 | \$5,825 | \$6,116 | \$216 | \$6,332 | \$0 |
| 4290-4298 | Emergency Management | 03 | \$500 | \$2,000 | \$2,050 | \$0 | \$2,087 | \$0 |
| 4299 | Other (Including Communications) | 03 | \$22,156 | \$22,156 | \$22,426 | \$0 | \$22,426 | \$0 |
| Public Safety Subtotal | | | \$557,008 | \$550,204 | \$572,579 | \$12,693 | \$585,309 | \$0 |
| Airport/Aviation Center | | | | | | | | |
| 4301-4309 | Airport Operations | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |



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|--|---|---------|--|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Highways and Streets | | | | | | | | | |
| 4311 | Administration | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4312 | Highways and Streets | 03 | \$625,268 | \$741,459 | \$806,933 | \$12,160 | \$819,093 | \$819,093 | \$0 |
| 4313 | Bridges | 03 | \$3,333 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$0 |
| 4316 | Street Lighting | 03 | \$1,951 | \$3,840 | \$4,200 | \$0 | \$4,200 | \$4,200 | \$0 |
| 4319 | Other | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | | \$630,552 | \$748,299 | \$814,133 | \$12,160 | \$826,293 | \$826,293 | \$0 |
| Highways and Streets Subtotal | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitation | | | | | | | | | |
| 4321 | Administration | | \$130,548 | \$170,197 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4323 | Solid Waste Collection | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4324 | Solid Waste Disposal | 03 | \$0 | \$0 | \$180,653 | \$2,469 | \$183,122 | \$183,122 | \$0 |
| 4325 | Solid Waste Cleanup | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4326-4328 | Sewage Collection and Disposal | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4329 | Other Sanitation | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | | \$130,548 | \$170,197 | \$180,653 | \$2,469 | \$183,122 | \$183,122 | \$0 |
| Sanitation Subtotal | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Water Distribution and Treatment | | | | | | | | | |
| 4331 | Administration | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4332 | Water Services | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4335-4339 | Water Treatment, Conservation and Other | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Electric | | | | | | | | | |
| 4351-4352 | Administration and Generation | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4353 | Purchase Costs | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4354 | Electric Equipment Maintenance | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4359 | Other Electric Costs | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Electric Subtotal | | | | | | | | | |



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| Account | Purpose | Article | Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022 | Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 | Selections's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) | Selections's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended) | Selections's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended) |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Health | | | | | | | | | |
| 4411 | Administration | 03 | \$1,616 | \$2,250 | \$2,250 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,250 | \$0 |
| 4414 | Pest Control | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4415-4419 | Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other | 03 | \$5,736 | \$5,736 | \$5,736 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,736 | \$0 |
| | Health Subtotal | | \$7,352 | \$7,986 | \$7,986 | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,986 | \$0 |
| Welfare | | | | | | | | | |
| 4441-4442 | Administration and Direct Assistance | 03 | \$13,968 | \$26,899 | \$27,174 | \$204 | \$204 | \$27,378 | \$0 |
| 4444 | Intergovernmental Welfare Payments | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4445-4449 | Vendor Payments and Other | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Welfare Subtotal | | \$13,968 | \$26,899 | \$27,174 | \$204 | \$204 | \$27,378 | \$0 |
| Culture and Recreation | | | | | | | | | |
| 4520-4529 | Parks and Recreation | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4550-4559 | Library | 03 | \$86,310 | \$99,849 | \$105,568 | \$982 | \$982 | \$106,550 | \$0 |
| 4583 | Patriotic Purposes | 03 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| 4589 | Other Culture and Recreation | 03 | \$13,948 | \$14,253 | \$6,853 | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,853 | \$0 |
| | Culture and Recreation Subtotal | | \$101,258 | \$115,102 | \$115,421 | \$982 | \$982 | \$116,403 | \$0 |
| Conservation and Development | | | | | | | | | |
| 4611-4612 | Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources | 03 | \$7,611 | \$7,612 | \$7,792 | \$150 | \$150 | \$7,842 | \$0 |
| 4619 | Other Conservation | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4631-4632 | Redevelopment and Housing | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4651-4659 | Economic Development | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Conservation and Development Subtotal | | \$7,611 | \$7,612 | \$7,792 | \$150 | \$150 | \$7,842 | \$0 |



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|--|---|---------|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| Debt Service | | | | | | | | |
| 4711 | Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal | 03 | \$26,341 | \$26,339 | \$27,227 | \$0 | \$27,227 | \$0 |
| 4721 | Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest | 03 | \$15,031 | \$15,033 | \$14,145 | \$0 | \$14,145 | \$0 |
| 4723 | Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest | 03 | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$0 |
| 4790-4799 | Other Debt Service | 03 | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| | Debt Service Subtotal | | \$41,372 | \$44,872 | \$44,372 | \$0 | \$44,372 | \$0 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | | |
| 4901 | Land | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4902 | Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4903 | Buildings | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4909 | Improvements Other than Buildings | | \$0 | \$75,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Capital Outlay Subtotal | | \$0 | \$75,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Operating Transfers Out | | | | | | | | |
| 4912 | To Special Revenue Fund | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4913 | To Capital Projects Fund | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4914A | To Proprietary Fund - Airport | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4914E | To Proprietary Fund - Electric | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4914O | To Proprietary Fund - Other | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4914S | To Proprietary Fund - Sewer | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4914W | To Proprietary Fund - Water | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4918 | To Non-Expendable Trust Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4919 | To Fiduciary Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Operating Transfers Out Subtotal | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Operating Budget Appropriations | | | | | \$2,854,179 | \$44,612 | \$2,896,378 | \$2,350 |



Special Warrant Articles

| Account | Purpose | Article | Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) | Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended) |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4916 | To Expendable Trust Fund | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4917 | To Health Maintenance Trust Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4589 | Other Culture and Recreation | 13 | \$6,000 | \$0 | \$6,000 | \$0 |
| | | <i>Purpose: For the Historical Society Cressy House</i> | | | | |
| 4589 | Other Culture and Recreation | 14 | \$2,000 | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$0 |
| | | <i>Purpose: To raise money for the K/LPA Lake Hose Program</i> | | | | |
| 4902 | Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment | 06 | \$260,000 | \$0 | \$260,000 | \$0 |
| | | <i>Purpose: 10-Wheel Truck</i> | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 04 | \$655,500 | \$0 | \$588,000 | \$67,500 |
| | | <i>Purpose: Appropriate to CRF</i> | | | | |
| Total Proposed Special Articles | | | \$923,500 | \$0 | \$856,000 | \$67,500 |



Individual Warrant Articles

| Account | Purpose | Article | Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended) | Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended) | Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended) |
|---|---|---------|---|---|---|---|
| 4155-4159 | Personnel Administration | 07 | \$20,000 | \$0 | \$20,000 | \$0 |
| | <i>Purpose: Wage Classification Study and policy update</i> | | | | | |
| 4903 | Buildings | 08 | \$20,000 | \$0 | \$20,000 | \$0 |
| | <i>Purpose: Old Store Museum Repairs</i> | | | | | |
| Total Proposed Individual Articles | | | \$40,000 | \$0 | \$40,000 | \$0 |



Revenues

| Account Source | Article | Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022 | Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023 | Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023 |
|---|---------|--|---|--|
| Taxes | | | | |
| 3120 Land Use Change Tax - General Fund | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3180 Resident Tax | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3185 Yield Tax | 03 | \$0 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| 3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3187 Excavation Tax | 03 | \$0 | \$9 | \$9 |
| 3189 Other Taxes | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3190 Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 03 | \$0 | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| 9991 Inventory Penalties | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Taxes Subtotal | | \$0 | \$70,009 | \$70,009 |

Licenses, Permits, and Fees

| | | | | |
|---|----|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 3210 Business Licenses and Permits | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 03 | \$0 | \$400,000 | \$400,000 |
| 3230 Building Permits | 03 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| 3290 Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees | 03 | \$0 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| 3311-3319 From Federal Government | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal | | \$0 | \$409,000 | \$409,000 |

State Sources

| | | | | |
|--|----|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 3351 Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3352 Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution | 03 | \$0 | \$174,000 | \$174,000 |
| 3353 Highway Block Grant | 03 | \$0 | \$111,000 | \$111,000 |
| 3354 Water Pollution Grant | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3355 Housing and Community Development | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3356 State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | 03 | \$0 | \$25 | \$25 |
| 3357 Flood Control Reimbursement | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3359 Other (Including Railroad Tax) | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3379 From Other Governments | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Sources Subtotal | | \$0 | \$285,025 | \$285,025 |



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| Account | Source | Article | Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022 | Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023 | Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023 |
|---|--|---------|--|---|--|
| Charges for Services | | | | | |
| 3401-3406 | Income from Departments | 03 | \$0 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| 3409 | Other Charges | 03 | \$0 | \$50 | \$50 |
| | Charges for Services Subtotal | | \$0 | \$30,050 | \$30,050 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | | | | | |
| 3501 | Sale of Municipal Property | 03 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| 3502 | Interest on Investments | 03 | \$0 | \$2,300 | \$2,300 |
| 3503-3509 | Other | 03, 06 | \$0 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 |
| | Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal | | \$0 | \$87,300 | \$87,300 |
| Interfund Operating Transfers In | | | | | |
| 3912 | From Special Revenue Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3913 | From Capital Projects Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3914A | From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset) | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3914E | From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset) | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3914O | From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset) | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3914S | From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset) | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3914W | From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset) | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3915 | From Capital Reserve Funds | 06 | \$0 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |
| 3916 | From Trust and Fiduciary Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3917 | From Conservation Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal | | \$0 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |
| Other Financing Sources | | | | | |
| 9934 | Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 9998 | Amount Voted from Fund Balance | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 9999 | Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes | 03 | \$0 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 |
| | Other Financing Sources Subtotal | | \$0 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 |
| | Total Estimated Revenues and Credits | | \$0 | \$1,331,384 | \$1,331,384 |



Budget Summary

| Item | Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) | Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) |
|---|---|--|
| Operating Budget Appropriations | \$2,854,179 | \$2,896,378 |
| Special Warrant Articles | \$923,500 | \$856,000 |
| Individual Warrant Articles | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Total Appropriations | \$3,817,679 | \$3,792,378 |
| Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits | \$1,331,384 | \$1,331,384 |
| Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised | \$2,486,295 | \$2,460,994 |



Supplemental Schedule

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| 1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee | \$3,792,378 |
| Less Exclusions: | |
| 2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes | \$27,227 |
| 3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes | \$14,145 |
| 4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes | \$0 |
| 5. Mandatory Assessments | \$0 |
| 6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i> | \$41,372 |
| 7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6) | \$3,751,006 |
| 8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i> | \$375,101 |
| Collective Bargaining Cost Items: | |
| 9. Recommended Cost Items <i>(Prior to Meeting)</i> | \$0 |
| 10. Voted Cost Items <i>(Voted at Meeting)</i> | \$0 |
| 11. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 9 and 10)</i> | \$0 |
| 12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted | \$0 |
| Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: <i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</i> | |
| | \$4,167,479 |

TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 8 and 9, 2022

On March 8, 2022, Sutton Town Moderator, Derek Lick, opened the doors at 8:00 a.m. and announced to the public that the voting polls were open.

Moderator Lick closed the polls at 7:00 p.m. There were 1420 already registered voters. 333 ballots were cast, which included 7 absentee ballots, to vote on Article 1 to choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year and KRSD representatives and KRSD ballot articles.

On March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Moderator Lick opened the 2022 Annual Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of those that passed away this year and for all of our first responders and those serving in our military.

Select Board member Dane Headley recognized Select Board member William Curless for his nineteen years of service to his community as a Budget Committee and Select Board Member. Select Board member Headley commended Select Board member Curless for his dedication to the Town noting that during Selectman Curless' recent bout of cancer, he missed a total of two meetings. Selectman Curless was presented with a clock.

Selectman Curless thanked the Townspeople for electing him to represent them for all these years, noting that it has been an honor. Selectman Curless thanked the other board members for their work and for being there when he couldn't be during the past year. Selectman Curless shared that he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer on June 22, 2021 and shared his treatment process and surgery. Selectman Curless advised that he was 100% cancer-free, and thanked everyone for their support. Selectman Curless emphasized how important it is to reach out to others and their families when they are in need and to be thankful for what you have. Selectman Curless thanked the staff and said you are the reason things go along with no problems. Selectman Curless thanked his wife and daughter and said that he was grateful for having such a wonderful family.

Selectman Curless, speaking as an individual, discussed what has transpired with the budget committee over the last year and some problems as he saw them, in the hopes that they might be fixed. Selectman Curless spoke of his previous service on the budget committee and said that he knows how they should be run.

Selectman Curless said that a member of the committee has hatred for the highway department and the road agent has experienced a lot of negativity. The member has even boasted about having pictures with timestamps showing the Road Agent coming and going from work. Selectman Curless expressed the hope that the Board asked for the resignation of this individual.

Selectman Curless stated that the Select Board was in the process of developing a code of conduct policy for all parties to sign stating that it is sad that there was a need for this policy as most of this was taught to all of us as children.

The Moderator introduced Fire Chief Cory Cochran who recognized Phil Biron, First Lieutenant Firefighter as follows:

On Thursday, March 3, at approximately 10:30 a.m., a fire call came in about an explosion on Route 114 in Bradford. The building was where the Kearsarge Regional School buses are housed and repaired. Sutton Firefighter, Lieutenant Phil Biron, his wife and daughter returning from a trip from Henniker noticed the smoke. As he approached the site of the explosion, it was clear the building was fully involved and would later become a five alarm fire. It was then determined through cries of help that there were workers trapped inside. Without hesitation, Lieutenant Biron donned his fire gear, and along with two Bradford police officers and four bystanders ran in to help. At this point, Bradford's engine had arrived. Biron was able to grab an air pack off of their truck, assisted with a hose line, and, along with Bradford police, found the man inside. One of the workers was able to evacuate the building, but the other was trapped under rafters and garage door pieces that could not be removed. While Biron kept watering the fire, the Chief of Police returned to the fire truck for a chainsaw. They were able to free the man from under the debris. Both men were taken to Concord Hospital before being flown to Boston with critical injuries. The teamwork of both police, fire, along with concerned citizens, saved this outcome from being much worse. On behalf of the Sutton Fire Department, we would like to recognize and thank Lieutenant Biron for his part and his heroic actions saving these individuals.

Lieutenant Biron was presented with a certificate/lifesaving award for his courageous and lifesaving actions at the scene of a building fire on March 3, 2022 in Bradford New Hampshire. You put yourself in harm's way in order to save another human life with dedication and courage. Sutton Volunteer Fire Department, March 9, 2022.

Moderator Lick announced the election results of March 8, 2022 and administered the oath of office to newly elected officials present.

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| Select Board (3 Years) | |
| Michael McManus | 268 |
| Write Ins | |
| John Mock | 3 |
| Nancy Glynn | 4 |
| Bruce Kozikowski | 2 |
| Paul Little | 1 |
| Keith Badgley | 1 |
| Avery Lauren | 1 |
| Ron Menning | 1 |
| Ricia McMahan | 1 |
| Jack Dyer | 1 |
| Heather Hayes | 1 |
| Crispin Fletcher | 1 |
| Bob Lazar | 1 |
| Kecia Burns | 1 |

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| Supervisor of the Checklist (6 Years) | |
| Jenn Alford-Teaster | 290 |
| Write Ins | |
| Sue Esposito | |
| Vicki Simonds | |
| Linda Ford | |
| Devin McManus | |
| Donald Duck | |
| Dave Weaver | |
| Marnee Thompson | |

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| Overseer of Public Welfare (1 Year) | |
| Alison Jones | 299 |
| Write Ins | |
| Rebecca Rowe | |
| Skippy Poindexter | |
| Bob Lazar | |

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Budget Committee (3 Years) | |
| Vote for 2 | |
| Robert Wright Jr. | 266 |
| Write Ins | |
| Jack Noon | 1 |
| Charles Forsberg | 2 |
| Bruce Kozikowski | 3 |
| James Luca | 1 |
| Dave Gardner | 1 |
| Jackie Bennett | 1 |
| Joseph Burns | 1 |
| Mike Heffernan | 1 |
| Paul Little | 1 |
| Tom Sullivan | 1 |
| Keith Badgley | 1 |
| Sue Esposito | 1 |
| John Howe | 1 |
| Jenn Alford-Teaster | 1 |
| John Csutor | 1 |
| Mark Loehr | 1 |
| Benjamin LeDuc | 1 |
| Leigh Stepp | 1 |
| Jason Stepp | 1 |
| Pete (Carrol) Thompson | 1 |
| Jennifer Call | 1 |
| Lisa Tanguay | 1 |
| Frank Rollins | 1 |
| Micahel Heffernan | 1 |
| Alanna Hurst | 1 |
| John Mock | 1 |
| Dave Galucci | 1 |
| Bob Lazar | 1 |
| Thom Stowell | 1 |

**Trustee of the Trust Funds
(3 Years)**

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Robert DeFelice | 260 |
| Write Ins | |
| Ron Menning | 1 |
| John Mock | 4 |
| Jacqueline Bennett | 1 |
| Darcy Bates | 1 |
| Anyone But | 1 |
| Jack Dyer | 1 |
| Anyone But DeFelice | 2 |
| Judith Lowe | 1 |
| Marci McNamara | 1 |
| Mickey Mouse | 1 |
| Kathryn Beauchemin | 1 |
| Alana Hurst | 1 |
| Howard Rowe | 1 |
| Bob | 1 |

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector
(2 Years)**

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Yvonne Howard | 196 |
| Pamela Jones | 110 |
| Write-ins | |
| Jack Dyer | |
| Taylor Cochran | |
| Heather L. Hayes | |
| Jen Call | |
| Bob Lazer | |

**Trustee, Sutton Free Library
(3 Years) Vote for 2**

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Lauren Avery | 256 |
| Catherine Paden | 230 |
| Write Ins | |
| Jack Noon | |
| Jonathan Korbet | |
| William Curless | |
| Marne Thompson | |
| Warren Jones | |
| Bob Lazer | |
| Scott Carlson | |

**Cemetery Commission -
(3 Years) Vote for One**

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Write Ins | |
| Jack Noon | 1 |
| Harold Rowe Jr. | 2 |
| Yvonne Howard | 2 |
| Jack Dyer | 2 |
| Tim Hayes | 4 |
| Jenn Alford-Teaster | 2 |
| John Bennett | 1 |
| Jenny Menning | 1 |
| Diego Solomine | 1 |
| Harold Rowe Sr. | 1 |
| Michael McManus | 1 |
| Leigh Stepp | 1 |
| Harold Rowe | 1 |
| Alison Jones | 1 |
| Jim Lemelin | 1 |
| Marne Thompson | 1 |
| J. Menning | 1 |
| David Grover | 1 |
| Robert Nelson (Bud) | 1 |
| John Csutor | 1 |
| Bud Nelson | 1 |
| Tyler Wright | 1 |
| Current | 1 |
| Ernest Brake | 1 |
| Heather L. Hayes | 1 |
| Wally Baker | 1 |
| Andy Palmer | 1 |
| Robert DeFelice | 1 |
| Kevin Rowe | 1 |
| Marcy Mcnamera | 1 |
| Pete Blakeman | 1 |
| Jacqueline Bennett | 1 |
| Robert Wright | 1 |
| Tim Hay | 1 |
| Will Mc Donald | 1 |
| Lonnie Guin | 1 |
| Bob Lazar | 1 |
| Marney Thompson | 1 |
| Wade O'Neil | 1 |
| Sarah Gray | 1 |

School Ballot Results are:

| | Yes | No |
|------------|-----|-----|
| Question 1 | 130 | 200 |
| Question 2 | 179 | 91 |
| Question 3 | 203 | 121 |
| Question 4 | 225 | 102 |
| Question 5 | 229 | 95 |

Moderator

Derek Lick 285

School Board Representatives (3 Years)

Emilio, Cancio-Bello 143
Lombard, Kyle 148

Municipal Budget Committee (3 Years)

Robert DeFelice 243

Moderator Lick turned to the Warrant Articles and advised those present that the Town Meeting Rules dictated that the body would dispense with the reading of the articles. Moderator Lick introduced Article 2:

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,647,314 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. **Selectman Curless moved to accept Article 2. Selectman Headley seconded the motion. Selectman Curless spoke to Article 2.**

Selectman Curless made a motion to amend Article 2 to increase it by \$36,312 to bring the total bottom line to \$2,683,626. Selectman Headley seconded the amendment.

Selectman Curless addressed the amendment which was being presented due to anticipated increased fuel costs that are occurring due to world events. Selectman Curless identified the line items being addressed which were for general government buildings, library, police, highway and solid waste departments for heat and electricity and fuel, street lighting for electricity.

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Executive Office | 199,088 | |
| Election and Voter Registration | 4,957 | |
| Financial Administration | 76,245 | |
| Financial/Executive | 27,593 | |
| RP Appraisal Services | 11,500 | |
| Judicial & Legal Expenses | 23,000 | |
| Personnel Administration | 513,948 | |
| Planning & Zoning | 43,575 | |
| General Government Building | 31,700 | 33,700 |
| Cemeteries | 14,000 | |
| Insurance | 62,475 | |
| Ads & Regional Associations | 2,374 | |
| Police Department | 372,097 | 376,897 |
| Ambulance | 82,961 | |
| Fire Department | 56,325 | 60,365 |
| Building Inspection | 5,825 | |
| Emergency Management | 2,000 | |
| Dispatching Services | 22,156 | |
| Highway Department | 719,219 | 741,459 |
| Bridge Expenses | 3,000 | |
| Street Lighting | 3,200 | 3,840 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 168,517 | 170,197 |
| Health Administration | 2,250 | |
| Health Agencies and Hospitals | 5,736 | |
| Welfare | 26,899 | |
| Culture & Recreation | 14,253 | |
| Library | 98,937 | 99,849 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,000 | |
| Conservation Administration | 7,612 | |
| Debt Service | 44,872 | |
| Total Amended Budget | | 2,683,626 |

Moderator Lick opened the discussion on the amendment which was for \$36,312 for a grand total of \$2,683,626. **There being no discussion, Moderator Lick called the question for the amendment to Article 2. The amendment passed by voice vote.**

Moderator Lick asked if there was discussion regarding Article 2 generally.

Charles Forsberg discussed the Town Report and asked for clarification on page 25. Charles Forsberg saw an amount of money in the 2021 administrative costs for Financial Administration and was advised by Elly Phillips that he had found a typo.

Mr. Forsberg discussed the capital reserve/trust fund report noting

that the yield was .02% expressing chagrin that the yield was low and asked for a written report from the trustees to be included in the Town Report. Robert DeFelice, Trustee of the Trust Funds agreed and advised that was what NH PDIP, where town funds are invested, was yielding at this time. Mr. Forsberg said that there is nothing in the statutes that says you have to be part of NHPDIP and that the Trustees should look into T-Bills or doing something else. Mr. DeFelice said that he would bring it up at the next Trustee meeting.

Mr. Forsberg asked about the Budget Committee's decision to provide a 5.9% COLA. He said that the Budget Committee didn't consider that medicare takes a bite out of Social Security recipient's income. Mr. Forsberg commended the employees of the Town, and said he was not going to make a motion to reduce the budget. However, he would second a motion from anyone else who might desire to do so. He felt everyone was going to be hit with the same fuel increases and that anything you could give back to the citizens would make a difference.

Sue Esposito recalled at last year's town meeting people were told no raises were going to be given. Ms. Esposito asked if it was true that halfway through the calendar year raises were given?

Selectman Baker responded that the Highway Department lost a crew member and advertised the vacancy at \$17.00/hr. The Town was finally able to recruit a new employee with a starting wage of \$19.00. Selectman Baker added that the Town has had to pay based on the current market. Long term employees also needed a salary increase. Toward the end of the year, one of our employees was offered substantially more by another municipality. The employee wanted to stay in Sutton, and the Board was able to retain the employee through a salary increase. Selectman Baker noted we are not so much dealing with other Towns around as we are with the construction industry where you can't hire someone for under \$20.00.

Selectman Baker said The Board would like to retain our long term employee and to do that we have to pay them more. The same goes for the Police Department where raises were given in September. Selectman Baker noted that the two officers that we have assumed the duties of Resource Officers and there is no co-efficient for their pay for doing that. The Board felt that the raises were justified.

Ms. Esposito asked if there was an across the Board all employees raise? Selectman Baker advised that the raises were given individually to employees. Ms. Esposito asked where the money came from and was advised it was from within the operating budgets due to staffing vacancies.

Mr. DeFelice added that the 2022 budget does not include additional increases, only the 5.9%. There is no merit increase in here. Parity increases were given last year, some in September and October and others in December.

Mr. DeFelice said that he believes the Select Board was looking at doing merit increases because funds were added to a contingency salary line item with \$10,000 to do merit increases in August and September. Mr. DeFelice said this is something new for us which threw us on the Budget Committee because pay increases were always done on the first of the year and were discussed and voted on at Town Meeting. Ms. Esposito opined that voters at Town Meeting should have a say on salaries and wondered what happened if you overspent a line item.

Selectman Headley said that he didn't think it would be possible for the Select Board to say that they aren't going to give any salary increases and promise that for a year. There are just too many variables such as supply and demand, employee transitions, salary wages changes. The Board can't wait until next year to make those adjustments when we need the staff now.

Selectman Curless said one of the reasons the Board was considering merit increases in the summer/fall was because that is the time employee evaluations are performed.

Ms. Esposito asked that the Board give some thought into giving merits when the townspeople actually had a say in it.

Alison Jones had a question on the library operating budget line item. Ms. Jones said at the Budget Hearing, it was stated that there would be a third position added at the library. Ms. Jones didn't feel there was a business case for adding that position. She noted that the previous library budget was at around \$72,000 and it is currently \$98,000, a 30% increase. She asked for justification on a transactional basis for adding that third position to determine whether the third position was necessary. Ms. Jones noted that other staff members have to multi-task to get things accomplished. We were informed at the Budget Hearing that this was going to give the librarian more time to devote to grants and observed that the grants the library is getting are quite nominal. Are we looking at \$30,000+ grants that warrant a 30% increase? What are the hours of the new person? We were informed that this is what our patrons are looking for. Ms. Jones emphasized that the taxpayers are patrons of the library and wondered whether the taxpayers wanted to have a 30% increase in the library budget.

Nancy Glynn, Library Trustee, responded that the third employee was not a new concept. It happened about 5 years ago. Ms. Glynn referred

to a survey that was done by the library to see what the townspeople wanted. One of the biggest items was more library hours. Because of all of the programming, staff were stretched thin with only two employees that is why they brought the third employee in. Ms. Glynn added that more young families have moved to the Sutton and patronage is up. Ms. Glynn said that the library is trying to be more transparent with their minutes so everyone can see how active the library is right now.

Charlie Forsberg observed that training was required to work at the Solid Waste Facility and spoke about other departments that required training such as the police department and highway department. Mr. Forsberg encouraged the town to set aside some money to do the training. Mr. Forsberg pointed out that the Fire Chief and firefighters do not get paid, and wondered whether the Town contributed to their training. Mr. Forsberg said that if the town wants good people they should be willing to pay for their training.

Hearing no further comment on Article 2 as amended, Moderator Lick called the question. Moderator Lick reiterated that the amendment was for \$36,312 to add additional money for fuel for the various department. The total number was \$2,683,626. The article passed by a voice vote.

Moderator Lick introduced Article 3 which pertains to Capital Reserves. Robert DeFelice moved to approve Article 3. Selectman Headley seconded the motion.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$794,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established, as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Blacktop Roads | \$250,000 |
| Gravel Roads | 10,000 |
| Computers Admin | 9,000 |
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 5,000 |
| Town Hall Facility | 1,000 |
| Septage Lagoon Maintain/Modify | 5,000 |
| Library ADA Modifications | 5,000 |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 27,000 |
| Police Cruisers | 21,000 |
| Police Department Computer Equipment | 3,500 |
| Cemetery Fence and Tombstone | 5,000 |
| Conservation Land | 7,000 |
| Highway Equipment "Plow/Dump Trucks" | 120,000 |
| Highway Bridges | 50,000 |
| Forest Fire Equipment | 250 |
| Fire Equipment Replacement | 50,000 |

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| Rescue Vehicle | 10,000 |
| Property Revaluation/Mapping | 25,000 |
| Solid Waste Facility | 5,000 |
| Municipal Building Fund | 3,000 |
| Fire Safety Equipment | 37,000 |
| Fire/Safety Building | 100,000 |
| Legal Fees | 3,000 |
| Highway Grader | 26,000 |
| Ballot Counting Machine | 1,000 |
| Historical Records Preservation | 2,000 |
| CR Rescue Equipment | 14,000 |

Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Select Board.

Mr. DeFelice addressed Article 3 advising that this was the same number as last year due to the CIP scheduled. Mr. DeFelice said that the goal was to keep the Capital Reserves at this level or lower even when new reserves are introduced.

Charles Forsberg said that the Capital Reserve appropriation was about 22% of the entire budget which is a significant amount. Mr. Forsberg said we are faced with some rather significant problems for the citizens of the town and asked if there is some room for a reduction. Mr. Forsberg identified some areas where reducing the capital reserves this year didn't make a lot of sense such as blacktop roads. However, he thought that the article could be reduced by \$400,000 or so. He said he was not going to make a motion to that effect, but he would like someone else to step up so that there could be a little further discussion, and we could trim it a little bit for this year.

Selectman Curless said that the Road Agent was out plowing the roads, but it was his understanding that the Road Agent wanted to increase blacktop roads \$300,000, in order to address deficiencies on Keyser Street. The \$250,000 is slated to start Shaker Street. **Selectman Curless moved to increase Article 3 Blacktop Roads to \$350,000. Robert DeFelice seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.**

The moderator summarized the amendment and asked if anyone wanted to speak to it. Mr. DeFelice responded that he had spoken to the Road Agent today, and he had agreed to leave the line item at \$250,000 and increase it to \$300,000 next year.

Selectman Curless withdrew his motion.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called the question. The Article passed by voice vote.

The moderator introduced Article 4:

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the Solid Waste/Transfer Station Capital

Reserve previously established in 1982 and modified in 2002 for the purpose of repairs, replacements, improvements, and the acquisition of equipment at the Solid Waste Facility. (Majority Vote Required)

Selectman Curless moved Article 4 as written. Robert DeFelice seconded the motion.

Selectman Curless spoke to Article 4. He discussed the mid-year problem with the compactor at the Solid Waste Facility. Selectman Curless advised this will provide more flexibility for any equipment at the transfer station that requires maintenance that is above and beyond what was planned for in the operating budget; the Select Board can have access to funding.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called the question. The article passed by voice vote.

The moderator introduced Article 5:

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to establish a Mastin Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for Engineering, Design and Site Work for the Mastin Cemetery and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$60,000 to be added to the Mastin Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. This sum of \$60,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount is to be raised from general taxation. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Select Board.**

Selectman Baker moved to approve Article 5 as written. Selectman Curless seconded the motion.

Tim Hayes, Cemetery Trustee, spoke to the article. Mr. Hayes explained that we need to build the new Mastin Cemetery. Funding is required to achieve this goal. Mr. Hayes estimates that it will be \$60,000 a year for the next 4 years. There may be more funding necessary to complete the project due to inflation. Initial engineering and design work is estimated at \$20,000. Clearing the lot, site work and construction is estimated at \$105,000. Mr. Hayes felt that number may be increased by the time the work gets started. Landscaping will also require additional funding.

Charlie Forsberg asked if it could be delayed one year? Mr. Hayes advised that it can't be delayed noting that North Sutton Cemetery is full and that there are only 90 lots left in Millswood Cemetery.

Mr. DeFelice called attention to the fact that the money is not coming from general taxation. It is being raised from the unexpended fund balance.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called the question. The article passed by voice vote.

The moderator introduced Article 6 to establish a Master Plan Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to establish a Master Plan Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Master Plan Development, Consultation, Compilation and Printing and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Select Board.**

Selectman Headley moved Article 6. David Hill seconded the motion.

Mr. DeFelice advised the master plan is done every 10 years at a cost of \$25-\$30,000. Therefore, the Budget Committee was recommending starting a capital reserve for this known expenditure. Betsy Forsham asked what is a non-capital reserve? Mr. DeFelice advised that a report is not a capital item. Charlie Forsberg asked if this was to establish a fund and where was it shown. Mr. DeFelice advised it would be reported with the other capital reserves. **There being no further discussion, the moderator called the question. The Article passed by voice vote.**

The moderator introduced Article 7:

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of completing site work, lighting, and fencing at the Grist Mill Parking Lot. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by general taxation. Selectman Baker moved Article 7 as written. Selectman Curless seconded the motion.

Selectman Headley spoke to the Article. Last year the town voted funding for engineering and conceptional design of the parking area. The resulting engineering design is representative of the Committee's original recommendations. Selectman Curless obtained estimates from contractors, and the cost for construction, fencing and lighting plus some landscaping has been estimated at \$50,000. Funds were encumbered from the previous year's warrant articles to go towards this project and the \$50,000 being proposed in Article 7 will come from unassigned fund balance.

Charlie Forsberg asked why it was called the Grist Mill Parking lot and was advised that it was located on Grist Mill Street. **There being no further discussion, the moderator called the question. The Article passed by voice vote.**

The moderator introduced Article 8 as follows:

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of engineering design and site assessment

for repairs to the Corporation Hill Road/Lane River embankment and replacement of the pedestrian bridge. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by general taxation. (Majority Vote Required).

Selectman Baker moved Article 8 for discussion. Betsy Forsham seconded the motion.

Selectman Baker said that the wall failed and needs to be repaired. Selectman Baker said there are many restrictions and permitting in conjunction with this type of repair that affects cost. Selectman Baker advised that the funding for this article will come from unexpended fund balance. Mr. Baker assured the citizens that a pedestrian bridge will be put back there. The bridge that removed there will be sold and the Select Board will seek public input for the replacement pedestrian bridge. Selectman Baker said that it is a necessary repair, and we can't afford to lose the road. Anything that we do for engineering or construction will be put out to bid.

Sue Esposito said that we've fixed it a couple times, because we keep coming back to this core problem. She asked for assurance, and if there was any liability for anybody else? Selectman Baker said the first time it was repaired in 2013, it was an emergency repair. After that an engineer was involved. The Town is in the process of determining what caused the failure. Selectman Baker said it does need to be fixed. Joshua Ortiz asked if the \$25,000 is for repair or for the bridge. Selectman Baker responded it was just for the engineering. The bridge is going to be resold.

Elly Phillips advised that the Board hoped to use ARPA (federal) funding for Corporation Hill repairs.

Gail Guertin said that speaking as a resident, she had done some research on this item. She said that since 1989, she estimated that \$486,305 has been spent on this particular area for various repairs. Noting that just last year money was voted for this. She felt as residents, we should all demand that the Select Board do their homework on this project. We've put way too much money into this, and we want to make sure that it is done right.

Paul Little asked about Article 9 last year and asked what happened with that money. Phillips responded that any remaining funds were encumbered. An engineering study was performed with those funds. Charles Forsberg asked what happened to the money, and what was accomplished. Phillips responded an engineering analysis was performed to determine where the flaws were and the engineering report was available at Town Hall.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called the question. Article 8 passed by voice vote.

The moderator introduced Article 9:

Article 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Charlie Forsberg asked how the cover for the Town Report was selected? He was advised that Betsy Forsham and Elly Phillips picked it. Charlie said that it was the finest cover ever produced. The moderator thanked Garrett Evans for the cover photograph.

Joshua Ortiz asked about whether the Select Board had explored energy efficiency options for the Town. Selectman Headley said that he had passed information soliciting solar projects to the Planning Board and that the Select Board was interested in looking into this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Howard
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town Administrator's Report

The following is a brief summary of the Town's finances at year's end. The Town's undesignated fund balance was \$1,544,843.95, a decrease of \$245,770.05 from the previous year. Last year the town voted to use \$135,000.00 from surplus to offset projects for the Mastin Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund, the town hall parking lot, and for engineering, design, and site assessment for the Corporation Hill Road/Lane River embankment. An additional \$385,000.00 was used to offset the tax rate in order to keep the total tax in line with the previous year's tax commitment.

The Town was not able to arrange for the 2022 annual audit in time for publication of the auditor's letter to be included in this report. Rest assured, it will be printed in next year's report, and publication will likely be a year behind from now on. If this is on your must read list, you can request a copy of the letter from the Select Board's office, and it will be provided to you as soon as it becomes available.

As excited as I am about my impending retirement, it is with mixed emotions that I write this final Town Administrator's report. I have genuinely enjoyed working for the citizens of Sutton and with the vast cadre of town officials, public servants, and volunteers that I have served with for nigh on a quarter of a century. The challenges have been as interesting and diverse as the people. Despite the many differences in the large cast of characters, there has always been one common denominator and that is a dedication and love for this wonderful community.

You will likely be seeing me from time-to-time in the future, as I will be around to assist with the transition and to provide whatever amount of useful "institutional knowledge" that may still be rattling around in my noggin. I say my goodbyes with complete confidence, because the Town is in your capable and caring hands. There are a myriad of ways to serve your community by voting, volunteering, running for office, attending meetings, the list goes on and on. Stay or get involved and take good care of each other and this precious community.

Zaga Zunt – Goodbye and Good Luck!

Elly Phillips
Town Administrator


2022 Tax Rate Calculation

| Municipal Tax Rate Calculation | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Jurisdiction | Tax Effort | Valuation | Tax Rate |
| Municipal | \$2,336,092 | \$323,860,114 | \$7.21 |
| County | \$843,778 | \$323,860,114 | \$2.61 |
| Local Education | \$4,231,095 | \$323,860,114 | \$13.06 |
| State Education | \$407,764 | \$319,382,895 | \$1.28 |
| Total | \$7,818,729 | | \$24.16 |

| Village Tax Rate Calculation | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Jurisdiction | Tax Effort | Valuation | Tax Rate |
| Total | | | |

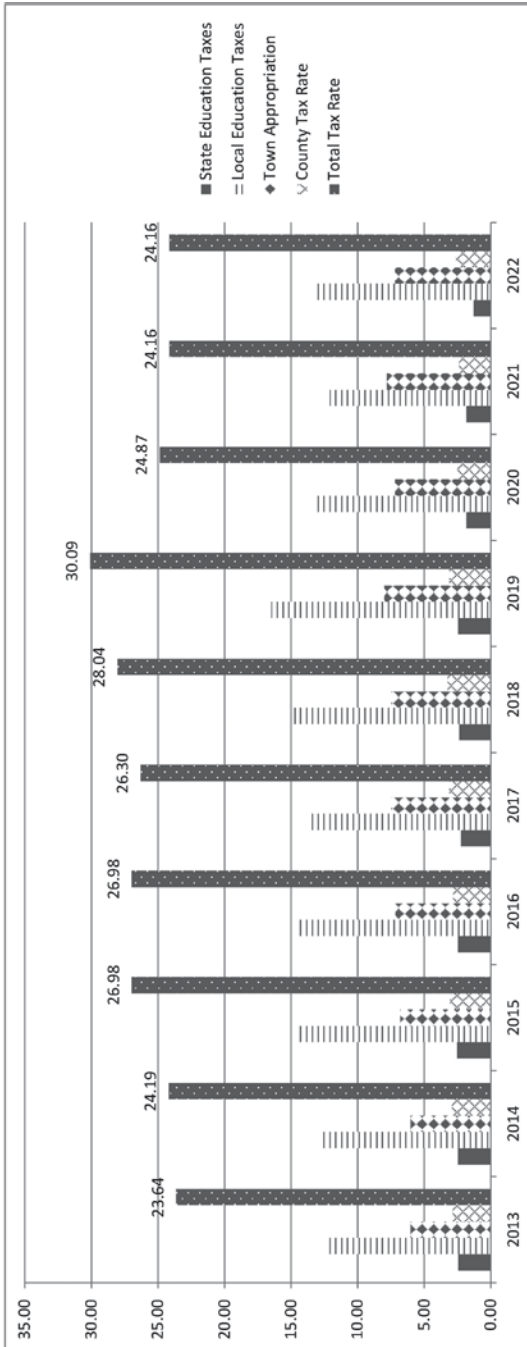
| Tax Commitment Calculation | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Total Municipal Tax Effort | | | \$7,818,729 |
| War Service Credits | | | (\$73,000) |
| Village District Tax Effort | | | \$0 |
| Total Property Tax Commitment | | | \$7,745,729 |

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

2022 Sutton Tax Rate Comparison



| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| State Education Taxes | 2.44 | 2.47 | 2.54 | 2.47 | 2.26 | 2.38 | 2.46 | 1.86 | 1.86 | 1.28 |
| Local Education Taxes | 12.26 | 12.75 | 14.57 | 14.50 | 13.45 | 14.91 | 16.50 | 13.28 | 12.10 | 13.06 |
| Town Appropriation | 6.04 | 6.04 | 6.80 | 7.16 | 7.48 | 7.48 | 8.01 | 7.21 | 7.80 | 7.21 |
| County Tax Rate | 2.90 | 2.93 | 3.07 | 2.85 | 3.11 | 3.27 | 3.12 | 2.52 | 2.40 | 2.61 |
| Total Tax Rate | 23.64 | 24.19 | 26.98 | 26.98 | 26.30 | 28.04 | 30.09 | 24.87 | 24.16 | 24.16 |

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| Land Value Only | | Acres | Valuation | |
|----------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1A | Current Use RSA 79-A | 18,921.75 | \$1,115,365 | |
| 1B | Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B | 0.00 | \$0 | |
| 1C | Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C | 0.00 | \$0 | |
| 1D | Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D | 0.00 | \$0 | |
| 1E | Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F | 0.00 | \$0 | |
| 1F | Residential Land | 4,675.71 | \$144,008,200 | |
| 1G | Commercial/Industrial Land | 485.66 | \$3,258,500 | |
| 1H | Total of Taxable Land | 24,083.12 | \$148,382,065 | |
| 1I | Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land | 1,796.54 | \$13,868,967 | |
| Buildings Value Only | | Structures | Valuation | |
| 2A | Residential | 0 | \$163,890,940 | |
| 2B | Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31 | 0 | \$106,620 | |
| 2C | Commercial/Industrial | 0 | \$7,881,270 | |
| 2D | Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D | 0 | \$0 | |
| 2E | Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F | 0 | \$0 | |
| 2F | Total of Taxable Buildings | 0 | \$171,878,830 | |
| 2G | Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings | 0 | \$26,367,000 | |
| Utilities & Timber | | | Valuation | |
| 3A | Utilities | | \$4,477,219 | |
| 3B | Other Utilities | | \$0 | |
| 4 | Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 | | \$0 | |
| 5 | Valuation before Exemption | | \$324,738,114 | |
| Exemptions | | Total Granted | Valuation | |
| 6 | Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a | 0 | \$0 | |
| 7 | Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V | 0 | \$0 | |
| 8 | Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a | 0 | \$0 | |
| 9 | School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV | 0 | \$0 | |
| 10A | Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12- | 0 | \$0 | |
| 10B | Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a | 0 | \$0 | |
| 11 | Modified Assessed Value of All Properties | | \$324,738,114 | |
| Optional Exemptions | | Amount Per | Total | Valuation |
| 12 | Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| 13 | Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b | \$0 | 7 | \$470,000 |
| 14 | Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| 15 | Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b | \$20,000 | 1 | \$20,000 |
| 16 | Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| 17 | Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62 | \$0 | 36 | \$388,000 |
| 18 | Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| 19 | Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| 19A | Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| 19B | Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| 20 | Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions | | | \$878,000 |
| 21A | Net Valuation | | | \$323,860,114 |
| 21B | Less TIF Retained Value | | | \$0 |
| 21C | Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value | | | \$323,860,114 |
| 21D | Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption | | | \$0 |
| 21E | Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction | | | \$323,860,114 |
| 22 | Less Utilities | | | \$4,477,219 |
| 23A | Net Valuation without Utilities | | | \$319,382,895 |
| 23B | Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value | | | \$319,382,895 |

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| Veteran's Tax Credits | Limits | Number | Est. Tax Credits |
|---|---------|------------|------------------|
| Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28 | \$500 | 91 | \$45,500 |
| Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a | \$700 | 0 | \$0 |
| Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35 | \$2,000 | 6 | \$12,000 |
| All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b | \$500 | 31 | \$15,500 |
| Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| | | 128 | \$73,000 |

| Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Deaf Income Limits | | Deaf Asset Limits | |
| Single | | Single | |
| Married | | Married | |
| Disabled Income Limits | | Disabled Asset Limits | |
| Single | \$13,400 | Single | \$35,000 |
| Married | \$20,400 | Married | \$35,000 |

| Elderly Exemption Report | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--|----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year | | Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted | | | | |
| Age | Number | Age | Number | Amount | Maximum | Total |
| 65-74 | 1 | 65-74 | 2 | \$20,000 | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| 75-79 | 0 | 75-79 | 1 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| 80+ | 0 | 80+ | 4 | \$100,000 | \$400,000 | \$400,000 |
| | | | 7 | | \$470,000 | \$470,000 |
| Income Limits | | Asset Limits | | | | |
| Single | \$38,000 | Single | | \$80,000 | | |
| Married | \$48,000 | Married | | \$80,000 | | |

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85) | |
| Granted/Adopted? No | Properties: |
| Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87) | |
| Granted/Adopted? No | Properties: |
| Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E) | |
| Granted/Adopted? No | Structures: |
| Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H) | |
| Granted/Adopted? No | Properties: |
| Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G) | |
| Granted/Adopted? No | Properties: |
| Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83) | |
| Granted/Adopted? No | Properties: |
| Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted: | |
| Total Exemption Granted: | |
| Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a) | |
| Granted/Adopted? No | Properties: |
| Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a: | |
| Current Assessed Value: | |

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| Current Use RSA 79-A | Total Acres | Valuation |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Farm Land | 573.58 | \$155,875 |
| Forest Land | 13,258.17 | \$806,086 |
| Forest Land with Documented Stewardship | 4,043.56 | \$136,033 |
| Unproductive Land | 71.02 | \$1,201 |
| Wet Land | 975.42 | \$16,170 |
| | 18,921.75 | \$1,115,365 |

Other Current Use Statistics

| | | |
|--|-----------------|----------|
| Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment | Acres: | 8,852.23 |
| Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year | Acres: | 12.63 |
| Total Number of Owners in Current Use | Owners: | 367 |
| Total Number of Parcels in Current Use | Parcels: | 475 |

Land Use Change Tax

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year | | \$25,000 |
| Conservation Allocation | Percentage: 100.00 % | Dollar Amount: |
| Monies to Conservation Fund | | \$25,000 |
| Monies to General Fund | | \$0 |

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

| | Acres | Valuation |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| Farm Land | 0.00 | \$0 |
| Forest Land | 0.00 | \$0 |
| Forest Land with Documented Stewardship | 0.00 | \$0 |
| Unproductive Land | 0.00 | \$0 |
| Wet Land | 0.00 | \$0 |
| | 0.00 | \$0 |

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

| | | |
|---|-----------------|------|
| Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment | Acres: | 0.00 |
| Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year | Acres: | |
| Owners in Conservation Restriction | Owners: | 0 |
| Parcels in Conservation Restriction | Parcels: | 0 |

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2022

Assets

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer: | | |
| Cash in Checking | \$ 3,104,704.23 | |
| Sutton Free Library | 15,774.41 | |
| Conservation Commission | 193,899.78 | |
| King Hill Reservation | 2,074.51 | |
| PD Special Duty Revolving Fund | 38,423.61 | |
| Cash in performance deposits | 22,563.76 | |
| | | \$ 3,377,440.30 |
| Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Fund Investments | | 2,808,254.62 |
| Uncollected Taxes: | | |
| Unassigned credits | (12,151.08) | |
| Property | 343,979.59 | |
| Timber yield | 12,840.44 | |
| Fox Chase Betterment Assessments | 1,742.29 | |
| Unredeemed Taxes: | | |
| Levies of 1 prior year | 79,066.15 | |
| Levies of 2 prior years | 40,503.74 | |
| Allowance for uncollectible taxes | (10,000.00) | |
| | | 455,981.13 |
| Accounts Receivable - NSF Checks | | 72.60 |
| Accounts Receivable - PD Special Duty | | 8,438.00 |
| Due from State NH - LEMP Grant | | 3,458.56 |
| | | \$ 6,653,645.21 |
| | | |

Liabilities and Equity

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Accounts Payable & accrued expenses | | |
| Accrued Payroll & Benefits | | 6,891.06 |
| Deferred inflow of taxes | | 195,000.00 |
| Deferred grants, including ARPA & Bridge Aid | | 246,835.62 |
| Deferred insurance claim (police cruiser) | | 14,050.00 |
| Encumbrances: | | |
| Corporation Hill Embankment | \$ 41,109.75 | |
| Fire Pumper Truck | 109,584.71 | |
| Library ramp | 6,736.25 | |
| Welfare donation | 1,200.00 | |
| Replace damaged police cruiser | 48,606.00 | |
| | | 207,236.71 |
| Special Revenue Funds, net of interfund payables: | | |
| Sutton Free Library | | 15,774.41 |
| Conservation Commission | | 193,899.78 |
| King Hill Reservation | | 2,074.51 |
| Police Special Duty Revolving | | 2,361.78 |
| Performance Deposits | | 22,563.76 |
| Due to School District | | 1,393,859.01 |

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Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Funds, net of interfund payables:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Accrued Benefits | 3,533.21 | |
| Admin Computer Equip | 30,653.61 | |
| Ballot Machine | 3,040.26 | |
| Blacktop Upgrade | 13,615.67 | |
| Cemetery Fences | 26,472.20 | |
| Cemetery Land | 5,139.65 | |
| Conservation Land | 65,587.59 | |
| Fire / Safety Building | 742,392.61 | |
| Fire Equip | 109,067.77 | |
| Fire Safety Equip | 112,488.25 | |
| Forest Fire Equipment | 6,671.35 | |
| Forest Fire Salaries | 4,868.97 | |
| Gravel Road Upgrade | 46,415.86 | |
| Heavy Equipment | 131,127.18 | |
| Highway Equip Trucks | 242,826.15 | |
| Highway Grader | 191,320.17 | |
| Legal Fees | 51,697.21 | |
| Library Modifications | 21,142.32 | |
| Master Plan 2022 | 3,005.83 | |
| Mastin Cemetery 2022 | 60,116.58 | |
| Milfoil | 24,560.97 | |
| Municipal Building Exp | 6,516.11 | |
| Police Cruiser | 74,798.46 | |
| Police Department Computers | 12,816.87 | |
| Record Preservation | 11,427.34 | |
| Rescue Ekg/ Other Equip Exp | 47,677.26 | |
| Rescue Vehicle Crf | 43,047.43 | |
| Revaluation & Tax Map/Overlay | 127,057.54 | |
| Septage Lagoon Maintenance | 30,934.53 | |
| Solid Waste/ Transfer | 94,201.47 | |
| Town Bridges | 425,861.77 | |
| Town Hall Facility | 2,065.84 | |
| Tree Maintenance | 10,524.18 | |
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 25,582.41 | 2,808,254.62 |
| | | 5,108,801.26 |
| Fund Balance | | |
| Unassigned Fund Balance | | 1,544,843.95 |
| | | \$ 6,653,645.21 |

Report from Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

The year 2022 was a year of continuing change and growth. The changes have affected the way our business is conducted now and how we will transition and adapt to the future.

One significant addition to the Town Clerk's Office is that Beth-Holly LaDuke has been hired to work as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Her knowledge, expertise and congenial personality are a valuable asset for our office and the community.

The year 2022 was our second year of using Avitar Clerk/Motor Vehicle Software. Avitar has continued to provide crucial support and knowledge of how the State Department of Motor Vehicles operates. They willingly assist with answering our questions. The software also provides the convenience of using credit cards for Motor Vehicle transactions without coming into the office. We do, however, always enjoy having you visit us in person.

In 2023 we will continue to remain vigilant about Covid by asking you to choose another time to visit the office if you are unwell, and also by keeping current on vaccinations.

One way to participate in the Town is by reading the Annual Report and attending the annual Town Meeting.

We remind you that it is important to keep your dogs safe by keeping their vaccinations current and by licensing them with the Town.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as Sutton's Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Howard
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town Clerk Revenues

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | \$ 642,760.99 |
| Motor Vehicle Title Fees | \$ 928.00 |
| Dog Licenses/Penalties | \$ 3,811.50 |
| Vital Statistics | \$ 795.00 |
| Misc. Clerk Fees | \$ 108.00 |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$ 648,403.49</u> |

Summary Report of the Trust Funds

| Name of Fund | Purpose | How Invested | PRINCIPAL | | | ***INCOME*** | | | GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income End of Year | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Balance beginning of year | New Funds Created | Withdrawals | Balance End of Year | Balance of beginning of Year | Income During Year | | Expended During Year | Balance End of Year |
| 126 CEMETERY TRUSTS (COMMON FUND) | PERPETUAL CARE | NHPDP* | 29,775.81 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 29,775.81 | 3,467.07 | 554.03 | 0.00 | 4,021.10 | 33,796.91 |
| 2022 RICHARD RUSSELL TRUST (MILLWOOD) | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 0.00 | 14,082.49 | 0.00 | 14,082.49 | 0.00 | 226.30 | 0.00 | 226.30 | 14,308.79 |
| ACCURED BENEFITS | LIBRARY BENEFITS | NHPDP* | 3,199.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,199.93 | 275.37 | 57.91 | 0.00 | 333.28 | 3,533.21 |
| ADAP. ANDERSON | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 201.07 | 53.33 | 0.00 | 254.40 | 3,254.40 |
| ADMIN COMPUTER EQUIP | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 26,426.00 | 9,000.00 | 5,488.99 | 29,937.01 | 230.23 | 484.37 | 0.00 | 714.60 | 30,651.61 |
| AMELIA CHAPMAN | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 674.69 | 177.90 | 0.00 | 852.59 | 10,852.59 |
| BALLOT MACHINE | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.27 | 39.99 | 0.00 | 40.26 | 3,040.26 |
| BLACKTOP UPGRADE | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 484,385.56 | 250,000.00 | 721,818.02 | 1,256,175.54 | 12.15 | 1,035.98 | 0.00 | 1,048.13 | 1,361,567.67 |
| CEMETERY FENCES | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 20,732.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 25,732.00 | 355.49 | 384.71 | 0.00 | 740.20 | 26,472.20 |
| CEMETERY GEN'L TRUST | GEN'L CARE TRUST | NHPDP* | 16,441.00 | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | 17,341.00 | 955.73 | 291.69 | 0.00 | 1,247.42 | 18,588.42 |
| CEMETERY LAND | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 2,040.80 | 98.85 | 0.00 | 2,139.65 | 5,139.65 |
| CONSERVATION LAND | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 55,415.18 | 7,000.00 | 0.00 | 62,415.18 | 2,166.16 | 1,006.25 | 0.00 | 3,172.41 | 65,587.59 |
| DIRECT ASSISTANCE | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 20,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 25,000.00 | 212.28 | 370.13 | 0.00 | 582.41 | 25,582.41 |
| DOUGLAS ANDERSON | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 65.37 | 17.76 | 0.00 | 83.13 | 1,083.13 |
| F.B.WADLEIGH | BOOKS, LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 4,168.21 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,168.21 | 279.91 | 74.14 | 0.00 | 354.05 | 4,522.26 |
| FAY PUGLIESE LIBRARY | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 65.37 | 17.76 | 0.00 | 83.13 | 1,083.13 |
| FIRE / SAFETY BUILDING | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 608,067.28 | 100,000.00 | 0.00 | 708,067.28 | 23,140.13 | 11,885.20 | 0.00 | 34,325.33 | 742,392.61 |
| FIRE EQUIP | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 51,523.64 | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 101,523.64 | 6,247.92 | 1,296.21 | 0.00 | 7,544.13 | 109,067.77 |
| FIRE SAFETY EQUIP | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 74,900.00 | 37,000.00 | 0.00 | 111,900.00 | 8.74 | 1,479.51 | 0.00 | 1,488.25 | 112,488.25 |
| FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 5,136.74 | 250.00 | 0.00 | 5,386.74 | 1,177.70 | 106.91 | 0.00 | 1,284.61 | 6,671.35 |
| FOREST FIRE SALARIES | SALARIES | NHPDP* | 3,404.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,404.11 | 1,385.04 | 79.82 | 0.00 | 1,464.86 | 4,868.97 |
| FRED E. NELSON | TOWN | NHPDP* | 1,510.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,510.24 | 95.71 | 26.78 | 0.00 | 122.49 | 1,632.73 |
| FRED E. NELSON MISC. | MISC. TOWN | NHPDP* | 3,284.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,284.20 | 208.89 | 58.21 | 0.00 | 267.10 | 3,551.30 |
| GRACE P. NELSON | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 48,560.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 48,560.10 | 3,277.53 | 863.98 | 0.00 | 4,141.51 | 52,701.61 |
| GRAVEL ROAD UPGRADE | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 57,920.13 | 10,000.00 | 23,689.97 | 44,230.16 | 1,218.83 | 966.87 | 0.00 | 2,185.70 | 46,415.86 |
| HEAVY EQUIPMENT | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 101,100.00 | 27,000.00 | 0.00 | 128,100.00 | 1,143.58 | 1,883.60 | 0.00 | 3,027.18 | 131,127.18 |
| HELENA W. WELLS (OLD STORE) | OLD STORE MUSEUM | NHPDP* | 9,518.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,518.25 | 1,909.94 | 190.49 | 0.00 | 2,100.43 | 11,618.68 |
| HIGHWAY EQUIP TRUCKS | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 110,180.76 | 120,000.00 | 0.00 | 230,180.76 | 9,846.68 | 2,798.41 | 0.00 | 12,645.39 | 242,826.15 |
| HIGHWAY GRADER | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 157,640.58 | 26,000.00 | 0.00 | 183,640.58 | 4,799.33 | 2,880.26 | 0.00 | 7,679.59 | 191,320.17 |
| JOHN EATON | SCHOOLS | NHPDP* | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 132.72 | 10.55 | 0.00 | 143.27 | 643.27 |
| JOHN PRESSEY | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 65.37 | 17.76 | 0.00 | 83.13 | 1,083.13 |
| LEGAL FEES | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 45,489.58 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 48,489.58 | 2,389.69 | 817.94 | 0.00 | 3,207.63 | 51,697.21 |
| LEWIS RICHARDS | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 19.03 | 5.33 | 0.00 | 24.36 | 324.36 |
| LIBRARY MODIFICATIONS | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 15,058.85 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 20,058.85 | 786.13 | 297.34 | 0.00 | 1,083.47 | 21,142.32 |
| MARY EATON | SCHOOLS | NHPDP* | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 41.07 | 3.17 | 0.00 | 44.24 | 194.24 |
| MASTER PLAN 2022 | MISC. TOWN | NHPDP* | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 5.83 | 0.00 | 5.83 | 3,005.83 |
| MASTIN CEMETERY 2022 | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 0.00 | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 116.58 | 0.00 | 116.58 | 60,116.58 |
| MILFOIL | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 | 4,158.32 | 402.65 | 0.00 | 4,560.97 | 24,560.97 |
| MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXP | EXPENDABLE CR | NHPDP* | 8,260.07 | 3,000.00 | 5,144.00 | 6,116.07 | 255.02 | 145.00 | 0.00 | 400.04 | 6,516.11 |
| N.SUTTON CEM'R FUND | REP & MAINT | NHPDP* | 27,745.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 27,745.82 | 5,109.11 | 547.59 | 0.00 | 5,656.70 | 33,402.52 |
| ORIN NELSON | LIBRARY | NHPDP* | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 65.37 | 17.76 | 0.00 | 83.13 | 1,083.13 |
| POLICE CRUISER | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 49,197.41 | 21,000.00 | 0.00 | 70,197.41 | 3,581.58 | 1,019.47 | 0.00 | 4,601.05 | 74,798.46 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTERS | CAPITAL RESERVE | NHPDP* | 8,754.80 | 3,500.00 | 0.00 | 12,254.80 | 386.42 | 175.65 | 0.00 | 562.07 | 12,816.87 |

Summary Report of the Trust Funds

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------|------------|--------------|
| RECORD PRESERVATION | NHPDIP* | 8,719.23 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 10,719.23 | 540.46 | 167.65 | 0.00 | 708.11 | 11,427.34 |
| RESCUE EKG/ OTHER EQUIP EXP | NHPDIP* | 33,000.00 | 14,000.00 | 0.00 | 47,000.00 | 33.61 | 643.65 | 0.00 | 677.26 | 47,677.26 |
| RESCUE VEHICLE CRF | NHPDIP* | 28,438.65 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 38,438.65 | 4,001.62 | 607.16 | 0.00 | 4,608.78 | 43,047.43 |
| REVALUATION & TAX MAP/OVERLAY | NHPDIP* | 98,656.08 | 25,000.00 | 0.00 | 123,656.08 | 1,564.87 | 1,836.59 | 0.00 | 3,401.46 | 127,057.54 |
| SEPTAGE LAGOON MAINTENANCE | NHPDIP* | 25,358.87 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 30,358.87 | 117.81 | 457.85 | 0.00 | 575.66 | 30,934.53 |
| SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER | NHPDIP* | 81,659.09 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 86,659.09 | 6,061.77 | 1,480.61 | 0.00 | 7,542.38 | 94,201.47 |
| SUTTON RESCUE | NHPDIP* | 3,001.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,001.46 | 513.72 | 58.59 | 0.00 | 572.31 | 3,573.77 |
| TOWN BRIDGES | NHPDIP* | 357,296.68 | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 407,296.68 | 12,076.32 | 6,488.77 | 0.00 | 18,565.09 | 425,861.77 |
| TOWN HALL FACILITY | NHPDIP* | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 41.82 | 24.02 | 0.00 | 65.84 | 2,065.84 |
| TREE MAINTENANCE | NHPDIP* | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 351.65 | 172.53 | 0.00 | 524.18 | 10,524.18 |
| VOL FIRE DEPT | NHPDIP* | 20,540.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20,540.73 | 1,310.05 | 364.18 | 0.00 | 1,674.23 | 22,214.96 |
| WORTHY POOR (O. NELSON) | NHPDIP* | 1,085.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,085.00 | 2,092.53 | 52.95 | 0.00 | 2,145.48 | 3,230.48 |
| | | 2,758,604.04 | 872,732.49 | 756,140.98 | 2,875,195.55 | 110,502.92 | 44,644.84 | 0.00 | 155,802.88 | 3,030,998.43 |

Treasurer's Report

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire
2022 Treasurer's Report

| | General Fund | Conservation Commission | King Hill Reservation | Police Dept. Special Duty | Performance Deposits | Total |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balances | 2,282,344.74 | 166,759.67 | 1,709.04 | 12,673.23 | 19,542.49 | 2,483,029.17 |
| Receipts: | | | | | | |
| Tax Collector | 7,829,231.91 | | | | | 7,829,231.91 |
| Town Clerk | 648,403.49 | | | | | 648,403.49 |
| State of New Hampshire | 286,727.32 | | | | | 286,727.32 |
| Grants including LEMP, ARPA LFRF | 513,788.03 | | | | | 513,788.03 |
| Other Revenue | 450,839.61 | | | | | 450,839.61 |
| Town Office & Other Departments | 38,254.28 | | | | | 38,254.28 |
| Sale of municipal property | 65,868.35 | | | | | 65,868.35 |
| Interest on deposits | 2,342.74 | 1,337.53 | 15.47 | | 3.73 | 3,699.47 |
| Special Duty | 13,560.62 | | | 39,311.00 | | 52,871.62 |
| Peacock Hill, LLC. Escrow | | | | | | 15,000.00 |
| Income from Expendable Capital Reserves | 289,059.62 | | | | | 289,059.62 |
| Tax Anticipation Notes | | | | | | - |
| Conservation Donations | | 800.00 | | | | 800.00 |
| Conservation Income <i>(Land Use Charge 100%)</i> | | 26,850.00 | | | | 26,850.00 |
| | 10,138,075.97 | 28,987.53 | 365.47 | 39,311.00 | 15,003.73 | 10,220,593.70 |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | |
| Selectboard Orders Paid | 9,315,716.48 | | | 13,560.62 | | 9,329,277.10 |
| Performance Account Orders Paid | | | | | 11,982.46 | 11,982.46 |
| Conservation Commission Orders Paid | 9,315,716.48 | 1,347.42 | 500.00 | | | 9,343,106.98 |
| | 3,104,704.23 | 194,399.78 | 1,574.51 | 38,423.61 | 22,563.76 | 3,360,515.89 |
| Ending Balance | | | | | | |
| Bank Balances: | | | | | | |
| Bar Harbor Bank & Trust | 3,104,704.23 | | | 38,423.61 | 7,419.06 | 3,150,546.90 |
| TD Banknorth | - | | 2,074.51 | | 15,144.70 | 211,118.99 |
| | 3,104,704.23 | | 2,074.51 | 38,423.61 | 22,563.76 | 3,361,665.89 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Call, Treasurer

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Treasurer's Agency Report

TOWN OF SUTTON

Agency Funds - Summary of Changes in Assets and Liabilities
 FYE December 31, 2022

| Depositor | Date Established | Purpose | Type of Deposit | Bank/Ins. Company | Account/Policy Number | Additions | | Balance Ending | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | | | | Balance Beginning | Deposits Received | | Deductions |
| Z Ventures Corporation | 12/29/05 | Performance bond | Cash | TD Bank North | 9721940298 | 15,141.70 | - | 3.00 | 15,144.70 |
| Peacock Hill Road, LLC. | 10/30/21 | Performance bond | Cash | Bar Harbor | 8330453617 | 4,400.79 | 15,000.00 | 0.73 | 7,419.06 |
| | | | | | | 19,542.49 | 15,000.00 | 3.73 | 22,563.76 |

Police Department Special Duty Account Est. 2016
 FYE December 31, 2022

| Type of Deposit | Bank | Account Number | Account/ Balance | | Additions | | Balance Ending |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| | | | Beginning | Received | Interest Credited | Deductions | |
| Cash | Bar Harbor Bank & Trust | 8240054540 | 12,673.23 | 39,311.00 | - | 13,560.62 | 38,423.61 |
| | | | 12,673.23 | 39,311.00 | - | 13,560.62 | 38,423.61 |

Conservation Commission Special Revenue Funds

| | Conservation Commission accounts | | Total |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Conservation Commission | King Hill Reservation | |
| REVENUES | | | |
| Land Use Change Tax | 26,850.00 | | 26,850.00 |
| Sutton Ridgerunners Donation | | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| Anonymous Donation | 800.00 | | 800.00 |
| Interest on Deposits | 1,337.53 | 15.47 | 1,353.00 |
| | 28,987.53 | 365.47 | 29,353.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Current - Conservation | | | |
| Gravel | 1,347.42 | | 1,347.42 |
| Mowing Expenses | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Plowing Expenses | | | - |
| | 1,347.42 | 500.00 | 1,847.42 |
| Net change in fund balances | 27,640.11 | (134.53) | 27,505.58 |
| Fund balances - beginning | 166,759.67 | 1,709.04 | 168,468.71 |
| Fund balances - ending | 194,399.78 | 1,574.51 | 195,974.29 |
| Analysis of ending balance: | | | |
| Cash in Banks | 194,399.78 | 1,574.51 | 195,974.29 |
| | 194,399.78 | 1,574.51 | 195,974.29 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Conservation Commission

2022 Expenditure Statement

2022 TOWN OF SUTTON EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| 4130 Executive Office | | \$ | 190,152.14 |
| Selectmen's Salaries | 8,494.32 | | |
| Town Administrator's Salary | 79,425.28 | | |
| Secretary & Clerk Wages | 49,334.02 | | |
| Telephone | 2,222.43 | | |
| Other Professional Services | 3,626.20 | | |
| Computer | 37,543.94 | | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 527.79 | | |
| Printing Costs | 4,494.00 | | |
| Advertising | 841.58 | | |
| Dues/Conferences/Publications | 2,042.00 | | |
| Office Supplies | 1,212.60 | | |
| Postage and Envelopes | 287.98 | | |
| Mileage Reimbursement | 0.00 | | |
| Office Equipment | 100.00 | | |
| 4140 Election and Registration | | \$ | 2,298.86 |
| Supervisors Wages | 963.96 | | |
| Ballot Clerk Wages | 913.46 | | |
| Advertising | 94.50 | | |
| Training | 0.00 | | |
| Supplies | 299.99 | | |
| Postage | 26.95 | | |
| 4150 Financial Administration | | \$ | 78,977.62 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector Wages | 42,360.00 | | |
| Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk Wages | 19,810.41 | | |
| Recording Fees | 183.00 | | |
| Telephone | 1,738.80 | | |
| Mortgage Research | 747.00 | | |
| Computer Expenses | 4,492.45 | | |
| Credit/Debit Card Payment | 1,200.00 | | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 0.00 | | |
| Advertising | 198.00 | | |
| Dues/Conferences/ Publications | 2,177.38 | | |
| Office Supplies | 1,124.75 | | |
| Postage & Envelopes | 4,394.83 | | |
| Professional Services | 121.00 | | |
| Mileage Reimbursement | 430.00 | | |
| 4151 Financial Executive | | \$ | 22,833.74 |
| Deputy Treasurer Salary | 0.00 | | |
| Treasurer Salary | 5,736.61 | | |
| Budget Committee Secretary | 547.36 | | |
| Budget Committee | 90.00 | | |
| Auditing Services | 12,200.00 | | |
| Telephone DSL/Fax | 478.92 | | |
| Computer | 2,435.50 | | |
| Postage & Envelopes | 785.65 | | |
| Bank Service Charges | 0.00 | | |
| Mileage Reimbursement | 559.70 | | |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property | | \$ | 9,648.50 |
| RP Appraisal Services | 9,648.50 | | |
| RP Appraisal Recertification | 0.00 | | |

2022 Expenditure Statement

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|---|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 4153 Judicial and Legal Expenses | | \$ | 32,140.64 |
| Legal Expenses and Services | 19,626.66 | | |
| Litigation Expenses | 12,513.98 | | |
| 4155 Personnel Administration | | \$ | 427,983.78 |
| Health Insurance - Executive | 56,768.31 | | |
| Health Insurance - Police | 90,565.24 | | |
| Health Insurance - Highway | 104,673.96 | | |
| Contingency Insurance | 0.00 | | |
| Group Insurance - Life/D/S-L | 4,491.90 | | |
| Group Insurance - Dental | 5,893.69 | | |
| FICA | 44,713.32 | | |
| Medicare | 13,995.23 | | |
| Salary Contingency | 9,282.00 | | |
| Police Retirement Contribution | 79,727.31 | | |
| Highway Retirement Contribution | 8,451.14 | | |
| Executive Retirement Contribution | 3,856.62 | | |
| Financial Retirement Contribution | 1,145.66 | | |
| Administrative Retirement Contribution | 4,419.40 | | |
| 4191 Planning and Zoning Boards | | \$ | 27,225.38 |
| Planning and Zoning Administrator | 18,375.22 | | |
| Professional Services | 246.50 | | |
| P/Z Recording Secretary | 1,498.25 | | |
| PB Recording Fees | 97.42 | | |
| Telephone | 1,342.92 | | |
| Printing | 91.50 | | |
| Notices | 2,950.23 | | |
| Dues/Conferences/Publications | 282.70 | | |
| Computer | 603.12 | | |
| Office Supplies | 205.97 | | |
| Postage | 1,531.55 | | |
| Mileage Reimbursement | 0.00 | | |
| 4194 General Government Buildings | | \$ | 28,079.73 |
| Custodial Wages | 1,069.00 | | |
| Snow Removal | 700.00 | | |
| Building Security System | 637.00 | | |
| Electricity | 3,072.03 | | |
| Heating Fuel | 7,892.57 | | |
| Contingency | 0.00 | | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 13,062.80 | | |
| Supplies | 1,646.33 | | |
| 4195 Cemeteries | | | |
| Cemetery Services | 13,195.00 | \$ | 13,195.00 |
| 4196 Insurance | | | |
| Unemployment Insurance | 670.00 | \$ | 60,597.00 |
| Workers Compensation | 24,652.00 | | |
| Property/Liability | 35,275.00 | | |
| Insurance Expense - Misc. | 0.00 | | |
| 4197 Advertising & Regional Associations | | \$ | 2,374.00 |
| Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission | 2,374.00 | | |
| 4210 Police Department | | \$ | 390,634.58 |
| Full Time Wages | 127,541.44 | | |

2022 Expenditure Statement

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| Additional Compensation | 366.56 | | |
| Part-Time Wages | 0.00 | | |
| Building and Grounds | 3,255.00 | | |
| Building Security | 615.00 | | |
| On Call Wages | 0.00 | | |
| Overtime Wages | 22,941.18 | | |
| Police Chief Salary | 95,310.23 | | |
| Administrative Assistant | 33,538.18 | | |
| PD Custodial | 2,252.51 | | |
| Court Representation | 1,151.00 | | |
| Court Witness Fees | 0.00 | | |
| Telephone | 8,337.36 | | |
| Computer Services | 1,500.00 | | |
| Animal Control Expenses | 0.00 | | |
| Electric | 2,025.91 | | |
| LP Gas | 1,774.72 | | |
| Maintenance | 773.41 | | |
| Dues/Conferences/Publications | 3,640.00 | | |
| Training | 937.32 | | |
| Office Supplies | 3,544.57 | | |
| Investigative Supplies | 9,409.80 | | |
| Firearms/Ammo | 2,621.77 | | |
| Postage | 86.84 | | |
| Mileage | 188.89 | | |
| Cruiser Fuel | 11,767.47 | | |
| Cruiser Repair/Maintenance/Replacement Cruiser | 47,929.16 | | |
| Uniforms | 9,126.26 | | |
| 4215 Ambulance | | \$ | 81,261.00 |
| Sutton Rescue Squad | 11,825.00 | | |
| New London Ambulance | 69,436.00 | | |
| 4220 Fire Department | | \$ | 58,678.05 |
| Building Alarms/Safety | 374.00 | | |
| Telephone | 2,080.94 | | |
| Active 911 | 942.96 | | |
| Electricity | 3,609.98 | | |
| Heating Fuel | 5,946.37 | | |
| Building Maintenance | 6,658.00 | | |
| Equipment Fuel | 0.00 | | |
| Training | 0.00 | | |
| Fire Warden | 432.82 | | |
| Maintenance Fee Gen Air | 784.71 | | |
| Miscellaneous & Supplies | 9,240.92 | | |
| Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance | 3,165.01 | | |
| Personal Safety Equipment | 12,897.95 | | |
| HazMat Annual Fees | 2,000.00 | | |
| Radios | 10,544.39 | | |
| 4240 Building Inspection | | \$ | 3,778.47 |
| Inspection Services | 3,778.47 | | |
| Wetlands Inspection | 0.00 | | |
| 4290 Emergency Management | | \$ | 500.00 |
| Emergency Management Services | 500.00 | | |
| Emergency Management Expenses | 0.00 | | |

2022 Expenditure Statement

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|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 4299 Dispatching Services | | |
| Dispatching Services | 22,155.90 | \$ 22,155.90 |
| 4312 Highway Department | | \$ 625,267.77 |
| Wages | 310,413.54 | |
| Part Time Labor | 0.00 | |
| Overtime Wages | 21,348.46 | |
| Custodial Wages | 1,344.00 | |
| Telephone | 1,942.95 | |
| Alarms | 3,083.88 | |
| Uniform Expenses | 7,112.97 | |
| Other Professional Services | 7,833.46 | |
| Radio Repairs/Purchase/Lease | 0.00 | |
| Electricity | 3,853.22 | |
| Heating Oil | 8,019.71 | |
| LP Gas | 0.00 | |
| Building Repairs/Maintenance | 3,029.14 | |
| Dues/Conferences/Publications & Adv. | 30.00 | |
| Equipment Rental | 18,304.37 | |
| Mileage Reimbursement | 29.25 | |
| Vehicle Fuel | 43,496.68 | |
| Safety Equipment | 3,397.02 | |
| Vehicle Repair/Maintenance | 19,244.52 | |
| Oil & Filters | 4,859.49 | |
| Tires | 7,914.00 | |
| Materials & Supplies | 4,964.50 | |
| Cutting Edges | 5,882.55 | |
| Equipment Repair/Maintenance | 8,769.94 | |
| Chains | 1,194.00 | |
| Small Equipment/Tools | 1,017.63 | |
| Culverts | 6,542.20 | |
| Hand Tools | 305.53 | |
| Shop Equipment | 506.65 | |
| Sand & Salt | 90,801.88 | |
| Gravel | 18,680.18 | |
| Asphalt Products | 5,525.04 | |
| Signs | 4,446.01 | |
| Liquid Calcium Chloride | 11,375.00 | |
| 4313 Bridges | | \$ 3,333.47 |
| Bridge Expenses | 3,333.47 | |
| 4316 Street Lighting | | \$ 1,950.69 |
| Street Lighting Expenses | 1,950.69 | |
| 4324 Solid Waste Disposal | | \$ 130,548.21 |
| Wages | 51,729.29 | |
| Building Alarms/Safety | 82.00 | |
| Telephone | 481.92 | |
| Water Testing | 3,647.50 | |
| Electricity | 1,995.10 | |
| Diesel | 1,322.71 | |
| Dues/Conferences/Publications | 1,443.44 | |
| Maintenance/Supplies | 134.16 | |
| Uniforms | 93.00 | |
| Safety Equipment | 0.00 | |
| Operator Certification | 175.00 | |

2022 Expenditure Statement

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|---|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Repairs | 2,219.00 | | |
| Lagoon Maintenance | 1,000.00 | | |
| Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee | 12,389.70 | | |
| Electronic Recycling | 2,635.33 | | |
| Hazardous Waste | 850.10 | | |
| Cardboard/Plastic | 5,165.82 | | |
| Aluminum/Steel Cans | 3,525.00 | | |
| Freon Recycling | 0.00 | | |
| Tire Removal | 1,270.50 | | |
| Florescent Bulb Recycling | 0.00 | | |
| MSW Tipping | 26,164.31 | | |
| MSW Trucking | 8,629.95 | | |
| Gas Heat | 2,284.38 | | |
| Calcium Chloride | 0.00 | | |
| Glass | 3,310.00 | | |
| 4411 Health Administration | | \$ | 1,616.00 |
| Inoculations & Tests | 1,026.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 590.00 | | |
| 4415 Lake Sunapee Region VNA | | \$ | 5,736.00 |
| Lake Sunapee Region VNA | 5,736.00 | | |
| 4442 Direct Assistance | | \$ | 13,968.06 |
| Dues Conferences and Publications | 30.00 | | |
| Worthy Causes | 1,500.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous Direct Assistance | 1,539.66 | | |
| Services | 5,498.40 | | |
| Community Action Program | 5,400.00 | | |
| 4520 Culture and Recreation | | \$ | 13,948.04 |
| South Sutton Common | 300.00 | | |
| Historical Society | 6,000.00 | | |
| Churches | 263.00 | | |
| Old Store Museum | 195.04 | | |
| COA | 3,190.00 | | |
| Youth Recreation Programs | 3,000.00 | | |
| North Sutton Improvement Society | 1,000.00 | | |
| 4550 Library | | \$ | 86,309.65 |
| Library Director | 32,816.08 | | |
| Assistant | 20,262.90 | | |
| Substitutes | 133.08 | | |
| Custodial | 1,567.59 | | |
| Operating Budget | 31,530.00 | | |
| 4583 Patriotic Purposes | 847.85 | \$ | 847.85 |
| 4611 Conservation Administration | | \$ | 7,611.44 |
| Secretarial Services | 1,320.57 | | |
| Dues/Conferences/Publications | 3,150.00 | | |
| Expenses | 670.00 | | |
| Supplies | 305.00 | | |
| Special Projects | 2,165.87 | | |
| 4700 Debt Service | | \$ | 41,371.36 |
| Principal LT Bonds/Notes | 26,340.74 | | |
| Interest LT Bonds/Notes | 15,030.62 | | |

2022 Expenditure Statement

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|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Interest on Tans | 0.00 | |
| Interest on Abatements | 0.00 | |
| 4914 Capital Reserve Funds | | \$ 794,750.00 |
| Black Top Roads | 250,000.00 | |
| Gravel Roads | 10,000.00 | |
| Tree Maintenance | 0.00 | |
| Computers Admin | 9,000.00 | |
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 5,000.00 | |
| Town Hall Facility | 1,000.00 | |
| Septage Lagoon | 5,000.00 | |
| Library Modifications | 5,000.00 | |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 27,000.00 | |
| Cruisers | 21,000.00 | |
| PD Computer Equipment | 3,500.00 | |
| Cemetery Fence and Tombstone | 5,000.00 | |
| Conservation Commission Land | 7,000.00 | |
| Highway Equipment/Plow Dump Trucks | 120,000.00 | |
| Highway Town Bridges | 50,000.00 | |
| Solid Waste Facility | 5,000.00 | |
| Forest Fire Equipment | 250.00 | |
| Fire Equipment Replacement | 50,000.00 | |
| Rescue Vehicle | 10,000.00 | |
| Property Revaluation | 25,000.00 | |
| Cemetery Land | 0.00 | |
| Municipal Building Fund | 3,000.00 | |
| Fire Safety Equipment | 37,000.00 | |
| Fire/Safety Building | 100,000.00 | |
| Legal Fees | 3,000.00 | |
| Highway Grader | 26,000.00 | |
| Ballot Counting Machine | 1,000.00 | |
| Historical Records Preservation | 2,000.00 | |
| Rescue Equipment | 14,000.00 | |
| Warrant Articles | | \$ 113,000.00 |
| CR Master Plan | 3,000.00 | |
| Grist Mill Parking Area | 50,000.00 | |
| CR Mastin Cemetery | 60,000.00 | |
| | | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 3,292,772.93 |

Statement of Receipts and Actual Revenues

for the year ending December 31, 2022

| | Estimated Revenues | Actual Revenues | (Over)/Under |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| TAXES | | | |
| Timber Tax | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 39,594.00 | \$ (9,594.00) |
| Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 45,620.68 | \$ (5,620.68) |
| Excavation Tax & Activity Tax | \$ 9.00 | \$ 16.00 | \$ (7.00) |
| LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | \$400,000.00 | \$ 440,069.28 | \$ (40,069.28) |
| Building Permits | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 4,540.00 | \$ 460.00 |
| Other License Permits and Fees | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 5,040.53 | \$ (1,040.53) |
| FROM STATE /FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| Shared Revenues (Municipal Aid Receivable) | \$174,786.00 | \$ 380.00 | \$ (380.00) |
| Meals & Room Tax Distribution | \$111,971.00 | \$ 174,785.76 | \$ 0.24 |
| Highway Block Grant | \$ 25.00 | \$ 11,536.22 | \$ 434.78 |
| State Forest Land | \$ 4,844.00 | \$ 25.34 | \$ (0.34) |
| Other State Grants/FEMA | \$ 4,844.00 | \$ 4,844.00 | \$ - |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | |
| Income from Departments | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 26,573.34 | \$ (1,573.34) |
| Other/Bank Charges | \$ 50.00 | \$ (43.00) | \$ 93.00 |
| MISC. REVENUE | | | |
| Sale of Municipal Property | \$ 58,000.00 | \$ 65,868.35 | \$ (7,868.35) |
| Interest on Investments | \$ 1,150.00 | \$ 1,993.71 | \$ (843.71) |
| Other/Cable, Insurance, Dividends & Reimbursement | \$ - | \$ 27,185.14 | \$ (27,185.14) |
| INCOME FROM CAPITAL RESERVES | | | |
| Income from Capital Reserves | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$854,835.00</u> | <u>\$ 948,029.35</u> | <u>\$ (93,194.35)</u> |

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

for the year ending December 31, 2022

| | Appropriations | Expenditures | Balance |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| 4130 Executive | \$ 199,088.00 | \$ 190,152.14 | \$ 8,935.86 |
| 4140 Elections and Registrations | \$ 4,957.00 | \$ 2,298.86 | \$ 2,658.14 |
| 4150 Financial Administration | \$ 76,245.00 | \$ 78,977.62 | \$ (2,732.62) |
| 4151 Financial Executive | \$ 27,593.00 | \$ 22,833.74 | \$ 4,759.26 |
| 4152 Appraisal Services | \$ 11,500.00 | \$ 9,648.50 | \$ 1,851.50 |
| 4153 Legal Expenses | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 32,140.64 | \$ (9,140.64) |
| 4155 Personnel Administration | \$ 513,948.00 | \$ 427,983.78 | \$ 85,964.22 |
| 4191 Planning Board/Zoning | \$ 43,575.00 | \$ 27,225.38 | \$ 16,349.62 |
| 4194 General Government Buildings | \$ 33,700.00 | \$ 28,079.73 | \$ 5,620.27 |
| 4195 Cemeteries | \$ 14,000.00 | \$ 13,195.00 | \$ 805.00 |
| 4196 Insurance | \$ 62,475.00 | \$ 60,597.00 | \$ 1,878.00 |
| 4197 Regional Association | \$ 2,374.00 | \$ 2,374.00 | \$ - |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | |
| 4210 Police Department | \$ 376,897.00 | \$ 390,634.58 | \$ (13,737.58) |
| 4215 Ambulance | \$ 82,961.00 | \$ 81,261.00 | \$ 1,700.00 |
| 4220 Fire Department | \$ 60,365.00 | \$ 58,678.05 | \$ 1,686.95 |
| 4240 Building Inspection | \$ 5,825.00 | \$ 3,778.47 | \$ 2,046.53 |
| 4290 Emergency Management | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 4299 Dispatching | \$ 22,155.90 | \$ 22,155.90 | \$ - |
| HIGHWAYS AND STREETS | | | |
| 4312 Highway Department | \$ 741,459.00 | \$ 625,267.77 | \$ 116,191.23 |
| 4313 Bridges | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,333.47 | \$ (333.47) |
| 4316 Street Lighting | \$ 3,840.00 | \$ 1,950.69 | \$ 1,889.31 |
| SANITATION | | | |
| 4324 Solid Waste Disposal | \$ 170,197.00 | \$ 130,548.21 | \$ 39,648.79 |
| HEALTH ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| 4411 Inoculations, Tests and Expenses | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ 1,616.00 | \$ 634.00 |
| 4415 Health Agencies | \$ 5,736.00 | \$ 5,736.00 | \$ - |
| WELFARE | | | |
| 4442 Welfare/Worthy Causes/CAP | \$ 26,899.00 | \$ 13,968.06 | \$ 12,930.94 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | | | |
| 4520 Churches, Commons, Museum, Recreation | \$ 14,523.00 | \$ 13,948.04 | \$ 574.96 |
| 4550 Library | \$ 99,849.49 | \$ 86,309.65 | \$ 13,539.84 |
| 4583 Patriotic Purposes | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 847.85 | \$ 152.15 |

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

for the year ending December 31, 2022

| | Appropriations | Expenditures | Balance |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CONSERVATION | | | |
| 4611 Administration, Expenses & Supplies | \$ 7,612.00 | \$ 7,611.44 | \$ 0.56 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | |
| 4711 Debt Service LT Principal | \$ 26,339.00 | \$ 26,340.74 | \$ (1.74) |
| 4711 Debt Service LT Interest | \$ 15,033.00 | \$ 15,030.62 | \$ 2.38 |
| 4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 4724 Interest on Abatements | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Total Operating Budget | <u>\$ 2,683,896.39</u> | <u>\$ 2,385,022.93</u> | <u>\$ 298,873.46</u> |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS | | | |
| Black Top Roads | 250,000.00 | 250,000.00 | \$ - |
| Gravel Roads | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | \$ - |
| Tree Maintenance | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$ - |
| Computers Admin | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | \$ - |
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | \$ - |
| Town Hall Facility | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | \$ - |
| Septage Lagoon Decommission | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | \$ - |
| Library Modifications | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | \$ - |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 27,000.00 | 27,000.00 | \$ - |
| Cruisers | 21,000.00 | 21,000.00 | \$ - |
| PD Computer Equipment | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | \$ - |
| Cemetery Fence and Tombstone | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | \$ - |
| Conservation Commission Land | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 | \$ - |
| Highway Equipment/Plow Dump Trucks | 120,000.00 | 120,000.00 | \$ - |
| Highway Town Bridges | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | \$ - |
| Solid Waste Facility | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$ - |
| Forest Fire Equipment | 250.00 | 250.00 | \$ - |
| Fire Equipment Replacement | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | \$ - |
| Rescue Vehicle | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | \$ - |
| Property Revaluation | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | \$ - |
| Cemetery Land | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | \$ - |
| Municipal Building Fund | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | \$ - |
| Fire/Safety Equipment | 37,000.00 | 37,000.00 | \$ - |
| Fire/Safety Building | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 | \$ - |
| Legal Fees | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | \$ - |
| Highway Grader | 26,000.00 | 26,000.00 | \$ - |
| Ballot Counting Machine | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | \$ - |
| Historical Records Preservation | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | \$ - |
| Rescue Equipment | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 | \$ - |
| Total Capital Reserve Funds | <u>\$ 794,750.00</u> | <u>\$ 794,750.00</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Total Operating Budget & Capital Reserves | <u>\$ 3,478,646.39</u> | <u>\$ 3,179,772.93</u> | <u>\$ 298,873.46</u> |
| WARRANT ARTICLES (Remaining Funds Encumbered) | | | |
| Fire Pumper Truck | 258,514.00 | 0.00 | \$ 258,514.00 |
| Highway Truck | 150,000.00 | 146,462.00 | \$ 3,538.00 |
| PD Cruiser | 48,000.00 | 49,011.00 | \$ (1,011.00) |

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

for the year ending December 31, 2022

| | Appropriations | Expenditures | Balance |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grist Mill Bank and Engineering | 20,000.00 | 3,890.25 | \$ 16,109.75 |
| Grist Mill Parking Area | 10,000.00 | 3,263.75 | \$ 6,736.25 |
| Cemetery Land | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | \$ - |
| Library Camera Security System | 4,500.00 | 5,533.00 | \$ (1,033.00) |
| Total Warrant Articles | <u>\$ 541,014.00</u> | <u>\$ 258,160.00</u> | <u>\$ 282,854.00</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | <u>\$ 4,019,660.39</u> | <u>\$ 3,437,932.93</u> | <u>\$ 581,727.46</u> |
| | | | |
| County Tax | \$ 843,778.00 | | |
| Local School Assessment | \$ 4,231,095.00 | | |
| State Education Tax Assessment | \$ 407,764.00 | | |
| TOTAL COUNTY AND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT | <u>\$ 5,482,637.00</u> | | |

Inventory of Town Property 2022

Schedule of Town-Owned Property

| Map/Lot | Location | Market Value |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 04-246,386 | Old Store Museum and Land | 171,400 |
| 04-262,377 | Soldiers Monument on Common | 15,800 |
| 04-313,462 | N/S Route 114 (ash disposal area) | 60,200 |
| 04-387,478 | Solid Waste Facility and Land | 181,080 |
| 05-609,563 | Kearsarge Valley backland | 3,000 |
| 05-821,512 | Settlers Oven | 25,000 |
| 06-341,143 | Highway Garage and Land | 738,420 |
| 06-365,163 | Village Road | 100 |
| 06-403,240 | Library and Land | 164,000 |
| 06-427,248 | Grist Mill Street Parking Area | 17,500 |
| 06-428,236 | Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Land | 439,000 |
| 06-513,305 | Chalk Pond Road | 27,900 |
| 06-544,342 | Chalk Pond Road | 27,900 |
| 07-876,290 | Pocharski Property | 40,900 |
| 07-912,283 | Fire Station/North Road and Land | 299,010 |
| 07-913,302 | Police Station/North Road | 231,070 |
| 07-927,424 | Old Fire House Land | 13,980 |
| 09-284,237 | Charles Avenue/R-O-W. | 3,500 |
| 09-906,090 | W/S Route 114 adj. to Route 89 | 9,900 |
| 09-935,453 | Crockett Circle | 3,100 |
| | Total Town Property | 2,472,760 |
| Kearsarge School District | | |
| 05-402,352 | Kearsarge Regional High School and Land | 463,560 |
| 05-505,365 | Kearsarge Regional High School and Land | 10,133,710 |
| 05-909,431 | Kearsarge Regional Middle School and Land | 13,152,745 |
| 06-472,183 | Sutton Elementary School and Land | 920,520 |
| | Total School Property | 24,670,535 |
| Conservation Land | | |
| 01-113,554 | North Road and I-89 (Cloues Natural Area) | 31,400 |
| 03-126,029 | North Road (Redington Dam Area) | 1,500 |
| 03-998,313 | Eaton Grange Road (Webb/Crowell Forest) | 80,500 |
| 04-070,198 | off Eaton Grange Road (Sprout Lot) | 12,300 |
| 04-087,102 | Eaton Grange Road | 10,400 |
| 04-110,318 | Gambsy/Wells Property | 9,300 |
| 04-391,036 | Rte 114 & Russell Pond (Spiers) | 59,000 |
| 06-038,545 | W/S Route 114 (Town Wetland) | 2,500 |
| 06-068,565 | Wadleigh Hill Road (Town Wildlife Area) | 114,000 |
| 07-926,552 | Rte 114 - Enroth Gift | 43,500 |
| 07-942,328 | Stevens/RLD Lot | 107,100 |
| 07-975,354 | Stevens/RLD Lot | 0 |
| 08-018,336 | Lefferts Natural Area | 101,700 |
| 08-018,340 | Lefferts Natural Area | 185,500 |
| 08-109,368 | E/S Penny Ante Alley (Sundell Lot) | 87,800 |
| 08-171,362 | off Park Ave. on Kezar Lake (Seymour Lot) | 124,200 |
| 08-367,498 | Maple Leaf Natural Area | 143,500 |
| 08-369,498 | King Hill Reservation | 276,600 |
| 08-527,561 | William Bean Quarry | 111,100 |
| | Total Conservation Property | 1,501,900 |

Inventory of Town Property 2022

Tax Deeded Property

| | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 01-407,067 | Stotler Property | 175,860 |
| 02-491,339 | Bocknick Property | 300 |
| 03-293,290 | Saddleback Road | 31,500 |
| 03-776,234 | Landmark Natural Resources Property | 57,200 |
| 04-194,375 | Holloway Property | 16,200 |
| 04-207,389 | Nista Property | 34,400 |
| 04-212,391 | Lonnie White | 4,100 |
| 04-312,539 | Stewart Property | 89,040 |
| 04-327,098 | Unknown Owner | 19,600 |
| 04-428,530 | Whittaker Property | 49,200 |
| 05-710,520 | Ghallagher Property | 37,100 |
| 06-500,272 | Langley Property | 18,200 |
| 06-653,513 | Dimaggio Property | 137,260 |
| 06-675,538 | Jackitis Property | 7,700 |
| 07-662,017 | Mary B. Page Estate | 18,600 |
| 07-790,226 | Emerson Bailey Heirs | 1,200 |
| 08-847,006 | Tarr, Barry | 58,000 |
| | Total Tax Deeded Property | 579,600 |

Cemeteries

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 01-162,131 | Sutton Lane | 0 |
| 03-277,473 | Gore Road | 500 |
| 04-124,402 | Meeting House | 100 |
| 04-358,511 | Millswood, Route 114 | 100 |
| 06-365,163 | near Union Church, Sutton Mills | 100 |
| 07-203,396 | Mastin, Baker Road | 6,100 |
| 07-210,378 | Mastin Road Cemetery | 51,400 |
| 07-939,404 | North Sutton, Route 114 | 4,500 |

Inventory of Town Equipment 2022

Inventory of Major Equipment

| Year | Model | Value | Type | Acquisition Date | Dept | Manufacturer |
|------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2002 | Forestry Truck | \$ 20,625.00 | Truck | | Fire Department | Ford |
| 2022 | Forestry Trailer | \$ 3,500.00 | Trailer | 12/15/2022 | Fire Department | Quality Steel&Aluminum |
| 2022 | Side by Side w/Fire Pump | \$ 40,000.00 | UTV | 12/15/2022 | Fire Department | Canam/Kimtek |
| 2015 | Custom Pumper Fire Truck | \$ 450,000.00 | Fire Apparatus | 1/14/2015 | Fire Department | NEWM |
| 2002 | Pumper/Tanker | \$ 220,000.00 | Fire Apparatus | 10/15/2001 | Fire Department | Sterling |
| 1994 | Tanker | \$ 83,600.00 | Fire Apparatus | | Fire Department | Ford |
| 2022 | Dump Truck 1089D | \$ 150,000.00 | Truck | 8/26/2021 | Highway Department | Freightliner |
| 2020 | F-550 | \$ 90,000.00 | Auto/Pickup | 4/22/2020 | Highway Department | Ford |
| 2020 | 108SD | \$ 188,000.00 | Truck | 4/6/2021 | Highway Department | Freightliner |
| 2019 | Dump Truck 108SD | \$ 150,000.00 | Truck | 2/4/2021 | Highway Department | Freightliner |
| 2017 | 6 Wheel Dump Truck 108SD | \$ 140,000.00 | Truck | 9/11/2017 | Highway Department | Freightliner |
| 2016 | 410L Backhoe | \$ 139,738.00 | Backhoe | 10/7/2018 | Highway Department | John Deere |
| 2016 | 544K Loader | \$ 140,000.00 | Loader | 2/23/2016 | Highway Department | John Deere |
| 2015 | F550 Dump | \$ 85,000.00 | Truck | 3/20/2015 | Highway Department | Ford |
| 2014 | Dump Truck | \$ 145,000.00 | Truck | 6/25/2013 | Highway Department | Freightliner |
| 2014 | Grader | \$ 295,000.00 | Grader | 5/9/2014 | Highway Department | John Deere |
| 2002 | Chipper | \$ 32,500.00 | Chipper | 5/29/2001 | Highway Department | Brush |
| 2003 | w/mechanized sweeper unit | \$ 10,000.00 | Trailer | 12/17/2003 | Highway Department | Trailer |
| 1994 | Trailer | \$ 500.00 | Trailer | 10/3/1994 | Highway Department | Homemade |
| 2021 | Durango | \$ 50,000.00 | Cruiser | 8/17/2021 | Police Department | Dodge |
| 2019 | Charger | \$ 45,000.00 | Cruiser | 3/8/2020 | Police Department | Dodge |
| 2017 | Tahoe | \$ 67,000.00 | Police | 12/30/2022 | Police Department | Chevrolet |
| 2019 | F550 Rescue Truck | \$ 51,801.00 | Ambulance | 9/9/2019 | Rescue/EMS | Ford |
| 1999 | 416-Cit Backhoe | \$ 49,000.00 | Backhoe | | Transfer Station | Caterpillar |

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts for the
January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022



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Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

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- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-pr_op/

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name
Street No. Street Name Phone Number
Email (optional)



New Hampshire
 Department of
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| Debits | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) | | | |
| | | | Year: 2021 | Year: 2020 | Year: 2019 | |
| Property Taxes | 3110 | \$327,348.92 | | | \$6,518.00 | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | \$7,676.11 | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | | | |
| Other Taxes | 3189 | \$5,742.29 | | (\$2.00) | | (\$133.60) |
| Property Tax Credit Balance | | (\$5,746.33) | | | | |
| Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance | | | | | | |

| Taxes Committed This Year | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | 2021 | |
| Property Taxes | 3110 | \$7,753,657.00 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | \$39,610.16 | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | |
| Other Taxes | 3189 | \$24,092.29 | | |
| | | | | |

| Overpayment Refunds | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies | | |
|--|---------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Property Taxes | 3110 | \$15,894.00 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 3190 | \$2,303.42 | \$18,149.34 | | \$640.17 |
| Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes | 3190 | | | | |
| Total Debits | | \$7,835,556.87 | \$353,170.33 | (\$2.00) | \$7,024.52 |



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| Credits | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | Levy for Year of this Report | 2021 | Prior Levies 2020 | 2019 |
| Property Taxes | \$7,431,145.81 | \$244,793.77 | | \$2,237.21 |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | \$26,769.72 | | | |
| Interest (Include Lien Conversion) | \$2,303.42 | \$18,149.34 | | \$640.12 |
| Penalties | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | \$8.00 | | |
| Other Taxes | | \$1,742.29 | | |
| Conversion to Lien (Principal Only) | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Discounts Allowed | | | | |

| Abatements Made | Levy for Year of this Report | 2021 | Prior Levies 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Property Taxes | \$8,317.00 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Current Levy Deeded | | | | |



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| Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080 | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Property Taxes | \$339,826.95 | | | \$4,158.12 |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | \$12,840.44 | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | \$1,742.29 | | | |
| Property Tax Credit Balance | (\$9,738.76) | (\$2,407.55) | (\$2.00) | (\$10.93) |
| Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance | | | | |
| Total Credits | \$7,813,206.87 | \$262,285.85 | (\$2.00) | \$7,024.52 |

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|---|---------------------|
| Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years) | \$346,408.56 |
| Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years) | \$119,569.89 |



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | Year: 2021 | Year: 2020 | Year: 2019 |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year | | \$79,091.86 | \$40,821.02 | \$1,686.40 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year | \$95,059.73 | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) | \$531.82 | \$9,435.91 | \$10,450.74 | \$112.28 |
| | | | | |
| Total Debits | \$95,591.55 | \$88,527.77 | \$51,271.76 | \$1,798.68 |

Summary of Credits

| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Redemptions | | \$79,091.86 | \$40,821.02 | \$1,686.46 |
| | | | (\$19.29) | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190 | \$531.82 | \$9,435.91 | \$10,450.74 | \$112.28 |
| | | | | |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Liens | | | \$39.33 | |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality | \$471.08 | \$576.08 | \$167.93 | |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110 | \$79,066.15 | \$40,503.74 | | |
| Total Credits | \$80,069.05 | \$129,607.59 | \$51,459.73 | \$1,798.74 |

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| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years) | \$346,408.56 |
| Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years) | \$119,569.89 |

Report of the Budget Committee

This year we said goodbye to Pete Thompson and Mark Peterson and welcomed Bruce Kozikowski and Bob Wright to our committee.

2022 was another roller-coaster ride with the U.S. economy, due to uncertain economic conditions and record energy costs. Because leading economists are expecting these conditions to continue into 2023, we had to keep this in mind when preparing the budget.

One of the cost savings we implemented for 2023 was to ask each department to reduce the amount going into their capital reserves. There were some capital reserve accounts that had to remain untouched, but we are grateful to the head of each department for agreeing to make a decrease in funding for the others.

We instituted a change to our procedure of having department heads meet with our committee. Instead, the chair and vice-chair of the Budget Committee attended the Board of Selectman meeting when each department head presented their budget. We were able to ask questions and ask for clarification of items in the budget during this meeting and would then present the department budget to the Budget Committee members ourselves. This streamlined the process and meant that the department head did not have to present the budget twice. If there were any line items that needed more explanation, we had the option of asking the department head to come and speak directly to the committee.

In keeping with our policy of offering the same annual adjustment as the Social Security Administration, we did recommend a cost-of-living adjustment of 8.7%.

We would like to thank the heads of all town departments for preparing and presenting their budgets and helping the Budget Committee keep costs down for our taxpayers. We would also like to thank the Sutton Fire Department for allowing us to use the firehouse for our weekly meetings.

Samantha Gordon
Bruce Kozikowski
John Mock
Robert Wright, Jr.
Gail Guertin – Vice Chair
Robert DeFelice - Chair

Report of the Highway Department and Road Agent

Another year has gone by. It seems that there are more cars out there every year. More traffic at all times of the day and night. A lot of the time this hinders our operations especially during wintertime. As road agent I would like to ask the towns people to think of a few things during the winter. Please give our plow drivers room when out driving in the storm. I would also like to remind people that it is illegal to plow across or snow blow snow into the roadways. We have been seeing a lot more of this in the past years.

We worked on Shaker Street this year. After the replacement of thirteen culverts, we were able to reclaim and pave a base of approximately 8,100 feet of Shaker St from the New London townline to the intersection of Cotton Road. Wolcott Construction did the paving. We were able to shoulder the road after the paving to complete the job. Within the next two years, we will have to put a topcoat onto that section. My hope is to be able to reclaim and base the rest of the road in 2023 with hopes to topcoat the entire road in 2024, weather and money permitting.

The highway department also worked on the wooden bridges in town. The bridge on Wadleigh Hill Road had new treads put down as well as two new railings. The bridge on Felch Road had a few new treads installed and new railings as well. We are a jack of all trades crew here at the highway department.

We have also done our normal maintenance such as grading, ditching, brush cutting to name a few things. The guys were able to get the new blower to go on any of the trucks as well as the front of the grader. This has been a great addition to the equipment we have. We were able to blow leaves on all the roads a few times. It has made a world of difference in lessening the amount of "wash out" that we have had.

The highway department has had a few more staff changes. We said good by to James Curt Gray and welcomed Rick Bixby, Jr. to the crew. We were also able to fill the other vacant position we had available. Tim Greene was able to fill the position. I would like to also thank Elly Phillips and Lorri Himes for all of their help. We work closely with the fire department and the police department to assist them when we can. I would like to thank the rest of my crew. Assistant road agent Brandon Grendell has been doing a great job and is an asset to the town. Mike Bascom and Eugene Cote are my other two guys, and I wouldn't trade them for anything.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Hurst
Road agent

Report of the Sutton Police Department 2022

It was another busy year for the Sutton Police Department. Although we saw a reduction in Calls for Service and Incidents, most of our calls required greater attention, due to the complexity of the call types investigated.

After nearly a year, the department was able to fill its vacancy with Corporal Kevin Faria. Corporal Faria came to us with ten (10) years of Law Enforcement experience. Corporal Faria's knowledge, professionalism and skills have been a great asset to the department. We are thrilled to have him as a member of our team!

We continue improving our relationship with the Kearsarge Regional School District, as we are committed to ensuring all staff and students receive an education in a safe environment, free from threats, harassment, violence, and drugs. Starting the 2022-2023 school year, the department designated a rotating officer to spend a few hours a day, a few days a week, at each of the three schools in Sutton. It is our hope to have a positive impact and improve the relationship between Law Enforcement and staff and students. So far it has been well received.

The Town was awarded First Responder Stipend funds. These funds were given through the State of New Hampshire Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). With these funds, the department purchased three (3) Automated External Defibrillator (AED'S) to equip each cruiser. Also purchased was a portable, hangable speed sign.

The department applied for a grant through the US Department of Sheriff's Association, and we were awarded a Ballistic Shield through this grant.

The department transitioned to new firearms. We are currently carrying the Sig Sauer P320 with Red Dot sights. To keep the costs low, we were able to trade in the firearms we had been carrying, as well as additional firearms that had been gifted to the department several years prior and had remained stored in the armory.

With the approval at 2022 town meeting, we upgraded our Tasers and purchased new Body Worn Cameras. This was done through Axon (Taser) Core. Bundling the package allowed saving of over 30%. Our current Body Worn Cameras were seven (7) years old and had become obsolete. They were no longer serviceable or supported through the company.

Sergeant Crone attended Level 1 Gracie Survival Tactics (GST) Instructor Certification Program which provides participants with the

techniques and teaching methodologies to effectively transfer the GST system to the other members of the Sutton Police Department. Gracie Survival Tactics is a revolutionary defensive tactics system based on Gracie Jiu-Jitsu that incorporates time-tested techniques into an easy-to-learn system designed to help officers humanely prevail against larger and stronger opponents. Furthermore, although GST was developed for its tactical effectiveness, its leverage-based techniques are less likely to cause serious injury to both the officer and arrestee.

The Department remains a member of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit (CNHSOU), having joined in 2010. The CHHSOU is a regional Law Enforcement Team made up of police officers who receive specialized training from some of the top law enforcement agencies around the country. The team offers a wide variety of resources that a small department like Sutton can't provide, such as Detective Services, Critical Incident Management and Crisis Negotiations, specialized equipment and training in these areas and is available on a 24/7 basis. Currently all members of the department are active on the team - Sergeant Crone as Assistant Team Leader of the Crisis Negotiation Team; Corporal Faria as Team Leader and the Executive Officer; Myself as an Operator.

Ending the year, the department was faced with cruiser challenges. We were down to one (1) cruiser for a period of time. Our newest cruiser, the 2021 Dodge Durango needed a new engine at only 9,000 miles. During this same time, our oldest cruiser, the 2017 Ford Utility, was totaled on Interstate 89. The vehicle was struck by a tractor trailer unit while the officer was assisting at a traffic accident.

In the spring of 2023, the Sutton Police Department is looking to start "Coffee with a Cop". Coffee with a Cop is intended to bring police officers and the community members we serve together to discuss issues and learn more about each other. So please keep an eye out for dates, times, and locations

I wish to express my sincere gratitude and support to all department heads and their staff for their dedication and efforts over these past twelve months.

To my Administrative Assistant and the men and women of the Sutton Police Department, I offer my deepest appreciation and thanks for a job well done. Working with such a fine group of people makes coming to work both enjoyable and my job a bit easier, knowing they will excel in their duties and are always there for support.

To the Board of Selectmen, I offer my thanks for their continued understanding, patience, and support. We as a department pledge to do the best we can and to be ready to meet the next challenge that may arise.

To the residents of Sutton, I would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation

and thank you for the interest you show in our police department. As always, we welcome your input as we move forward during these challenging times and into the coming year.

I respectfully submit to the residents of the Town of Sutton the annual report and statement of duties performed by the Sutton Police Department for the calendar year January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Korbet
Chief of Police

| Call Type | | Call Type | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Alarms | 20 | Juvenile Complaints | 1 |
| 911 Hang-up | 1 | Littering-Illegal Dumping | 1 |
| Abandoned Vehicles | 5 | Log Note | 7 |
| Traffic Accident | 29 | Missing Person | 2 |
| Animal Complaints | 23 | Motor Vehicle Stops | 125 |
| Arrest | 3 | Motor Vehicle Complaint | 23 |
| Assist Ambulance | 50 | Motor Vehicle Unlock | 3 |
| Assist Citizens | 21 | Neglect | 6 |
| Assist Fire | 26 | Noise Disturbance | 3 |
| Assist Motorist | 17 | OHRV Complaint | 2 |
| Assist Police | 27 | Open Door/Window | 4 |
| Assist-Social Service Agencies | 3 | Paperwork Service/Relay | 11 |
| Assault | 21 | Parking Violation | 2 |
| Be on lookout | 3 | Pistol Permits | 9 |
| Building Checks | 8 | Possession of Alcohol by a Minor | 2 |
| Bullying | 3 | Police Information | 5 |
| Case Follow up | 8 | Property Lost/Found/Returned | 16 |
| Civil Issue/Stand by | 25 | Protective Order Violation | 3 |
| Community Policing | 28 | Report Request | 18 |
| Criminal Mischief | 15 | Road Hazard/obstruction | 34 |
| Criminal Threatening | 7 | Sex Offender Registration | 16 |
| Criminal Trespass | 10 | Shots Fired | 2 |
| Directed Patrol | 41 | Stalking | 1 |
| Dogs, loose, bite, barking | 38 | Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident. | 22 |
| Domestic Dispute | 7 | Theft | 10 |
| Drugs/Possession | 10 | Tobacco Violation | 7 |
| Driving While intoxicated | 1 | Traffic Control | 5 |
| Fraud | 9 | Unassisted Death | 2 |
| Harassment | 16 | Unwanted Subject | 3 |
| Harassing Communication | 6 | VIN Inspection | 10 |
| Interview | 2 | Welfare Check | 17 |

Report of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility

The following is a comparative summary of volumes over the past five years with expense detail for 2022.

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | | Expense |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| Tonnage | Tonnage | Tonnage | Tonnage | Tonnage | | |
| 6.040 | 5.51 | 6.33 | 9.28 | 6.865 | Aluminum Cans | |
| 9.300 | 7.16 | 6.88 | 3.79 | 5.83 | Steel Cans | |
| 32.160 | 26.17 | 21.48 | 27.2 | 35.65 | Plastic | \$4,581.75 |
| 104.05 | 58.56 | 65.51 | 95.71 | 83.20 | Paper/Cardboard | \$5,165.82 |
| 67.50 | 66.35 | 50.22 | 56.25 | 56.25 | Glass | \$2,250.00 |
| 147.76 | 57.8 | 163.82 | 228.72 | | Septage | \$2,219.00 |
| 2.84 | 5.82 | 1.94 | 2.5 | 3.62 | Tires | \$1,270.50 |
| 342.95 | 336.17 | 358.65 | 357.11 | 329.1 | Solid Waste (MSW) | \$24,929.33 |
| 170.80 | 128.59 | 118.25 | 130.25 | 105.03 | Demolition Debris | \$8,927.55 |

We received \$10,330.36 in revenue for recycling in 2022. Although recycling does not create much revenue these days, it does reduce our Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) costs and has a positive impact on the environment. Sutton citizens do a terrific job at recycling, and we thought that you might be interested in the following list of materials that you recycled this year:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 4' Fluorescent Lamps | 302 |
| 8' Fluorescent Lamps | 102 |
| Alkaline Batteries | 13 |
| Button Cell Batteries | 1 |
| Circle Lamps | 14 |
| Clothing (lbs) | 2,671 |
| Compact Fluorscent Lamps | 187 |
| Computers and Laptops | 377 |
| Crushed Lamps | 25 |
| Flat Screen Monitors | 405 |
| Flat Screen Televisions | 971 |
| HID Lamps | 6 |
| Lead Acid Batteries | 15 |

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Lithium Batteries | 79 |
| Mercury Containing Devises | 1 |
| Microwaves | 67 |
| Miscellaneous Electronics | 1,296 |
| NiCD, Dry Batteries | 58 |
| NiMH Batteries | 6 |
| Non-PCB Ballast | 1 |
| Printers | 1,074 |
| Propane Cylinders 20 lb | 107 |
| Refrigerant (Units) | 44 |
| Smoke Detectors | 64 |
| Televisions | 2,795 |
| U-Bend Lamps | 30 |
| Ultraviolet Lamps | 11 |
| Used Oil (gallons) | 500.35 |

The Select Board is still weighing the pros and cons of the septage lagoons, but for now, they are remaining fallow until a final decision is made.

The Town has recently implemented a sticker system allowing for better tracking of facility users. Stickers are issued through the Town Clerk's office for a fee of \$2.00 each. The hours for the Clerk's office are Mondays: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

This year we welcomed Carl Johnson as a new attendant at our facility. The transfer station hours are: Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:45; Thursday from noon until 4:45 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Our phone number is 603-927-4475.

Thanks to all of you for recycling, reusing, and repurposing!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Diego Solimine
Solid Waste Facility Supervisor

Charles Nelson and Carl Johnson, Attendants

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment – 2022

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) conducts meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month upon receipt of an application requesting a Special Exception or a Variance to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance, an Appeal from an Administrative Decision, or an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements. Applications are due 45 days prior to the desired hearing date, or approximately the 1st of the preceding month. The Zoning Ordinance and application forms are available on the Town website or at the Town Hall.

In addition to hearing cases, the ZBA must also perform various administrative functions regarding the application process and procedures, review proposed zoning changes, and from time to time, review and amend its Rules of Procedure, as required to keep pace with New Hampshire statutory changes. The current version of our Rules of Procedure was presented at a public hearing in 2019 and was approved by the Board.

We would encourage anyone interested in joining the ZBA to contact either the ZBA Chair or the Selectmen's Office.

During 2022, the ZBA held public hearings on the following appeals:

Case ZBA 2022-01 – Special Exception, Map/Lot 07-904-365, Davis Court

On Wednesday August 31, 2022, after a duly noticed Public Hearing, the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to **APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS (by a 4 to 1 vote)** a request by Alexis Del Vecchio, PO Box 89, 5 Davis Ct, North Sutton, NH 03260, Map/Lot 07-904-365, for a Special Exception, as permitted by Article IV, Section B, 3, of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in an existing garage/studio. The **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL** are as follows:

1. That the ADU may not be occupied or used until a new well serving the subject property (both Primary dwelling and the ADU) has been installed, OR a written agreement is reached with the owner of Map/Lot 07-900-352, which currently supplies water to the subject property via a shared well, regarding improvements to, and use of, the existing shared well.
2. That the approval of this Special Exception is void if **CONDITION OF APPROVAL #1** is not exercised by August 30, 2027 (5 years from the date of approval).
3. That this **NOTICE OF DECISION** shall be recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds at the expense of the Applicant.

CASE ZBA 2022-02 – Special Exception, Map/Lot 08-135-049, 51 Penacook Road

On Wednesday June 15, 2022, after a duly posted Public Hearing, the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to **APPROVE** a request by Wally Baker, 550 North Road, Sutton NH, representing Rodney and JoAnn Sigua, 51 Penacook Road, North Sutton, NH, Map/Lot 08-135-049, to grant a Special Exception, as permitted by Article IV, D, 2 of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a structure (patio) of less than 150 square feet to be constructed within the 75' Buffer of Kezar Lake. The vote was **UNANIMOUS**, and there were no conditions of approval.

CASE ZBA 2022-03 – Variance, Map/Lot 02-481-214, Camp Kemah Road

On Wednesday July 20, 2022, after a duly posted Public Hearing, the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to **APPROVE** a request by Henry and Elizabeth Howell, PO Box 641, South Sutton NH, 03273, to grant a Zoning Variance, to the terms of Article IV, D, 2 and Article X, D, 2 (Table D, 1) of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a structure (a 14' X 14' raised wooden deck comprising 196 square feet) within the 75' Buffer from Blaisdell Lake on their property on Camp Kemah Road, Map/Lot 02-481-214. The vote was **UNANIMOUS among the 4 members present**, and there were no conditions of approval.

CASE ZBA 2022-04 – Variance, Map/Lot 02-479-224, 98 Camp Kemah Road

On Wednesday August 31, 2022, after a duly posted Public Hearing, the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to **APPROVE** a request by Deborah Lang, TTEE of the Deborah Lang Revocable Trust, 98 Camp Kemah Road, South Sutton, NH, Map/Lot 02-479-224, to grant a Zoning Variance to the requirements of Article IV, C, 4 of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a shed, a propane tank and a standby generator with less than the required 46.5' setback from the centerline of Camp Kemah Road, per plan of Keyland Enterprises, LLC, dated 7/14/2022. The vote was **UNANIMOUS**, and there were no conditions of approval.

CASE ZBA 2022-05 – Variance, Map/Lot 01-890-282, 538 Roby Road

On Wednesday October 19, 2022, after a duly posted Public Hearing, the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to **APPROVE** a request by Richard J. Lovell, TTEE of the Richard J. Lovell Trust, for a Zoning Variance to the terms of Article X, D, 1 and Table D, 1 of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a portion of a proposed structure designed for the site to encroach on a 75' wetland buffer (delineated June 2022) along the Lane River. Property location is 538 Roby Road, Map/Lot 01-890-282. The vote was **UNANIMOUS (4 members voting)**, and there were no conditions of approval.

CASE ZBA 2022-06 – Special Exception, Map/Lot 01-406-086, 133 Route 103

On Wednesday November 16, 2022, after a duly posted Public Hearing, the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to **APPROVE** a request by Kyle Knight, 133 Route 103, Sutton, NH, (mailing address - Warner, NH 03278-6423), Map/Lot 01-406-086, to grant a Special Exception, as permitted by Article V, B, 6 of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a Commercial Use (brewery) in the Rural/Agricultural District. The vote was **UNANIMOUS**.

CASE ZBA 2022-07 – Special Exception, Map/Lot 02-508-408, Johnson Hill Road

On Wednesday December 21, 2022, the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment was scheduled to hear a request by Jacob O’Neil and Wade O’Neil, 102 Main Street, Bradford, NH 03221, regarding Map/Lot 02-508-408, Johnson Hill Road in South Sutton, for a Special Exception, as permitted by Article IV, Section B, 3, of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit on the property. For various reasons, the case was **WITHDRAWN** at the last minute, and was not heard.

Board Members:

Derek Lick, Chair
Betsy Forsham, Vice-chair
Samantha Gordon
Kathryn Beauchemin
Zachary Brock
Mark Beauchemin - Alternate
Melissa Ballinger - Alternate

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Lick – Chair, Peter Stanley – Planning and Zoning Administrator

Planning Board Annual Report – 2022

The basic function of a Planning Board in New Hampshire cities and towns is to develop a Master Plan for their community, with extensive input from residents, and then to develop and administer a series of ordinances and regulations that are designed to guide the development of the town in the direction of the goals set by the Master Plan. These regulations include the Zoning Ordinance, the provisions of which are adopted through the Town Meeting process, and Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Review Regulations and Driveway Access Regulations adopted by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board then oversees the subdivision of land, including major and minor subdivisions, annexations, lot line adjustments, lot mergers, etc. In addition, the Planning Board oversees the development of commercial uses in town through the Site Plan Review process.

In 2022, the Planning Board reviewed the following land use applications:

1. **Case PB 2021-02.** Request by Peacock Hill Road, LLC for a 7 lot **Major Cluster Subdivision.** The Sutton Planning Board, after over a year of public hearings that included input from numerous interested parties, including abutters and representatives of the Applicant, has voted (5 in the affirmative, 1 abstention) to **APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS** the Applicant's request for a 7 lot Major Cluster Subdivisions. A list of the Conditions of approval are available at the Town Office.
2. **Case PB 2022-01.** Request by Sam and Christine Dube to consider an Application for a **Minor Subdivision** (2 lots) and a Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation of a 52-acre parcel of land on Pound Road North, Map/Lot 05-837-329. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
3. **Case PB 2022-02.** Request by Neil Shifrin and Laura Hanson to consider an Application for a **Lot Line Adjustment and Annexation** between Map/Lot 10-460-197 and Map/Lot 10-410-215 (aka 180 Summit Road). **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
4. **Case PB 2022-03.** Request by Deborah Lang for a **Voluntary Merger** of Map/Lot 02-479-224 and Map/Lot 02-478-221, on Camp Kemah Road. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
5. **Case PB 2022-04.** Request by Mark Coldwell, 268 Baker Hill Road, Sutton, NH, and Neil Silver, 290 Baker Hill Road, Sutton, NH to consider an Application for a **Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation** between 2 parcels of land on Baker Hill Road, Map/Lot 08-855-129 (268 Baker Hill Road) and Map/Lot 08-812-126 (290 Baker Hill Road). **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**

6. **Case PB 2022-05.** Request by Deborah Lang, TTEE of the Deborah Lang Revocable Trust, 98 Camp Kemah Road, South Sutton, NH, Map/Lot 02-479-224, to grant a **Conditional Use Permit**, as permitted by Article X, G of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow the extension of an existing driveway into the 75' Buffer of Kezar Lake. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
7. **Case PB 2022-06.** Request by Wally Baker, 550 North Road, Sutton NH, representing Rodney and JoAnn Sigua, 51 Penacook Road, North Sutton, NH, Map/Lot 08-135-049, to grant a **Conditional Use Permit**, as permitted by Article X, G of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a 6' walkway and steps within the 75' Buffer of Kezar Lake. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
8. **Case PB 2022-07.** Request by property owner Leonard Caron, 300 US Route 4 West, Andover, NH, represented by Alden Beauchemin of Keyland Enterprises, 412 West River Road, Hooksett, NH to consider an Application for a **Minor Subdivision (2 lots)** of a 150 acre parcel of land on Baker Road and French Road in Sutton, NH, Map/Lot 09-040-192, creating a new, approximately 39 acre lot west of Cascade Brook, fronting on Baker Road and French Road, was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
9. **Case PB 2022-08.** Request by James and Katherine Mathias, 182 Summit Road, Sutton, NH and Peter and Deborah Rucci, 186 Summit Road, Sutton, NH, to consider an Application for a **Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation** between 2 parcels of land on Summit Road, Map/Lot 10-406-263 (182 Summit Road) and Map/Lot 10-396-222 (186 Summit Road). **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
10. **Case PB 2022-09.** Building Permit on Eaton Grange Road West, Class VI portion. Review and comment only.
11. **Case PB 2022-10.** Request by Bruce Androphy, TTEE of the Bruce Androphy Trust for a **Voluntary Merger** of Map/Lot 05-898-463 and Map/Lot 05-885-563 on Gile Pond Road. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
12. **Case PB 2022-11.** Request by property owner The Ann Delafield Boyle Trust, Victoria Ann Boyle Powell TTEE, represented by Jacques Belanger, JE Belanger Land Surveying LLC, 61 Old Hopkinton Road, Dunbarton, NH 03046 to consider an Application for a **Minor Subdivision (2 lots)** of an 85 acre parcel of land on Stonehouse Road in Sutton, NH, Map/Lot 10-715-391, creating a new, approximately 21 acre lot on the south end of the parcel and a 64 acre lot to the north. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
13. **Case 2022-12.** Public Hearing requested by Eversource to cut trees along Scenic Roads, including Stonehouse Road, Hominy Pot Road, and Keyser Street. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
14. **Case PB 2022-13.** Request by Wally Baker, 550 North Road, Sutton NH, representing David McKean and Kathleen Kaye of 3433 34th St. NW, Washington DC, 20008, Map/Lot 08-

093-358, to grant a **Conditional Use Permit**, as permitted by Article X, G of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow a 4' wide set of wooden steps to be replaced with 5' wide granite steps within the 75' Buffer of Kezar Lake. The Special Exception was **APPROVED IUNANIMOUSLY**, with the **CONDITION** that all required State permits be obtained and placed on file with the Town prior to construction.

15. **Case PB 2022-14**. Request by Eversource to grant a **Conditional Use Permit**, as allowed by Article XI, C of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow temporary access across Steep Slopes to remove both power lines and power poles from a power line easement that runs east/west, more or less, near and paralleling the southerly Sutton/Warner town line. All encroachments are temporary and will be removed and the affected areas restored to their original condition when the removal of lines and poles has been completed. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**
16. **Case PB 2022-15**. Request by Eversource to grant a **Conditional Use Permit**, as allowed by Article X, G of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to allow temporary access across Wetlands and Wetland Buffers to remove both power lines and power poles from a power line easement that runs east/west, more or less, near and paralleling the southerly Sutton/Warner town line. All encroachments are temporary and will be removed and the affected areas restored to their original condition when the removal of lines and poles has been completed. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO CONDITIONS.**

2021 MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The final **draft** of the 2021 Master Plan Update was completed in December 2021. With the help of our consultants (The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission) the 36-page report describes a short list of recommendations for actions to be executed over the next 5-10 years to help meet defined goals or resolve listed issues. There is also a longer appendix (70 pages) with information about the data that was collected and analyzed that includes a large number of maps.

In 2022 the Planning Board adopted the Master Plan Update after taking the following steps to explain the process and primary recommendations to Sutton residents and invite their input:

1. We returned to several local groups and committees that we originally met with to review our recommendations receive their comments.
2. We placed a one-page advertisement in the May 3, 2022 edition of the Intertown Record summarizing our recommendations and inviting residents to attend our public hearing on the draft update.

3. We held a public hearing on May 24, 2022 attended by more than 50 interested Sutton residents who asked engaging questions and offered valuable input.
4. After reviewing the input from the meetings and public hearing and making final corrections to the draft, the Planning Board adopted a final Master Plan Update at a public hearing on October 25, 2022.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTAION

With the adoption of the Master Plan Update, the Planning Board took the following steps to implement some recommendations outlined in the Master Plan:

Improved Cluster Development Ordinance – The Planning Board prioritized the Master Plan recommendation to improve the existing Cluster Development provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board carefully reviewed the existing Cluster Development ordinance and proposed changes specifically designed to address the desires of the Town concerning preservation of the rural character of the town in the form of Open Space protection and the careful planning and design of a cluster development.

After placing a full-page advertisement in the December 1, 2022 edition of the InterTown Record summarizing the proposed changes and making the revised Ordinance and a detailed Comparison Chart available at Town Hall and on the Town website, the Planning Board held a public hearing on December 6, 2022. Those in attendance expressed support for the revised Ordinance and also offered some suggestions for revisions.

At a continuation of the public hearing on December 27, 2022, the Planning Board formally voted to approve the revised Ordinance. The revised Cluster Development ordinance has been included in the Town Warrant for the 2023 Town Meeting.

Economic Development Committee – As recommended in the Master Plan Update, the Select Board has established, at the request of the Planning Board, an Economic Development Committee to be made up of interested and qualified Sutton residents who can assist the Select Board and the Planning Board in identifying ways to (1) bring appropriate types of uses to Sutton that will improve our tax base, and (2) create opportunities for the development of appropriate senior and workforce housing.

PLANS FOR 2023

In addition to conducting its regular business reviewing and voting on land use applications, the Planning Board will be working on additional ways to implement recommendations outlined in the Master Plan Update with a focus on creating one or more Village

Districts with appropriate permitted uses and creating means for the development of both senior and workforce housing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Pogust, Chair, Roger Wells, Vice Chair, Dane Headley, Ex-Officio, David Hill, Peter Blakeman, Christine Fletcher, Charles Bolduc, Kristen Angeli (Alternate), Jason Teaster (Alternate).

Peter Stanley, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Report Of The Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Seventy nine building permits were approved this past year.

Additions 8
Barn/garage 9
Generator 7
New Homes 7
Roof 8
Shed 9
Solar 14
Other 17

As always, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the new residents of Sutton who filed for building permits this year. Anyone needing a building permit may pick one up at the Selectmen's Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or visit the Town's website at www.sutton-nh.org and download an application from the Building Inspector page. Any construction over \$1,000 requires a permit. Any change in siding requires a permit (i.e., clapboards to vinyl siding). Changing asphalt shingles to metal roofing requires a permit. Any addition to the footprint of your structure requires a permit. Installation of solar panels requires a permit. When in doubt, ask.

If you live by a lake, river, or tidal water, it is important for you to learn more about the NH Shoreland Quality Protection Act, which requires a DES state permit for most construction, excavation or filling within the protected shoreland. Visit the following website: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/index.htm>.

In order to ensure a timely review of your application by the Building Inspector, Wetlands/Shoreland Scientist and Selectmen, please return your completed application to the Selectmen's Office by noon on Wednesday. Every effort will be made to process your building permit at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Finally, if you need questions answered or an inspection conducted, I can be reached at 603-927-4321 or email binspector@sutton-nh.org.

Thanks to both towns people and their builders for your continued cooperation.

Matthew Grimes
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Sutton Volunteer Fire Department

2022 kept the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department busy making necessary upgrades to the station, implementing new tools to protect the life and property of our citizens and responding to incidents of all types.

The department was fortunate enough to be awarded funds from the State of New Hampshire to purchase and outfit a side by side (UTV) with a trailer this year. The Can Am Defender 900 was outfitted with tracks for winter use, bumpers and other protection, tool holders, and a 70 gallon water tank with pump and hose reel. The machine also has the ability to safely hold a stretcher in the event someone needs to be transported out of a remote location. An aluminum trailer was also purchased and outfitted with toolboxes to hold forest fire fighting tools and equipment. This machine will be able to function all year thanks to the tracks and assist in remote access rescues and forest fires.

The department is still awaiting the final construction of a tanker that was approved in 2021 to replace our current 1993 truck. The cab and chassis were received and the construction of the body is ongoing. We are hopeful that by the summer of 2023 the truck will be in the station ready to respond to incidents.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the department, please feel free to come to a fire meeting or contact a current member for more information. Fire meetings are held at the fire station the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. There are many jobs in the department that need to be done, whether helping fill out incident reports, or training to be a full interior firefighter, and many duties in between. There is something that anyone can do.

The department responded to 153 calls this year which was around a 7% increase in the call volume from 2021. Several structure fires occurred but fortunately they were extinguished quickly and the homes were able to be repaired without significant loss. Severe weather led to numerous accidents on the highway and several multi-vehicle incidents requiring the highway to be shut down for hours. This is a breakdown of the calls for 2022:

- 23 CO/Fire Alarm Activations
- 26 Motor Vehicle Accidents on I-89
- 22 Motor Vehicle Accidents (on other town roads)
- 13 Mutual Aid Response
- 31 Tree/Wires Down
- 3 Structure Fire

5 Medical Assist
7 Other Fire
12 Odor/Smoke/Leak Investigations
11 Officer resolved/Canceled in route

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Cory Cochran
Deputy Chief Aaron Flewelling
Captain Brendan Rowe
1st Lieut Phil Biron
2nd Lieut George Caswell

Members: Bud Nelson, Kevin Rowe, Garrett Evans, Matt Grimes, Chip Rowe, Chris Rowe, Pete Thompson, Harold Rowe, Andy Palmer, Kirk Chadwick, Keith Badgley, Ken Day, Shreve Soule, Steve Enroth, Darrel Palmer, Wendy Grimes, Peter Boucher, Nick Rowe, Robert DeFelice, Sam Dube, Ken Sutton, Nate Thompson, Taylor Cochran, Tanner Boucher, John Chilpyian, Hilary Grimes, Adam Hurst, Tristan Rowe, Caleb Cochran, Ben Prime, Cody Rowe, John McBroom, Cole Dube, Patrick Brodigan, Jonathan Bennett.

Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

The primary function of the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is to be available to assist our volunteer firefighters with necessary refreshments when they respond to a structure fire or any other serious emergency that may occur in Sutton. We also help to maintain the fire station, supply scholarships to High School graduates who are fire fighters or cadets, host events and fundraise to bring the community and fire personnel together. We appreciate all who have supported our endeavors. A very big "Thank You" to Diane Sullivan who hosted "Tarts for Hearts" in the spring at the station. This event promoted heart health to the community and benefited the Auxiliary and Sutton Rescue. If you are interested in joining the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, please feel free to contact Becca Rowe at 603-398-9716. We meet as needed. All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Becca Rowe
President

Members:
Becca Rowe
Laurie Cochran
Diane Sullivan
Kathy Smith
Marne Thompson
Jessica Caswell
Samantha Rowe
Linda Ford
Lois Palmer
Kaitlyn Covell
Martha Thompson
Sue Sutton
Melina Cochran
Shelly Boucher
Sue Badgley
Annie Gagnon
Sheila Wilcox
Andrea Rowe

Sutton Forest Fire Warden Report

Call (603) 927-2727 to request a Fire Permit

Or NHfirepermit.com to obtain one online

The state's fire permit website continues to prove itself as a convenient option for residents to obtain a permit in short notice. NHfirepermit.com has been in operation for several years. The Warden and Deputy Wardens are notified via email when a resident purchases an online permit. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to know and abide by the laws and regulations.

We are thankful to have a new tool available to use when we respond to a remote forest fire incident. The fire department received state funds to purchase a side by side with 70 gallon water tank, pump and hose reel to provide water for hard to reach areas. This equipment will prove invaluable in these situations and should aid in a quicker fire suppression effort.

Category 1 & 2 fire permits can be obtained on a daily or up to a seasonal basis.

Category 2 & 3 permits are only valid after 5 PM unless it is actually raining. Category 3 permits are only valid up to 3 days.

Only clean, combustible material up to 5" (inches) diameter may be burned. **NO PLYWOOD, FIBER BOARD OR PAINTED/TREATED MATERIAL SHALL BE BURNED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.**

No permit is required when the ground is covered with snow. Please call the permit phone and leave your name, number, and address if you are going to burn when there is snow cover, so that we don't get called out unnecessarily.

State open burning laws and rules can be found at nhdffl.org – forest protection bureau. These rules should be reviewed by anyone attempting to obtain a permit.

The permit phone is checked every Friday, we will return your call and arrange a time to get you a permit. The reduction in physical permit writing is thanks to the ease of use in the online permit system and the majority of residents utilize it. The online service is always available 24/7.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Flewelling
Deputy Fire Wardens
Cory Cochran
Kevin Rowe
Garrett Evans
Matt Grimes
Andy Palmer
Brendan Rowe
George Caswell

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year was another year where we observed wet weather in early spring followed by rapid drying and drought conditions which extended through the summer for much of the state. Drying conditions in early May led to large fire growth on numerous fires which required multiple days to extinguish and firefighter response from local, state, and federal agencies. Wildfire activity continued through the summer months where dry conditions led to more multi-day fires. Fires burned deep into the ground, requiring firefighters to establish water supplies and to spend days digging out all the hot spots.

This fall we had multiple fires started by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

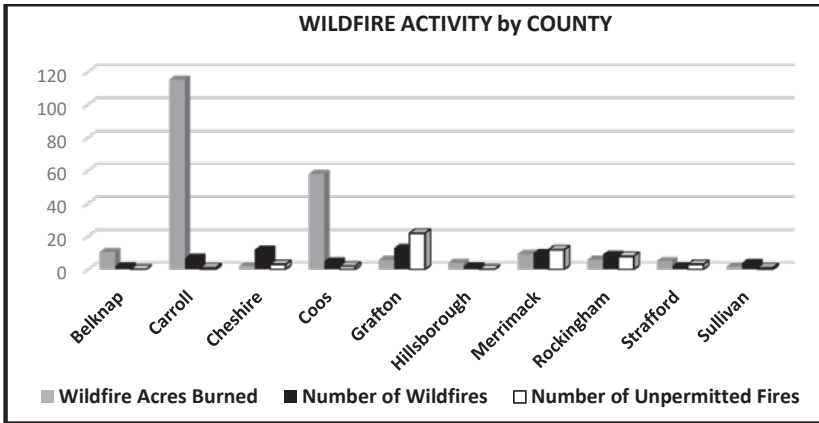
The long-lasting drought effects in Rockingham County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of Rockingham County remains in moderate drought and much of the state is still in the abnormally dry category. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2023 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household



waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire’s forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @NHForestRangers

2022 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



(All fires reported as of December 01, 2022)

| Year | Number of Wildfires | Wildfire Acres Burned | Number of Unpermitted Fires* |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 2022 | 66 | 217 | 52 |
| 2021 | 66 | 86 | 96 |
| 2020 | 113 | 89 | 165 |
| 2019 | 15 | 23.5 | 92 |
| 2018 | 53 | 46 | 91 |

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

| CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|--|---------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Railroad operations & maintenance | Firearm & explosives use | Undetermined | Recreation & ceremony | Debris & open burning | Natural | Other causes | Power generation, transmission, distribution | Smoking | Arson | Misuse of fire by a minor | Equipment & vehicle use |
| 1 | 3 | 21 | 4 | 60 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Sutton Rescue Squad Annual Report

During the 2022 calendar year, Sutton Rescue Squad responded to 85 patient contacts. We track patient contacts versus calls because one call can result in multiple patients requiring assessment and treatment. As is usually the case, the majority of our calls were for motor vehicle accidents. Motor Vehicle Accidents accounted for 25% of our total call volume in Sutton this year. Calls for falls were a close second, coming in at 15% of our call volume. The rest of our call volume ranged from complaints of difficulty breathing to cardiac problems to seizures and beyond. One thing you'll find working in Emergency Medical Services is that you never really know what you're going to find on scene. The initial dispatch reason can be vastly different from what you arrive on scene to find, but it definitely keeps you on your toes.

In January, we once again held our election of officers. Our leadership did not change from the previous year. Throughout the rest of the year, we met monthly and trained together to further hone our skills and ensure we are able to provide the highest level of care to our patients. Training topics included: Toxicological Emergencies, Special Patient Populations, Environmental Emergencies, Patient Transport, Stroke, Stress Management, among others. Every provider licensed in the State of NH is required to complete a number of continuing education hours in order to keep up with our certification. Our in-house trainings, as well as trainings put on by other local agencies, help us to keep up to date with the newest protocols and changes in emergency medicine and allow us to meet those hour requirements for recertification. A number of Squad members attended the annual EMS Conference at Mount Sunapee in May. It was nice to finally be able to meet up (in-person) with some of our colleagues from around the state. This is the first time since 2019 that we have been able to have the Conference due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Expenditures for Sutton Rescue were once again kept to a minimum as we typically only have to pay for training and supplies. This year, we purchased a new supply cabinet to better organize our equipment within the firehouse. Space is at a premium in the firehouse, so being able to organize and better secure our supplies has been important for us. In addition, we were able to pay for trainings, including covering the cost of attendance of the Mount Sunapee EMS Conference for our members. Additionally, we used funds to purchase medications and maintain our equipment. Our cardiac monitor requires annual testing and recalibration, which is done by a certified Zoll technician. Our budget funds were able to cover the cost of this. We are fortunate to


have the support of the Sutton taxpayers so that we are able to make opportunities like this available to our membership and keep our equipment in proper working order.

We would like to thank our Sutton Police Department and Sutton Fire Department for always being willing to support us on calls when needed. We have quite a small membership and there are times where we would not be able to provide adequate patient care without the support of the rest of our Sutton First Responder family. We are fortunate to be a part of a great team of responders.

Additionally, the Squad would like to recognize one of our own for her dedication and commitment to the Rescue Squad. Bette Fredrickson has been a key member of the Rescue Squad for over 30 years. She has held positions such as Treasurer and CPR Instructor and has been a member of the NH State EMS Protocol Committee for a number of years as well. She has been instrumental in ensuring our members remain certified in life saving CPR skills. We are grateful to her for all of her years of dedicated service.

As always, we are looking for more people to join us. If you are interested in giving back to the community and have the slightest interest in helping people in the community during their time of need, please reach out. We are happy to chat and explain more about what we do. We provide all equipment and cover the cost of training at the Emergency Medical Responder and Emergency Medical Technician levels. If you are interested in learning more about the Rescue Squad or are interested in joining us, please reach out to one of our members or send an email to suttonrescue90@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Hilary Grimes, Chief

Sutton Rescue Squad Members

Phil Biron, FF-EMT

Dick Byrne, AEMT

Ken Day, FF-AEMT

Bette Fredrickson, EMT

Hilary Grimes FFI-AEMT

Matt Grimes, FFI-EMT

Wendy Grimes, FF-EMT

Andy Palmer, FFI-EMR

Patrick Riviezzo, EMT

Kevin Rowe, FFII-EMR

Brenda Spencer, EMT

Office of Emergency Management – 2022

The Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Sutton continues to work to keep our Emergency Operations Plan current. This plan requires constant review, and in the coming year town departments along with volunteers will reconvene to update it.

Regular training on Code Red and WEB EOC continues to be a top priority. Code Red is an emergency broadcast system that can be used by Sutton to notify residents of important information. Residents **MUST** sign up for this feature. If you have internet access, you can go to http://www.sutton-nh.org/public_documents/index click on “Welcome to Sutton, NH” and scroll to the bottom of the page to the box marked



Follow the instructions. If you do not have computer access please contact me or the Office of the Selectmen to have your phone numbers added to this list. Your telephone numbers and demographic information will not be shared with anyone. You can rest assured that this is only used in emergency situations. This saves a huge amount of time and energy for Fire, Rescue and Police when we are trying to reach as many people as possible with important information.

In addition, there is now an app for smartphones, iPads, and Android devices called NH alerts. It is free and can keep you informed on events in your area from missing persons to severe weather events.

This office works closely with Sutton Fire, Rescue, Police and the Office of the Selectmen to coordinate efforts in a streamlined fashion. I would like to express my thanks for their on-going support.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Grimes
Emergency Management Director

Sutton Conservation Commission 2022 Annual Report

Forest Management

One of the SCC's duties for certain properties is forest management. We contracted with a forester in 2021 to update the forest management plan for King Hill Reservation (KHR). The updated plan outlines the SCC's goals for the property, including enhancing habitat, protecting the Kezar Lake Watershed, and providing for public recreation. The plan discusses timber harvesting, conducted in a responsible and sustainable manner, as one option to achieve these goals. Objections to the plan were received from several citizens, and the SCC decided to table a timber harvest until it received more input. Along those lines, an informational workshop on managing forests in a changing climate was held in November. One of the results of the meeting was that the SCC voted at its December meeting to ask the forester who had updated the KHR plan to address the impact of climate change on forest management within the scope of the plan. The SCC will then invite the public to comment on how the SCC should manage the town's conserved forests going forward.

Agreement with Snowmobile Club

The Sutton Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club asked the SCC if its members could snowmobile two trails that lead to the summit of King Hill. The SCC discussed whether allowing this use would adversely impact skiers and the trails. In addition, it was noted that trail maintenance agreed to in the past had not been performed by the Club in the last few years. The SCC decided to allow the Club to use Ski Trail #3 (also known as Brillig's Run) as a one-way access by snowmobile to the summit of King Hill, returning on Tom's Trail, for the upcoming snowmobile season, in exchange for certain trail work. The agreement was reduced to writing and will be reviewed next year to see if both groups want to renew it.

Maintenance

In September, a volunteer crew worked with the SCC to clear fallen trees and debris from the old Nichols homestead site at the north end of KHR, and saplings were trimmed back on an old ski trail near the Nichols homestead. In December, SCC member Chuck Bolduc and Aaron Flewelling of the Ridgerunners Club performed maintenance on numerous KHR culverts and drainages, put in a water bar, and filled in some eroded areas with excavated material. Aaron also fortified a culvert on the Penacook Path, and the Club is doing trail maintenance in the Bean Quarry.

Cluster Development Rule Changes

Several SCC members commented on the Planning Board's proposed

changes to the cluster development rules. Among the changes is one that would require the ownership of “open space” be offered first to a conservation entity, a suitable private nonprofit organization, or the Town of Sutton. This requirement, if adopted by the Town, will help preserve open space for future generations.



A hike at Webb/Crowell on March 8th with the ORFS (Outdoor Recreation for Seniors)

Donation System

Trail maintenance is an ongoing concern at our conserved properties. Mowing costs money and gravel is often needed for parking areas. We encourage people to volunteer for maintenance work. See our website at [Volunteer Opportunities - Town of Sutton \(sutton-nh.org\)](http://www.sutton-nh.org) if you would like to help. Along those lines, SCC members have been devising a donation system for KHR maintenance. The system will use a QR code at the trailhead parking lot to collect donations. The accrued donations will be submitted to the BOS quarterly for approval, and the funds will be transferred to the Conservation Fund and used specifically for the maintenance of KHR.

Other Happenings in 2022

We put “Turtle Crossing signs” along some of the town’s roads where turtles are known to cross, and will be doing this every year during the breeding season.

We participated in the statewide butterfly data collection effort, for contribution towards the 2025 New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan.

We sent representatives to the committee that was formed this year to write a Watershed Based Plan for Kezar Lake.

We initiated an effort to get a section of Rt 114 next to Russell Pond and Blaisdell Lake designated as a Low Salt roadway.

Donald Davis, Jr.
Deborah Lang
James Morris
Chuck Bolduc
Henry Howell, Chair
Barbara Hoffman
Bonnie Hill
Lynn Wittman, (Alternate)
Walter Baker, Jr (Alternate)

Annual Report Of The Sutton Historical Society For 2022

In 2022, the Sutton Historical Society accomplished some major restoration efforts and was awarded grants as follows:

- Exterior restoration of the South Sutton Meetinghouse was completed, partially funded by an LCHIP matching grant awarded in Dec 2021.
- The Sutton Historical Society was awarded a third LCHIP matching grant in Dec 2022 to restore the Dist. No. 9 Schoolhouse.
- The South Village Schoolhouse for 2023 was Qualified/Invited to apply for 1772 Foundation/New Hampshire Preservation Alliance matching grant for schoolhouse restoration.

The Society held various events at the Meetinghouse including a community variety show, Old Home Day and the Christmas Pageant. In addition, Paul Wainwright gave an engaging lecture on colonial meetinghouses and their impact on society.

In September, the Society held their fifth Live Cemetery Tour at the North Sutton Cemetery, in conjunction with a Community event at the First Free Will Baptist Church. Several new former Sutton residents popped up including Matthew Harvey, Miriam Harvey McCullom and Bob Bristol.

Members participated in a number of bake sales for fund raising purposes including Muster Field Farm and Harvest Days, the primary and general elections at the Pillsbury Memorial Hall and once again conducted the ever popular cookie walk.

We published two community newsletters. To learn more about the Historical Society, follow us on Facebook or visit us at our website: www.suttonnhhistoricalsociety.org

Officers

Judy Lowe, President
Sue Esposito, Vice President
Dorothy Jeffrey, Clerk
Robert O'Neil, Treasurer

Board of Directors

Robert Wright, Jr., Ex Officio
Don Davis
Diane Lander
Jody Wells
Gary Dellert
Jackie Winn
Dan Rahilly

Report of the Health Officer

The duties of the Health Officer are as follows:

- To enforce the NH public health rules and regulations;
- To serve as a liaison between state officials and the local community on issues concerning public health;
- To inspect foster homes, day care facilities, and septic systems;
- To investigate health-related nuisance complaints such as garbage;
- To inspect food establishments;
- To deal with any food borne and communicable disease outbreaks or any issue that would impact the public health of the citizens of Sutton.

To facilitate a referral to the Health Officer, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 603-927-2400.

Stay strong and healthy!

David Burnham
Health Officer

Welfare Department Report for 2022

Requests for welfare assistance are scheduled by appointment. Call 603-927-2400 if you need assistance.

Please note that Welfare applications are available at the Pillsbury Memorial Hall, 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills and are also available on the Town of Sutton's website at the following link: <https://www.sutton-nh.org/town-department/welfare-office/>

We continue to receive generous donations from some very thoughtful town folks and a local business. In addition, a Sutton family sponsored both Thanksgiving and Christmas for a local family in need. We are so very thankful and appreciative of the generosity of these good Samaritans. We use monetary donations to purchase food and gasoline cards for those in need. We greatly appreciate these donations, as they help us more flexibly assist those in need who may not qualify for town assistance or have an immediate emergency need.

If you are in need, the following are some important resources for assistance:

- Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners, 603-317-5900
- Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry, First Baptist Church, Main Street, New London: Wednesdays 5:30-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Loaves and Fishes: 800-978-6395
- Kearsarge Region Ecumenical Ministries, 603-526-6511
- NHEasy - <https://nheasy.nh.gov/>
- Fuel/Electric Assistance and Weatherization Program, Meals on Wheels, Women Infants and Children (WIC), a food pantry and so much more: Merrimack County Community Action Program, Warner, NH: 603-456-2207
- 2-1-1 New Hampshire Community Resources: dial 2-1-1
- ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center of Merrimack County: 603-228-6625
- Warner Connects - Food Pantry and Community Resources 603-456-2053

Respectfully submitted,

Alison D. Jones

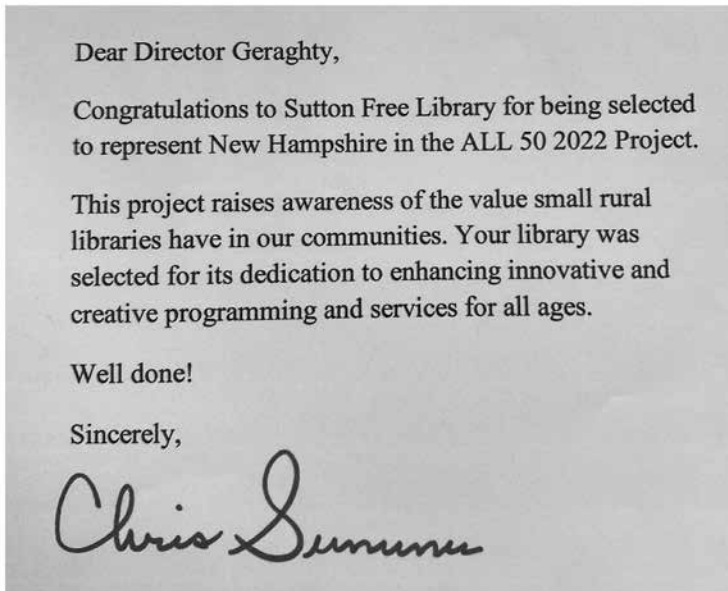
Overseer of Public Welfare



Thank you for helping to support and utilize your Sutton Free Library. Even though we stayed steadily busy during the past few years of Covid, this year saw a huge jump in many of our stats!

- **Use** - Many of you came in to pick up your new card library cards this year. There are currently **609** individual patrons cards in use with a total of **3,657** visits into the library in 2022.
- **Circulation** - Thanks to the various means of filling your library needs & requests, our total circulation for 2022 was **11,573** items. Which is **4,692 more** items coming and going than in 2021 which had 6,881.
- **Programs** - With outside programming in the spring, summer and fall, plus the slow return to normal inside programming, our participation numbers have greatly increased this year. We saw **1,187** patron program participants in 2022.
- **Building & Grounds** - We've had many building issues arise or resurface this year. Immediately addressed was the replacement of the old, not up-to-code, oil tank. The old tank has been removed and the new tank was installed in the furnace room. 2023 building projects will include electrical panel & wiring updates, indoor plumbing pipes discussion, and fixes for wet basement/ dehumidification/ foundation crack/ possible air pollution issues in the basement. Further ADA building compliance discussions will occur as well.
- **Service Updates** -
 - ✦ **Library of Things:** We have continued to add to our *Library of Things* with new items to check out including: an Orion StarBlast Telescope, three giant yard games donated by the Friends of Sutton Free Library, new Reading Buddies to practice reading aloud, and more to-go backpacks. Check out our full list at: www.suttonfreelibrary.com/libraryofthings

- ✿ **Museum Memberships:** Thanks to the Friends of Sutton Free Library and their grant efforts, many museum passes were added this year. Stop by to check out passes to: Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, See Science Center, Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum, the Fells, Seacoast Science Center, Billings Farm, VINS, NH State Parks, Mc-Auliffe Shepard Discovery Center, and the American Precision Museum.
 - ✿ **StoryWalk®:** The first year of our SFL Storywalk® saw over **361** visitors (that we noticed)! We're looking to include more community displays. If your local group has something you'd like to share, please contact us.
- **Recognition** - Sutton Free Library was selected to represent New Hampshire in the All 50 States project. Governor Sununu sent the following citation in recognition of our achievements.



Moving forward, we stick by our belief that Sutton's motto of "Enter Here To Be And Find a Friend" is a reminder of the very characteristics that create and encourage a deeper and more meaningful sense of community. Sutton Free Library is very much the epitome of this as it is a place for gathering, education, learning, sharing, playing and meeting.

Have other ideas of how we can service our patrons? Please share your ideas with us!

Respectfully Submitted,

Trustees: Nancy Glynn (Chair), Lauren Avery, Emily Cooper, Tracy Mingarelli, Catherine Paden;

Alternate Trustees: Betsy Anderson, Nancy Brook Heckel

Library Director: Elizabeth Geraghty;

Library Assistants: Kristin Snow, Angeline Little

Library Substitute: Kristin McCarthy

HOURS

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CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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(603) 226-6020 www.cnhrpc.org

Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. Emilio Cancio-Bello is the Town's representative to the Commission.

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

In 2022, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Sutton and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Staff provided assistance to the Planning Board during the finalization of the Master Plan Update. The Master Plan Update was adopted by the Planning Board on October 25, 2022.
- Continued the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in coordination with the NH Office of Planning and Development and the other eight NH regional planning commissions.
- Assisted in the development of Hazard Mitigation Plans in five communities under the Building Infrastructure and Resilient Communities (BRIC) 2020 program and provided continued hazard mitigation plan implementation assistance in communities throughout the region.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2022, CNHRPC held five TAC meetings. The CNHRPC TAC solicited projects for the

NHDOT 2025-2034 Ten Year Plan, and received and ranked project submittals for possible inclusion in the Ten Year Plan.

- Participated in a range of regional and statewide bicycle and pedestrian planning activities related to trails, sidewalks, bike lanes and bike shoulders, roadway surfacing, and safety. Assistance to local trail organizations and trail committees is a key component to this work.
- Provided coordination assistance to the CommuteSmart NH program that works to support transportation demand management services and rideshare coordination across the state utilizing Agile Mile transportation demand management (TDM) software.
- Conducted over 240 state and local traffic counts throughout the region. In Sutton, staff completed 10 counts in 2022.
- Continued to work with communities on Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) development. Tasks include the identification and mapping of natural resources and the development of methods to overlay and quantify the relative value of natural resources in the community. Interactive online StoryMaps were developed to communicate results.

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

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

2022 Annual Town Report

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

COA is a focal point for many area seniors who depend on us to help support their independence, help them find their sense of purpose, and provide the opportunity to help others through our many volunteer opportunities. 2022 continued to be a building back stronger time for COA. We are determined to return to a pre-covid status as soon as possible. Below is an outline of the many services we continue to provide:

- The Transportation Program operates with one paid driver funded through many generous grants and the return of many volunteers. This service brings seniors to their physician appointments, grocery store, etc. and is heavily relied on by many isolated individuals.
- The Durable Medical Equipment Program is fully operational and serving the needs of many who are unable to obtain medical equipment elsewhere.
- We have continued with daily programs and services within our building and in the community. Many have the new option of Zoom attendance.
- We partner with Lake Sunapee VNA to provide foot care five times a month.
- COA continues to be a resource to our seniors and their families as information changes and resources become available.

Our staff is working diligently to achieve full resumption of services and programs. We have 2.5 paid staff and are working hard to rebuild a volunteer base. Though challenging, we have been able to meet the needs of the community despite the decreased number of volunteers.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation. We are prepared to make necessary changes to our operations as the need arises. We are proud to be a resource center, operate the second largest free Mobility Lending Equipment Program in New Hampshire, and provide free transportation to our clients in the nine towns we serve.

We appreciate the support of our towns, our partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, Board members and staff. It is with their guidance and support that we continue to lead to high levels of health and well-being opportunities for our senior neighbors.

2022 COA celebrated our 30th Anniversary. We look forward to another 30 productive years!

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley F. Keith, BA, MS
Executive Director

Retrospective: Muster Field Farm Over the Years

This summer the crops that fill the farmstand alongside Harvey Rd are much the same as they have been for the past several decades. Now at the end of July, the early season arugula, spinach, radishes, scallions, snap peas and shell peas have come and gone. The everbearing Swiss chard and kale, in addition to the timed plantings of lettuce, constitute the leafy greens available. The consecutive plantings of beets have been going strong since the cooler weather of June and the plantings of carrots are flying out of the farmstand faster than we can pick them. The zucchini, summer squash and cucumbers are ripening at a rate of bushels per day, causing the first floor of the Harvey Barn to overflow; soon the tomatoes will join them. The onions and potatoes also need a spot to lay out and dry; all of the garlic has been harvested. The broccoli, leeks, cabbage, kohlrabi, eggplants, green beans, and wax beans have made their appearances in the farmstand. Peppers, melons, shell beans, and, of course, sweet corn will be ready in the coming weeks. As summer dwindles to an end the pumpkins and winter squash will fill our baskets, along with apples and brussel sprouts. This colorful bounty that is sowed, cultivated, and harvested at the top of the hill is accented throughout the season with fresh herbs and flowers. For those who come looking for more than produce, Muster Field's grounds offer a relaxing stroll among old buildings and beautiful flower beds with plenty to entertain all ages; most notably the cows and pigs. In addition to growing 5 acres of produce, thousands of forty pound bales of hay fill the barn each summer and over 50 cords of wood line the road. In the Summer of 2022 all of this work on the farm is done with the help of 3 tractors, a truck, rototillers, hay elevator and baler, and many more labor saving implements.

1920s

One hundred years ago, Frank Bailey, Abbie Truell Bailey, and their son, John (Abbie is a Harvey descendent) occupied the Muster Field property. Frank grew a selection of fruit trees: apple, pears, peaches, cherries, plums, and grapes as well as berries: blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, and currants. The summer residents around the lake bought most of these fruit crops. The extras Abbie used for jams and jellies, which were sold both locally and shipped to the city. The Bailey's also had an extensive vegetable garden, growing the following crops at one time or another: tomatoes, lettuce, melons, corn, asparagus, white beans, lima beans, cucumbers, celery, peas, cabbage, beets, pumpkins, carrots, parsnips, rhubarb, onions, sunflowers, marigolds, Swiss chard, herbs, barley, and oats. In terms of livestock, Frank kept a flock of chickens - for both eggs and meat, a couple of cows, and a horse. The Baileys used a horse as a "tractor" for farm work and a "car" for transportation until 1919 when they bought a Model A Ford.

1820s

Two hundred years ago Jonathan Harvey, his wife Ruth, and children Marian, Hannah, and Caroline lived at Lot Number 20 in the home now referred to as the Harvey Homestead. On September 9th 1821 a tornado struck down in New Hampshire. The records show changes in the Harvey's land use as a result of the tornado: orchard -2 acres in 1821 and 1 ½ acres in 1822; mowing land (for hay) - 9 acres in 1821 and 7 acres in 1822; tillage land (for crops) - 2 acres both years; pasturage (for animals) - 18 acres both years. These numbers tell us that Jonathan managed a considerable size orchard, brought in hay (not with the tractors, balers, and hay elevators we use now, but with horses and hand rakes), grew 2 acres worth of crops and had enough animals to pasture on 18 acres. In the 1823 records, there is mention of a cider mill on the property.

1720

Three hundred years ago the Penacook Abenaki people inhabited an area that included the hill to the north of what we now call Kezar Lake. The Abenaki's food source came from fishing, hunting, gathering wild plants - roots, berries, nuts, greens, and fibers - and gardening. Research indicates that garden plots would have been located near their seasonal villages. Abenaki planted their gardens in hills with corn plants in the center, beans between the corn, and squash on the outside using fish to fertilize. These three crops, known as the Three Sisters, have a cooperative relationship: the corn provides a pole for the beans to climb, the beans fix nitrogen which improves the soil fertility, and the squash leaves shade the ground, keeping in moisture and inhibiting weeds. Several varieties of each crop would have been grown; popcorn, flint corn (for grinding), and sweet corn; beans eaten fresh, shelled, or dried; and fresh summer squash, winter squash for storage, and pumpkins. Other crops grown by the Abenaki include Jerusalem artichoke, sweetgrass, and tobacco - the later two being sacred crops.

~ Ada Gardner

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Sutton Summary of Services

ENERGY ASSISTANCE – The center staff provide direct service.

| PROGRAM | Description | Units of Service | Value |
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| Fuel Assistance Program | Assists income eligible households with cost of energy during prime heating season. This year, benefits were also given to assist with cooling costs. | Enrolled: 19 households 45 people | \$24,549.00 – heat |
| Electric Assistance Program | Assists income eligible households by providing a specific tier of discount ranging from 8% to 76% off electric bills | Enrolled: 15 households | \$5,248.08 amount of discount |
| Other (smaller programs, agency funds) | Smaller programs with funds assisting with urgent energy needs (shut offs, disconnects, etc) | 2 households | \$1,000.00 |

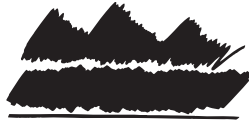
HOUSING ASSISTANCE – The center staff frequently refer clients to these programs.

| PROGRAM | Description | Units of Service | Value |
|--|--|---------------------------|--|
| NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program | This COVID-relief program provided funds for income-eligible households with rent and other housing expenses | Enrolled: 4 households | \$43,713.94 Paid in rent and housing expenses |

All data is from most recent program year for program.

TOTAL: \$30,797.08 (not including housing assistance from NH ERAP)

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Lake Sunapee Region
VNA & HOSPICE

Report of the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice 2022

January 2023

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the team at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice, personal care, clinics, support groups and more in 2022. We remain proud of our ability to adapt and do our part to help address increasingly complex health and home care needs in our region. In 2022 we completed our most current *Community Health Needs Assessment* (CHNA), done in collaboration with local hospitals. The findings help guide us and make program decisions that have the greatest impact. While the pandemic brought changes and new challenges, we face them with the strength of a unified, dedicated team. Arguably the greatest obstacle remains the shortage of staff, a serious concern impacting the entire region and every industry. As we have said before, *LSRVNA is its people*, with more than 80% of our budget dedicated to staff salaries and benefits. As the difficulty to find qualified employees increases, the cost does as well. Our leadership team has been focusing on this and other key strategic priorities, and on how we can adjust and prioritize in response to this landscape. We recently implemented a new Electronic Medical Record (EMR), arguably the largest project a health care provider can undertake, in an effort to have the right tools for staff and the technology required to best serve residents of Sutton and 30+ other towns. I am proud to report that for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2022, we served residents of Sutton in the following ways:

- Provided skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and in-home supportive care to 80 residents;
- Provided free/reduced cost in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents; visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 65% of cost);

- Provided 14 months of bereavement programming to hospice families after the death of their loved ones at no cost, including virtual bereavement support groups so that families and the community could safely access this vital assistance;
- Residents continued to benefit from our growing Palliative Care program, helping to navigate serious illnesses with an emphasis on symptom management and personal goals;
- Foot Care clinics expanded in 2022 both in the number of locations and the frequency of clinic hours in response to a growing need and lack of access to this service;

With so much demanding our time and attention, we are beyond grateful for those who sustain LSRVNA as an enduring presence. Our frontline caregivers, behind the scenes employees, donors and diverse community partners who, together, complete this puzzle of health care. We understand that your funds, like ours, are limited. This makes us that much more grateful for your ongoing generosity and confidence. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way we may be of service to you or your Town's residents. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Jim Culhane, President & CEO

UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County 2022

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

Food & Agriculture: We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. In 2022, 1100 individuals participated in programs focused on food and agriculture production, 430 individuals received one-on-one consultation through email and phone conversations, and 120 farm visits were conducted, during which recommendations were tailored towards the individual educational needs of the client. A total of 320 soil tests were reviewed and approved, optimizing soil fertility practices, and maximizing production on sites throughout the county. UNH Extension in Merrimack County has led the Vegetable and Fruit Integrated Pest Management program for the past two seasons. This program monitors vegetable and fruit pests on 15 farms and provides recommendations for best management practices. In 2021, the program saved producers an estimated \$425,000 in value of reduced crop loss due to optimal pest control practices combined with reduced costs associated with fewer pesticide applications, labor costs and fuel consumption.

The State Dairy Specialist position has been filled after a 3-year vacancy. The office has been moved from its traditional location (Grafton County) to Merrimack County. Sarah Allen started November 14, 2022, and is now more centrally located in the state to serve the dairy producers and be involved in policy development.

Natural Resources: Our natural resources team provides research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a "boots on the ground" approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. This year, 1,398 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, educational events, telephone calls, and email correspondence. At least 758 County residents

participated in-person, outdoors, educational events: Tree Farm Field Days, Tree Id Walks, Invasive Plant Control workshops, Wildlife Habitat field tours, Forest Health workshops, and Forest Ecology Field Tours for Middle School Science Classes. This year's educational offerings were augmented by a wide variety of virtual meetings and Facebook Live webinars (<https://www.facebook.com/nhwoods.org>) to comply with the COVID-19 restrictions and to provide residents with virtual learning opportunities. This year, there were 400 Volunteers who worked with UNH Extension in Merrimack County helping to conserve and manage its natural resources. The Volunteers participated in the Natural Resource Stewards program, the Coverts Project, Nature Groupie, the NH Big Tree Program, and the Lakes Lay Monitoring Program. Please visit our website to find out about volunteer opportunities: <https://extension.unh.edu/about/volunteering>.

Community and Economic Development (CED): The CED team provides programming and technical assistance to communities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations around New Hampshire. The CED team's work focuses on revitalizing main streets, retaining and growing local businesses, supporting entrepreneurs and innovators, improving quality of life, and leveraging tourism and the recreation economy. Central to the CED team's work is engaging individuals from throughout the community in developing a vision, designing an approach, and moving to action. The Merrimack County CED role transitioned to a new staff person in mid-2022 who has taken lead on a variety of projects that have begun throughout the county. Support is continuing for the Northfield-based Foothills Foundation, an organization that plans to make the area a hub for recreation access and economic development through collaboration, promotion, and trail building. Additional work and engagement is starting in Hopkinton/Contoocook Village to provide support and programming surrounding business and engagement and retention, with additional work to assess recreational resources and downtown vibrancy. The Merrimack County CED is also supporting community programming surrounding housing and broadband and is developing a County-wide needs assessment where stakeholder engagement from all communities throughout the county will be incorporated.

Education and 4-H Youth Development: 4-H is the youth educational program of UNH Cooperative Extension that provides youth the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning opportunities that spark their passion for life after 4-H, while learning important life skills such as communication and leadership. Programming is delivered utilizing 4-H volunteers that involve youth in the learning process through youth-adult partnerships. Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, Merrimack County 4-H members were able to participate in a variety of program opportunities. A highlight for many is the annual Hopkinton

State Fair. Sixty-three 4-H members submitted items to the Ruth Kimball 4-H Exhibit Hall to display their projects from throughout the course of the 4-H year. Over 100 4-H members exhibited their animals at the fair and helped to educate the public about agriculture. To close out the 2021-2022 program year, Merrimack County involved 310 youth and 122 volunteers.

Nutrition Connections is a no-cost, hands-on nutrition and physical education program that provides limited-resource families the knowledge and skills needed for better health. In Merrimack County, Nutrition Connections provided programming to youth in schools around making healthy food choices and eating fruits and vegetables. Nutrition Connections partnered with local agencies and housing sites to reach adults and families, covering topics like reading food labels, preparing low-cost meals and snacks, saving money at the grocery store, choosy eaters, and more.

Health & Well-being: Provides information, programs and training grounded in research to help young people and their families succeed and thrive, such as Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid Training, Chronic Disease, and Chronic Pain Self-Management Programs. We are working collaboratively with schools and public health partners to increase prevention and early intervention for mental health and wellness and substance misuse in communities. Our Merrimack County Field Specialist is serving as Project Director for the NH Opioid Prevention Project, funded by SAMHSA, which is bringing opioid prevention education to audiences across NH.

We would like to thank our Advisory Council that consists of 11 citizens of Merrimack County, and a representative of the County Commissioners office and County Delegation. These advisors assist Extension program staff to evaluate current programming, identify local educational and research needs, and to consider new programming across the county. Our 2021-2022 council members included: Chuck & Diane Souther, Josh Marshall, Tim Meeh, Jill McCullough, Ken Koerber, Mark Cowdrey, Chip Donnelly, Janine Condi, Page Poole, Anya Twarog, Commissioner Stuart Trachy, and Rep. Thomas Schamberg.

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BRADFORD NEWBURY SUTTON YOUTH SPORTS

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) had another successful year thanks to the continued support from the Towns of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton. BNSYS is a 501©3, non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation.

BNSYS owns and maintains the structures and facilities at Warren Brook Park, located at 164 Old Warner Road in Bradford. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations and contributions from area towns. Our annual expenses include, but are not limited to, utility bills, liability insurance, athlete medical insurance, team equipment, league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rentals and scholarships.

FACILITIES

If you attended any events at our facility, or just drove by, you probably noticed the fantastic condition that our fields were in all season. Contract services were kept with Tyler Lawn Care for mowing.

BNSYS will again begin to explore the feasibility of constructing dugouts on Raymond Field and Bathrooms at Warren Brook Park to replace the portable toilets.

Under the tutelage of our fundraising director Holly Fitzgerald, the spring sports raffle was again a booming success and the golf tournament was the biggest and best one yet.

Warren Brook Park was selected to host several league tournaments and jamborees in 2022 to include the Kearsarge Mountain South (KMS) 12U Playoff Tournament, 10U and 8U jamborees, CAS soccer camp and the MVSL soccer jamboree.

REGISTRATIONS

2022 was a great year for BNSYS registrations. All sports were back to normal with no restrictions. The year started off with Softball, Baseball and T-Ball.

The BNSYS 12U Girls Softball "A" team completed an undefeated season by winning the Kearsarge Mountain South Championship,

beating Mount Royal in the finals. The 10U and 8U teams also had great seasons, both finishing in second place.

Baseball and T-Ball had a successful season. Registrations were up slightly from 2021, allowing us to field slightly larger rosters than years past.

CAS Soccer Camp (Formerly known as YES Soccer Camp) was also back to normal this year. Under a new name and leadership, a group of young collegiate athletes came to Bradford for a week in August and put on a full schedule of drills and scrimmages to help develop our athletes.

Fall soccer registrations were also up from 2021. Congrats to the 5/6 girls' team who won their playoff bracket and the 5/6 boys' team for coming in third place.

On October 5th we held our 22nd Annual Golf Tournament. It was the biggest and best tournament to date and, for the first time ever, the course was closed to the public due to the number of golfers we had. Thank you to everyone that participated and a huge thank you to all of our sponsors and donors. Special thanks to our Albatross sponsors Northcape Design Build, Colby Insurance, Crown Point Cabinetry, Naughton and Son Recycling, Tyler Lawn Care, Nathan Bills Restaurant and Go Lightly Consignment Boutique and our Eagle sponsors Old Hampshire Designs, Pickman and Sons Plumbing and Stiles & Associates.

Unfortunately, our winter wrestling season was cancelled due to a number of circumstances. We hope to have this program back up and running next year.

VOLUNTEERS

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

If you would like to get involved with BNSYS, look at what we have to offer, or think you can help in other ways, please visit our website, www.bnsyouthsports.org, or contact one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

New additions to the Board in 2022 were Michael Howley who will become the Vice-President and Knicole Byfield who will be taking over the role of treasurer. Jared Lamothe will be taking over as President in 2023 and Ed Shaughnessy will stay on for the year to help Lamothe transition into the new role.

We are still looking for a Field Director, Wrestling director and Co-Soccer director.

Executive Board

President: Edward Shaughnessy
Fundraising Director: Holly Fitzgerald
Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer: Laura McKenna
Secretary: Justine Fournier

Board of Directors

Baseball Director: Devin Pendleton
Softball Director: Jeffrey Glover
Soccer Director: Jared LaMothe
Wrestling Director: Jesse Griffin
Equipment Director: Amy Cook
Field Director: Scott Richard

Thanks,

Edward Shaughnessy
BNSYS President

New London Hospital

The last few years have been filled with challenges, but one constant is the dedication of New London Hospital (NLH) and Newport Health Center to delivering patient-focused, quality healthcare. The providers and staff continue both organizations' legacies of steadfast commitment to compassionate medical excellence—and this past year has been no exception.

Express Care

Our Express Care service that launched last November is operating successfully and is providing the region with a convenient option for medical treatment. Offering an emergency room type B level of care, patients have the opportunity to receive a higher level of services compared to an urgent care or walk-in clinic, without an appointment. The service is for patients ages two and older and is open seven days a week (no appointments required). Please check our website for more information, including hours of operation. The address is:

www.newlondonhospital.org/expresscare

Primary Care

An ongoing challenge is one we share with hospitals nationwide: a shortage of primary care providers (PCPs). This trend began prior to the pandemic but has intensified due to it, with PCPs retiring or deciding not to return to healthcare practice. We are working creatively and diligently with search firms to identify and hire PCPs who will be a great fit for our community—and who will want to become part of its fabric and enjoy decades-long careers with us. While we have solutions in the pipeline for this issue, it will not be solved overnight. We humbly request the community's patience and confidence in our efforts.

Hospital Days

After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we were thrilled to see the community come together for the return of Hospital Days. Thank you to our staff, community partners and volunteers who helped us fill the town with the spirit that we all embrace during the summertime.

Financial Performance

We're also pleased to share that NLH and Newport Health Center are financially healthy and operating exceptionally well. Our team continues to evaluate services that were forced to pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provider shortages, and assess the feasibility of re-engaging them. In addition, we are deepening our integration as

a member of the Dartmouth Health system, which provides patients the resources of a major medical center within the familiarity of a community hospital.

We are grateful for the demonstrable and ongoing support of our community members, and wish you and yours a healthy and happy New Year.

Warmly,

M. Tom Manion
President and CEO

Jeff Hollinger
Chair, Board of Trustees

To receive the latest NLH updates including information about upcoming events, important messages to the community and general hospital updates, please visit the bottom of our website homepage and click on "Subscribe to eNews."



Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry

We are grateful to the many people who continue to provide us with financial support, and to those who are supporting our programs by donating food and volunteering at the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry. This support has allowed us to continue our existing food programs and to adapt to the evolving needs as they arise. Mother Theresa said, “if you can’t feed 100 people, feed one.” This statement has been the guiding philosophy of the KLSCFP for the past 13 years. We know we can’t eliminate hunger but we can help our neighbors who are in need of food.

The KLSCFP is a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit supported by local area individuals, businesses and organizations. We rely solely on donations and our amazing volunteers as we have no paid staff. Our Mission is to help meet the food and household needs of people in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Region who are experiencing financial hardship. The towns included in this outreach effort are: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee (including Georges Mills), Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Families from all of these towns use the pantry’s services.

KLSCFP relies solely on donations and volunteers to provide this community service. It does not receive any federal, state or local funding. More than 125 volunteers from the area towns are involved in running the food pantry. The food pantry is located in the back of the First Baptist Church in New London and is open Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30AM.

KLSCFP provides a variety of non-perishable foods as well as dairy, meat, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, paper goods and toiletries, laundry and dish detergents and diapers. Families are able to visit the food pantry on a weekly basis. Before the school year begins, in coordination with the First Baptist Church, we make available backpacks for children so they will have supplies for the upcoming school year. We have a Summer Meals Program to provide children with additional breakfast and lunch food when school is on vacation.

We have 246 registered families and serve up to 50 of them a week. There are numerous reasons why individuals come to the food pantry. Many are struggling to pay their rent, dealing with higher grocery bills and some have lost their homes and are living in temporary housing. All of these challenges have brought new people to the food pantry. It's been difficult for us at KLSCFP to see the increasing number of families who come to the food pantry looking for help.

The pandemic forced us to rethink how we could best serve our clients and keep them and our tireless volunteers safe. A group of volunteers met and rewrote the procedures for the distribution of food. We also took on the food shortages that bedeviled the grocery stores and many of our suppliers. We had to identify new ways of supplying the high-quality food that our clients deserve.

Finding food was not our only problem. Aging equipment produced additional complexities. Thanks to the concerted efforts of many of our volunteers the food pantry now has a commercial refrigerator and freezer, as well as an upgraded heating and cooling system.

Through all of this our volunteers embraced change and made it possible for the food pantry to face these challenges and stay open. This never give up spirit has permeated the food pantry since way back in May of 2008, when a group of people, concerned about their neighbors' abilities to put food on the table created the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry.

We continue to receive food from the New Hampshire Food Bank and Hannaford Feed America Fresh Rescue Program, the USDA, Warner Food Pantry, and the SCPA. We are thankful for the fresh produce from Kearsarge Food Hub, Spring Ledge Farm, our twice weekly delivery of fresh bread from Blue Loon and local residents who share their summer garden bounty with us. We have also benefitted from the food drives conducted by the Boy Scouts, St. Andrews Church, Windy Hill School and Auto Advisors in Springfield.

We are thankful to Loaves & Fishes for donating to our account at the New Hampshire Food Bank. Each year Hannaford and the New London Police Department partner for a very successful "Stuff-the-Cruiser" food donation event. Benjamin Edwards shreds documents for the public once a year for free asking only for a donation of food to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry receives hundreds of pounds of food as well as monetary donations from these two events.

The O'Halloran Group has been generous not only to us but to the Warner and Newport Food pantries via their yearly Ultra 1K Road Race. We were also the beneficiary of the "Breadboard Fundraiser"

during which beautiful breadboards were handcrafted from local wood by Peter Gunn. They were sold at Blue Loon and Spring Ledge and the profits donated to the food pantry.

Once again, we were invited to participate in the New London Community Service Organization breakfast, and along with other non-profits we received a very generous donation. We would also like to thank a “friend” of the food pantry who for the past three years has made a generous donation of gift cards for our clients to use at locally owned businesses in the Kearsarge area.

We deliver food to those at Bittersweet who do not have transportation or are ill and cannot come to the food pantry on their own. We continue to partner with Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners to deliver food to those who cannot come to the food pantry and with students from Colby Sawyer College who help our volunteers carry bags and load cars with groceries.

The New Hampshire Food Bank received a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support efforts to provide those in need with access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy. Our food pantry was given a grant of \$1,500 to partner with small local farmers. We partnered with Crow Tree Farm in Andover and Nalla Farm in Wilmot.

In the Fall of 2022, we were asked to participate in a Community Engaged Learning Project involving students from a Colby Sawyer Class run by Professor Kathleen Farrell. The students combined assigned course work with community involvement at the KLSCFP. They were involved with volunteers in the many aspects of running the food pantry. It was a winning situation because of the work the students did to help and what they learned about food needs in this area.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the First Baptist Church which has housed the food pantry since it opened on January 28, 2009. The food pantry could not function without the help and support it receives from the church staff, Steph Barton, Kit Ross and Steven Hunt. Steph and Kit have been supporting the food pantry since 2009.

We would not have been able to keep the food pantry open if we didn't have the support from the communities we serve. We are fortunate to live in an area where people truly care about those who have less. Together, we continue to make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,
Clara Sheehy & Marilyn Paradis
Co-Chairs

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

2022 Annual Report for the Town of Sutton

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. This area includes the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 163 projects and protected 13,345 acres – including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

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

Ausbon Sargent has had a busy year celebrating 35 years of land conservation! We completed three land projects, with several more projects in different stages of completion, purchased the Ausbon Sargent office building, and returned to more regular events and hikes. The new land projects make up 207 acres of land that is now protected, and are located in the towns of Goshen, Newbury, and Bradford.

This year, we were able to bring back a few more of the events we hold to connect with, educate, and thank our members and volunteers. Our first event of the year was a “Farm and Forest Tour” at the Messer Farm in February. Over 100 participants came on snowshoes and skis to explore the trails at the Messer Farm. We held hikes in Andover, Springfield, and New London, and our popular Dragonfly Hike in Sutton at the Johnson/Thistlewait Property. We were happy to host our volunteer appreciation gathering at LSPA, and our Annual Meeting in October at the New London Historical Society. The progressive dinner was essentially a “farm to table” meal in a bag, which included ingredients from local farms and businesses along with recipes to create a delicious dinner at home. Participants were happy to support the land trust and have a night off from wondering “what’s for dinner?!” The land trust also celebrated the retirement of two staff members, and welcomed two new staff members, who fit in wonderfully. It has been a time for growth and change as we keep moving forward in our mission!

Ausbon Sargent is thankful to have the assistance of over 200 volunteers who help with easement monitoring, committee support, and clerical

work. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, there are many ways to get involved: you could become a conservation easement donor, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation, and if you are not already, you can become a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Our website (www.ausbonsargent.org) indicates which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing, and includes trail maps, printable hiking challenges, and driving directions. Be sure to look under the heading "Connect with the Land" for these details. For information on all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties, please visit our website and join our email list. Find us on Instagram and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director*

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The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKG) was founded in 1993. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75-mile hiking trail forming a loop known as the SRK Greenway was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mt Sunapee, Mt Ragged and Mt Kearsarge.

The SRK Greenway extends through ten towns and of the 75 miles, 9.6 miles are in Sutton. Entering from Mount Kearsarge State Forest along the Lincoln Trail from the north, the Greenway arrives at Kearsarge Valley Road, passes under I-89 at Exit 10, enters Shadow Hill State Forest and then onto the perimeter of Kearsarge Regional Middle School property. It crosses NH Route 114 below Music Hill Road and arrives at Wadleigh Hill Road near the Pressey Bridge over the Lane River. The Greenway continues from the bottom of Wadleigh Hill and passes the Town Wildlife area and into Wadleigh State Park. From Wadleigh the SRKG heads toward Chalk Pond in Newbury by following Penacook Road, around Kezar Lake, to King's Hill Road, ascends King's Hill Road and descends to the Newbury town line onto Haynes Road and eventually Baker Hill Rd. Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many landowners.

The SRK Greenway is a thoroughly community-based, all volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a website (www.srkg.com), a trail guide book and map. Usually, we are also able to offer occasional group hikes and an annual meeting in March, but due to the pandemic we were unable to this year. Dave Gardner and Mark Brito currently serve as the Sutton representatives on the Greenway Board. Many volunteers help keep Sutton's portion of SRK Greenway trails open, repaired and blazed.



Our website at www.srkg.org has maps of the entire Greenway. There you will find events, landowner information, membership details and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a Green Corridor in Sutton and the surrounding towns has an enormous impact with its associated recreational, economic and health benefits. To improve awareness of hiking trails generally SRK Greenway representatives continually meet with several town boards, conservation commissions, and others including the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), SPNHF, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, the NH Trails Bureau and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.

Report Of The Warner River Local Advisory Committee - Sutton



The Warner River Local Advisory Committee (“WRLAC” for short) is pleased to report on our activities during Calendar Year 2022. We have statutory authority to advise state and local governments on federal, state, and local permit applications and other environmental issues within the Designated Warner River Corridor, which is ½-mile wide (¼ mile as measured outward from each river bank) as the river flows through our five riverfront towns. Sutton’s share of the Warner River extends from the Warner town line, where the river loops up into Sutton and dives back into Warner two times, for a short ¾ of a river-mile.

Calendar 2022 was a pretty quiet time on the Sutton reach of our river, which is mostly calm and out-of-sight, playing hide-and-seek with Route 103 and Roby Road. There were no Sutton permit applications that required our attention during 2022. There was more activity in towns downriver.

In accordance with our Corridor Management Plan (released January 2021), we have a strong public outreach and education focus. You can read more about our goals in the Corridor Management Plan obtainable at: <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/r-wd-20-25.pdf>). To meet our goals, we will need more discussions with Sutton folks (we’ve supported Warner’s Fall Foliage Festivals and Warnerpaloozas, and Bradford’s Old Home Day). We expect that we will continue with these commitments during 2023 and we hope to reach out to Sutton for similar opportunities for introducing you to the Warner River.

Our website (www.wrlac.com) is up-and-running and has been well received. We are continuing to post blogs and spreading the good word about the river (GO SEE!). As we move forward from here, we expect to have additional ecological and river-related content of interest to our Sutton neighbors.

We did not spend 2022 working with the Sutton Selectboard, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board in revising and updating references to the Designated Warner River and WRLAC on

Sutton's website and seeing how we fit into your Master Plan. Perhaps 2023 will be the year. We think our notification system, where Sutton automatically notifies us of land-use permit applications for projects within the Corridor, is working.

The DES-funded Instream Flow Study of the Warner River began in the fall of 2020 and continued through 2022. The draft of this Study was submitted to us just after New Year's 2023, and we will review the report and support NH Department of Environmental Services in presenting this report to the residents of Sutton and our four other riverfront towns during January and February 2023 public hearings. This Instream Flow Report will be used to prepare the river's water management plan, which will be the road map of how to ensure there is an adequate flow of water to preserve a healthy river ecosystem as balanced with human water needs. This could have implications for river front and lake front property owners (Blaisdell and Kezar Lake).

One other important aspect of our Warner River duties is to provide basic water-quality monitoring at several points along the Warner River and selected tributaries during the warm months of the year. This program began in 2017 under the auspices of DES's Volunteer River Assessment Program. While the pH is usually a little low due to our New Hampshire bedrock, the other water-quality parameters indicate that the Warner River is healthy and continues to have high-quality water. Our monitoring has not detected any water-quality concerns. Trout Unlimited (Basil W. Woods, Jr. Chapter) report that the brook trout are healthy and plentiful, further testament to the high quality of the river.

We began 2022 with two of your neighbors volunteering to represent Sutton on the WRLAC: Andy Jeffrey and Peter Savickas. Andy decided to retire from his river duties; Andy was an invaluable member and we are grateful for his work, and especially for his toiling behind the scenes for the creation and management of our website. My enduring thanks to Pete for continuing his generous donations of assistance, time, and energy in helping to preserve the high quality of the Warner River.

In 2023, please reach out to Pete or me to volunteer your time and effort to help preserve and conserve the river's resources (WRLAC needs another Suttoner!). Next: reach out to Pete (or me!) with any Warner River concerns. And last, come out and enjoy the Warner River! The Sutton reach of the river is short, but sweet, and you'll soon see why we spend so much of our time helping to maintain the health of the Warner River's resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Milender, Chair

WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Of Sutton Resident Marriage Report

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

| Person A's Name and Residence | Person B's Name and Residence | Town of Issuance | Place of Marriage | Date of Marriage |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Hoegler, Daniel J. South Sutton, NH | Dupuis, Kelly M. South Sutton, NH | Newbury | Newbury | 5/15/2022 |
| Webber Jr, David F. Sutton, NH | Lury, Katrina J. Sutton, NH | Sutton | Sunapee | 7/30/2022 |
| Cochran, Corbett L. North Sutton, NH | Cuccinello, Laura J North Sutton, NH | Sutton | North Sutton | 8/6/2022 |
| Flewelling, Aaron H. North Sutton, NH | Covel, Kaitlyn D. North Sutton, NH | Warner | Warner | 8/20/2022 |
| Lesperance, Derek D. Sutton, NH | Martin, Leann N. Sutton, NH | Newbury | Newbury | 8/22/2022 |
| Cunningham, Gordon V. Sutton, NH | Ruel, Sherrie J. Sutton, NH | Sutton | Grantham | 11/9/2022 |
| Flack, Jason J. North Sutton, NH | O'Connell, Hannah M. North Sutton, NH | Sutton | Wakefield | 11/12/2022 |

Town Of Sutton Resident Birth Report

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

| Child's Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Father's/Parent's Name | Mother's/Parent's Name |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Marois, Evelyn Lorraine | 4/8/2022 | Manchester, NH. | Marois, Robert Keith | Marois, Julie Helene |
| Brock, Amelia Victoria | 6/29/2022 | Concord, NH | Brock, Zachary Russell | Brock, Sarah Simonds |
| Kilens, Francine Marie | 7/22/2022 | Concord, NH | Kilens, Eric Henry | Kilens, Harley Lauren |
| Woods, Juniper Winter | 9/2/2022 | Concord, NH | Woods, Daniel Henry | Woods, Rebecca Lynn |
| Farenwald, Maisie Grace | 11/20/2022 | Concord, NH | Farenwald, Tucker Justin | Farenwald, Erin Elizabeth |

Town Of Sutton Resident Death Report

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

| Decedent's Name | Death Date | Death Place | Father's/Parent's Name | Mother's/Parent's Name Prior To First Marriage/Civil Union | Military |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|--|----------|
| Benson, Beverly Crins | 3/27/21 | Franklin | Crins, Howard | Woodmansee, Pearl | N |
| Bosche, John Gregory "Max" | 7/14/21 | Sutton | Bosche, Walwin | Genre, Dollora | N |
| Chadwick, James A. | 1/1/2022 | Lebanon | Chadwick, Ray | Collins, Elizabeth | N |
| Wiley, Cecile M. | 3/1/2022 | Concord | Bourgoin, Eugene | Caron, Rose | N |
| Gamelli, Richard L. | 5/3/2022 | Sutton | Gamelli, Louis | Jacques, Alice | N |
| Freeman, Jessie A. | 6/11/2022 | Springfield | Milne, Jeffrey | Thomson, Dale | N |
| Abbondanza, Anthony J. | 7/2/2022 | North Sutton | Abbondanza, Joseph | Sciusso, Annette | N |
| Day, Ton Suk | 7/20/2022 | North Sutton | Choe, Un | Kim, In | N |
| Hallahan, Ann C. | 8/22/2022 | Sutton | Colombosian, Sarkis | Krikorian, Rose | N |
| Brand, Melissa R. | 8/29/2022 | Sutton | Shields, Leonard | Lane, Angennette | N |
| Curran, Nancy A. | 9/21/2022 | New London | Coyle, Arthur | Cook, Elizabeth | N |
| Hearne Sr, Robert Bacon | 9/30/2022 | Concord | Hearne, John | Bacon, Lillian | Y |
| O'Rourke, Janice Todd | 10/23/2022 | North Sutton | Todd, Alfred | Penn, Dorothy | N |
| Horvath, Bela | 11/2/2022 | North Sutton | Horvath, Unknown | Unknown, Unknown | N |

Are you considering logging your land in Sutton?

The Sutton Conservation Commission reminds owners of forest land that your timber is a valuable asset. Be wary of unsolicited offers to log your land or buy timber. Before you have your property logged, we strongly recommend you:

- Hire a licensed professional forester to represent your financial interests and to protect the long-term health and productivity of your woodlot.
- Obtain a good written timber harvesting contract.
- Learn more about current wood markets and prices. • Obtain free forestry advice from Merrimack County Cooperative Extension. County Forester, Tim Fleury will arrange to visit your woodlot. Please call Tim at (603) 796-2151 or 225-5505.
- Learn more about NH forestry laws including: the Intent to Cut permit, the NH Timber Yield Tax, Wetlands permits, Best Management Practices for Erosion Control, Basal Area law for Stream and Shoreland Protection zones, Slash laws and Timber Trespass laws.
- Visit the resource library in the Town Hall. Free fact sheets include an excellent publication entitled: Selling Timber? Do It Right! Other publications include information on: Forest Management Plans, Marking Boundaries, Logging Contracts, Best Management Practices, Timber Harvesting Laws, Cost-Share Programs, Licensed Foresters and Certified Loggers in NH.

A timber tax monitor reviews Intent to Cut permits and visits timber harvests in Sutton as necessary to insure accurate reporting of timber yields.

NH Division of Forests & Lands inspecting foresters visit logging operations to insure compliance with NH timber harvesting laws and to respond to complaints of timber law violations. Call (603) 271-2217.

Proper timber harvesting provides multiple benefits: income, improved habitat, trails, views, and long-term forest health. Uncontrolled, exploitive cutting results in lost revenue, environmental degradation, public resentment and legal liability.

Your forest has been growing for many years. It will continue to increase in value over time. A timber sale should be an informed decision. Please do your homework!

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