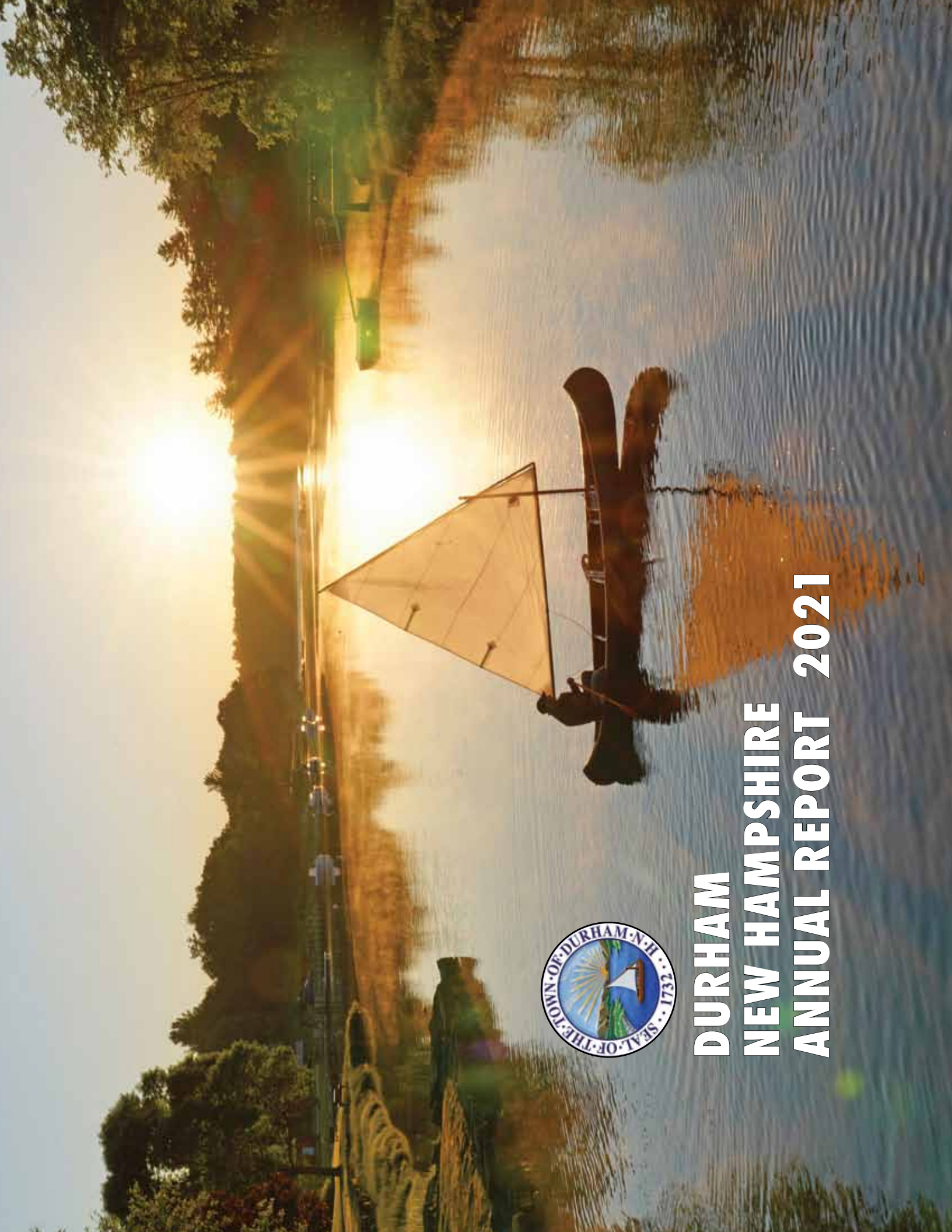




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ABOUT OUR COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The Durham Town Seal is an “idealized depiction” of a view looking east and down the Oyster River from Town Landing. Prominent features include a gundalow, Durham Town Landing, and a sunrise in the eastern horizon. While the granite block retaining wall has been there for over 100 years, the mountains in the far distance are “imagined”. The two houses are still present, but now obscured by trees.

Beginning in May 2020, resident Lee Alexander and Administrator Todd Selig started working on a photography project that attempted to duplicate what is shown in the Town Seal. To achieve a true perspective and contents, the photo shoot location was the pedestrian bridge that is adjacent to Route 108 (Newmarket Road).

Instead of a gundalow, Lee has an antique sailing canoe that has the same type of sail (called a lateen rig) that was used by gundalows. Purchased by his father in 1924, the Carlton Canoe was constructed in Old Town, Maine. Lee spent several months during the summer of 2019 restoring the canoe.

In order to achieve what is depicted in the Durham Town Seal, several conditions must occur –all simultaneously.

- The only time period of the year when the sunrise is aligned with the Oyster River is

sometime two weeks before or after summer solstice (June 21st). During this time period the sunrise occurs at 5:08 AM!

- The morning needs to be clear and calm.
- The timing of the photo shoot must occur 2-3 hours either side of high tide so that the sailing canoe can be in the right location in the Oyster River.

After three different “trial runs”, all the necessary conditions finally occurred on Friday, June 18, 2021.

- For several reasons, the photo shown on the cover (taken by Todd) is considered the “truest” depiction of the Town Seal.
- the extent and scope of the key landscape features at Town Landing.
- the location of the rising sun in relation to its alignment to the Oyster River.
- the prominence of the sun rays.
- the location and size of the sailing canoe in the river in relation to the surrounding area.

A thank you is extended to Lee and Todd for all of their work on and dedication to this fun and interesting project!

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HONORABLE MENTIONS



IN 2021, MANY TOWN CITIZENS VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME, TALENTS, AND EFFORTS TO SERVE ON VARIOUS ELECTED AND APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MADE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Town Council

Wayne Burton
(resigned 10/4/2021)

Library Board of Trustees

Nicole Cardwell,
Alternate
Anne H. Knight
Carolyn Singer
Nancy Webb

Cemetery Committee

Andrew Corrow,
Council Representative
Katherine (Kitty) Marple,
Council Representative

Conservation Commission

Elizabeth Durfee,
Alternate
Mary Ann Krebs
Sally Needell,
Council Representative

Downtown TIF District

Sean O'Connell
Molly Malloy,
EDC Representative

Durham Agricultural Commission

Wayne Burton,
Council Representative
Suzanne MacDonald

Durham Energy Committee

Wayne Burton,
Council Representative
Barbara Dill,
Planning Board Representative
Mary Downes
Jim Dreher
Coleen Fuerst
Marty Wosnick

Economic Development Committee

(This committee was
sunsetting on 9/27/2021)
Warren Daniel
Tom Elliott
Heather Grant,
Planning Board Representative
Al Howland,
Council Representative

Molly Molloy
Raymond Rodon
Marina Schwadron
Sally Tobias
Sarah Wrightsman

Historic District/Heritage Commission

Wayne Burton,
Council Representative

Human Rights Commission

Momin Kahn
Andrew Merton

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Al Howland,
Council Representative

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

Anne Lightbody
Richard Raymond

Parks & Recreation Committee

Amy Simon Hull

Pease Noise Compatibility Advisory Committee

Lee Seidel

Planning Board

Michael Lambert
Jim Lawson,
Alternate Council Representative
Raymond Philpot

Stafford Regional Planning Commission & MPO Policy Committee

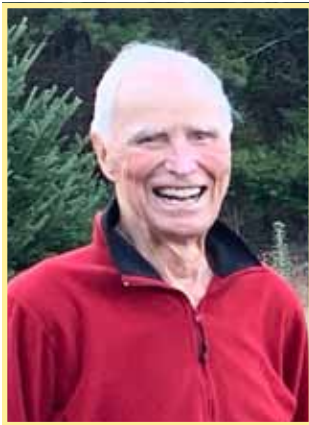
Wayne Burton

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Joan Lawson
Thomas Toye

IN MEMORIAM

IN 2021, DURHAM LOST SEVERAL LONGTIME COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS.



Jere L. Lundholm
JUNE 16, 2021

Jere L. Lundholm passed away peacefully at his home on the Oyster River in Durham, NH on June 16, 2021 surrounded by family and friends.

A graduate of UNH, class of 1953, he was the embodiment of a loyal alumnus. His attachment to the University began long before he began his journey there. UNH's Lundholm Gym was renamed on December 2, 1968, to honor Jere's father, Carl Lundholm, who was the UNH athletic director for 42 years. *



Nicole Isaak Moore
AUGUST 2, 2021

Nicole Isaak Moore passed away on Monday, August 2, 2021 in Dover, NH at the age of 57 after a courageous two-year battle with triple-

negative breast cancer. Nicole was a beloved community member of Durham, where she lived from 1993 to 2021. She worked as a part-time librarian at the Durham Public Library for 18 years, while raising two children and volunteering to lead a variety of local initiatives, including the annual Durham Day Celebration at Wagon Hill, the Moharimet Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, and the library's own Alzheimer's Cafe. *



Sean Owen Starkey
JULY 23, 1977 - JULY 4, 2021

On July 4th, Durham resident Sean Owen Starkey passed away unexpectedly in his home. Sean served on the Town of Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment from 2008-2019 as an alternate member, regular member, and Chair. His knowledge and professional expertise contributed greatly to the board's task of reviewing and making sound decisions on countless applications for variances, administrative appeals, special exceptions, and rehearing requests. *



Richard H. (Dick) Dewing
AUGUST 7, 1928 - APRIL 15, 2021

Richard (Dick) Dewing died April 15, 2021. Dick attended Tewksbury, MA schools graduating from Tewksbury High School in 1947 and later was inducted into the Tewksbury Athletics Hall of Fame. Thereafter, he attended Tilton School, NH, followed by the University of Georgia before transferring to the University of New Hampshire, where he graduated with a B.A. in 1953 and was later inducted into the UNH Hall of Fame for Athletics as well as the UNH ROTC Hall of Fame. Dick made many contributions to seacoast communities in the State of New Hampshire. He volunteered in many different roles to help the Town of Durham, having served as a member and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, organized the Durham Easter Egg Hunt and Memorial Day Parade for years, served as a member of the Building Committee for the Jackson's Landing hockey rink, and helped with its construction. Dick was also a member of the Lamprey River Advisory Committee for several years. In addition, he was President of the Board of Directors of the Durham Historic Association. *



Margaret (Marney) Sumner
NOV. 6, 1930 - FEB. 20, 2021

Margaret (Marney) Sumner, 90, of Durham Point Road died peacefully on February 20, 2021 at Encompass Health and Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn, MA. Marney attended the Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing, and for many years she worked as a secretary at the Oyster River School District. She was a member of the Durham Evangelical Church and served as a Pease Greeter for over 1,000 flights. Marney was a past president of the Durham Historical Society and she also served as Curator. *



Peter Carl Andersen
DEC. 31, 1962 - DEC. 3, 2021

Peter Carl Andersen, 58, of Chesley Drive, died peacefully December 3, 2021 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital surrounded by family after a year-long battle with cancer. Peter and his wife, Martha, founded and co-owned Lighthouse Construction in Durham, helping people create beautiful spaces around them. Peter grew up in Durham and graduated from Oyster River High School and the University of New Hampshire with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was an ever-present force in Durham throughout his life. ✨



Dick Johan Jacob Wollmar
NOV. 15, 1932 - FEB. 5, 2021

Dick Johan Jacob Wollmar was born in Stockholm, Sweden. He lived a long fulfilling life passing peacefully in his family home in Durham. He graduated from both Middlebury College and Cornell University Business School. He served in the U.S. Navy as a commander and pilot and finished out his career working for the airlines as a Captain for Delta. He was an organic farmer for 30 years. One of the founders of the Portsmouth Farmer's Market, he valued conservation of land and cooperative farming. Dick served on the Durham Conservation Commission from 2014 – 2017. ✨



Linda Hawes Hamilton
JAN. 19, 1937 - JAN. 1, 2021

Linda Hawes Hollister died January 1, 2021 at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover. Linda graduated from Plymouth High School in 1955 and from UNH in 1959. She and her husband, Peter H. Hollister, moved to Durham in 1978 where she worked at the University System of New Hampshire for 20 years. For over 20 years, Linda worked with other volunteers to create the Durham Swap Shop. Her talent for organization made her indispensable to the facility. Linda often described this community gathering place as her "happy spot." She had a way of brightening everyone's day as she organized, sorted, and chatted with residents as they dropped off unwanted items and discovered things to take home. ✨

NEW FACES



Meghan E. Behen
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Date of Hire: 12/15/21



Nicholas A. Bennion
SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS
& GROUNDS, DPW
Date of Hire: 9/20/21



Thomas J. Brannon
RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
Date of Hire: 10/25/21



McKayla R. Fowler
POLICE OFFICER
Date of Hire: 4/19/21



Christopher M. Goodwin
WASTEWATER TREATMENT
FACILITY OPERATOR
Date of Hire: 8/9/21



Stephen L. Lutterman
GIS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
Date of Hire: 8/23/21



Chad C. Pierce
WASTEWATER TREATMENT
FACILITY OPERATOR
Date of Hire: 11/15/21



Robert C. Rosselli
FIREFIGHTER
Date of Hire: 9/27/21



Aimee L. Rouillard-Routhier
SECRETARY, FIRE DEPARTMENT
Date of Hire: 1/1/21

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

ELECTED OFFICIALS

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL					
Katherine Marple, <i>Chair</i>	82 Madbury Rd.	868-7013	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
Sally Needell, <i>Pro Tem</i>	38 Bagdad Road	868-1552	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
Andrew Corrow (appt. 10/18//21 to replace Wayne Burton)	139 Durham Pt. Rd.	397-9267	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
Charles (Chuck) Hotchkiss	2 York Drive	868-1028	3 Yrs	3/24	Elected
Allan Howland	32 Ffrost Dr.	868-5928	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
James Lawson	24 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1540	3 Yrs	3/24	Elected
Sally Tobias	107 Madbury Rd.	397-0802	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
Charles (Dinny) Waters	83 Mill Road	415-265-1118	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
Carden Welsh	3 Fairchild Dr.		3 Yrs	3/24	Elected
DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES					
Charlotte Ramsay, <i>Chair</i>	3 Sophie Ln.	315-854-1997	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
Martha Gooze (appt. to replace Anne Knight)	9 Meadow Rd.	781-1111	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
Robin Glasser	1 Roysann Way	508-530-2933	3Yrs	3/23	Elected
Stanley Reczek	11 Fellows Ln.	397-5050	3 Yrs	3/24	Elected
Andrew Sharp	20 Cowell Dr.	814-404-0691	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
Erik Waddell	8 Sumac Ln.	617-894-4042	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
Nancy Wagner	10 Endendale Ln.		3 Yrs	3/24	Elected
Karen Damtoft, <i>Alt.</i>	26 Perley Ln.	603-534-6162	1 Yr	4/22	Council
Lai Lai Jenkins, <i>Alt.</i>	6 Morgan Way	646-408-9831	1 Yr	4/22	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			1 Yr	4/22	Council
MODERATOR					
Christopher T. Regan	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	2 Yrs	3/22	Elected
Michael Everngam, Asst.	49 Emerson Rd.	868-5765	2 Yrs	3/22	Moderator

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST					
Ann Shump, <i>Chair</i>	10 Fogg Dr.	868-1342	6 Yrs	3/26	Elected
Deborah Hirsch Mayer	19 Garden Ln.	868-7150	6 Yrs	3/22	Elected
Christian N. Kuhn	29 Mill Pond Rd.	841-0895	6 Yrs	3/24	Elected
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR					
Lorrie Pitt	8 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
TOWN TREASURER					
Karl VanAsselt	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
Catherine Leach, <i>Deputy</i>	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	3 Yrs	3/23	Treasurer
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS					
William Cote	21 Littlehale Rd.	868-7599	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
Michael Everngam	49 Emerson Rd.	868-5765	3 Yrs	3/24	Elected
Craig Seymour	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
James Tobias, <i>Alt.</i>	107 Madbury Rd.		1 Yr	3/22	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			1 Yr	3/22	Council

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Craig Seymour, <i>Chair</i>	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/22	Elected
William Cote	21 Littlehale Rd.	868-7599	3 Yrs	3/23	Elected
Michael Everngam	49 Emerson Rd.	868-5765	3 Yrs	3/24	Elected
James Lawson, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	24 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1540	1 Yr	3/22	Council
Sally Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	38 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/22	Council
Dinny Waters, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	83 Mill Road	415-265-1118	1 Yr	3/22	Council

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jacob Kritzer, <i>Chair</i>	8 Timberbrook Ln.	617-869-1336	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
John Nachilly, <i>V. Chair</i>	260 Packers Falls Rd.	953-3638	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Coleen Fuerst	220 Newmarket Rd.	767-7238	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Walter Rous	50 Adams Pt. Rd.	868-7030	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Erin Hardie Hale, <i>Alt.</i>	74 Mill Rd.	603-957-7233	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Roanne Robbins, <i>Alt.</i>	343 Dame Rd.	617-947-6864	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Carden Welsh, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	3 Fairchild Dr.	—	1 Yr	3/22	Council
James Bubar, <i>PB Rep</i>	4 Old Piscataqua Rd.	397-0670	1 Yr	4/22	Plan Board

LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE (Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission)

Ann Welsh, <i>Chair</i>	3 Fairchild Dr.		N/A	N/A	At large
Sally Tobias, <i>V. Chair</i>	38 Bagdad Road	868-1552	N/A	N/A	EDC rep.
Larry Brickner-Wood	1 Colony Cove Rd.	868-6917	N/A	N/A	HDC rep.
Tom Brightman	8 Newmarket Rd.		N/A	N/A	Contract staff
Gale Carey			N/A	N/A	At large
John Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	N/A	N/A	Ag Comm rep.
Vin Dell'Ova	22 Fitts Farm Dr.	397-5121	N/A	N/A	At large Member
Michael Drooker	7 Marden Way	397-5681	N/A	N/A	Rec Comm rep.

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
John Nachilly	260 Packers Falls Rd.	953-3638	N/A	N/A	DCC rep.
Sally Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	38 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/22	Cncl. Rep.
LAND STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF ATTENDEES					
Rachel Gasowski	8 Newmarket Rd.	817-4074	N/A	N/A	P&R Director
Richard Reine	100 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	DPW Director
Todd Selig	8 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Administrator
HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION					
Larry Brickner-Wood, <i>Chair</i>	1 Colony Cove Rd.	868-6917	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Charlotte Hitchcock, <i>V. Chair</i>	14 Stone Quarry Dr., Apt 104	203-397-3803	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Michael Hoffman	300 Durham Pt. Rd.	817-8071	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Carolyn Singer	5 Woodridge Rd.	868-3859	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Aaron Wolfson-Slepian	47 Newmarket Rd.	767-0348	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Andrew Corrow, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	139 Durham Pt. Rd.	397-9267	1 Yr	3/22	Council
William McGowan, <i>PB Rep</i>	135 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8210	1 Yr	4/21	Plan Board
Jennifer Becker, <i>Alt.</i>	2 Bartlett Road	603-953-6465	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/22	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/24	Council
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
Michael Mullaney, <i>Chair</i>	8 Fairchild Dr.	496-9045	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Michael Drooker	7 Marden Way	397-5681	3 Yrs.	4/24	Council
Nate Fitch	12 Griffith Dr.	988-4406	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Cathy Leach	14 Fairchild Dr.	969-0785	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
David Leach	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Tracy Schroeder	18 Bagdad Rd.	868-7575	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/24	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/23	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Allan Howland, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	32 Ffrost Dr.	868-5928	1 Yr	3/22	Council
PLANNING BOARD					
Paul Rasmussen, <i>Chair</i>	105 Madbury Rd.	397-5359	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Lorne Parnell, <i>V. Chair</i>	2 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1240	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Richard Kelley, <i>Secretary</i>	5 Garden Ln.	767-9795	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
James Bubar	4 Old Piscataqua Rd.	397-0670	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Heather Grant	7 Emerson Rd.	285-2913	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
William McGowan	135 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8210	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Barbara Dill, <i>Alt.</i>	170 Packers Falls Rd.	603-200-0820	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Nicholas Germain, <i>Alt.</i>	18 Ffrost Dr.	845-988-6575	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Eleanor Lonske, <i>Alt.</i>	14 Stone Quarry Dr. Apt 319	603-590-9183	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/23	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Sally Tobias, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	107 Madbury Rd.	397-0802	1 Yr	3/22	Council
Chuck Hotchkiss, <i>Alt Cncl Rep</i>	2 York Dr.	868-1028	1 Yr	3/22	Council
RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION					
Neighborhood Rep			N/A	N/A	Council
Neighborhood Rep			N/A	N/A	Council
Tenant Rep			N/A	N/A	Council
Council Rep			1 Yr	N/A	Council
Owner of rental property			N/A	N/A	DLA

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
Owner of rental property			N/A	N/A	DLA
Student Senate Rep			N/A	N/A	UNH
UNH Rep			N/A	N/A	UNH
UNH Rep			N/A	N/A	UNH

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christian Sterndale, <i>Chair</i>	60 Mill Rd.	397-5093	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Micah Warnock, <i>V. Chair</i>	45 Woodman Rd.	540-421-3705	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Mark Morong, <i>Secretary</i>	21 Emerson Rd.	661-1296	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Neil Niman	10 Cold Spring Rd.	603-659-8853	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Alex Talcott	98 Bennett Rd.	978-918-3132	3 Yrs	4/24	
Leslie Schwartz, <i>Alt.</i>	24 Laurel Ln.	_____	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/23	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/22	Council

TOWN WORKING COMMITTEES

DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Chris Clement, <i>Prop. owner</i>	UNH, Thompson Hall	862-2232	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Tom Elliott, <i>Durham resident</i>	26 Edgewood Rd.	995-1666	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Roger Hayden, <i>Prop. owner</i>	4 Lexington St., Dover	674-4834	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
VACANT, <i>Prop. owner</i>			3 Yrs	4/24	Council
VACANT, <i>EDC Rep.</i>			3 Yrs	4/24	Council

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

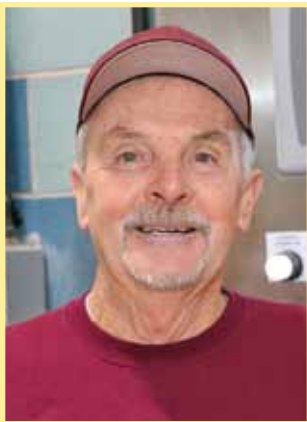
Theresa Walker, <i>Chair</i>	62 Bennett Rd.	659-7226	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Raymond LaRoche Jr., <i>V. Chair</i>	41 Bennett Rd.	292-5563	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Lee Alexander	32 Dover Rd.	868-5822	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Anton Bekkerman	2 Stonewall Way	406-589-0079	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
John Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Alberto Manalo	11 Sumac Dr.	868-9883	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Bryan Cassidy, <i>Alt.</i>	340 Dame Rd.	819-1397	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
Ellen Karelitz, <i>Alt.</i>	113 Madbury Rd.	868-6070	3 Yrs	4/23	Council
David Langley, <i>Alt.</i>	234 Longmarsh Rd.	795-9331	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
Holly Philbrick, <i>Alt.</i>	35 Cedar Pt. Rd.	603-997-1781	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
Daniel Winans, <i>Alt.</i>	109 Madbury Rd.	834-5523	3 Yrs	4/22	Council
James Lawson, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	24 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1540	1 Yr	3/22	Council
Paul Rasmussen, <i>PB Rep</i>	105 Madbury Rd.	397-5359	1 Yr	4/21	Plan Board

DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE

Nathaniel Balch, <i>Chair</i>	20 Wiswall Rd.	969-6596	N/A	N/A	Council
Thomas (Ti) Crossman	26 Code Dr.	603-868-5655	N/A	N/A	Council
Steve Holmgren	20 Perley Ln.	732-977-6142	N/A	N/A	Council
John Lannamann	156 Packers Falls Rd.	659-6145	N/A	N/A	Council
Bianca Leonard	5 Cold Spring Road	969-9791	N/A	N/A	Council
Suzanne (Suzy) Loder	14 Stone Quarry Dr. #323	603-868-7532	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT, <i>UNH Rep</i>	7 Prescott St., Newmarket	862-1891	N/A	N/A	UNH President
James Lawson, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	24 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1540	1 Yr	3/22	Council
Eleanor Lonske, <i>PB Rep</i>	14 Stone Quarry Dr. Apt 319	603-590-9183	1Yr	4/22	Plan Board

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
DURHAM HOUSING TASK FORCE					
Tom Elliott, <i>Chair</i>	24 Edgewood Rd.		N/A	N/A	EDC
Richard England	18 Orchard Dr.	868-5314	N/A	N/A	EDC
Charlotte Hitchcock	14 Stone Quarry Dr., Apt 104	203-397-3803	N/A	N/A	EDC
Mimi Kell	17 Madbury Rd.	953-5685	N/A	N/A	EDC
Sally Tobias	107 Madbury Rd.	397-0802	N/A	N/A	EDC
Sarah Wrightsman			N/A	N/A	EDC
Al Howland, <i>Cncl Rep.</i>	32 Ffrost Dr.	868-5928	1 Yr	3/22	Council
Heather Grant, <i>PB Rep.</i>	7 Emerson Rd.	285-2913	1 Yr.	4/21	Plan. Board
DURHAM HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION					
Katherine Marple, <i>Council Chair</i>	82 Madbury Rd.	868-7013	1 Yr	3/22	Council
Gail Jablonski, <i>Business Mgr.</i>	8 Newmarket Rd.	868-8043	N/A	N/A	Council
Todd Selig, <i>Administrator</i>	8 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
Richard Belshaw, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	2 Cutts Rd.	603-498-4935	N/A	N/A	Council
Janet Perkins-Howland, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	32 Ffrost Dr.	234-5905	N/A	N/A	Council
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Nell Neal, <i>Chair</i>	11 Riverview Rd.	866-2153	N/A	N/A	Council
Mary Caulfield	8 Woodridge Dr.	868-2220	N/A	N/A	Council
Janet Chamberlin	20 Cold Spring Rd.	603-312-6028	N/A	N/A	Council
Julie Kelley	5 Garden Ln.	767-9796	N/A	N/A	Council
Naomi Kornhauser	27 Edgewood Rd.		N/A	N/A	Council
Sally Needell	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	N/A	N/A	Council
Susan Richman, <i>Alt.</i>	16 Cowell Dr.	868-2758	N/A	N/A	Council
Sally Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/22	Council
LAMPREY RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Mary Ann Krebs	10 Ross Rd.	292-5160	3 Yrs	5/6/23	State-NHDES
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	7/29/22	State-NHDES
VACANT			3 Yrs	12/10/21	State-NHDES
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/18/22	State-NHDES
OYSTER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Stephen Burns	20 Newmarket Rd.	868-7152	3 Yrs	10/31/21	State-NHDES
Jim Hornbeck	19 Woodridge Rd.	868-5419	3 Yrs	10/5/21	State-NHDES
Michael Sullivan	UNH Ritzman Lab	862-1437	3 Yrs	4/18/22	State-NHDES
VACANT			3 Yrs		State-NHDES
PEASE AIRPORT NOISE COMPATIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE					
Alfred Ackerman	13 Morgan Way	603-397-5738	3 Yrs	4/24	Council
STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION & MPO POLICY COMMITTEE					
Wesley Merritt	6 Rocky Ln.	868-1120	4 Yrs	4/22	Council
Leslie Schwartz	24 Laurel Ln.	502-9216	4 Yrs	4/25	Council
VACANT			4 Yrs	4/24	Council

RETIREMENT



Lloyd Gifford
DURHAM PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.
WASTEWATER DIVISION

On December 31, 2021, Lloyd Gifford retired from the Town of Durham after serving thirty-two years with the Public Works Department

On May 1, 1989 Lloyd Gifford became a member of the Town of Durham Public Works Department, working at the Solid Waste Division. For eleven years, Lloyd enjoyed this position working and meeting with town residents as he collected recyclables and trash, always with a smile. He was also instrumental in plowing and salting the roadways when called upon.

In August of 2000, Lloyd decided to enhance his career by transferring to the Wastewater Division. As a staff member at the wastewater treatment facility, he began to learn all the sewage collection lines throughout town and the

treatment process at the treatment facility. Shortly thereafter, Lloyd obtained his New Hampshire Grade II Wastewater Operators License and was a member of the New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association.

Lloyd was a key operator at the treatment facility, taking on the lead role as the solids processing operator. His daily commitment to ensuring that the equipment he oversaw always ran smoothly. Lloyd was very instrumental in the 2016 upgrades to the solids processing equipment. With his input, learning, and understanding of the new equipment, this made for a smooth transition.

Taking it upon himself, Lloyd also took care of the facility grounds, making sure lawns were kept looking nice, and trees and bushes trimmed. Most exterior painting was completed by Lloyd. He always went above and beyond making sure the facility always looked great. During the winter months he volunteered to help the Highway Department keep the roads clear of snow if needed.

The Town of Durham and the wastewater staff have been grateful to have Lloyd as a part of the Public Works team with his thirty-two years of commitment. Thank you, Lloyd for your dedication to the Town of Durham, and we wish you and your family the best of luck on your new adventure! ✨

A large, stylized sunburst graphic in a light yellow color, positioned behind the main title. The sunburst consists of numerous rays radiating from a semi-circular base on the right side.

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

MARCH 9, 2021

ARTICLE 1:

TOWN COUNCILOR *(Three, 3-year terms)*

Charles M. Hotchkiss – 959
James E. Lawson – 930
Dr. Warren Smith – 335
Tyanne Sylvestre – 219
Carden N. Welsh – 905
Nicholas B. Germain – 108
Ed Durnall – 2
Perkins - 1

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE *(Two, 3-year terms)*

Susan C. Wagner – 1015
Stanley Reczek – 903
Tracy Smith – 4
Kristin Talcott – 1
Dr. Warren Smith - 1

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND *(One, 3-year term)*

Michael H. Everngam – 1046
Bernie Sanders – 1
Chris Hall - 1

Total regular ballots:	860
Total absentee ballots:	437
Total ballots cast:	1297

TOWN WARRANT

ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, the County of Strafford, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School, Multipurpose Room, located on Coe Drive in said Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 2022 (the polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors (3-year terms); three (3) Durham Public Library Board of Trustees (3-year terms); one (1) Durham Public Library Board of Trustee (1-year term); one (1) Moderator (2 -year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term); one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year term).

ARTICLE 2:

“Shall the Town reverse the action of the Town Council taken on November 1, 2021 to remove the Mill Pond Dam.”

Given under our hands and seal this 6TH day of December in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One (2021). Roll Call Votes:

Katherine (Kitty) Marple, <i>Chair</i>	Yes
Sally Needell, <i>Chair Pro Tem</i>	Yes
Andrew Corrow (attended remotely)	Yes
Allan Howland	Yes
James Lawson	Yes
Sally Tobias	Yes
Dinny Waters	Absent
Carden Welsh	Yes

Councilors of Durham

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Business Office

BY GAIL E. JABLONSKI, BUSINESS MANAGER

The Business Office provides the accounting, purchasing, payroll, accounts payable, assessing, accounts receivable billing and collection and cash management services for the town, as well as support services to all town departments. In addition, the Business Office provides human resources services and handles employee relations, payroll, and benefits. The Business Manager serves as the Welfare Director/General Assistance Officer for the town whose goal is to provide timely and reliable information by which department managers, the Town Adminis-

trator, and ultimately the Town Council can make informed decisions in the best interest of the town.

Support was provided to the Town Administrator and Town Council in preparation and review of the annual operating budget and the ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. On December 22, 2020 the 2021 Operating Budgets and Capital

Improvement Plan were approved by the Durham Town Council. The 2021 budget, as approved, is projected to increase the municipal tax rate by 0.90% to \$7.86.

LR: STAFF ACCOUNTANT DEBORAH AHLSTROM, BUSINESS MANAGER GAIL JABLONSKI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT LISA BEAUDOIN



The Business Office has been involved in the active negotiations with two of the town's collective bargaining units. In October a five-year agreement was signed with the Durham Professional Firefighters

Association (DPFFA) representing the firefighters and fire inspectors at the Durham Fire Department. In November negotiations began with the Durham Police Officer's Association (DPOA) representing

the Patrol Officers and Sergeants at the Police Department.

The 2020 Independent Auditors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2020 prepared by Melanson Auditing

shows that the town's General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance is currently \$4,369,497 or 8.76% of the total appropriations and tax commitments including the town, school and county appropriations.*

Manager of Information Technology

BY LUKE VINCENT

2021 has been a year for the Durham IT department to exhibit its best. From increased virtual meeting coverage, to supporting an on-again, off-again virtual workforce the need has been

greater than ever, and Durham IT has risen to meet that need.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ The near elimination of the Exchange 2010 from the enterprise environment. While this version of

exchange server has been obsolete for a while, COVID considerations had blocked staff's ongoing effort to retire the technology from its environment. In 2021 Durham IT was able to take concrete steps toward its inevitable retirement.

- ✓ Expansion of hyper-converged cluster. While the Central Processing

Unit (CPU) and memory capacity has never been in contention, the storage available to the environment has continually been a challenge. By adding a fourth node, a huge bottle neck in disk access has been eliminated.

- ✓ Signed a competitive franchise agreement with Atlantic Broadband securing new channels for DCAT (Channel 22) and ensuring enhanced ability to live broadcast from multiple town buildings.

- ✓ Completed Police Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) purchases, moving away from Panasonic Toughbook's toward Patrol PC Rhino tablets. A series of systems dedicated to public safety operations with a particular focus on the

L-R: DCAT COORDINATOR CRAIG STEVENS, MANAGER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LUKE VINCENT, IT VOLUNTEER JAY B. GOOZE



harsh environment of Police patrol vehicles.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Build the infrastructure needed to

integrate Atlantic Broadband in the DCAI studios with new equipment and associated training and configuration.

- ✓ Complete a major upgrade of our Dell based VxRAIL cluster moving end of life hardware out of the production environment.

- ✓ Encourage and expand the use of hosted tools, like Office 365 to replace legacy software town-wide. *

Ordinances 2021

2021-01	Amending Sections 6.5.3 and 6.5.4 of Chapter 68: Fire Prevention of the Durham Town Code to prohibit consumer (permissible) fireworks displays within the Town of Durham unless granted a special exception by the Administrator	Passed	05/03/21
2021-02	Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 153-46 "Parking Prohibited at all Times" of the Durham Town Code by establishing no parking on a section of Longmarsh Road	Passed	06/07/21
2021-03	Amending Chapter 132 "Tax Exemptions and Credits", Sections 132-4 Service-Connected Total Disability, of the Durham Town Code by increasing the tax credit amount	Passed	08/16/21

Past Ordinances Still Pending Action

2019-01	A Planning Board-initiated Zoning Amendment to Chapter 175 "Zoning" of the Durham Town Code to Establish Standards for Solar Energy Systems by incorporating changes into Article II – Definitions, Article XII.1 – Table of Uses, Article XIII – Wetland Conservation Overlay District, Article XIV – Shoreland Preservation Overlay District, and Article XX – Standards for specific uses	Pending	
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Resolutions 2021

2021-01	Requesting Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting in the State of New Hampshire	Passed	1/11/21
2021-02	Authorizing the raising, appropriating, and expenditure of an additional Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Ten Cents (\$414,392.10) within the FY 2021 General Fund Budget to abate Eversource BTLA Appeal for Tax Year(s) 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017, and approving said abatement to Eversource	Passed	2/01/21

2021-03	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$24,000 in unanticipated revenue from the NH State Conservation Committee Conservation Moose Grant Program for the Wagon Hill Farm Sustainable Trail and Bridge Improvement Project	Passed	3/01/21
2021-04	Recognizing outgoing elected officials for their dedicated services to the Town of Durham	Passed	3/01/21
2021-05	Establishing regular Town Council Meeting dates for April 2021 through March 2022	Passed	3/15/21
2021-06	Urging our state and federal representatives to enact legislation to protect the United States and New Hampshire from Carbon Based Fossil Fuels and from the impact by Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) and related environmental impact costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction	Passed	3/15/21
2021-07	Town Council statement against Asian American Xenophobia and hate crimes	Passed	4/05/21
2021-08	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$20,275 in unanticipated revenue from Eversource Energy for construction impacts to Foss Farm Road associated with the Seacoast Reliability Project	Passed	5/03/21
2021-09	Durham Town Council support of Senate Bill 95 adopting omnibus legislation relative to access to remote meetings, penalties for violation of privacy, and establishing a committee to study remote meetings	Passed	5/03/21
2021-10	Authorizing the raising, appropriating, and expenditure of an additional One Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$120,831.00) within the FY 2021 General Fund Budget to abate Alpha Gamma Rho, Gamma Mu Alumni Association and NH Beta Housing, LLC fraternities for Tax Years 2018, 2019, & 2020.	Passed	9/13/21
2021-11	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) from the state under the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount up to \$1,705,709 and authorizing the Administrator to sign and submit all necessary paperwork	Passed	9/27/21
2021-12	Town Council support of Durham's proposal for funding in the amount of \$880,000 from the Transportation Alternatives Program through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for the Madbury Road Project	Passed	9/27/21

2021-13	Authorizing the issuance of long-term bonds or notes not to exceed Three Million, One Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,145,000) for the purpose of bonding 2017-2021 Capital Projects and Equipment Purchases	Passed	11/01/21
2021-14	Authorization of bonds and approving a Loan Agreement with the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank	Passed	12/06/21
2021-15	Town Council approval of the FY 2022 General Operating Budgets, the Capital Fund Budget, and the 2022-2031 Capital Improvement Plan	Passed	12/20/21

Town Administrator

BY TODD SELIG

Reflecting on this past year under continuing pandemic conditions, I am very proud of the resiliency of our many departments, boards, committees, and commissions – and of our community – and all that we were collectively able to accomplish. Town staff, elected, and appointed officials continue to work diligently to address community needs, control costs, and maintain the municipality’s fiscal position despite competing pressures. From preserving the quality of life within our traditional residential neighborhoods, to closing out the Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project, to moving Durham toward being more sustainable in the face of Climate

Change, to grappling with human rights and societal issues, to fine tuning and remaining in conformance with changing rules concerning the method of public meeting access via physically distant Zoom technology, to

managing development pressures/processes, to reevaluating and responding to the changing recycling market, to securing a \$13,500 LCHIP grant to plan for preserving the Chesley-Bickford farmhouse at Wagon Hill Farm, many dedicated people have collectively worked hard on behalf of the commu-

nity in 2021. Ever-present pandemic conditions slow processes, add constantly changing health/safety protocols, sideline staff/volunteers (due to quarantines/illness), and make everything just that much more difficult.

Our weekly “Friday Updates” continue to keep

VOLUNTEERS CLEANED THE SWAP SHOP AND MADE IT READY FOR ITS RE-OPENING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH, AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR MANY MONTHS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. (l-r): Sally Needell, Jerry Needell, Heather Grant, Karen Dyer, Joanna Wicklein, Cristina Dolcino, Julie Low, Naomi Kornhauser



the Town Council and members of the community informed of news and happenings in Durham. Nearly 3,400 individuals subscribe to this weekly broadcast. Durham also continues to utilize its Twitter and Facebook presence in order to meet the demands of residents' changing preferences for information distribution. Our goal is to keep residents informed of local affairs so they may become engaged when issues are of interest/ importance to them. It's not a professional publication, however, so subscribers are asked to keep their expectations for coverage reasonable as we work to provide updates as time allows amidst many other competing responsibilities.

Moody's Investors Services reported on May 4, 2021, that the credit position for Durham is very high quality. Its Aa2 bond rating is a little stronger than the US cities median of Aa3. Notable credit factors include a robust financial position, a very strong wealth and income profile, and an adequate tax base. It also reflects a small debt burden and a somewhat inflated pension liability. The financial position of the town is robust and is relatively favorable

in comparison to the Aa2 rating assigned. The cash balance as a percent of operating revenues (95.3%) is far above the US median and stayed the same between 2015 and 2019. Moreover, the fund balance as a percent of operating revenues (31.2%) is consistent with other Moody's-rated cities nationwide. The debt and pension liabilities of Durham are moderate overall. The town's net direct debt to full value (1.6%) is slightly higher than the US median. These indices are all indicative of measured success in realizing the town's fiscal goals.

The Durham Police Department has long been engaged with a professional accreditation process through CALEA (www.calea.org) because it provides us with assurances that our police department is engaged in providing best practices to our citizens due to inspections by an outside independent entity. CALEA accreditation also provides feedback from outside subject-specific professionals about new and innovative practices that may be applicable to the Durham community. With all of the national discussions surrounding police, we recognize lo-

cally that the delivery of services to the community must involve transparency and open opportunities for input and feedback. The comprehensive 2021 CALEA accreditation review and report provided a wide array of topical discussions about the department's use of force, police discipline, bias, and community engagement. In 1999 the Durham Police Department was first awarded accredited status. At that time it was one of only 13 departments our size throughout the country to have attained the level of accreditation that the department was awarded. Since our initial accreditation the department has been awarded the distinction of "Meritoriously Accredited." CALEA awarded our department with accreditation status again this year.

Oyster River School District Superintendent of Schools James Morse and I continue to work to remain in regular communication with one another regarding issues of mutual interest/ concern. Construction of the new net zero, LEED Certified Middle School has been a top priority and area of focus for 2021, a project for which we have this year modified traffic pat-

terns around the facility along Dennison Avenue, Coe Drive, and Stratford Avenue. I serve on the weekly construction committee for the new facility. Town Councilor Allan Howland also serves as a member of the ORCSD School Board. In these ways we strive to ensure there remains good communication between Durham and the ORCSD relative to issues of mutual interest.

This was a very busy year for Durham Parks & Recreation where the department carefully balanced the goal of offering a regular line-up of events and programs while continuously adapting plans and efforts around the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Despite the challenges we were faced to navigate, the department had a very successful year both financially and with program registrations. Throughout 2021 Durham Parks & Recreation offered an array of 100+ program opportunities and hosted ten special events for the community. Summer camp enrollment grew to record numbers where staff safely and successfully hosted nine unique weeks of summer camp, including: two weeks of STEM based

camps, five weeks of REACH Summer camp (in partnership with ORCSD), and two weeks of adventure-based camps. Five camp field trips also took place. The department's outdoor based after school programs (in partnership with Seven River Paddling) proved to be invaluable as registration quickly filled for each of the offered classes and sessions. Participation in our adult programs remained strong with classes meeting both virtually and in-person throughout the year. Looking ahead, the department hopes to reestablish the Adult Arts Trips that toured community members around New England in past years. Another 2021 highlight for the department was the partnership that was established with Gunstock Mtn. Resort, where Durham offered a community ski and snowboard program through Gunstock's Outreach Program. Over 133 families took advantage of the program and 110 participated in the lesson option on Wednesdays in January. With Wednesdays being a remote learning day for most of the school year in 2020/21, many ORCSD families enjoyed the mid-week

change in schedule to be at the mountain.

Durham again received the top-ranking score in NH by the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equity Index relative to addressing LGBTQ concerns – 96 out of 100 points. We sponsored programming celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Over the last year, Durham has continued to pursue Long-Term Economic as well as Environmental Sustainability, which are inextricably linked. Without economic sustainability, the town will not have the financial resources available over the long-term to stabilize the tax rate, pursue desired projects or necessary

municipal infrastructure enhancements, preserve open space, etc. Without a healthy natural environment, we will not sustain the Durham in which residents hope and desire to live, work, and play. Both the 2011 and 2017 Master Plan processes indicated residents of the community seek balance.

Projected sea level rise will contribute in the years ahead to the gradual inundation of coastal areas. We're already seeing it – and are responding locally. A brand new living shoreline (Phase I) at the town's Wagon Hill Farm was completed in late 2019, so we now have 350 feet of shoreline restored, re-graded, armored with natural hard and soft-scape materials,

and planted to restore the salt marsh and tidal buffer that has eroded over time. It's a project that took 4+ years of design and close collaboration between the town, state/Federal regulators, the NHDES Coastal Program, the Harbor Master, the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and UNH environmental researchers utilizing around \$500,000 in local and state grant funds. It has now become a regional demonstration project for living shorelines, and an additional \$213,765 was targeted for 2021/2022 utilizing monies negotiated with Eversource, along with matching funds from a highly competitive National Fish & Wildlife

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JENNIE BERRY AND ADMINISTRATOR TODD SELIG



Foundation grant, to continue to make shoreline stabilization enhancements at the property (Phases II and III) and beyond within the Great Bay region.

Durham continued working with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) in 2021 utilizing NHDES funding to study the potential impact of sea level rise on fresh water private wells within the community. It's an interesting initiative focusing on an issue that, until now, has literally been out of site and out of mind. And work on the new Climate Adaptation chapter of the Durham Master Plan is also under way, coordinated by the Administrator's Office, utilizing grant monies and in partnership with SRPC and UNH Cooperative Extension.

Over the years, Durham has replaced all of its roadside and decorative street lighting with energy efficient LED fixtures. We've installed, under an umbrella power purchase agreement (or PPA), 120 kW of solar capacity at our police station, the public library, and Churchill Rink. This was followed up with a 640 kW solar array at our gravel pit in Lee, NH. Together, these efforts have al-

lowed Durham to offset 100% of the electric demand of all municipal infrastructure with renewable power with the exception of our wastewater treatment plant – where we purchase 100% green wind power through Constellation Energy. As part of the FY 2021 budget development process, the Town Council approved a recommendation of the Energy Committee to move forward in 2021 with the purchase of the solar arrays at the rink, police station, and library. This year's Energy Committee report outlines numerous significant strides in our local sustainability efforts realized through joining the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy initiative, the work of our UNH Sustainability Fellow (in particular the topic of carbon sequestration within Durham's town forests and conservation land holdings) overseen by the Administrator's Office, as well as our joining and becoming a founding member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire to work toward providing wider accessibility of green energy for our community's electric utility customers.

A partial result of Durham's monitoring and

active involvement with the Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project, the NH Preservation Alliance recognized the new 115 kilovolt transmission line stretching from Madbury, through Durham and Newington, to Portsmouth, for exceeding state requirements and federally mandated compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. "The high-quality survey of archaeological and historic resources yielded significant results, and a variety of mitigation measures included the temporary relocation and full rehabilitation of the historic Little Bay Underwater Terminal Cable House in Durham."

We have painstakingly worked over many years to create a municipal water system that is inherently resilient in order to reliably provide approximately 1.2 million gals/day of water to both town and campus. Together, Durham/UNH operate four water sources, one of which utilizes an artificial recharge system pumping raw water from the Lamprey River to our Spruce Hole Aquifer in Lee during times of plentiful flow, increasing our reserves for drought conditions. A new \$20 million Water Treatment Plant on the UNH

campus was also completed in 2019/2020, deploying state of the art technology – replacing an aged/outdated facility, for the benefit of UNH and Durham water users alike. The construction cost of the new plant was 100% borne by the University. While the entire region struggled with drought conditions during summer/fall 2020, the Durham/UNH water supply remained sustainably secure for our water users. This is the result of good planning and active collaboration between Durham and UNH.

The Town of Durham and UNH, through the joint administrative Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Roads Committee, continue to address a multitude of Town/Gown items to include efficient operation of our water combined system as described above, focusing attention on water quality deficiencies within the Great Bay Estuary (nitrogen) as identified by the NHDES and the EPA, meeting EPA wastewater and stormwater MS-4 mandates (the Total Nitrogen General Permit was ultimate issued by EPA in December 2020), maintaining a required NHDES backflow prevention pro-

gram, general water/ sewer infrastructure, the Lee water line extension (currently under construction) in coordination with the NHDES to address MBTE contamination at the Lee Traffic Circle, and more. On the front lines of our utility infrastructure both on and off campus, the Town and the University are joined at the hip and work seamlessly together.

On this note, we have developed cooperative and collaborative efforts with UNH to enhance the mutual intellectual,

cultural, environmental, social, and economic benefits associated with hosting New Hampshire's flagship state university, including redevelopment of 66 Main Street (which Durham purchased from UNH in 2021), the vision of a West Edge Innovation District (which is idle at the moment due to the pandemic), and more. Town and gown continue to communicate and work toward the redevelopment of 66 Main Street with Elliott Sidewalk Communities out of Maryland.

Through the efforts of Tom Brightman (who seamlessly took the reins in early 2021 from Ellen Snyder), our part-time contract Land Stewardship Coordinator, and the Land Stewardship Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, we continue to make significant inroads in actively managing the numerous lands and easements under the town's stewardship. The Council also established the Durham Town Land

Stewardship Patron's Trust back in 2018 to enable citizens or organizations to donate money to support our local conservation land management efforts, rather than relying solely on tax dollars for this purpose. These monies, as well as the Conservation Fund under the oversight of the Conservation Commission, have provided an ongoing source of modest funding to move targeted stewardship initiatives forward.

AS PART OF THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT AT WAGON HILL FARM, A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS, STAFF FROM UNH, AND TOM BRIGHTMAN, DURHAM'S LAND STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR, COLLABORATED IN EARLY MAY TO CLEAN TRASH FROM THE LIVING SHORELINE, AND COLLECT EXCESS TIDAL WRACK THAT HAD BEEN DEPOSITED ON THE PROJECT'S SALTMARSH.



The Durham Town Council voted 7-2 on September 13, 2021, to award a Final Design Contract to Vanasse Hagen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) for removal of the Mill Pond Dam (Alternative #5). Subsequently, the Town Clerk on October 18, 2021, certified a Referendum Petition to put the approval of the VHB final design contract to a vote of the residents at a special election. As such, the matter will be a question on the upcoming election ballot on March 8, 2022. Following much discussion and review, the Council on November 1, 2021, discussed and adopted the following motion: The Durham Town Council approved the Final Design Contract for Alternative # 5 - Dam Removal to Vanasse Hagen Brustlin, Inc. for the sum of \$284,226 and authorized the Administrator to sign said contract with the monies coming from Account #07-2185-801-36-000 and #07-1784-800-36-000 if the March 8, 2022 Petition to Reconsider this motion fails. (APPROVED 9-0)

As part of the 2021 Capital Improvement

Plan (CIP) Durham approved a project to replace the Town's public safety core radio communication infrastructure as it has approached and now exceeded its end of life (December 31st, 2020). The 2021 CIP allotted \$1,385,000 (Police - \$665,000 and Fire - \$720,000) in two lines for this project. This project was initially conceived as a direct replacement for the core infrastructure the Town purchased as part of changing dispatching service to the Strafford County Dispatch Center over a decade ago. As such it would have provided a level of coverage commensurate to what the Town enjoys today. After receiving initial pricing in late 2017 the Town learned of a larger project that the County had to improve their radio resources. This presented an opportunity for all parties to improve overall radio service by integrating tightly with Strafford County on communication services. After a long deliberative process, and with a request for proposals (RFP), the County select-

ed Motorola Solutions to provide them a county-wide Land Mobile Radio (LMR) network. During our review, Durham immediately saw deficiencies in the proposed coverage and requested the County revisit the modeling they were using to calculate in-building radio signal coverage to service Durham police and fire units on the ground. Since the county's larger project needs to provide a basic level among all the clients it services, they determined they would be unable to enhance coverage directly for the Town of Durham. As such, Durham reached out collaboratively with the County, but independently as the Town, to Motorola to find a solution that both dovetailed with the County's infrastructure plans, but also and more importantly still allows the flexibility for Durham agencies to be dispatched on our own hard-won frequencies. We believe the current iteration of Motorola's proposal accomplished this while preserving the reduced pricing they were able to offer as part of the larger Straff-

ord County project. As such, the Town Council awarded the contract upon recommendation of the Administrator on December 20, 2021.

In closing, I would like to note that all our town employees are outstanding people, working hard with finite resources to meet the needs of a demanding citizenry with high expectations for exceptional service delivery at the local level. Our Town Council is comprised of thoughtful, hard-working, and dedicated individuals with varied backgrounds and perspectives. The Council, along with the benefit of ongoing public feedback and active involvement by dedicated citizens on local boards, committees, and commissions, all contribute to ensuring Durham remains a strong, vibrant, and welcoming community. While this has again been a challenging year in Durham as a result of the pandemic, our town has accomplished a great deal very well under continuingly difficult circumstances. ✨

Town Council

BY KATHERINE (KITTY) MARPLE



Katherine (Kitty) Marple
COUNCIL CHAIR
Term: 3/20 - 3/23

Thanks to modern technology, the Town Council was able to function without too many delays due to COVID over the last couple of years. The ability to meet via ZOOM has been a small miracle. Recently, the Council shifted back to meeting in the Council chambers with mask wearing. It has been great to see people in person. Councilors appreciate members of the public who choose to attend meetings in person with masks. This measure does help to

slow the spread of the disease. Thank you.

A few of the changes made over the last few months include a temporary pause of the Economic Development Committee (EDC), along with the resignation of the Economic Development Director. The rate of change of the Durham business community has slowed, in part due to the pandemic. A subcommittee of the EDC, Affordable Housing, has been made into a year-long task force whose focus is to investigate affordable housing ideas for individuals desiring to live in Durham but do not have the income (including young people and families) to support that desire. This is a problem nationwide.

Durham has become a member of Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. The coalition's mission is to foster resilient New Hampshire communities by empow-

ering them to realize their energy goals. Sustainability and resiliency are town goals to help residents cope with future energy and environmental challenges.

Budget negotiations are likely to result in two new full-time positions for two underserved departments. The town's Manager of Information Technology works long hours to provide uninterrupted service to all town departments. One of Durham's former council members has provided a lot of volunteer assistance in the department, going so far as to attend training courses to be more effective. The time has come for a permanent, full-time employee to aid the IT Manager.

Durham's Parks and Recreation Director has created a flourishing recreation program. Her work has met many town goals to foster healthy activity and to provide a considerable self-sustaining fee structure. Her hours are also long. She needs full-time assistance to run programs and to develop

a strategic plan going forward.

Residents will have the ability to determine the fate of the Mill Pond Dam at the local Town Election in March 2022. In September 2021 the Town Council voted 7 to 2 to remove the dam, based on a decade's worth of studies and issuance of state warnings regarding pond water quality and dam structural integrity. If you would like to preserve the dam, you should vote YES on the referendum question on the ballot. If you would like the dam to be removed, you should vote NO.

There are relatively new employees in many positions throughout the town's departments. If you see an employee out doing their job, please say hello or give them a wave. Durham runs a fairly lean organization and its employees do much to make its residents' lives better.

Thanks to all town departments and Town Administrator, Todd Selig. We are indeed fortunate to live in Durham.

Town Council Members



Sally Needell
COUNCIL MEMBER
Term: 3/20 - 3/23



Charles (Chuck) Hotchkiss
COUNCIL MEMBER
Term: 3/21 - 3/24



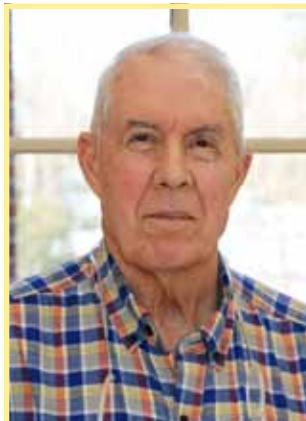
Allan Howland
COUNCIL MEMBER
Term: 3/19 - 3/22



James (Jim) Lawson
COUNCIL MEMBER
Term: 3/21 - 3/24



Sally Tobias
COUNCIL MEMBER
Term: 3/20 - 3/23



Charles (Dinny) Waters
COUNCIL MEMBER
Term: 3/19 - 3/22



Carden Welsh
COUNCIL MEMBER
Term: 3/21 - 3/24



Andrew Corrow
COUNCIL MEMBER
On 10/4/21 Councilor Wayne Burton resigned from the Town Council. On 10/18/21, the Council appointed Councilor Corrow to fill Councilor Burton's unexpired term until the March 2022 Town Election. Councilor Burton's term expires 3/22.

CULTURE & RECREATION

Churchill Rink

BY BILL PAGE, MANAGER

Efforts to transform Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing into a facility recognized as a jewel in the Town of Durham continued during Fiscal Year 2021. It was the second year in its history (approaching 50 years, 1973-2023) being operated by a full-time manager and the decision to convert current manager Bill Page from seasonal to full-time by Town Council as of January 1, 2020, was timely as the pandemic wreaked havoc with operations at similar facilities around the globe.

The summer of 2020 was spent making major

changes that would allow the rink to be operated according to mandated parameters established by the CDC and state. These changes were accomplished partially utilizing available Cares Act funding to support required

physical plant upgrades that would allow the facility to open for business in the fall of 2020. The improvements also allowed the facility to open safely in the fall of 2021 with much greater ease. A sampling of these improvements in-

cludes proper ventilation in rest rooms and changing rooms, new heating in rest rooms and office eliminating air exchange between them, restoration of refrigeration pipe enclosure to allow

YOUNGSTERS ENJOYING A NIGHT OF SKATING AT THE CHURCHILL RINK AT JACKSON'S LANDING. Courtesy Bill Page



safe access above by participants, rubber matting around entire ice surface to allow safe flow of participants, and hand-sanitizer stations throughout the facility.

Based on a decision not to hold public sessions in October, November, and December of 2020 resulting in greatly reduced revenue, the added expense of improvements, and the additional expense of a full-time manager, the rink ended FY 2020 with an operating loss of approximately \$35,000. (The loss was covered by the rink's fund balance.) The investment made in the facility however was long overdue and will continue to allow the facility to operate safely as the pandemic continues and beyond.

In January 2021, the decision was made to again host public sessions at the facility with greatly reduced capacity and strict operating parameters. The Recreation Director trained the Rink Manager on how to set-up the department's online registration system to take reservations for Public Skate, Stick & Puck, and Pond Hockey sessions with attendance capped at low levels. The decision to begin holding these sessions again was well

received by users and although greatly reduced, allowed the rink to collect admission fees again. (Contracted ice rental revenue was not negatively impacted by the pandemic.)

The off-season of 2021 was spent making improvements that were not very costly, with the focus on doing "necessary" improvements to keep the facility functional and more attractive. Work included replacement of 150 corroded refrigeration pipe fittings that were restricting brine flow under the ice, Zamboni maintenance, construction of a new Zamboni room door, continued upgrades to office and service window, continued work on the rink boards, and much painting around the facility, including the entire walkway wall and adjacent steel beams in "Bobcat Blue".

When the rink opened on schedule in October 2021, it was business as usual with a full slate of public sessions. This was possible due to the greatly reduced or eliminated mandates by the CDC and state. To say public sessions have been well attended so far this season would be an understatement. It is clear the public is ready to skate, and attendance

records are being set. Season passes for public sessions are on sale again this season and to date, 62 have been sold with 30 to Durham residents who receive a discount on the popular membership. (Other area community members buying season passes include 6 each to Madbury, Lee, and Newmarket, and 14 to people from "other" communities.)

A recent review of Fiscal Year 2021 revenue and expenses at the rink indicates projected year end net revenue in the range of \$55,000, which will bring the facility back into typical targeted yearly net outcome.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Operated the facility during the pandemic in a safe and prudent manner.
- ✓ Re-started public session offerings in January 2021 with reduced capacities and online registration.
- ✓ Increased public session attendance and related revenue by replacing less popular sessions with popular.
- ✓ Offset reduced revenue by keeping a close eye on expenses.
- ✓ Continued making off-

season improvements with a goal toward keeping costs low and improving facility appearance and efficiency.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Continue with planning and preparation for making major improvements to the facility.
- ✓ Formalize a rink working group to assist manager with plans and process for improvements.
- ✓ Organize a major fundraising initiative for making capital improvements.
- ✓ Increase advertising sales in the facility in a tasteful, attractive, and creative manner.
- ✓ Continue to make noticeable, pleasing improvements to further enhance participant experience.
- ✓ Host the season end Slush Cup Pond Hockey Tournament which was put on hold by the pandemic in 2020. *

Conservation Commission

BY JAKE KRITZER, CHAIR

Members: James Bubar, *Planning Board Representative*; Coleen Fuerst, Erin Hardie Hale, *Alternate*; Jake Kritzer, *Chair*; John Nachilly, *Vice Chair*; Roanne Robbins, *Alternate*; Walter Rous, Carden Welsh, *Council Representative*

Former Members: Liz Durfee, Mary Ann Krebs, Sally Needell, former *Council Representative*

In carrying out its essential role in the community, the Durham Conservation Commission:

- ✓ Advocates for the preservation of natural resources in Durham.
- ✓ Inventories, manages, protects, conducts research about, and educates the public about natural resources.
- ✓ Makes recommendations to the New Hampshire Division of Environmental Services on applications related to wetlands and other natural resources.
- ✓ Makes recommendations to the Planning Board on applications for conditional uses for activities and structures within the Wetland Conservation Overlay District and Shoreland Protection Overlay District.
- ✓ Manages conservation funds and over-

sees conservation activities in the town's numerous open space properties.

- ✓ Carries out the duties of a conservation commission in accordance with RSA 36-A.
- ✓ Implements the recommendations contained in the Natural Resources Master Plan.

2021 Accomplishments and Activities:

- ✓ Said farewell to Ellen Snyder for her outstanding work as Land Stewardship Coordinator and welcomed Tom Brightman as the new coordinator. Worked with Tom Brightman on numerous conservation projects on town lands.
- ✓ Discussed with the Southeast Land Trust possible acquisition of the 39-acre Pike property situated adjacent to Thompson Forest.
- ✓ Voted to recommend to the Town Council that the Mill Pond dam be removed after evaluating various issues related to the dam.
- ✓ Updated guidelines for the town acquiring interest in conservation land.
- ✓ Discussed an ecological approach to community resilience with members of the Agricultural Commission.
- ✓ Hosted presentation and discussion with representatives from UNH Cooperative Extension about the use of pesticides. Hosted presentation by Eliza Balch about water quality in College Brook. *

Conservation Commission Wetland & Shoreland Applications

Project Address	Permit Reviewed	Project Description
Mill Plaza – 7 Mill Road	Conditional Use (WCOD)	Activity within 75-foot wetland buffer
190 Piscataqua Road	Conditional Use (WCOD and SPOD)	Made recommendations related to construction of new house on the Oyster River
Off Gerrish Drive	Conditional Use (WCOD)	Made recommendations related to activity within wetlands and wetland buffers for new subdivision
Eversource – various locations	Permitted Use B (WCOD)	Made recommendations related to installation of 14 utility poles in wetland buffers
UNH – South Drive	Application for impacts to wetlands for new Health Science Simulation Center	Commented on application to NHDES
12 Mathes Cove	Conditional Use (WCOD)	Made recommendations for conditional use for driveway and utilities for new single-family house

Conservation Commission Land Stewardship Subcommittee

BY ANN WELSH, CHAIR

Members: Larry Brickner-Wood, *Heritage Commission/Historic District Commission*; Gale Carey, *at large*; John Carroll, *Agricultural Commission*; Vin Dell'Ova, *at large*; Mike Drooker, *Recreation Committee*; Mike Everngam, *Trustees of the Trust Fund*; John Nachilly, *Conservation Commission*; Sally Needell, *Town Council*; Sally Tobias, *Vice-Chair*; Ann Welsh, *Chair*

The Land Stewardship Subcommittee was established in 2010 to help guide and coordinate the stewardship of the town's conservation areas, parks, and other lands. It has grown to include representatives from the Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission, Heritage Commission, Parks and Recreation, Trustees of the Trust Fund, Town

Council, at large town residents, as well as the Administrator, the DPW Director, Stewardship Coordinator and Recreation Director.

The town's Stewardship Coordinator, Tom Brightman, as well as volunteers and town staff, were the keys to accomplishing much of the subcommittee's work. In 2021 that work includ-

ed numerous workdays to pull invasives at many of the town's properties, and construction of smaller bridges over streams and wet portions of trails. It also included the creation of a trail in Stevens Woods to connect the property to the newly constructed Kenny Rotner Bridge across the Oyster River.

2021 was the first full year of the subcommittee's Trail Stewards program. Stewards, assigned to specific properties, walk the trails, do simple trail maintenance and report any major problems to the Stewardship Coordinator.

In 2020, COVID policies led to many people schooling and working at home and online, and thus the town saw a large increase in the

use of town lands and trails. The ensuing wear on trails, as well as crowding and parking issues, led the subcommittee to become more proactive in the management of the town's properties. In March 2021, the subcommittee had a presentation from UNH professor Michael Ferguson on Sustainable Recreation Land Management. Subcommittee members then began to assemble the baseline information needed to make informed decisions. The subcommittee has created a survey to use at Doe Farm to collect information on the "who, why, and how" people use the property. After fine-tuning a trial run, other town properties will be surveyed.

Other activities:

- ✓ Reviewed the Stewardship Coordinator's proposed 2022 budget.
- ✓ Added two new trails – one connecting the Beaudette trail to Doe Farm, making it possible to walk from the Oyster River to the Lamprey River, and one connecting Riverwoods to the Merrick property trails.
- ✓ Helped resolve concerns of town property abutters related to foot traffic, car traffic, and dogs off leash.*

AFTER A YEAR OF WORK AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALMOST 400 DONORS, THE NEW KENNY ROTNER FOOTBRIDGE WAS INSTALLED IN JANUARY 2021. THE 100' ALUMINUM SPAN LINKS THOMPSON LANE AND STEVENS WOODS ACROSS THE FRESHWATER PORTION OF THE OYSTER RIVER. NOW THE ORCHARD DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IS WITHIN QUICK WALKING DISTANCE OF DURHAM'S CENTER, AND THE NETWORK OF BEAUTIFUL, FORESTED TRAILS EXTENDING TO DURHAM'S DOE FARM CAN BE EASILY REACHED FROM TOWN ON FOOT. Courtesy DPW



Durham Historic District/Heritage Commission

BY LARRY BRICKNER-WOOD, CHAIR

Members: Jennifer Becker, *Alternate*; Larry Brickner-Wood, *Chair*; Andrew Corrow, *Council Representative*; Charlotte Hitchcock, *Vice Chair*; Mike Hoffman, Bill McGowan, *Planning Board Representative*; Carolyn Singer, Andrew Wolfson-Slepian

Former Members: Wayne Burton, *Council Representative*

Appreciation

First and foremost, the Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission (HDC/HC) wants to thank the members of the town staff for their dedicated, exemplary, and professional support and guidance to the commission. The outstanding work of Town Planner Michael Behrendt as the commission's professional staff and primary point of contact for the public on historic preservation matters is sincerely appreciated. Likewise, the commission appreciates the excellent support and expertise of Administrator Todd Selig, Public Works Director Rich Reine, Assistant DPW Director Sam Hewitt, Administrative Assistant Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant Jennie Berry, Minute Taker Lucy Bryar, and DCAT Technician Rachel Stevens. The Commission's work would not be possible without them.

Thank you also to the HDC/HC members. All members are volunteers who care deeply about the community and spend hours on commission business and projects. They are a pleasure to serve with and make a great team. A special thank you to the Durham Historic Association who are invaluable resources and advocates for historic and cultural preservation in our community. Lastly, a heartfelt appreciation to former Town Councilor Wayne Burton, who served as the Town Council Representative to the HDC/HC for a portion of 2021.

Scope

The Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission, the same body with two roles, has broad responsibility to preserve and promote the historic, architectural, and cultural resources in the designated Durham

Historic District and in the larger community. The Historic District, under the purview of the Historic District Commission, starts at the intersection of Main Street and Madbury Road and proceeds southeasterly along Main Street to Newmarket Road as far as Laurel Lane. The commission reviews applications covering residential, commercial, and town properties.

The Heritage Commission advocates for preservation outside the district, but it does not have authority to review

and approve projects. The commission advises and educates property owners, town departments, boards, and commissions, and others about the community's important historic and cultural resources.

2021 Accomplishments:

There were few applications submitted to the Historic District Commission this year, but the commission was busy with various other projects. The commission reviewed and ap-

THE HDC INSTALLED THIS PLAQUE TO RECOGNIZE SMITH CHAPEL'S INCLUSION ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER. Courtesy Michael Behrendt



proved applications for various changes to the cedar-shingled house at 26 Newmarket Road, a new entrance and changes to the parking lot at 19 Main Street (the HDC's purview was only the front portion of the site), a sign for the Freedom Café and their new location on Main Street, and a window at 3 Durham Point Road.

The commission also:

- ✓ Designed, purchased, and installed a National Register plaque at Smith Chapel. HDC/HC member and vice-chair Charlotte Hitchcock worked with town DPW and Planning staff and the Durham Historic Association in designing and installing the plaque. Many thanks to Durham residents Jim and Deborah Munsey who paid for the beautiful sign. The Munseys were married in Smith Chapel in October of 1978!
- ✓ Explored potential funding sources for the rehabilitation of the Old Courthouse and Wagon Hill Farmhouse and ultimately applied for a planning study grant to the NH LCHIP program. HDC/

HC member Carolyn Singer coordinated this project and developed the grant application in conjunction with town staff and the Durham Historic Association.

- ✓ Conveyed comments to UNH about the university's approach to historic preservation on campus.
- ✓ Advocated for preservation of the Mill Pond dam.
- ✓ Provided comments on proposed antennas on the UNH Memorial Building as part of a Section 106 review.
- ✓ Sponsored two training sessions totaling 8 hours about historic preservation for the HDC/HC and numerous members of the public. Topics for the training, provided by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, included a background on preservation, guidelines for review, community outreach, legal basics, meeting procedures, and an excellent design review exercise. The funding for this came from a successful grant application to the NH Certified Local Government

Program. Planning Director Michael Behrendt and HDC/HC members Carolyn Singer and Charlotte Hitchcock developed the grant, organized and facilitated the training, and worked with the Preservation Alliance team to design the program.

- ✓ Continued to have significant conversations on how to better illuminate, acknowledge, and include the narratives and stories of less visible populations, such as the Indigenous peoples who were on Durham lands before settlement of North America; enslaved peoples in Durham, indentured servants, and women who helped develop the Town of Durham.

Goals and Projects for 2022:

- ✓ Complete a visual history of Durham in coordination with the Durham Historic Association.
- ✓ Develop a plan for installation of plaques on historic properties.
- ✓ Pursue grants for the rehabilitation of Wagon Hill Farmhouse and the Old Town Hall, and to implement the Plan-

ning Study if the LCHIP grant is successful.

- ✓ Work with the Public Works Department to develop Cyclical Maintenance Plans for the Wagon Hill Farmhouse, the Old Town Hall, and Smith Chapel.
- ✓ Work with the Durham Historic Association to educate the public about preservation of the town's local historic structures and resources.
- ✓ Continue to educate ourselves and the community about the aspects of Durham's history that includes historically less visible populations such as Indigenous peoples and enslaved peoples in Durham.
- ✓ Host community forum for property owners and residents within the Historic District.
- ✓ Host public events such as a walking tour of the Historic District, educational programs, or a candlelight event.
- ✓ Update and enhance the HDC/HC portion of the town website.*

Parks & Recreation Committee

BY MICHAEL MULLANEY, CHAIR

Members: Michael Drooker, Nate Fitch, Al Howland, *Town Council Representative*; Cathy Leach, David Leach, Michael Mullaney, *Chair*; Tracy Schroeder

Former Members: Amy Simon

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Constantly monitored COVID requirements to design programming and implement events that were both enriching and safe.
- ✓ Community events continued, moving from stay at home to in-person, always with COVID protocols incorporated.
- ✓ Supported the Parks & Recreation Department in the planning, preparation, and day-off volunteering in many community events, including: Family Sweetheart Skate, Annual Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Trot in The Trees 5K Trail Race and Fun Run, Downtown Trick or Treat, FeatherFest, and the Welcome to Winter Community Celebration-Frost Fest.
- ✓ Drafted a Woodridge Park Use Agreement and developing a Park Management/Maintenance Plan.
- ✓ Presented a proposal to the Town Council that was ultimately approved to hire a full-time Assistant Parks and Recreation Director in 2022.
- ✓ Churchill Rink updates were a frequent agenda item and the committee provided insight into keeping the rink open, including considering appropriate COVID protocols.
- ✓ Committee member updates: Mike Mullaney became the committee's Chair, and two new members joined during 2021: Tracy Schroeder and Cathy Leach.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Complete and implement the Woodridge Park Use Agreement and Management Plan.
- ✓ Assist town staff in the selection process to hire an experienced professional

for the newly created Assistant Director position.

- ✓ Assist DPR director in planning for park improvements (i.e., Jackson's Landing).
- ✓ Support the DPR director in beginning a 1-3 year strategic planning initiative.
- ✓ Assist DPR director in collaborating with Durham Business Association/Celebrate Durham to bring events downtown, including Durham Day.

✓ Determine a mechanism to gather input from residents.

✓ Work with the director to communicate with boards in Lee and Madbury.

The committee is excited to support Parks and Recreation as the department continues to grow. Committee members are grateful for the town staff and resident support as the committee continues to provide experiences to best serve its residents' recreational needs and to foster community ties. ✨

R.E.A.C.H. SUMMER CAMP PARTICIPANTS ENJOY TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES, GROUP CHALLENGES, AND MASTERING ELEMENTS OF THE HIGH ROPES COURSE AT THE BROWNE CENTER CHALLENGE COURSE THIS SUMMER. Courtesy Hanna Falcone



Parks & Recreation Director

BY RACHEL GASOWSKI



Our Mission:

Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) offers a wide range of quality programs, parks, and facilities that encourage all Durham community members to participate in healthy, fun, and enriching activities. Together, with the residents of Durham, the department celebrates the essential role public recreation plays in fostering a cohesive and vibrant community. DPR continues to focus on offering a broad range of outdoor and indoor recreational activities that are available to town residents of all ages, abilities, and interests. Residents can count on programs and events that bring the community together, in

its parks, facilities, and throughout the vibrant downtown that are welcoming and safe.

2021 was a very busy year for DPR as it balanced the goal of offering its regular line-up of events and programs while continuously adapting its plans and efforts around the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Despite the challenges it faced to navigate, the department had a very successful year both financially and with program registrations.

Throughout 2021 Durham Parks and Recreation offered an array of 100 + program opportunities and hosted 10 special events for the community. Summer camp enrollment grew to record numbers where DPR safely and successfully hosted nine unique weeks of summer camp, including: two weeks of STEM based camps, five weeks of REACH Summer camp (in partnership with ORCSD), and two weeks of adventure-based camps.

Five camp field trips also took place. DPR's outdoor based after school programs (in partnership with Seven River Paddling) proved to be invaluable as registration quickly filled for each of the offered classes and sessions. Participation in adult programs remained strong with classes meeting both virtually and in-person throughout the year. Looking ahead, the department hopes to reestablish its Adult Arts Trips that toured around New England in prior years! Another 2021 highlight for the department was the partnership that was established with Gunstock Mountain Resort, where a community ski and snowboard program was offered through the Outreach Program. Over 133 families took advantage of the program and 110 participated in the lesson option on Wednesdays in January. With Wednesdays being a remote learning day for most of the school year, many ORCSD families enjoyed the mid-week change in schedule to be at the mountain! Reflecting on this past year, I am very proud of the resiliency of the department and all that we were able to accomplish in 2021.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Successfully reintroduced several community events that were paused or revamped in 2020, including: Annual Egg Hunt, The Trot in The Trees 5k Trail Race and Fun Run (partnership event with ORYA), Downtown Trick or Treat, and the Welcome to Winter Community Celebration- Frost Fest.
- ✓ Expanded the REACH Summer Camp enrollment to meet the demands of the community.
- ✓ Safely hosted nine weeks of summer camp opportunities for grades k-8.
- ✓ Successfully hosted a variety of outdoor nature and adventure based after school programs (in partnership with Seven Rivers Paddling) including Mtn. Bike Club, Medieval Wilderness, Off the Beaten Path, Outdoors to Explore, Art in Nature, and The Outdoor Kitchen.
- ✓ Developed new partnerships with area businesses to offer an after-school surfing and skateboarding programs.

- ✓ Established a community (youth) ski/snowboard program with Gunstock Mountain Resort through its Outreach Program. Coordinated passes, lessons, and rentals for 110 participants throughout the month of January.
- ✓ Introduced a new youth community ski program in partnership with Gunstock Mountain.
- ✓ Assisted Parks and Recreation Committee members with the creation of a Field Use Agreement for Woodridge Park fields.
- ✓ Worked closely with the Parks and Recreation Committee members to develop a proposal for the Town Council that was ultimately approved to hire a full-time Assistant Parks and Recreation Director in 2022.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Complete Field Use Agreement for Woodridge Park with assistance from Parks and Recreation committee members.
- ✓ Finalize the field maintenance schedule and outline of duties with the Department of Public Works.
- ✓ Work together with the Parks and Recreation Committee to develop a 1-3 year strategic plan for the department.
- ✓ Enhance the department's summer camp options by adding more opportunities for 5th-9th graders.
- ✓ Partner with ORCSD to develop a "home base" that allows both indoor and outdoor space for after-school programs, creating a more consistent and dependable program for the community.

- ✓ Organize a working group that will help to guide and develop a plan to update parks and recreation spaces. Apply for grants that support park updates, renovations, and inclusive play.
- ✓ Offer specialty camps over February and April school vacation weeks.
- ✓ Offer more program opportunities for teens and adult.
- ✓ Continue to foster positive partnerships that have been established with UNH, various community organizations and businesses, town departments, ORCSD, the Town of Lee, and the Town of Madbury.
- ✓ Continue to support local businesses through community events that take place downtown and at other recreation spaces like Wagon Hill Farm, Jackson's

Landing, and Woodridge Park.

I am extremely grateful for the positive working relationships DPR has with other town departments. Their continued support of DPR's programs, events, and operations has allowed the department to offer all that it does while adding great value to programs and events for the community. The support and trust that the community has exhibited towards the department while navigating a 'new normal' is much appreciated. In the coming year, Durham Parks and Recreation is optimistic it will be able to bring back the remaining programs and community events that have not been offered since the start of the pandemic. Regardless of the curveballs COVID throws, DPR will continue to be creative in rolling out new recreation opportunities for this amazing community that bring its residents together safely.*

Public Library Board of Trustees

BY CHARLOTTE RAMSAY, CHAIR

Library Board of Trustees: Karen (Kam) Damtoft, *Alternate*; Robin Glasser, Martha Gooze, Lai Lai Jenkins, *Alternate*; Charlotte Ramsay, *Chair*; Stanley Reczek, Andrew Sharp, *Secretary*; Erik Waddell, *Treasurer*; Susan Wagner

Former Trustees: Carolyn Singer, Nancy Webb, Anne Knight

Trustee's email: BoardofTrusteesDPL@gmail.com

In 2021 three long-term Trustees, Anne Knight, Carolyn Singer, and Nancy Webb left the Library Board. We are very grateful for their service and their many contributions.

2021 Accomplishments:

✓ Successfully navigated the challenges of COVID. The dedicated and creative DPL staff gradu-

ally increased Library operating hours, slowly introduced in-person activities while still offering virtual programs, and welcomed patrons to use the library more freely, while still controlling numbers and spacing. Contactless pick-up has proved to be so popular it will be a permanent library service.

✓ Established the Bill Schoonmaker Library

of Things, so that a wide variety of items, including wi-fi hot spots and computers, can be loaned out a week at a time.

✓ Focused on creating a 3-5 Year Strategic Plan, gathering input from different parts of the community as to how the Library can best enhance the quality of life in Durham.

✓ Hired a part-time Emerging Technologies Specialist to help with providing a wide range of on-line and streaming services and to offer more assistance to patrons in how to use these services and their IT devices.

Goals for 2022:

✓ Approve the Strategic Plan in January 2022 and effectively implement it over the coming months.

✓ Enhance the Library's emerging technology services and increase support given to patrons.

✓ Expand the Schoonmaker Library of Things, using community input to select categories of items for inclusion.

✓ Strengthen outreach and partnering with

the Durham Parks and Recreation Department, the Oyster River Cooperative School and senior living communities, as well as with other community organizations.

The Trustees of the Durham Public Library deeply appreciate the support of the Friends of the Library. They enrich Library services by funding museum passes, a children's literacy program, and a facilitated book discussion group. Happily, the Friends have resumed receiving donated books from the public and have reopened their on-going used book sale. The Trustees are especially grateful for the strong support of the Town of Durham and for the amazing generosity of individual citizens who give so faithfully to the Library through the Annual Appeal. ✨

FAMILY THEATRE NIGHT AT THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, SPONSORED BY DURHAM PARKS AND RECREATION. Courtesy Rachel Gasowski



Public Library Board of Trustees Library Director

BY SHERYL BASS

It is with great pride that I present to you the Durham Public Library's 2021 Annual Report.

This year was full of noteworthy accomplishments and meaningful community impacts. Despite the continuing challenges of the pandemic environment, the Durham Public Library's staff remained steadfast in their dedication to serve the community and fulfill the Library's mission to enhance the quality of life in Durham through open access to ideas and information, encourage exploration and learning in people of all ages, and support cultural enrichment by establishing the Library as a center of the Durham community.

In 2021, the Library transitioned into the post-pandemic environment cautiously, but optimistically, endeavoring to restore full library services to the community. Library staff celebrated welcoming patrons of all ages back to the building, presenting a refreshed collection and upgraded slate of patron-use technol-

ogy. High priority was placed on maintaining the reinvented library services such as contactless holds pickup and virtual programming and placed equally high focus on restoring in-person services. The emphasis that was placed on providing patron services at a high-level, with increased efficiency such as conducting readers' advisory activities, streamlining inter-library loan, continuing contactless pickup, and expanding outreach services, resulted in a circulation rate increase in 2021 of 40% over the last two years!

The lessons of the pandemic showed how important library service is to the community. Staff heard time and time again from patrons what a valuable resource the Library was during the pandemic and how grateful patrons were that the library continued its services for both adults and children finding new ways to shift services to meet the needs of its patrons. 2021 found library staff seizing opportunities

to bring services to the people and serve them outside the Library's four walls. Not only did the library continue to restore and maintain its in-person internal operations at a high level of service, it also seized opportunities to conduct library outreach to historically underserved populations. Books were delivered to community members who were homebound and experiencing mobility issues at Riverwoods and Bagdad Woods. The Library expanded its existing digital resources so that community members could access library resources from afar and also conducted on-site digital resource and device education for patrons, virtually and in-person and at off-site locations, allowing patrons to use its services more effectively. Library staff reached out and walked patrons through the vaccination registration process and hosted the NHDHHS Vaccination Van on several occasions helping residents gain easy access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Placing a high value on the theme of community, in 2021 the Library sought input into the Library's 3-year Strategic Plan from patrons, non-patrons, and com-

munity stakeholders. It conducted individual interviews, community visioning sessions, and surveyed users and non-users online. All of this information gathering is geared toward strategically positioning the Library to meet the needs of its patrons by correctly allocating its resources and aligning its goals to the priorities of those served.

The library is particularly proud of the creation of the Bill Schoonmaker Library of Things at the Durham Public Library. Bill was a beloved member of the Durham community who touched the lives of all he met. He was particularly important to the Library, because of this role as the "Clerk of the Works" during the Library building project and his leadership afterward as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. The library is honored to present in his name a non-traditional collection of items as part of the local sharing economy that can be checked out like our traditional physical materials and used by patrons to accomplish tasks and expand their own skills, items such as: Technology devices and accessories, literacy kits, board games, microscope and telescope. Eventually

2021 Durham Public Library Statistics

Circulation

Adult Physical Items Circulated	30,047
Juvenile/ YA Physical Items Circulated	57,542
Total Physical Items Circulated	87,589
Total Digital Items Circulated	21,631
Total Physical/Digital Circulation	109,220
Total Library Visits	43,418
Total Library Cardholders	5,377

Interlibrary Loan

Interloan Materials Lent to NH Librarians	950
Interloan Materials Received for DPL Patrons	2,068
Total Interloan Transactions	3,018
Total Outreach Materials Delivered	2,600

this collection will also contain tools, musical instruments, and cooking/baking implements.

Of course, none of the library's accomplish-

ments would be possible without the steady leadership of its Board of Trustees, and dedicated Friends of the Durham Public Library group, as well as the phe-

nomenal team of staff members who serve the people at the Durham Public Library. The staff at the Durham Public Library shines in all that they do and their service to the community and library patrons is commendable.

The Library is also grateful to the Durham Town Council and Town of Durham departments that support its operations and business endeavors. The library is also grateful to the Durham Garden Club and other individual contributors who make sure that the building is beautifully serviced and well-maintained for its patrons.

Looking forward to 2022, the Library is excited to implement its new three-year Technology and Strategic Plans, as well as embarking on a project to provide expanded family services in the Children's and Youth Services Area. Library staff looks forward to continuing to provide universal and equitable access to a broad range of human knowledge, experiences, information, entertainment, and ideas in its welcoming and supportive Library space. The library is open and back to the business of serving the community and its staff welcomes everyone to join them—Come check it out! ✨



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Assessor

BY JIM RICE, CNHA

The Assessing Office is responsible for ensuring equitable assessments, which distribute the town's tax burden in accordance with New Hampshire state statutes. Assessments are based on fair market value of property and are applied in a fair, equitable, and consistent manner. The Assessing Office strives to provide the best possible customer service. Information regarding assessments, tax exemptions, tax credits, tax deferrals, current use assessments, conservation restriction assessments, discretionary easements, abatement requests, and

timber tax are available through this office. Information regarding deed and property ownership can also be found in this office, or on the town's website at www.ci.durham.nh.us/assessing. Also, assessment information can be viewed on-line at www.visionappraisal.com.

2021 Accomplishments:

Tax Map Update.

During the last three years, the Town of Durham engaged the services of CAI Technologies to update the property tax maps for assessment purposes, and in preparation for the implementation of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology. The updated tax maps and GIS will trans-

form the valuation processes and can be used within municipal offices to improve efficiency, accuracy, and transparency to better serve the public. Creating the new tax maps began with an aerial "flyover" of Durham on April 29, 2019 which was used to support the development of a planimetric base map. Orthoimagery was also processed from the aerial photography. CAI Technologies also researched and reviewed deeds and survey plans from the Strafford County Registry of Deeds and from the town's archives. In addition to new map/lot numbers and boundary line dimensions, the new tax maps will identify either the surveyed acreage (if applicable)

or the calculated acreage, and in some cases both. If the property has been surveyed or the deed refers to surveyed acreage, the assessment will be based on that acreage. If not, then the assessment will be based on the calculated acreage as determined by the mappers. The new map/lot numbers and acreage will be implemented in 2022 for assessment purposes.

Current Use

Property. Land that was disqualified from the Current Use program (per RSA 79-A) generated \$7,400.00 in Land Use Change Taxes (LUCT), all of which were deposited into Durham's Conservation Fund.

Below is a breakdown of the 2021 assessments and exemptions used to calculate the net taxable valuation used to compute the municipal, county, and local tax rates.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Prepare for the 2023 full revaluation for assessment purposes. Article 6 of the New Hampshire Constitution states "...there shall be a valuation of the estates within the State taken anew once in every five years, at least, and as much oftener as

the general court shall order". The last update of assessments was 2018.

- ✓ Review and inspect those properties where building permits were issued after 4/1/21.
- ✓ Review and inspect properties that have had on-going construction and/or demolition.
- ✓ Review qualified exemptions and credits and process new applicants.
- ✓ Review all abatement requests and make

recommendations to the Town Council.

- ✓ Review Board of Tax and Land Appeals and Superior Court appeals.
- ✓ Continue updating current use files.
- ✓ Measure and inspect all properties that have transferred between October 1, 2021 thru September 31, 2022. The purpose for this process is to ensure that the information on the assessment record cards was correct at the time of transfer,

and for the equalization ratio study which is used to determine Durham's 2022 equalization ratio.

Residents are welcome to contact the Assessor's office at 603-868-8064 with any questions regarding assessments and/or concerns. Appointments may also be scheduled with the Assessor. Assessing office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. *

Summary Inventory of Valuation:

Residential (land & buildings):	\$ 800,529,400
Commercial/Industrial (land & buildings):	384,051,600
Current Use Land (per RSA 79-A):	643,533
Utilities	80,015,800
Valuation before exemptions:	1,265,240,333

Exemptions	Exemption Amount	Total Exemptions Granted	Assessed Valuation
Blind:	\$30,000	5	\$ 150,000
Elderly:			
65-74	\$125,000	8	1,000,000
75-79	\$175,000	4	700,000
80+	\$225,000	11	2,475,000
Disabled:	\$110,000	1	110,000
Improvements to assist Disabled	N/A	1	8,000
Solar:	Varies	96	2,322,052
Total Exemptions:			\$6,757,052

Net Taxable Valuation: \$1,258,334,006
(Used to compute municipal, county and local tax rates)

	Tax Credit Limits	No. Veteran's Approved	Total Tax Credit
Veteran's Tax Credit			
Standard Veteran's Credit	\$ 500	180	\$90,000
Surviving Spouse	\$2,000	0	0
Service Connected Disability	\$2,500	13	32,5000
Total Veteran's Tax Credit			\$122,500

Cemetery Committee

BY CRAIG SEYMOUR, CHAIR

Members: William (Bill) Cote, Michael Everngam, Craig Seymour, *Chair*; James Tobias, *Alternate*; James Lawson, Sally Needell, Dinny Waters, *Town Council Representatives*

Former Members: Andrew Corror, *Town Council Representative*

2021 Accomplishments:

2021 was a typical year at the Durham Town Cemetery, with sixteen (16) burials in the

cemetery - two casket (12.5%) and fourteen cremains (87.5%) - continuing the trend toward more cremains burials

(see attached chart). Five were veterans. A total of 12 graves in 6 plots were sold, and no repurchases.

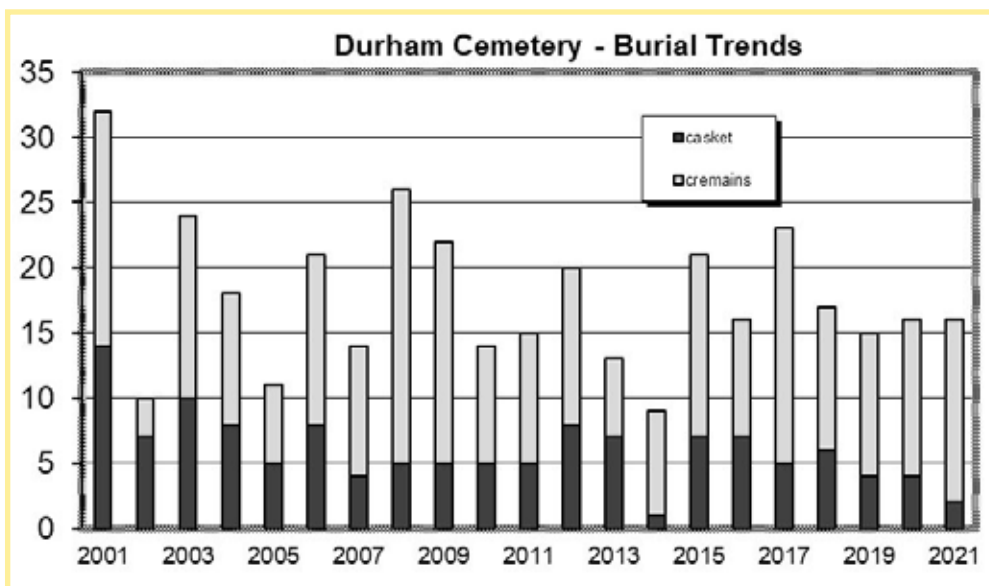
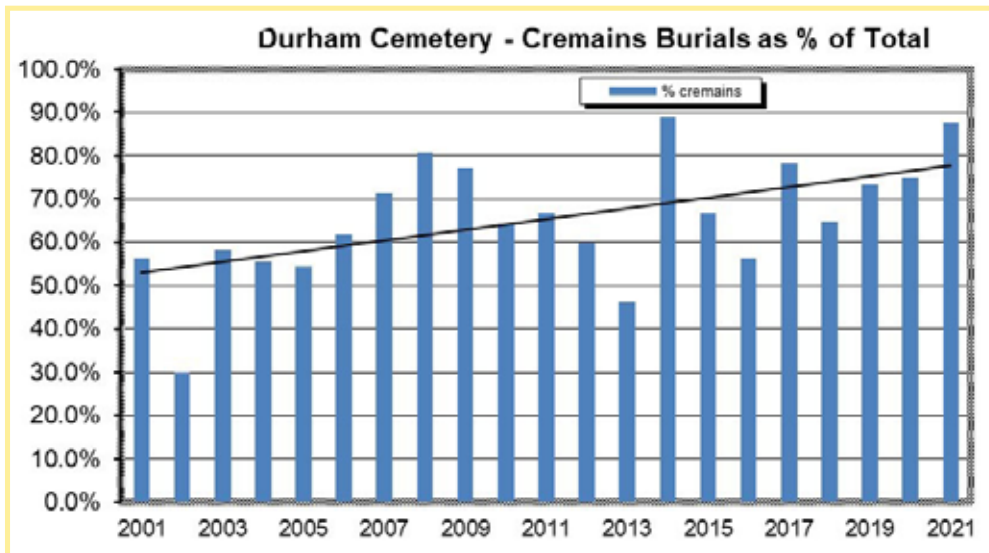
The Cemetery Care Trust – into which 50% of grave sale proceeds are deposited – had a fund balance of \$272,117.29 as of the end of October, with \$31,564.98 in expendable interest available.

The Cemetery Improvement Trust– into which the other 50% of grave sale proceeds are deposited for non-routine improvements to roads, grounds, plantings, structures etc. – had a balance of \$36,584.29.

The Cemetery Special Project Trust – created to accept donations by private individuals, groups or organizations for maintenance and improvements in the Town Cemetery – had a balance of \$237.45.

Flags were placed on veteran’s graves by the local Boy Scout troop and American Legion on Memorial Day and were removed for the winter after Veterans Day – thank you all for your tremendous help and support!

The Cemetery Committee met earlier this year to discuss various capital expenditures needed over the next few years. These include repairing damage to the stone wall along the road caused by weathering, re-gravelling of the interior streets, removal of diseased and damaged trees, and repair of the shed. An older monument tipped off of its base this fall and will



need to be re-set. The trustees have no information on the plot owners (Watson) so bids may need to be solicited from monument companies for this work. A few of the upright monuments (headstones) are tipping due to water movement in the ground and poor foundations. Efforts are

being made to contact the owners and monument companies that installed these to take restorative actions, since care and maintenance of monuments and markers are the responsibility of the plot owner.

All plot owners and potential purchasers

are urged to review the cemetery Procedures and Regulations that can be found on the town's website at https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_cemetery. Remember that artificial flowers and plants, solar lights, and other paraphernalia on graves is discouraged.

Any individual interested in learning more about the operation of the Town Cemetery or an interest in assisting with its administration and operation is urged to contact Cemetery Chair Craig Seymour at cemetery@ci.durham.nh.us.*

Cemetery Committee Trustees of the Trust Funds

BY MICHAEL EVERNGAM, CHAIR

Members: William (Bill) Cote, Michael Everngam, Chair; Craig Seymour, James Tobias, Alternate

2021 Accomplishments:

Operation of Investment Account.

Portfolio Income from reserve and trust investments for 2020 was \$94,165.80, a yield to the end-of-year market value of 2.04%. Part of this income was spent for the purposes of the various reserves and trusts, and the remainder was accumulated to the balances of the reserves and trusts. The income for 2021 is estimated to be about the same as last year. Market value of securities held at year-end 2020 increased by \$346,327.22 to \$4,614,065.27, an increase of 8.12%,

which is partly market appreciation and partly a net increase in deposits to reserves and trusts. The market value of the portfolio at 30 September 2021 was \$4,655,025.12. During the last 3 quarters of 2020 the equity exposure of the portfolio was increased in response to concern for the impact of low interest rates. A more detailed report on the town's Reserves and Trusts is in the financial section of this annual report. The trustees have adopted a conservative investment policy (posted on the Trustee's web page) with the primary goal of preserving the ability to carry out the

purposes of the town's reserves and trusts.

The reserves and trusts in the custody of the trustees were invested with People's United Advisors, Inc, through the first 3 Quarters of 2021. People's United Bank was acquired by M & T Bank in the 4th Quarter of 2021 and our investment account was moved to M & T's subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company. Seeing this as a good opportunity to evaluate the present Financial Advisory marketplace, the trustees determined to request Qualification Statements from interested Financial Advisory firms, including Wilmington Trust. Refreshing professional relationships is a "best practice" in financial management.

Improvements at Doe Farm. The trustees continue to be part of the Land Stewardship

Subcommittee which is managing the town's conservation interests, including Doe Farm. Under the guidance of the Stewardship Coordinator significant improvements continued to be made on the farm this year. The Land Stewardship Committee and the trustees cooperated with a USDA/UNH study on the impact on boring insects of tree harvests. The work on invasive species removal continues. The planned salvage harvest of red pines proved to be successful in removing the red pine from the timber stand before it was killed by red pine scale. The planned cutting of other mature trees of more marketable species made the harvest profitable. (Continuing)

Transparency Efforts: The trustees have maintained a good record of timeli-

ness in posting agendas and minutes. Trustees have generally been able to respond promptly to communications from residents. Trustees of the Trust Funds meet on the 4th Friday of each month.

Improved Record Keeping. The trustees continue reviewing records to winnow unnecessary documents, and to maintain those that explain how, when and why the various funds in our custody were established and investment performance reports.

Investment Policy. The trustees adopted the present policy during our 27 September 2019 meeting. As required by law, the trustees forwarded the present policy to the NH AG's office. (See trustee's web page for the policy).

Internal Controls Policy. This policy was reviewed and re-adopted at the trustees July 24, 2020 meeting, and it is presently being updated again. (See trustee's web page for the policy).

Investment Holdings. Monthly statements listing all holdings are on file in the Town Business Office and are also available to read from any trustee.

Alternate Trustee Appointment. James Tobias was re-appointed as an alternate trustee.

Goals for 2022:

✓ Seek to continue efforts to be prudent custodians of the funds entrusted to us, while seeking sound returns on the investment of these funds.

- ✓ Seek ways to expand and improve our inter-relationships with other town departments and bodies.
- ✓ Continue to work on those projects/issues shown above which are "continuing".
- ✓ Seek potential alternate trustees to assure continuity in trustee membership. Anyone with an interest in finance and investments is urged to contact a trustee to learn more about this important civic role.*

Downtown Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District

TODD I. SELIG, TIF ADMINISTRATOR

On September 24, 2012, the Town Council adopted a Development Program and Financing Plan for the establishment of the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District pursuant to Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 162-K:5 to Fund Improvements that Enhance the Economic Vitality of the Downtown Area, effective April 1, 2013. That document was then amended on March 2, 2015, with

a new effective date of April 1, 2015.

The objectives of this Downtown Durham Development Program and TIF Plan are to:

✓ Create new or improved infrastructure including, but not limited to, roads, traffic patterns, utilities, power distribution, water distribution, sewer, stormwater management, light-

ing, sidewalks and parking;

- ✓ Resurface existing roadways that service properties within the district;
- ✓ Improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety;
- ✓ Create traffic calming and improve traffic management and safety;
- ✓ Stimulate development or redevelopment of commercial property that will provide new commercial and office space, cultural and performance venues, professional services, conference and hotel

services, restaurants or other businesses consistent with a vibrant downtown;

- ✓ Expand the property tax base;
- ✓ Expand and enhance employment and earning opportunities for Durham and area residents;
- ✓ Create green space, community meeting areas and an improved sense of community to help attract Durham residents and consumers from outside the community that will patronize existing and new businesses in the

downtown as well as in other areas of the community; and

- ✓ Stimulate other businesses to locate or expand within the community.

The Development Program and TIF Plan included five projects focused on the downtown that are consistent with Durham's Master Plan and the recommendations of the 2009 Durham Commercial Core Strategic Plan:

1. Traffic calming and streetscape improvements to the Pettee Brook Lane Corridor - \$75,000;
2. Deploying parking Kiosks or other technologies to manage parking resources - \$118,080;
3. Planning, engineering and implementation of two-way traffic patterns along Main Street, lower Madbury Road and Pettee Brook Lane, and related intersection improvements - \$651,875;
4. Planning, design, and construction of structured parking to support the TIF district - \$3,500,000; and
5. Resurfacing of Pettee Brook Lane and Main

Street (East) - 1" Overlay on Pettee Brook Lane (1,100 feet) - \$26,121; 1" Overlay on Main Street (East) (4,230 feet) - \$116,041.

Subsequent projects are to be developed in cooperation with current and future property owners, developers and other stakeholders and may include:

- Parking facilities including structured parking;
- Road construction or improvements;
- Sidewalk construction or improvements;
- Bicycle lanes;
- Street lighting and landscaping;
- Improvements to utilities and power distribution;
- Improvements to water and sewer capacity; and
- Traffic calming and vehicular safety.

The proposed TIF district contains approximately thirty-four and a half (34.5) acres, which represents approximately 0.24% of the 14,336-acre land area in the Town of Durham – the maximum area percentage allowed

under the statute is 5%. As of the date the initial Downtown TIF District was approved by the Town Council on September 24, 2012, the assessed value of all property in the district excluding tax exempt was \$58,627,900 or 6.39% of the total assessed value of taxable property in the town (\$917,477,049) – the maximum allowable value allowed under the statute is 8%. Thus, the district complies with the size and value standards of RSA 162-K: 5.2. 2012 values were used for illustrative purposes at the time the District was originally approved by the Town Council on September 24 2012 because 2013 values were not yet available. The District went into effect on April 1, 2013.

The assessed value of the Downtown TIF District as of April 1, 2013 was \$61,432,700, or 6.44% of the total assessed value of taxable property in the town at that time (\$906,003,460).

The total estimated capital cost to implement the five proposed projects was approximately \$4,487,117. This number excluded annual maintenance

and operations costs. The Town Council must determine priority of funding with input from the District Administrator and Advisory Board. Future projects as recommended by the District Administrator and Advisory Board, and approved by the Town Council will be funded with grants, private investment, accumulated captured increment, public borrowing or a combination thereof as determined appropriate by vote of the Town Council. A TIF Downtown District Advisory Board was established in late-fall 2015 and the first meeting took place in January 2016. Additional meetings have taken place infrequently but on an as needed basis due to relative inaction within the TIF. The Town of Durham generally intends to use multiple funding sources to complete the proposed development program as indicated above. A combination of private investment, state, federal & foundation grants, municipal appropriations and betterment / special assessments may be utilized along with any other funding sources that may be identified and successfully pursued during the life of this District.

Uses of Captured Incremental Tax Revenues

Pursuant to RSA 162-K, II (a), the full captured assessed value (100%) for tax year 2014 was designated for development within the Downtown TIF District. However, Effective April 1, 2015 and all subsequent years, the Town of Durham shall designate seven percent (7%) of the captured assessed value for the retirement of bonds, notes and the operation and further development of the tax increment financing district. The remaining 93% of captured assessed value shall be deemed excess captured assessed value and shall be returned to the tax lists (general fund) per RSA 162-K:10, II (b).

The Downtown TIF District will exist until any debt issued and borrowing initiated to fund the development program is retired and all improvements anticipated within the Plan for the District as originally adopted or subsequently amended by action of the Town Council have been completed.

The captured assessed value as of 4/1/21 was estimated to be \$87,732,500 by the

Assessor. The retained captured assessed value is estimated to be \$6,141,275

Actual tax dollars received (7% of Captured Assessed Value) within the Downtown TIF since its inception have totaled as follows:

2014 -	\$ 95,491
2015 -	\$ 47,294
2016 -	\$105,613
2017 -	\$109,165
2018 -	\$142,894
2019 -	\$147,176
2020 -	\$169,108
2021 -	\$171,403
Total:	\$988,144

Projects undertaken within the Downtown TIF in 2015 (and from the district's inception) through 2021 were as follows: Resurfacing of Pettee Brook Lane and Main Street (East) with a budget of \$142,162.

Of this, \$45,422 was expended on shimming the designated roadways in 2015, and the balance was spent in 2016 to apply a finish coat of pavement.

On May 3, 2021, the District Administrator, after consulting with the TIF Advisory Committee, recommended to the Town Council that the Town of Durham purchase the vacant lot located at 66 Main Street for the assessed price of \$2,045,000. The recommendation for this purchase stemmed from months of research, discussion and analysis as seen in the document, "Recommendation that the Town of Durham Acquire 66 Main Street" that was provided as part of the April 19, 2021 Town Council packet.

The property, owned by the University of New Hampshire, has languished for years with no expressed plans for development. The property provided an excellent opportunity for public parking and commercial development, which will generate new tax revenue. The town had been in discussions with a developer (Elliott Sidewalk Communities) and the University about a plan that would bring desirable commercial development to the site.

The 1.18-acre lot at 66 Main Street is the last remaining undeveloped parcel in the downtown.

Currently, future redevelopment in the downtown is limited by the lack of available park-

AERIAL VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN PARKING LOT AT 66 MAIN STREET. Courtesy DCAT Studios



ing. Public parking on this site would enable future redevelopment of underutilized buildings elsewhere in the downtown adding to the local Durham tax base.

The purchase was to be financed using

parking impact fees (\$713,750), TIF funds (\$674,578), and a TIF bond (\$741,672). The financing would therefore not impact the budget or future town tax rate. Additionally, the parking impact fees that would be utilized

to help purchase the site were set to begin to expire starting in August 2021 and would have had to be returned to the developers if not used.

The Council ultimately authorized moving forward with the acqui-

sition of 66 Main Street and the construction of municipal surface parking in that location.

As of December 31, 2021, the remaining net balance remaining in the TIF was \$171,403.*

General Assistance Officer

BY GAIL E. JABLONSKI, BUSINESS MANAGER

NH RSA 165 requires that each City and Town in the State of NH provide for any persons who are poor and unable to provide for themselves and that the Governing Body of each City and Town establish written guidelines relative to general assistance. Section 4-10 A-7 of the Administrative Code of the Town of Durham identifies the Business Management Department, headed by

the Business Manager, as being responsible for overseeing Welfare services.

The Town of Durham is dedicated to providing for those in need without regard to age, race, sex or national origin. The Business Office is compassionate towards all those seeking assistance and works with everyone who applies, whether the applications are approved or

denied, to assist them towards self-sufficiency in the future.

In 2021, the Business Office received and processed five new applications and continues to assist one family/individual with qualifying expenses such as rent, electricity, and heating oil. Over the past year numerous people also contacted the office for information concerning assistance but never submitted a formal application. Moving into 2022, the office currently has one active case of public assistance open.

The Business Office works closely with several non-profit service providers in the area, the NH Department of Health and Human Services Office in Rochester, and the NH Local Welfare Administrator's Association for advice and guidance on the more difficult cases.

The town's welfare regulations and the application for public assistance can be located on the Town of Durham's website at: <http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/businessoffice/welfare-assistance>. *

Planning and Community Development

BY MICHAEL BEHRENDT, PLANNER

Michael Behrendt has served as the Durham Town Planner since 2012. Although he oversees development and long-term planning, his larger role is helping to make Durham a stronger, healthier, and more beautiful community.

Michael serves as staff to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Historic District Commission, and provides assistance to the Town Council and other boards as needed. Please refer to the Planning and Zoning section of the town's website at <https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/planningandzoning> and feel free to contact Michael any time at 603-868-8064.

2021 Accomplishments: Planning Board

✓ Reviewed a set of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance designed to facilitate high quality development in the Central Business Zone. The changes affecting building height, number of stories, uses, density, and building configuration were

adopted by the Town Council.

- ✓ Approved, after a great deal of debate and numerous iterations to address various complex issues, an 18-unit subdivision with single-family houses and duplexes to be built off Gerrish Drive.
- ✓ Approved a significant revision to plans for a new Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at 18 Garrison Avenue. The structure was subject to the town's architectural regulations and the project architect worked

closely with the town in refining the design.

- ✓ Continued ongoing reviews of two large projects: the redevelopment of Mill Plaza and a significant expansion of the parking lot behind the Red Tower on Church Hill.
- ✓ Approved a number of small projects, including an expansion of Yates Electric, conditional uses for activity within wetland buffers, a lot line adjustment, and a condominium conversion.
- ✓ Denied one application for a food truck at Mill Plaza. Food trucks have become increasingly popular across the country

but the location close to a neighborhood and proposed late hours were problematic.

Conservation Commission

- ✓ Reviewed several applications for activity within the wetland and shoreland buffers. The commission spent much time working with a property owner on appropriate strategies for siting a large new house fronting on the Oyster River.
- ✓ Hosted three experts from UNH Cooperative Extension for an illuminating discussion about the use of pesticides.

L-R: ASSESSOR JIM RICE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT KAREN EDWARDS, ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, & HEALTH OFFICER AUDREY CLINE, PLANNER MICHAEL BEHRENDT



- ✓ Updated the guidelines for acquiring interest in conservation land.
- ✓ Welcomed Tom Brightman, the talented new Land Stewardship Coordinator, and said goodbye to Ellen Snyder, former coordinator who accomplished many excellent improvements on town lands.
- ✓ Recommended to the Town Council that the Mill Pond dam be removed.

Historic District Commission.

- ✓ Designed and installed a National Register plaque for the beautiful Smith Chapel located on Oyster River Road.
- ✓ Approved several projects in the Historic District, including various changes to the cedar shingled house at 26 Newmarket Road.
- ✓ Sponsored two training sessions about Historic Preserva-

tion provided by the National Alliance for Preservation Commissions.

- ✓ Recommended to the Town Council that the Mill Pond dam be preserved.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ *Zoning Rewrite.* Make substantial progress with a significant rewrite of the Durham Zoning Ordinance pursuant to recommendations of the Master Plan.

- ✓ *Subdivision Regulations.* Complete a new set of subdivision regulations.

- ✓ *Master Plan Implementation.* Continue work on implementing the many recommended actions included in the 11 chapters of the master plan that were adopted in 2015 (The Future Land Use Chapter was adopted in 2018). *

Planning Board

BY PAUL RASMUSSEN, CHAIR

Members: James Bubar, Barbara Dill, *Alternate*; Nicholas Germain, *Alternate*; Heather Grant, Richard Kelley, *Secretary*; Eleanor Lonske, *Alternate*; William McGowan, Lorne Parnell, *Vice Chair*; Paul Rasmussen, *Chair*, Sally Tobias, *Primary Council Representative*; Chuck Hotchkiss, *Alternate Council Representative*

Former Members: Michael Lambert, Raymond Philpot, Jim Lawson, *Alternate Council Representative*

2021 Accomplishments:

In all, the board made decisions on 13 items on 2021 with an additional five still in progress.

On the residential side, a new 55 and older subdivision was approved in the Gerish Drive neighbor-

hood after a three-year process. Three single-family residential conditional use applications were approved along with one lot-line adjustment, a condominium conversion, and an extension request. As a sign of rising construction costs, a project at 18 Garrison Avenue

returned for an amendment to make it smaller and more affordable.

On the commercial side, the board approved an expansion for Yates Electric, utility work for Eversource, a generator for FairPoint, and denied a request for a food truck. There was also a Design Review for 74 Main Street. Said project is now returning for a full site plan review.

There were 2 activities pertaining to the town's zoning regulations.

1. An update to the Central Business District affecting several dimensions and clarifying the deter-

mination of building height.

2. Denial of a rezoning request by the Agriculture Commission to convert a portion of the RC zone to R.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Bring other long-running projects to closure.
- ✓ Housing review. Review the stated goals of the Master Plan (Smart Growth, encouraging family and workforce housing) against the current zoning regulations and experiences within the town to determine if any changes are necessary.

- ✓ Resume review of a comprehensive rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance as recommended in the Master Plan. ✱

Comparison of Number of Application Approvals 2019 - 2021

Application Type	2021	2020	2019
Subdivision	1	2	2
Site Review/Conditional Use	6	6	9
Boundary Line Adjustment/Subdivision Modification/Voluntary Lot Merger	1	5	5
Other*	6	9	15
Total	14	22	31

*Includes Conceptual Consultations, Design Reviews, Modifications and Amendments to Previous Approvals, Government Projects Public Hearings, and Scenic Road Public Hearings.

Supervisors of the Checklist

BY ANN SHUMP, CHAIR

Supervisors: Deborah Hirsch Mayer, Christian Kuhn, Ann Shump, Chair

After running two large elections (the NH State Primary and the State General/Presidential Election) in the fall of 2020 during the Pandemic, the supervisors were all looking forward to 2021. Except for the School Deliberative Session in February, the only election this year was the Town/School Election in March. Although COVID guidelines still needed to be followed, the supervisors were able to get through that without much trouble.

Every year that ends in 1 (such as 2021), each community in New Hampshire is required to have a Checklist Verification, better known as a "Purge".

The Secretary of State's Office provides a program to the supervisors to generate a list of voters who have not voted for 4 years. This went back to April of 2017. All of those people were then sent a letter explaining that they would be taken off the Voter Checklist in 30 days (Durham actually gave people 60 days to respond) unless they convinced the supervisors they really had voted within that time frame or unless they re-registered. Only about 10 people responded in one of those ways. Most of the people who were removed were residents who had moved out of state. Many of these were

UNH students, but many were not. Other states seem to be somewhat remiss about informing Durham that one of its voters has moved to their state. As a result of this verification process, Durham's checklist was cut nearly in half. There have also been several new people who have registered to vote. As of this writing, there are 9,709 registered voters in Durham.

2022 will be another busy year. By mid-January a new, updated checklist will be produced to prepare for the School Deliberative Session early in February. The Town/School election is scheduled for March 8 at the Oyster River High School. Then the State Primary and General Elections will be held in the fall.

ANN SHUMP, CHAIR, SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST. ANN HAS SERVED AS A SUPERVISOR FOR 19 YEARS AND HAS BEEN CHAIR SINCE 2004



2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ The School Deliberative Session in February forced the supervisors to push to finish entering new voters from the General election in 2020.
- ✓ The Town/School election was held in

March, using COVID guidelines.

- ✓ Began the Checklist Verification process in April, sending out letters to those who had not voted in 4 years on June 1.
- ✓ Ended the Checklist Verification pro-

cess in August, and all who had not responded were removed from the checklist.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Keep the checklist updated.
- ✓ Prepare for the School Deliberative

Session in February and then the Town/School elections in March.

- ✓ Prepare for the State Primary and General Election in the fall.
- ✓ Recruit volunteers for the General Election in November. ✱

Town Clerk-Tax Collector

BY LORRIE PITT, CERTIFIED TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

The Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office is responsible for registering and managing all events and records within the Town of Durham. In 2021, the clerk's

office experienced an increase in online transactions for property taxes, motor vehicle registrations, and dog licenses. While in-person office visits declined in 2021, the clerk's office remained busy processing online, mailed, and

in-person transactions. The clerk's office expects that residents will continue using online payments and plans to develop more online transaction opportunities in 2022.

The next Town Election will be on March 8, 2022. The filing period to apply for an open elected position is from January 20-29, 2022.

2021 Accomplishments:

Elections/Voting.

The clerk's office facilitated the Town Election on March 9, 2021. Durham recorded a strong voter turnout of 1,535 in-person ballots and 92 absentee ballots. In August 2021, the clerk's office helped the Supervisors of the Checklist complete the 2021 Verification of Checklist, also known as the "purge." Please read the Supervisor of the Checklist's annual report for more details on the purge.

Audits/Right-to-

Know. Melanson & Heath, Durham's auditing firm, completed fieldwork for the 2020 town audit the week of April 5, 2021. Town Clerk-Tax Collector Lorrie Pitt assisted auditors with verifying financial reports. The NH-DMV conducted an inventory audit on July 13, 2021.

(L-R): DEPUTY TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR RACHEL DEANE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DONNA HAMEL, TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR LORRIE PITT



The town successfully passed both audits and was deemed compliant.

The clerk's office noticed an uptick in Right-to-Know and First Amendment audit requests in 2021. Town Clerk-Tax Collector Lorrie Pitt responded to inquiries from NH Voter Integ-

rity in April 2021 and August 2021. Political activists visited the clerk's office and recorded the staff with their cell phones while asking questions about town operations. The clerk's office developed protocols to respond to aggressive First Amendment auditors.

Conferences/Training. Town Clerk-Tax Collector Lorrie Pitt and Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector Rachel Deane attended several educational workshops and conferences throughout 2021, including four NHTCA Seacoast Regional workshops (via zoom) in April 2021,

the NHCTCA Annual Conference (in person) in September 2021, and the NHTCA Annual Conference (in person) in October 2021. Topics discussed at the conferences and workshops included First Amendment audits, lessons from the 2020 elections, and legislative updates on

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January 1 Thru December 31, 2021

	2021	2020	2019	2018 & Prior
Uncollected Taxes As Of 01/01/21				
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$869,469.58	\$393.84	\$1,050.00
Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,474.38
Elderly Deferral	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,293.00	\$5,745.00
Tax Credits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes Committed To Collector				
Property Taxes	\$34,858,635.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$1,508.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Tax	\$19,900.00	\$26,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elderly Deferral	\$0.00	\$9,395.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overpayments Made During Year				
Property Taxes	\$101,533.51	\$101,326.01	\$36,122.57	\$552,744.92
Interest	\$6,489.02	\$27,152.29	\$45.80	\$412.46
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$1,101.50	\$57.50	\$0.00
Prepayments	\$1,399.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Debits	\$34,989,465.05	\$1,035,344.38	\$45,912.71	\$561,426.76
Remitted To Treasurer				
Property Taxes	\$34,286,829.21	\$861,886.80	\$360.92	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$1,331.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,474.38
Land Use Change	\$19,900.00	\$26,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Collected	\$6,489.02	\$27,152.29	\$45.80	\$412.46
Conversion to Lien	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$1,101.50	\$57.50	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Abatements Made During Year				
Property Tax	\$7,230.00	\$101,853.37	\$36,122.57	\$552,744.92
Carry-Over	(\$157.71)	\$7,055.42	\$0.00	\$0.00
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-21				
Property Taxes	\$707,651.01	\$0.00	\$32.92	\$1,050.00
Yield Taxes	\$177.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elderly Deferral	\$0.00	\$9,395.00	\$9,293.00	\$5,745.00
Total Credits	\$34,989,465.05	\$1,035,344.38	\$45,912.71	\$561,426.76

Tax Lien Report (January 1 Thru December 31, 2021)

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Balance of Unredeemed Tax	\$0.00	\$132,965.57	\$85,828.87	\$71,003.82
Liens Executed During Year	\$214,405.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs After Lien	\$2,184.20	3,496.99	4,675.23	6,086.11
Total Debits	\$216,589.66	\$136,462.56	\$90,504.10	\$77,089.93
Remitted to Treasurer				
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$106,779.38	\$48,939.62	\$15,289.11	\$9,107.82
Interest and Costs after Liens	\$2,184.20	\$3,496.99	\$4,675.23	\$6,086.11
Abatements Made During Year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality During Year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unredeemed Liens as of 12/31/21	\$107,626.08	\$84,025.95	\$70,539.76	\$61,896.00
Total Credits	\$216,589.66	\$136,462.56	\$90,504.10	\$77,089.93

Revenue Collected (January 1 Thru December 31, 2021)

Auto Registrations	\$1,195,580
Boat Registrations	3,205
Title Applications	2,450
Municipal Agent Fees	22,744
Trans Improvement	27,265
Marriage Licenses	2,250
Vital Statistics Copies	4,325
U.C.C. Recordings/Discharges	1,005
Dog Licenses	9,659
Miscellaneous	1,341
EB2Gov Fee	713
Total	\$1,270,537
Cars Registered	7,074
Dogs Registered	1,161

Water & Sewer (January 1 Thru December 31, 2021)

Uncollected	
Water	\$114,091.24
Sewer	\$135,822.76
Committed To Tax Collector	
1st Warrant	\$574,204.35
2nd Warrant	\$561,178.85
3rd Warrant	\$595,475.52
4th Warrant	\$551,665.13
Water	\$429.89
Sewer	\$124.96
Interest/Penalties	\$2,442.58
Total Debits	\$2,535,435.28
Remitted To Treasurer	
Water	\$1,146,021.16
Sewer	\$1,278,599.90
Interest/Costs	\$7,538.74
Abatements	
Water	\$339.63
Sewer	\$1,278.86
Uncollected Water & Sewer	
Water	\$47,687.96
Sewer	\$53,969.03
Total Credits	\$2,535,435.28

tax/fee collection and election laws.

Referendum Petition. On October 12, 2021, Town Clerk Lorrie Pitt received a referendum petition challenging the Town Council's September 13, 2021 vote to approve a contract to removal of the Mill Pond dam. The clerk's office worked approximately 20 hours outside of normal business hours to verify signatures and voters on the petition to present the certification to the Town Council by October 18, 2021. Section

8.3 (c) of the Durham Charter requires that the referendum be placed before the voters at a special election between 30 and 90 days from verification of 750 required signatures. The clerk's office certified 805 signatures on the referendum petition. The Town Council ultimately rescinded its original decision, so a special election was not needed.

Other Happenings. Paula Bosford of 13 Church Hill Road passed away on June 20, 2021, without any surviving relatives.

Management staff at Frisbee Memorial Hospital informed the clerk's office in August 2021 that NH-RSA 290 required the Town of Durham to take custody of Ms. Bosford's body. To ensure the proper steps were taken to care for Ms. Bosford's body, Town Clerk Lorrie Pitt researched Ms. Bosford's background, and she worked with Kent & Pelczar Funeral Home. Ms. Bosford's cremated remains are currently located at Kent & Pelczar in Newmarket, N.H., until a family member can claim them.

Goals for 2022:

The Top Dog gift basket raffle will resume in 2022. With an increased demand for online services, the clerk's office will offer new options for online transactions such as duplicate registrations, replacement decals, new dog licenses, and allow residents to create a personalized login to view all transactions in one location. The clerk's office will work with its software provider Interware to update the town's online transaction portal. ✨

Tree Warden

BY RICHARD REINE, M.S. ARBORIST NE-7337A

The Town of Durham once again achieved status as a Tree City USA for the 43rd consecutive year. Durham is proud to be recognized as the longest standing Tree City USA municipality in New Hampshire by the Arbor Day Foundation. This award recognizes communities who have developed and continue to invest in a healthy community forestry program with adherence to the four core standards developed by the Arbor Day Foundation and Nation-

al Association of State Foresters.

The town also celebrated Arbor Day on April 30th with the planting of a "Royal Raindrops" Flowering Crabapple (*Malus JFS-KW5*) at a prominent location on Main Street in downtown Durham. This planting is part of the town's Public Shade Tree planting program which also included the planting of an additional five public shade trees in Durham's downtown area. In addition,

Durham Public Works staff provided White Spruce (*Picea glauca*) seedlings obtained from the State of New Hampshire Nursery to Durham residents for replanting at their properties.

The town and its utility partners, including Ever-source Electric, have invested over \$148,352 in standard and enhanced maintenance trimming and planting in addition to \$14,200 expended on hazard tree removals ✨

Zoning Administrator, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement, Health Officer

BY AUDREY CLINE CBO

The Building Department has experienced a decrease in building permits this year, and a slowing of construction timelines due to lack of materials and contractor availability. However, homeowners

continue to make life-changing renovations and additions to their existing homes, often creating spaces that are intended to serve them permanently as they age-in-place rather than venture into the housing

market for a retirement home.

We welcomed the addition to Bagdad Woods, housing for seniors, which will double the available apartments in the complex. The Oyster

River Middle School is weather-tight and applying finish materials and built-in furniture. Harmony Homes by the Bay led the way into the future by creating on-site housing, childcare, and training for a number of its staff.

Development of outside seating for restaurant service for many Main Street establishments continues; initially in response to Covid-19 restrictions. Many people have enjoyed the outside tables and this trend is anticipated to continue.

Code Enforcement has seen a general improvement in the care of properties in placing and removing weekly trash barrels, and several of the larger property owners are finding that they are benefiting from management staff that is focused on daily visits to each parcel. Income from trash violation fines has decrease, and the town is cleaner than ever.

The department continues develop best practices for bringing to light and resolving over-occupancy and residential parking issues and is partnering with the Durham Fire Department to address health complaints in rental housing.

Construction Permits Processed

	2021	2020	2019
Building Permits	227	237	228
Building Permits Denied	10	11	11
Building Permits Withdrawn	2	5	1
Demolition Permits	7	6	7
Building Permits On Hold	0	1	0
Septic Permits/Test Pits	14	17	11
Electric Permits	210	214	198
Plumbing/Mechanical Permits	226	199	189
Total Permits	696	690	645
Value of Building Permits Given	\$12,740,552	\$58,896,498*	\$10,392,692
Fees Collected for all Permits	\$94,968	\$242,594**	\$165,486

* Oyster River Middle School value included

**Oyster River Middle School fee included

Breakdown Of Building Permits

	2021	2020	2019
New Single Family House	5	1	12
New Multi-Family Units	1	41	3
Additions, Renovations	183	207	192
Commercial (New & Renovations)	26	11	19
Demolition			
Single Family Home	1	0	1
Commercial Building	1	0	0
Other	5	6	6
Hold/Renewals	1	6	2
Swimming Pools	2	8	1
Other Permits			
Signs	12	10	6
Sidewalk Cafes	8	3	5
Totals all Permits	245	293	247

Progress has also been made in actuating installation of fire protection systems through the local sprinkler ordinance in certain housing types. Investors in the student rental housing market are understanding the benefits of property and life safety upgrades.

As the Zoning Administrator, the CEO works

with applicants preparing documents for appeals, variances, and special exceptions from the Zoning Ordinance. Sometimes the process can be complicated, with several types of relief necessary. The Zoning Administrator endeavors to assist applicants toward understanding of the documents and protocols when

approaching the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Durham’s inspectors, Mr. Richard Kearney, mechanical/plumbing inspector and Mr. Tom Richardson, electrical inspector, continue to bring expertise to their respective fields. And we all rely on Ms. Karen Edwards, our Land Use Administrative Assistant,

who continues to field all manners of questions at the front desk and effortlessly juggles requests from the three Land Use Departments, as well as scheduling all building department appointments and inspections. I am proud of the dedication these three people bring to their positions and to serving the citizens of Durham.*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

BY CHRISTIAN STERNDALE, CHAIR

Members: Mark Morong, Secretary; Neil Niman, Leslie Schwartz, alternate; Christian Sterndale, Chair; Alex Talcott, Micah Warnock, Vice Chair

Former Members: Joan Lawson, Thomas Toyé

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met 10 times in 2021, having received 22 applications for relief from the Zoning Ordinance or from Administrative Decisions. Outcomes are detailed in the table below.

There were two decisions regarding the same property and project generated appeals to the Strafford County Superior Court. These were uncommon “Appeals of Administrative Decisions,” where the Zoning Board heard ap-

peals on interpretations made by the Planning Board. Both involved a parking plan in the Church Hill zoning district, and one case is still pending.

We are thankful for the service of departing members Joan Lawson and Thomas Toyé, and welcomed new members Alex Talcott and Neil Niman, along with alternate Leslie Schwartz. We also note with sadness the 2021 passing of our past Chairman, Sean Star-

key. At year end there are two vacant alternate positions and residents with an interest are encouraged to apply to the Town Council or inquire with any member of the board.*

2021 ZBA Applications

	Requested	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn	Postponed
Variance	8	6	2	0	0
Special Exception	6	6	0	0	0
Administrative Appeal	3	1	2	0	0
Equitable Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Rehearing Request	5	1	4	0	0
Request for Extension on Approved Variance or Special Exception	0	0	0	0	0

PUBLIC SAFETY



Fire Department

BY DAVID EMANUEL, CHIEF

The Durham Fire Department is a group of dedicated professionals who strive to improve the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of Durham along with students, faculty, and staff of the University of New Hampshire. The department is jointly funded (50%-50%) by the town and university and focuses its efforts on fire prevention, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), rescue, and fire suppression. Fire prevention and risk reduction efforts are achieved through life safety inspections and educational programs offered to residents, local businesses, and schools.

2021 has been another challenging year and fire department members found themselves once again meeting new challenges. Due to an extended shift vacancy, as well as vacancies created as a result of department member illnesses, injuries, and family leave, the department experienced a significant unanticipated expenditure of overtime which was necessary to ensure that the department remained fully staffed and prepared for EMS and fire suppression response. This heavy workload has taken a toll on the staff of the department.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Staff ensured that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies were procured and stocked, and that department policies and procedures remained aligned with the best management practices of the State of NH and CDC guidelines.
- ✓ Members worked over 1,140 hours at eleven (11) COVID-19 vaccination clinics around the State as vaccinators or in support positions. The Fire Department submitted, and received, reimbursement in the amount of \$72,425 to cover the cost of staffing the clinics.
- ✓ Department members collaborated to transition the department's Record Management System (RMS) from legacy Firehouse Software to ESO Solutions. The investment required hundreds of staff hours to prepare, train for, and execute the migration.
- ✓ Brendan O'Sullivan was promoted to Fire Marshal of the Fire Prevention Bureau.
- ✓ Probationary Firefighter Robert Rosselli was hired in September 2021 to fill the firefighter vacancy created by Fire Marshal O'Sullivan's promotion.
- ✓ Aimee Rouillard-Routhier was hired as a full-time secretary to support the Fire Prevention Bureau.

- ✓ Department members invested in training and professional development in the fields of EMS, human resources, and leadership, as well as several certification-level courses.
- ✓ Members participated in individual DISC assessments with the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) to improve member's understanding of individual communication styles, strengths, weaknesses, and how to compensate for each and collaborate most effectively for the department.
- ✓ Members worked to purchase a new

medic vehicle and a new staff vehicle as approved in the Capital Improvements Program and encountered unforeseen delays due to supply chain disruptions related to the pandemic.

- ✓ A Plymovent Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System was installed in the fire station to improve the health and safety of staff by reducing diesel exhaust carcinogens in the station.
- ✓ A collective bargaining agreement was ratified with the Durham Professional Firefighter's Association, IAFF Local 2253, which will

be in effect through December 31, 2025.

- ✓ A crew chief position was established to provide firefighters an opportunity for officer development training and experience, as well as succession planning for the department.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Advance the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) project with Strafford County, law enforcement partners, and vendors while pursuing federal funding opportunities.
- ✓ Complete the fire station space renovation project with the ultimate station goal

being a permanent solution with plans for a new building as outlined in the Town Council goals.

- ✓ Review department training and inspection programs to determine additional staff time required to prioritize funding requests with needs of the community.

Members of the Durham Fire Department would like to express their appreciation to the town and university communities for their ongoing and unwavering support of the Fire Department.*

(L-R): FIRE MARSHAL BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN, CPT GARY KUSTRA, WILL LENHARTH, FORMER CHIEF RON O'KEEFE, WES SMITH (ADJUSTING MASK), PETE LEAVITT, PHIL BEAUDOIN, DAVE BLATCHFORD, FORMER CHIEF BOB WOOD, CPT JIM BROWN, RUSS SMITH, CPT NATE KATZ, JESSICA PLANTE, CPT JASON BEST, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF RANDALL TRULL, TOM RICHARDSON, EVAN CRAFTS, ARTIE BOUTIN, ADMIN. ASSISTANT KELLEY FOWLER, MATT WILDER, SECRETARY AIMEE ROUILLARD-ROUTHIER, WARREN KADDEN, FIRE CHIEF DAVID EMANUEL.



2021 Fire Department Incident Reporting

Incident #	Incident Type	Responses	%	Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received
100	Fire	61	3	32	0
	Building fire	25		21	0
	Cooking fire, confined to container	6		0	0
	Forest, woods, natural vegetation, wildland fire, brush	17		5	0
	Other	13		6	0
300	Rescue/EMS Incident	1221	53	7	8
	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1102		2	7
	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	28		4	1
	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	37		0	0
	Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	27		0	0
	Other	27		1	0
400	Hazardous Condition	56	2	0	1
	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	4		0	0
	Carbon monoxide incident	15		0	0
	Tree on wires (arcing), communication line down	14		0	0
	Other	23		0	1
500	Service Call, Other	167	7	4	1
	Check detector	34		0	0
	Odor investigation	23		0	1
	Lock-out	21		0	0
	Other	89		4	0
600	Good Intent Call, Other	94	4	17	0
	Dispatched & cancelled en-route	64		17	0
	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	10		0	0
	Other	20		0	0
700	False Alarm or False Call	700	30	5	3
	Trouble signal due to malfunction	239		0	0
	Smoke detector/alarm system activation	104		2	2
	Other	357		3	1
800	Severe Weather or Natural Disaster	20	1	0	0
Total Incidents		2319	100	65	13

2020 Fire Department Inspections

Inspection Type	Inspections Performed
Complaints and referrals	8
Plan review and consults (site, fire alarm & bldg)	30
Heating appliances	21
Life safety	182
Assembly (UNH assembly permits issued by Durham Fire)	31
Assembly (town wide, issued by Durham Fire)	32
Housing standards inspections	50
Total	354

Forest Fire Warden

BY DAVID EMANUEL, FIRE CHIEF

The Durham Fire Department participates in the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands online electronic permitting process to best serve Durham residents. 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 may be obtained by visiting <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/> or by scanning the QR code at the end of this report.

During 2021 there were approximately 300 burn permits issued to Durham residents, approximately 20% were seasonal permits and 80% were daily burn permits.

Many homes in Durham are located within the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. 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. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Additional information and recommendations are available at www.firewise.org.

Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. The Fire Department asks 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!" For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, online at www.nhdfl.org. For up-to-date information, follow DFL on Twitter: @NHForestRangers. Thank you for helping the Fire Department to protect Durham's Forest resources.*



McGregor Memorial EMS

BY CHRIS LEMELIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2021 was an exceptional year for McGregor as it continues to adapt to the many changes created by the coronavirus pandemic. The summer and fall have been the busiest on record. McGregor's experience has also mirrored what is being seen by EMS agencies and hospitals throughout the region, with patients who are often sicker and need higher levels of care.

A silver lining to McGregor's use of an emergency substation located in Putnam Hall has been the immediate availability of its third (reserve) ambulance. Coupled with the dedication of volunteers, McGregor was able to respond to a third simultaneous request for an ambulance greater than 79% of the time. McGregor believes that Durham residents continue to enjoy the

highest ambulance availability of any seacoast community (99% availability overall.)

McGregor volunteers and staff were a significant part of the effort to distribute COVID vaccines in Durham and throughout the region. Locally, they helped to staff dozens of clinics, filling almost every role from administering vaccines, providing medical oversight, medical monitoring, and data entry. It is no exaggeration to say that McGregor personnel were an

integral part of the teams that administered tens of thousands of doses of vaccine in well over 3,164 hours spent at clinics. This was in addition to 33,915 hours of scheduled volunteer time covering the ambulance.

McGregor is grateful for its volunteers, but there is still a need and desire for additional community involvement. All members of the Durham community can save a life, and are encouraged to become involved in one of the following ways:

- Take a First Aid, CPR, or Stop the Bleed Course. Class information is available at www.CPRSafe.org. Please contact us if finances are a barrier to attendance.
- Volunteer as an EMT. Take an EMT course locally. Non-medical volunteer opportunities also remain available. To learn more, visit www.McGregorEMS.org/volunteer

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Responded to 2,331 calls in 2021 (this compares with 1,765 and 2,161 calls in 2020 and 2019 respectively).
- ✓ Trained 11 new Advanced EMTs. Hired 3 new Paramedics.
- ✓ Recruited and trained 16 new volunteers in 2021.
- ✓ Staffed a multitude of vaccination clinics within the Oyster River Community and beyond (3,164 documented hours).
- ✓ Achieved a 100% COVID-19 vaccination rate of our EMTs and Paramedics
- ✓ McGregor’s volunteers were collectively chosen from among 30+ nominees to be awarded

the top 2021 Spirit of NH Award for their service throughout the pandemic

- ✓ Implemented regular scenario-based competency checks for advanced life support providers.
- ✓ Conducted quality assurance reviews on all high acuity calls.
- ✓ We are in the final stages of implementing an innovative Mobile Integrated Health program in partnership with Wentworth Douglass Hospital designed to increase population health and reduce hospital admissions.
- ✓ Continued to defray the financial impact of the pandemic by applying for aid programs, including

the second payroll protection program, FEMA emergency disaster funding, and Traunch 4 of the Provider Relief Fund.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Maintain high levels of volunteer engagement and dedication.
- ✓ Work with the university to facilitate our move back to the College Road station. Work with the university, towns, and other stakeholders to address McGregor’s future station needs.
- ✓ Review paramedic pay rates and benefits against regional averages and update as needed. Continue efforts to recruit and hire high-quality paramedic staff.

- ✓ Carefully manage the organization’s finances in the face of decreasing insurance reimbursement and increased overhead costs resulting from the pandemic.
- ✓ Continue to investigate and seek out new funding sources to mitigate the impact of an increasingly challenging economic environment.
- ✓ Continue regular scenario-based competency checks for advanced providers.
- ✓ Continue to develop plans in cooperation with partner agencies to respond to Active Shooter/Hostile Event incidents.*

MCGREGOR PERSONNEL PREPARING AT A COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC FOR THE OYSTER RIVER COMMUNITIES. Courtesy McGregor EMS



Police Department

BY RENE KELLEY, CHIEF

I am pleased and proud to acknowledge that this is my second annual report that I have completed during my tenure as your police chief.

The Durham Police Department continues to focus on providing professional services in a cost-efficient manner with a guardian philosophy of policing. While 2021 was an exceedingly difficult time for all citizens, I am extremely proud of every member of this organization who met the needs of this community in a professional and courteous manner.

During 2021, Master Patrol Officer Holly Malasky retired from the department after a successful 22-year career. Holly has since relocated to Florida where she and her daughter, Quinn, are enjoying their time in the sunshine state. Officer McKayla Fowler was hired to fill the vacancy created by Holly's retirement. McKayla came to the department already certified and after her field training was assigned to an evening patrol shift. Officer Max Castricone left the department during the summer to accept a position with the Manchester Police Department. As of this writing the department

has three vacancies that it is working hard to fill.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ **Improved upon the delivery of police services while remaining under budget.** The department was successful in this endeavor having realized a decrease in calls for service while self-initiated, proactive enforcement of those quality of life issues such as noise and disorderly behavior were a priority.
- ✓ **Successfully maintained Law Enforcement Accreditation.** In March the department went through an exhaustive inspection by two highly respected Police Administrators. The inspection included a thorough review of

all policies and procedures, documented proof of adherence of policy, and interviews with community leaders and staff. I am pleased to report that we were once again awarded accredited status with merit. The Durham Police are one of only eleven departments, of its size, in the country to receive this distinction.

- ✓ **Maintained designation as one of the safest college towns in the country.** In 2020, the Town of Durham was named the sixth safest college town in the country. In 2021 the department moved up four positions and was named the second safest college town in America! Next year we are aiming for number one!

(L-R): DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID HOLMSTOCK, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DAWN MITCHELL, CHIEF RENE KELLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JENNIFER JOHNSON, CAPTAIN JACK DALTON



Thank you to the entire Durham Police Department for their commitment to this community and the countless contributions they have made over this past year. The department looks forward to working together in providing the level of service that the Durham community has come to expect from its' police department. *

PUBLIC WORKS



Director of Public Works

BY RICHARD REINE, M.S.C.E, CA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

As the 2021 calendar year comes to a close, I can report with great pride that the professionals at Durham Public Works once again rose to the occasion in providing uninterrupted essential services to the public in the midst of the ongoing pandemic. Each and every public works team member worked tirelessly on behalf of the Durham residents, businesses, and institutions to maintain all of the complex public infrastructure systems and programs.

Even as the pandemic evolves, the Durham Pub-

lic Works team continues to provide, among other services, safe and reliable drinking water and fire protection, wastewater collection and treatment, stormwater management, solid waste and recycling collection and disposal, facilities management, administrative services, engineering design, permitting, technical review, regulatory compliance and inspection, grounds maintenance, fleet management, multi-modal transportation improvements and year round, 24/7 emergency response. The department's achievements

over the last 12 months are even more notable given many of these efforts were completed with several vacancies in critical positions within the department due to the ongoing challenges associated with the nationwide shortage of skilled labor.

The Durham Public Works staff is energized by the ongoing support demonstrated by the community and town officials for the public works team. This includes the countless expressions of appreciation through letters, emails, and phone calls received in addition to providing the necessary financial resources to accomplish our critical public works mission. The department is also bolstered and

thankful for the work performed by the many volunteers assisting Durham Public Works in maintaining the Town of Durham's public grounds and facilities.

Notwithstanding the challenges encountered throughout the year, the public works team was able to excel in the completion of many critical projects and programs as listed below.

I am greatly appreciative of the Durham Public Works team members' ongoing dedication to the success of the department and the confidence placed in Durham Public Works by the community.

It is a privilege to serve the Durham community

and the members of the Department of Public Works look forward to continued service excellence in 2022.

2021 Accomplishments:

✓ Completed design, permitting, and construction of the 43-car municipal surface parking lot and pocket park located at 66 Main Street (formerly the ATO property). This property was acquired in 2021 from the University of New Hampshire. The project was completed entirely by public works staff and over a period of 3 months transformed an unused and unsightly parcel in Durham's

downtown to a convenient and attractive centrally located parking lot and public gathering area.

- ✓ Completed the 2021 Road Program with the reclaim and paving of approximately 1.4 miles of roadway, including Sullivan Falls Road, Mathes Cove Road, a section of Foss Farm Road, Kelsey Drive, and Tall Pines Road. Durham Public Works also finalized the implementation of a town-wide pavement and sidewalk management system using the StreetScan and Street Logix data and software platform.
- ✓ Began the implementation of the town's GIS program with the

hiring of a GIS Program Administrator and using the ArcGIS Online platform, initiated several GIS based applications to increase departmental efficiencies, while enhancing record keeping, and infrastructure planning and maintenance efforts.

- ✓ Developed the 2022 paving and sidewalk program which will provide roadway paving to over 1.5 miles of roadway, including Back River Road, Mast Road, Pendexter Road, Timberbrook Lane, Wednesday Hill Road with a targeted milling and patching program on Wiswall Road.
- ✓ Developed planned implementation of

the proposed 2022 sidewalk replacement program which will improve sections of concrete sidewalks located on Dover and Newmarket Road between School House Lane and 12 Dover Road and Bayview Road to Park Court.

- ✓ Received over \$1.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and prioritized design, permitting, and construction of several water, wastewater, and stormwater improvement projects and included within the FY 2022 capital plan.
- ✓ Completed the paving and reconstruction of the bituminous asphalt section of sidewalk located on Route 108 between Old Piscataqua Road and the Old Court House and sidewalks within Old Landing. Managed the Riverwoods sidewalk extension project located between Stone Quarry Drive and Old Piscataqua Road.
- ✓ Begin the design and permitting process to be completed in 2022 for the shoreline, trail, and bridge improvements at Wagon Hill Farm

L-R: ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK SHANNON SHAW, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JANICE RICHARD, GIS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR STEVE LUTTERMAN, ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SAM HEWITT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD REINE, TOWN ENGINEER APRIL TALON



using grant funding received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and New Hampshire Moose Plate program.

- ✓ On September 2021, Durham Public Works submitted the NPDES MS4 Stormwater Year 3 Annual Report as required by the town's federally issued EPA permit. The public is encouraged to review the town's stormwater management plan and associated documents at <https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/publicworks/stormwater>. Comments about Durham's stormwater program can be sent to ATalon@ci.durham.nh.us. Year 4 activities will continue to be completed within the 2022 fiscal year.
- ✓ Advanced the design and permitting of the wastewater treatment plant odor control

project for the sludge handling building scheduled for bidding and award in early 2022 followed by construction.

- ✓ Awarded the contract for preliminary design and a permitting feasibility study to Horizon Engineering for the Ross Road at Ellison Brook culvert replacement/rehabilitation project with final design, permitting, and construction tentatively planned for 2022.
- ✓ Awarded the Madbury Road Improvement Project contract to VHB engineers and began the design process which will provide improvements to water, sewer, stormwater, roadway, sidewalk, streetscape, traffic calming, and multi-modal transportation within the Madbury Road corridor between Main Street

and Pendexter Road.

- ✓ Awarded a preliminary design and permitting contract to GM2 Engineers for the Oyster River culvert at Mill Road which is a current "Municipal Red List" structure and began the design process. Final design, permitting, and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2022.
- ✓ Worked with NHDOT and SUR Construction to implement improvements to the Route 4/Route 108 West bound exit ramp upgrades, including traffic signalization, a pedestrian crossing, and roadway improvements.
- ✓ Awarded a preliminary design contract to Underwood Engineers for the Emerson Road watermain replacement/roadway and sidewalk

rehabilitation project located between Madbury Road and the northern entrance of Littlehale Road. Final design tentatively scheduled to begin in 2022.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Working with The NHDES and Underwood Engineers, the Lee Circle water line extension and UNH watermain distribution projects were awarded to DeFelice Construction. Durham Public Works, along with Underwood Engineers, continues to manage the Lee waterline extension project which will provide approximately 8,500' of water line extending from the Lee Well site to the Lee Traffic circle to accommodate initially 12 customers impacted by on-site MtBE well contamination. Construction is scheduled to be completed during 2022. ✱

Engineering Division

BY APRIL TALON P.E., TOWN ENGINEER

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works is responsible for managing the town's infrastructure including water, sewer, stormwater, bridges, roads, and dams.

The following are highlights of projects completed or ongoing in 2021 and those coming for 2022:

Integrated Watershed Planning/Grants/Stormwater

- ✓ EPA Stormwater MS4 Permit Compliance Year 3 and Year 4 - Annual Program Ongoing
- ✓ Community Oyster Garden at Old Landing Park - Ongoing
- ✓ Seacoast Stormwater Coalition – Ongoing
- ✓ Great Bay Pollution Tracking and Accounting Pilot Project - Ongoing
- ✓ 319 Grant Project - Permeable Reactive Barriers (PRB) – 2021/2022

Water Projects

- ✓ Madbury Road Water Main Replacement - Design 2021

- ✓ Emerson Road Water Main Replacement, Sidewalk and Road Reconstruction – Design 2021
- ✓ Wiswall Dam Spillway Stability and Rock Anchors - Design 2021
- ✓ Mill Pond Dam, Letter of Deficiency (LOD) - Ongoing
- ✓ Mill Pond Dam Feasibility Study – Ongoing
- ✓ Monthly Water Meter Reading and Quarterly Billing – Annual Program Ongoing
- ✓ Cross Connection Control Program/ Backflow Prevention – Annual Program Ongoing
- ✓ Upgrade to the Technology Drive PRV/Booster Station – 2021/2022
- ✓ Lee Well Improvements – 2021/2022
- ✓ Lee Waterline Extension to MtBE contaminated properties at the Lee Traffic Circle – 2021/2022

Wastewater Projects

- ✓ WWTP 2020 Facilities Plan Update – Complete

- ✓ WWTP Step Screen Overhaul – 2021/2022
- ✓ WWTP Odor Control Study – Design 2021/Construction 2022
- ✓ Primary Clarifier Upgrade – Design 2022
- ✓ Secondary Clarifier Upgrade - Design 2022
- ✓ Sewer Use Ordinance Update – 2022/2023
- ✓ EPA Great Bay General Nitrogen Permit Compliance – Annual Program Ongoing
- ✓ Culvert Rehabilitation, Madbury Road @ Pettee Brook – 2022
- ✓ 2021 Road Program – Complete
- ✓ 2022 Road Program – Coming for 2022
- ✓ Mill Road Culvert Over Oyster River – Design 2021/Construction 2022
- ✓ Madbury Road Reconstruction Project – Design 2021/2022

Road/Bridge/Culvert Projects

- ✓ Oyster River Pedestrian Bridge Orchard Lane – Complete 2021
- ✓ Culvert Rehabilitation, Ross Road - 2022
- ✓ Culvert Rehabilitation, Edgewood Road @ Littlehale Creek – 2022
- ✓ Culvert Rehabilitation, Edgewood Road @ Pettee Brook – 2022
- ✓ Culvert Rehabilitation, Madbury Road @ Littlehale Creek – 2022

As always it has been a very busy year for permitting with 24 driveway permits and 10 excavation permits. It has been a pleasure serving the Town of Durham this year and I am looking forward to what 2022 holds! *

GIS Program Administrator

BY STEVE LUTTERMAN, ADMINISTRATOR

It has been a very busy first three months for the town's Geographic Information System (GIS) program and my role as its first GIS Program Administrator. A number of projects have been completed thus far, and more projects are in store for 2022.

Workflow is being improved and monitored using ESRI's ArcGIS Online platform by incorporating spatial data in several areas and began the process of incorporating new

tools for asset management. The GIS program is coordinating with CAI Technology in updating the town's parcel data. Looking forward to 2022, a host of new tools are in works for both internal and public use. Keep an eye open for the town's new web map planned to be released in early 2022.

The mission of Durham's GIS program is to provide maps, applications, geographic data, and spatial analysis for

the town's departments, boards, committees, and the greater community. By using geographic tools to interpret information and reveal insights, such as patterns and relationships, decision makers are better equipped to address issues arising in Durham.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Updated the Durham Public Works Ticketing System from a pen and paper system to a mobile app-based solution, which allows projects to be tracked in real time.
- ✓ Provided a digital

solution to track data from the town's brush and leaf collection, street sweeping, and snow removal services.

- ✓ Coordinated with CAI Technology in the development of new town parcel data and tax map updates.
- ✓ Continued to develop infrastructure mapping and data bases for critical and systems including water, sewer, and stormwater.
- ✓ A new public viewer and town web map is coming soon in early 2022. *

Operations Division

BY SAMUEL HEWITT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

and
BY SHANE BICKFORD, OPERATIONS MANAGER

Despite numerous operational challenges in 2021, including supply chain constraints and staffing shortages, the Durham Public Works Department continued to provide uninterrupted services to the residents and stakeholders of Durham while completing several high-value projects. A mild winter and

active spring resulted in numerous emergency responses for both mixed precipitation and high wind events. Several measures were taken to mitigate against potential COVID-19 exposure of critical staff members. This included the modification of curbside spring bulky pick-up where residents were

invited to bring their bulky waste material to the Transfer Station at no charge.

2021 Accomplishments

- ✓ Rehabilitated the 1.1-acre parcel at 66 Main Street. Improvements included the installation of a 43-car parking lot, a stormwater detention pond, a 16-step staircase, and a pocket park and public gather space facing Main Street.
- ✓ Collected brush and leaves during the

curbside fall Brush/Leaf Collection Program.

- ✓ Completed the first-annual Roadway Crack Sealing Program. This pavement preservation technique was applied to Mill Road, Packers Falls Road, Bennett Road, and several municipal parking lots.
- ✓ Continued the Roadside Mowing Program with a focus on intersection sight lines and roadway vegetation encroachment.

- ✓ Painted 30 miles of center and edge pavement markings across town. Crosswalk and symbol painting were also completed.
- ✓ Completed renovations of the multi-purpose room in the Old Town Hall/Courthouse, including a new maple hardwood floor and a fresh coat of paint.
- ✓ Completed a major renovation of the HVAC system on the second floor of the Old Town Hall/Courthouse. The split AC/Heating system was replaced with a combination unit that will provide increased efficiency and dehumidification. The facility's electrical panel was also upgraded.
- ✓ Continued to provide scheduled, preventative, and unscheduled repairs to the majority of town-owned vehicles, including 26 NH State Inspections.
- ✓ Provided year-round maintenance within all town-owned parks, property, and buildings.
- ✓ Coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department on several special events, as well as the operation of Churchill Rink.
- ✓ Responded to 17 winter weather events, providing snow and ice control for 120 lane miles of roadway and 15 miles of sidewalk.
- ✓ Coordinated with the Oyster River Cooperative School District and Durham Police Department relative to setting up and breaking down 6 COVID-19 vaccination events.
- ✓ Constructed a 5-car gravel parking lot at the end of Orchard Drive to accommodate visitors for the Foss Farm Trail Network.
- ✓ Constructed an 8-car gravel parking lot at the end of Longmarsh Road to accommodate visitors to the Longmarsh Farm/Sweet Trail Network.
- ✓ Planted 6 public shade trees in the Downtown Corridor.
- ✓ Accepted delivery of a new 2021 Bandit woodchipper for routine and emergency tree maintenance and removal.
- ✓ Consistent with the Town's EPA issued NPDES MS4 Stormwater Permit requirements, the Public Works Department cleaned 182 catch basins and swept the gutter lines of all town roadways.
- ✓ Successfully recruited and hired Nick Bennion and Tom Macaione, the new public works' Facilities and Grounds Supervisor and Traffic Control Specialist, respectively.
- ✓ Removed and replaced over 100 feet of culvert drainage pipe along roadways targeted in the Road Program.
- ✓ Working with project abutters and through the generous donations of Dr. Andrew Rutter and Dr. Jason and Megan Lenk, removed and reconstructed a 30' pedestrian bridge crossing the Pettee Brook adjacent to the Pettee Brook parking lot and Mathes Terrace.
- ✓ Excavated and repaired a failed

LR: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD REINE, ALAN CLEMENT, THOMAS MACAIONE, SAM HEWITT, MIKE MCCRILLIS, NICK BENNION, BJ AUSTIN, DANA SMITH, STEVE BICKFORD, DWIGHT RICHARD



section of sewer pipe beneath the foundation of the Durham Town Hall.

- ✓ Upgraded the fire and security alarm

communication systems in all town facilities to a digital, IP-based system to provide redundancy and increased

emergency response times.

- ✓ Became a member of the Dig Safe® System, Inc. This pro-

gram allows public works to be notified of excavations in town so its underground utilities can be properly marked. ✱

Solid Waste Division

BY SAMUEL HEWITT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

and
BY SHANE BICKFORD, OPERATIONS MANAGER

A significant rebound in the commodity market for recyclable materials allowed Durham to receive increased recycling revenues in 2021 due to the strategic inclusion of a revenue share agreement negotiated by the town and contained within the solid waste and recycling disposal and processing contract with Waste Management Incorporated.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Continued to provide daily curbside collection of solid waste and recycling for 950 residential customers and 32 commercial recycling customers.
- ✓ Disposed of and sorted scrap metal from 130 tons of bulky waste brought to the Transfer Sta-

tion during spring clean-up.

- ✓ Continued to provide options for the recycling of individual revenue-generating commodities through the Transfer Station, including corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, CPU's, batteries, and scrap metal.

- ✓ Revised and distributed the annual solid waste and recycling information newsletter.

- ✓ Continued to evaluate options/methods for disposal and recycling programs to increase efficiencies, reduce cost, improve employee safety, and promote environmental sustainability.

- ✓ Maintained employee NHDES Solid Waste Certifications through required training programs.

- ✓ Worked with the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee to further promote recycling and the diversion of municipal solid waste from landfills.

- ✓ Successfully recruited and hired Tom Brannan, a new public works Recycling and Solid Waste Collection Equipment Operator. ✱

Solid Waste Division Statistics are on next page.

L-R: TOM BRANNAN, SPENCER DELAND, JOHN PAGE



Solid Waste Division Statistics 2021

Tons Of Material Marketed

Recyclable Material:

Mixed Paper - Route	176.3
Mixed Paper - Transfer Station	101.57
Cardboard	84.6
Scrap Metal	113.45
Car Batteries	2.49
Single Stream - Route	54.08
Single Stream - Commercial	36.05
Commingled Containers - Transfer Station	79.75
Commingled Containers - Route	171.01
Aluminum Cans	3.32

Total 822.62

Recycling Revenue	\$31,844.75
Tip Fee Avoidance	\$63,341.74

Other Material Recycled:

Car Tires	5.74
Waste Oil - gallons	1330
Antifreeze - gallons	55
Leaves	35
Electronics	5.02
Propane Tanks - individual	237
Fire Extinguishers	42
Air Conditioners	203
Refrigerators	133
Compost (tons) - Transfer Station	29.36

Materials Disposed:

MSW - Curbside	1146.83
MSW - Transfer Station	493.03
Bulky Waste	277.74
Construction and Demolition	59.18
Electronic Stickers Sold	630

Wastewater Division

BY DANIEL PETERSON, WASTEWATER DIVISION
SUPERINTENDENT

and
BY DAN "MAX" DRISCOLL, WASTEWATER DIVISION
CHIEF OPERATOR

2021 Accomplishments:

A contract was awarded to Wright-Pierce Engineering to undertake design and permitting for construction of wastewater facility odor control system for the solids handling building and the solids holding tanks. These improvements will target nuisance odors and offsite excursion emanating from the treatment facility, in addition to improving workplace safety with

regard to interior air quality improvements. This first phase of this project, which includes the sludge handling building, is planned to be completed in early 2023.

Consistent with the wastewater treatment plant facilities plan, several major component upgrades have been included within the 2022 proposed annual capital budget. Improvements include rehabilitation to

the primary clarifiers, four aeration tanks, two secondary clarifiers, pipe gallery, and other facility structures, which are approaching and exceeding 20 years of service. These upgrades will ensure continued reliable treatment operations.

In an effort to increase wastewater collection and treatment system efficiencies while decreasing electrical demands and improving performance, new HVAC heat pumps have been installed at the treatment plants' chemical building and at the Dover Road main sewage pumping station. These improvements were included as

recommendations from the wastewater facilities energy audit that was completed in December 2018. These new HVAC units are replacing the existing electric heating units at both locations. Additional benefits of the HVAC unit at the chemical building includes the option for cooling, which keeps the chemicals at a stable temperature and protects temperature sensitive monitors and analyzers. The HVAC unit at the main sewage pumping station will also protect critical monitoring and sewage pumping controls.

The Old Concord Road sewage pump station has been upgraded,

in coordination with instrument and SCADA provider, Wilson Controls. These improvements include real time data from the pumping station to the treatment facility. All alarms, flow data, and daily operations of the pumping systems are now viewable through the facilities SCADA system.

To support the Madbury Road Improvement Project, preliminary inspection work began in November on the sewer collection system on Madbury Road and Madbury Court. Edgewood Road from Madbury Road to the sewer interceptor is also planned to take place in 2021 in advance of a major sewer rehabilitation/relining of this older clay pipe as part of a separate project. These sewage lines are some of the oldest lines in the town dating back to the 1940's. These upgrades will reduce any unwanted water infiltration into the sewage collection system as well as trouble free longevity of the system.

This past year many staff changes have taken place due to retirements and resignations. Maintenance mechanic Christopher Couch moved on to pursue other endeavors

Wastewater Division Statistics

Permit Parameters	2021 Avg.	2020 Avg.	2019 Avg.
Effluent Flow (MGD)	0.78	0.71	0.88
Influent Flow (MGD)	0.82	0.73	0.91
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	1.0	1.8	3.8
% TSS Removal min. 85%	99.6	99.1	98.5
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	4.6	5.2	7.0
% BOD Removal min. 85%	97.6	97.0	96.7
Total Effluent Flow (MG)	284	259	320
Total Influent Flow (MG)	300	266	332
Total Septage Received (Gal.)	334,400	289,850	52,952

MGD.....Million Gallons per Day
 TSS.....Total Suspended Solids
 BOD.....Biochemical Oxygen Demand

MG/L.....Milligrams per Liter
 MG.....Million Gallons
 Gal.....Gallons

in Florida. We also say goodbye with mixed emotions to longtime operator Lloyd Gifford who has chosen to retire after serving an esteemed thirty-two years with the town. Lloyd will be greatly missed by all the staff. We are excited with the arrival of recent

staff hires Christopher Goodwin as maintenance mechanic and Chad Pierce as operator to fill these critical roles. These two new operators come with highly qualified operator skills and will be an asset to the treatment facility and the town.

As always, the staff continues to look forward to serving the citizens of the Town of Durham in the coming year and making the best quality treated discharge into the Oyster River and Great Bay. *

L-R: LLOYD GIFFORD, DAN PETERSON, DANIEL (MAX) DRISCOLL, MEREDITH HOYT, CHRIS GOODWIN, CHAD PIERCE



Water Treatment and Distribution Division

BY SAMUEL HEWITT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
and
BY DWIGHT RICHARD, CHIEF WATER OPERATOR



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CHIEF WATER OPERATOR

Water demand increased in 2021 as the University of New Hampshire transitioned back to normal operations following the initial impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Durham Public Works Water Division crews continued to provide safe and reliable drinking water to 1350 customers while maintaining the Town's treatment system and water distribution piping network.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Conducted routine in-person inspections and remote SCADA system checks of all town-owned water facilities to ensure quality and compliance were continuously achieved.
- ✓ Managed water production at the Lee

Well production and treatment facility and coordinated the finish water introduction into the distribution system.

- ✓ Ensured regulatory compliance sampling for total coliform, lead, copper, VOC's, SOC's, PFAS, and disinfection by-products as required by the town's permits issued by the EPA and NHDES.
- ✓ Coordinated water production needs with the UNH Facilities Department and Water Treatment Plant personnel to meet system demands for the UNH/Durham water system.
- ✓ Completed monthly water meter readings and coordinated with the quarterly water billing for 1350 customers.
- ✓ Coordinated all water system maintenance requirements with UNH. Water/Facilities Department, including the semi-annual uni-directional flushing program of water main lines and gate valve exercising.
- ✓ Repaired three hydrants and responded to and repaired three water main breaks.
- ✓ Repaired or replaced 75 water meters.
- ✓ Maintained employee NHDES Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution Licenses through required training programs.
- ✓ Located and marked water utilities at 250 excavation sites through the Dig Safe® Program. *

TOWN SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire

BY ABBY SPRACKLAND, GRANTS MANAGER

The Mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire (BBBSNH) is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. The agency's vision is that all youth have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Our program is free of cost to youth and their families thanks to the generosity of grants, corporations, donors, volunteers and town support, such as, the Town of Durham. BBBSNH greatly values the generous contribution from the Town of Durham.

2021 Accomplishments

- ✓ Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire (BBBSNH) served six youth from the Town of Durham in mentoring matches. In addition, six volunteers from the town generously dedicated their time to mentoring youth in Durham and surrounding communities.
- ✓ Thanks to partnerships with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and other local schools, many students, staff, and faculty are recruited

MEET CAM. CAM RELOCATED TO NEW HAMPSHIRE AT THE BEGINNING OF HIGH SCHOOL AFTER A ROUGH YEAR OF MONUMENTAL LOSSES. HIS MOM KNEW HE NEEDED A FRIEND SO REACHED OUT TO BBBSNH. BIG BROTHER ADAM IS THERE FOR HIM TO TALK TO AND IS IMPRESSED BY ALL THAT CAM HAS TAUGHT HIM TOO. "HE TELLS ME STUFF IT TOOK ME 30 YEARS TO LEARN. IT'S SUPER REWARDING FOR ME TO GET TO KNOW THIS YOUNG MAN."



to provide mentors to youth facing adversity. Typically, a site-based program serves at Mast Way Elementary School however, due to COVID-19 many of site-based programs have been temporarily paused instead. These matches rolled over to our community-based program.

- ✓ BBSNH staff has intensified safety checks and efforts to help matches navigate through any challenges or hardships. Littles and their families are facing because of the pandemic.

- ✓ Each mentoring match meets 2-4 times per month, spending 2-4 hours together participating in activities of their choosing, from attending a sporting event, playing board games, reading a book, doing homework or learning new skills.

The following are some statistics about the Durham youth BBBSNH served this past year:

- Youth range in grades 5-7.
- More than half live in single-parent or with

a relative caregiver other than a parent in a low-income level household

- One-quarter have a physical, emotional, or learning disability.
- All matches are community-based, meaning they meet with their mentors in different settings of their choosing within the community.
- Littles have been with their mentors on an average of 20+ months.

Goals for 2021:

- ✓ Extend services to

more youth in the area in need of or wanting a mentor while also increasing recruitment efforts of committed volunteers

- ✓ Continue to provide additional training and resources to staff and mentors in areas such as diversity and inclusion, trauma-informed practices and opioid/substance misuse
- ✓ Engage with more community partners and business leaders in the area for referrals and program support. *

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire

BY TARAH BERGERON, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT
(FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire strives to protect the rights of the state's most vulnerable children to live, learn, and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Trained volunteer advocates (CASAs) speak for abused and neglected children's best interests in New Hampshire's family court system, including Dover

Family Court, the court that serves children from the Town of Durham.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) by the Numbers (Statewide)
 - 628 carefully screened, trained and supervised volunteer advocates.

- 150 new volunteers trained.

- 1,412 children had advocates by their side.

- 889 families (2% increase from FY 20).

- Over 10,000 children had advocates since 1989.

- Over 80,000 hours of volunteer time in FY 21.

- Over 300,000 miles traveled in FY 21.

- ✓ In FY 2021, CASA of New Hampshire served 71 children

at the Dover District Court, the court that serves the children of Durham. Currently, 3 Durham residents are working hard to make a lasting difference in a child's life by volunteering as CASA advocates. Each volunteer advocate typically works with 2.5 children over 3.5 years, so residents in your community are impacting the lives of more than 7 children. Children with a CASA advocate spend fewer months in foster care, experience fewer out of home placements

and perform better in school than children without a CASA.

- ✓ Due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, several of the agency's in-person events went virtual. Support of CASA dipped slightly with some donors being out of work and unable to give at the same level as previous years.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Continue striving to reach CASA's goal of having trained advocates available to serve 100% of child

CASA'S TRAINED VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES SPEAK FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN'S BEST INTERESTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FAMILY COURT SYSTEM, INCLUDING DOVER FAMILY COURT, THE COURT THAT SERVES CHILDREN FROM THE TOWN OF DURHAM.

abuse and neglect cases that we are presented with.

- ✓ Focus on volunteer recruitment and retention as CASA spreads its reach farther throughout New Hampshire. With 650-700 volunteer advocates CASA believes it could effectively provide a voice for 100 percent of the state's children.
- ✓ The agency cannot get there alone. Your



support, together with many other municipalities across the state, makes it possible for CASA to provide advocates for victimized children in your community. CASA will continue

to find multiple avenues of support from individuals, businesses, foundations, and federal, state and local government-NH towns, cities, and municipalities. *

Easterseals Homemakers & Health Services (HHS)

BY LAURIE DUFF, DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Provided over 3000 hours/week of Homemakers and Health services such as support with meal preparation, personal care assistance, and errands; 30 % of these hours were provided in Strafford County.
- ✓ 66% of persons served in Strafford

County live alone with no natural supports and in addition to home care services. HHS provided over \$25,000 in

needed goods and services to assist their unmet needs.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Continue to develop effective recruitment, retention, and training strategies for the extremely limited direct care work force.
- ✓ Develop, implement, and facilitate perfor-

mance measure tools for the direct care workforce to ascertain positive and measurable consumer outcomes.

Thank you so much for the continued support as Homemakers and Health Services serve some of Durham's most vulnerable older adults in their homes. *



Greater Seacoast Community Health

BY HELEN LONG, GRANT WRITER

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ From January through October, Greater Seacoast Community Health (hereafter Greater Seacoast) served 42 residents of Durham in 194 visits. Many residents received more than one service. Fifty visits were for dental services, 83 visits for behavioral health, and 54 for primary care. Twelve percent of patients were uninsured, and twenty-four percent were placed on a sliding scale.
- ✓ Successfully launched and completed a capital campaign raising \$2 million to

relocate our Portsmouth health center to a new, larger location that will offer more services under one roof.

- ✓ The Strafford County Public Health Network, a program of Greater Seacoast, coordinated pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics and recruited hundreds of volunteers to help get vaccinations to thousands of first responders, members of vulnerable populations, teachers, and healthcare workers.
- ✓ The mobile health program that serves

people experiencing homelessness conducts seven clinics in four communities weekly and is soon expanding to offer an eighth clinic in Milton.

- ✓ SOS Recovery Community Organization, a program of Greater Seacoast, launched a Recovery Support Services Line to provide recovery support services to Recovery Friendly Workplace employers, employees, family members, and loved ones.
- ✓ Greater Seacoast partners with Community Partners, the county-appointed mental health center, to offer psychiatric consultations for patients.
- ✓ In partnership with Portsmouth Regional Hospital's new Graduate Medical Education program, Great Seacoast's Somersworth location is the first community health center in New Hampshire to serve as a professional outpatient home for a physician residency program.

family experience.

- ✓ Ensure workforce engagement and well-being.
- ✓ Improve health outcomes of the population.
- ✓ Strengthen financial stability. ✱

GREATER SEACOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH HAS SEVERAL PROVIDERS THAT ARE ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS FOR PRIMARY CARE SERVICES. THERE ARE BOTH MALE AND FEMALE MD'S, AS WELL AS NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO THAT THERE IS A PROVIDER THAT FITS EACH INDIVIDUAL'S NEEDS.



Goals for 2022 and beyond:

- ✓ Provide the best possible patient and

Haven

BY TINA A. HOLMES, OFFICE MANAGER

For over 40 years, HAVEN Violence Prevention and Support Services has been providing services to those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. HAVEN's mission is to prevent sexual assault and domestic violence and to empower women, men, youth, and families to heal from abuse and rebuild their lives. HAVEN's operations do not close at 5:00 PM: the crisis hotline never goes to voicemail, and trained staff and volunteers are available whenever and wherever a crisis arises. We do this for our community and it is our goal to **End Violence and Change Lives.**

One of the ways HAVEN accomplishes this mission is through its K-12 Safe Kids Strong Teens program that aims to prevent child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, bullying and teen dating violence. The goals of this program aim to influence attitudes and behavior and thereby reduce the likelihood of youth becoming victims of sexual or teen dating violence and to create a positive atmosphere for young

women and men to build self-esteem and improve their lives.

This prevention program is further supported by comprehensive client services that include:

- ✓ Emergency shelter.
- ✓ 3 offices for walk-in support.
- ✓ 24-hour confidential crisis and support hotline 1-603-994-SAFE (7233).
- ✓ 24-hour accompaniment to police stations and hospital emergency rooms.
- ✓ Accompaniment to courts and assistance obtaining restraining orders.
- ✓ Safety planning.
- ✓ Support and accompaniment for families at the Rockingham and Strafford Child Advocacy Centers.
- ✓ Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, and Transitional Housing programs; all intended to move our survivors to safe, affordable, and permanent housing.
- ✓ Support groups for survivors of domestic

violence, sexual assault, and parents.

All services are free and confidential and available to any Durham resident in need of assistance. Last year, HAVEN assisted 3416 individuals and families in its client services program and through the Safe Kids Strong Teens program reached 4899 children, parents, and teachers with critical information about safety and awareness before the COVID 19 pandemic forced schools to cancel programs and move to remote learning.

HAVEN has continued to operate as an essential service and provide free support and shelter to those in need despite the global pandemic. The needs of survivors have increased and many have experienced heightened abuse due to jobs lost, increased stress, and isolation caused by the pandemic. The agency's team has pivoted to meet those needs by:

- ✓ Using hotels to provide alternative shelter to meet the increase in survivors fleeing imminent danger.
- ✓ Adding confidential web and text chat features to allow more survivors to safely communicate with our team for support.

- ✓ Modifying its shelter to accommodate families in a safe and healthy environment.
- ✓ Collaborating with local food service organization to provide meals to clients.
- ✓ Increasing mobile advocacy to meet the needs of its communities.
- ✓ Creating virtual content for its Safe Kids Strong Teams education programs.

Domestic violence, sexual abuse, and teen dating violence are costly public health issues. Victims are more likely to suffer from low self-esteem, substance abuse, and suicidal behavior. Adult victims often experience a loss of work and difficulty maintaining a job due to safety concerns and depression in the aftermath of abuse. Knowing that youth are the most at risk, the Safe Kids Strong Teens school-based prevention program is critical to reach out to current and potential victims. If HAVEN were not available to provide FREE services to its local communities, the Town of Durham would incur expenses related to the ongoing health and services required to meet the needs of those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. ✨

Ready Rides

BY TAHJA FULWIDER, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
(FISCAL YEAR JULY 2020-JUNE 2021)

Ready Rides Transportation Assistance organization, established in 2012, is a 501c independent nonprofit organization that provides free curb-to-curb rides to all medical related appointments for residents living in Durham that are 55+, and to all disabled temporary or permanent.

Vetted volunteer drivers use their own vehicles

to provide transportation services and are offered mileage reimbursement. Ready Rides is not bound by travel distance. Accessible rides are available. Ready Rides provides rides to residents living in Barrington, Madbury, Northwood, Lee, Newfields, Durham, Nottingham, Newmarket, and Strafford.

Ready Rides has continued to provide rides throughout the entire pandemic. At first only to the most critical urgent needs and then slowly opening back up to take all ride requests. As everyone has adjusted to the changes that came about this last year, passengers' needs have begun to return to near pre-COVID levels. Ready Rides has been working to take

every ride requested, even though many of its volunteers have not returned yet. The agency has always been in need of new drivers to help with the growing amount of ride requests, but this year it is working with other volunteer driving programs and reaching out more than ever. Ready Rides' goal is to have no unmet needs through new driver recruitment. *

Fiscal Year 2020:

Durham drivers	5
Total of confirmed trips since 2012	4,183
Registered residents using Ready Rides:	115
Total confirmed trips 2020:	171

Strafford Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program

BY JAYMIE CHAGNON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021)

Strafford Nutrition and Meals on Wheels (SNMOW) is a private, nonprofit (501 3C) agency that provides services to the residents of Strafford County, NH. Its mission is to promote the well-being of the elderly and disabled adults of Strafford County by providing services to foster independence in their own homes and prevent or delay the need for institutional care. Through

the delivery of hot nutrition meals in home or community settings, daily safety checks, nutrition education, and nutritional assessments, SNMOW will promote physical and emotional health, protect their quality of life, and aide in the social and economic needs of the elderly and disabled.

All the Durham residents served participated in the Meals on Wheels

program. This program delivers meals directly to the homes of elderly and handicapped residents of Durham. There is age, disability, and/or income criteria required for this service. Drivers go to each person's home, deliver the meals, perform small tasks for the person, if needed, and report any noticeable change or problem to the site manager. The meals are geared to the nutritional needs of an elderly per-

son and are low fat, low sodium, with diabetic substitutions available. For Meals on Wheels clients whose situations warrant it, SNMOW can also provide weekend meals, night meals, holiday meals, and "Blizzard Bags" to be used during the winter when the driver is unable to deliver meals due to inclement weather.

In addition to the meals the following are some

Participant Statistical Information

- 62.2% are over the age of 70.
- 69.6% say that Meals on Wheels is their only source of food.
- 68.4% live alone.
- 63.2% have an income below \$1,300 per month.

of the support services provided this past year:

Safety Checks

With the delivery of each meal SNMOW verifies that the client is doing well. If the driver notes any changes in the clients' behavior, habits, mannerisms, etc.; they will report it so a follow-up with their emergency contact will happen. In serious situations that require immediate action 911 would be called and the driver would stay with the client until the EMT arrive.

Information.

This refers to the information that is given to the clients via a SNMOW employee, and includes health tips; agency newsletters, notice regarding local information, etc. Referrals. Referrals are made to the VNA, BEAS, Community Action, and other service organizations to help mobilize resources to aid in the independent living of the client.

Home Visits.

This refers to the visits that the Outreach Coor-

dinator or Field Supervisor makes to a client's home. All homebound clients receive home visits. Reasons for the visits include intake application on a new client, redetermination assessment on a client already receiving meals, to check on a sick client having problems, etc.

SNMOW is grateful to Durham for its support this past year. This funding was used to provide meals to homebound elderly in the Town of Durham. To be eligible for the home delivery program individuals

must meet homebound criteria set by the Older Americans Act, have health issues that make life more challenging, and most have income levels poverty level.

Services provided to Durham residents this past year included:

- ✓ 22 Durham residents (on average we are feeding 16 Durham residents per day).
- ✓ 4,083 Meals served to Durham residents.
- ✓ 2,064 Safety Checks and Support Services. ✱

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

BY JEN CZYSZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Durham Commissioners: Wes Merritt, Leslie Schwartz, and a special thanks to Wayne Burton who vacated his position in October 2021.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) works with municipalities, statewide organizations, and other partners to provide technical assistance with planning documents, outreach, projects, and regula-

tions. SRPC creates a space for stakeholders to connect, share information, and engage with important planning initiatives.

2021 Accomplishments:

(Value of each service provided at no additional cost to the town is in parentheses)

- ✓ Conducted sixteen NHDOT and three supplemental traffic counts to

support local and statewide planning efforts. (\$2,850)

- ✓ Ordered New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books for local land use boards. (\$239.50)
- ✓ Helped develop a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application for the Madbury Road Complete Streets project. (\$225)
- ✓ Worked with the town on several climate adaptation and resilience efforts, including the devel-

opment of a climate adaptation master plan chapter and assistance with future phases of the living shoreline project at Wagon Hill. (\$13,500)

- ✓ Facilitated outreach with Durham residents for SRPC's Communities for Healthy Aging Transitions (CHAT) project. (\$1,200)
- ✓ In partnership with Jayne Knott and Jennifer Jacobs, SRPC began working with a steering committee to conduct a groundwater rise and

water quality vulnerability and planning study. (\$22,683)

- ✓ In partnership with Rockingham County Conservation District and Haley & Aldrich, SRPC is finalizing the installation of a permeable reactive barrier (PRB). This PRB study will help stakeholders to better understand cost-effective methods of controlling nutrient outputs from septic systems. Construction will be finalized in winter 2022; it was delayed due to wet conditions. (\$3,317)

2021 Regional Accomplishments:

- ✓ Updated the regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development

Strategy; valuable resources for local planning.

- ✓ Developed a new Regional Data Snapshot, an annual document that contains many data metrics and maps referenced in our core planning documents.
- ✓ Launched and marketed the online map viewer for the Promoting Outdoor Play! (POP!) project that catalogued 340+ recreation sites in the region.
- ✓ Continued Brown-fields assessment and cleanup planning activities.
- ✓ Launched the new SRPC website with an emphasis on accessibility. The new site includes

community profiles, highlighting the work we do for each town.

- ✓ Created an online map viewer showing 2020 Census demographics data.
- ✓ Operated a CARES Act Economic Recovery and Resiliency grant. Activities included promotion of funding opportunities and technical assistance for local businesses.
- ✓ Solicitated, ranked, and submitted new transportation projects for inclusion in the Statewide Ten-Year Plan.
- ✓ Developed a drinking water quality buffer model ordinance in partnership with Rockingham Planning Commission.

- ✓ Adoption of the Climate Adaptation Master Plan Chapter by the Planning Board.

- P✓ RB installation and four rounds of post-construction water quality monitoring.
- ✓ Complete the final technical report for the groundwater rise and water quality vulnerability and planning study for January 2022.
- ✓ Update the town's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ✓ Complete the Communities for Healthy Aging Transitions (CHAT) Durham Assessment and share it with the town.
- ✓ Update the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

- ✓ Expand the Regional Data Snapshot with additional metrics, interactive web maps, and more focused information on local data within each community.
- ✓ Continue SRPC's CARES Act programming through September 2022, including rollout of SRPC's record digitization initiative in winter 2021-2022. ✨

DURHAM TOWN LANDING DURING A KING TIDE EVENT. THE TOWN OF DURHAM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SRPC, DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN CHAPTER EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL HAZARDS. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CHAPTER INCLUDED AN EXTENSIVE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN, WHICH INCLUDED IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS, SURVEYS, AND A VIDEO, THAT ENCOURAGED BROAD PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



TOWN WORKING COMMITTEES

Durham Agricultural Commission

BY THERESA WALKER, CHAIR

Members: Lee Alexander, Anton Bekkerman, John Carroll, Bryan Cassidy, *Alternate*; Ellen Karelitz, *Alternate*; David Langley, *Alternate*; Raymond LaRoche, Jr., *Vice Chair*; James Lawson, *Council Representative*; Eleanor Lonske, *Planning Board Representative*; Alberto Manalo, Holly Philbrick, *Alternate*; Theresa Walker, *Chair*; Daniel Winans, *Alternate*

Former Members: Wayne Burton, *Council Representative*; Suzanne MacDonald, Paul Rasmussen, *Planning Board Representative*

The Durham Agricultural Commission was established by the Town Council in July 2011 to “promote the production, availability, and sale of locally grown food, fiber, and forest products” (Town Council Resolution #2011-11). Since that time, the twelve members of the Agricultural Commission have been meeting at least once per month to work together and

with town staff and other town boards and committees to further the mission of the Agricultural Commission, which is to encourage agricultural activities and development to expand Durham’s working landscape of actively managed gardens, farms, forests, and land through the town, including University of New Hampshire land.

2021 Accomplishments:

- ✓ Worked with the Town Planner, Planning Board, and Town Council on revisions to the town’s Zoning Ordinance designed to enable more agriculture.
- ✓ Continued to promote the commission’s “Food Friendly Garden” campaign to raise awareness of backyard food production across town.
- ✓ Continued to promote Durham’s designation as a “Bee City USA” community.
- ✓ Actively participated in the work of the Land Stewardship Subcommittee.
- ✓ Participated in meetings concerning the

role of Agricultural Commissions in New Hampshire.

- ✓ Via the weekly “Friday Updates” publication and social media, shared information about food production in the region.
- ✓ Promoted the Seacoast Growers Association summer Durham

IN 2017, THE TOWN OF DURHAM ACCEPTED ITS DESIGNATION BY BEE CITY USA® AS A “BEE CITY USA” COMMUNITY. BEE CITY USA AND BEE CAMPUS USA WORK TO GALVANIZE COMMUNITIES TO SUSTAIN POLLINATORS, IN PARTICULAR THE MORE THAN 3,600 SPECIES OF NATIVE BEES IN THIS COUNTRY, BY INCREASING THE ABUNDANCE OF NATIVE PLANTS, PROVIDING NEST SITES, AND REDUCING THE USE PESTICIDES.



Farmers' Market and winter markets hosted by UNH and Sea-coast Eat Local.

- ✓ Responded to town official and resident concerns and questions regarding agricultural activity in town.
- ✓ Organized and hosted the 8th Annual Durham Farm Day held on August 21, 2021.
- ✓ Began partnering with the Lee Agricultural Commission and farms in Durham, Lee, and Madbury to strengthen the Oyster River foodshed.
- ✓ Met with the Durham Conservation Commission and Durham Energy Committee to discuss working

together on initiatives designed to make Durham more resilient to climate change.

- ✓ Provided comments on the draft Climate Adaptation Master Plan Chapter that focused on increasing local food protection and protection of agricultural resources.
- ✓ Consulted with UNH on the Bee Campus USA program.
- ✓ Updated the census of farms and gardens in town.

Goals for 2022:

- ✓ Work with farmers and food producers in Durham, Lee, and Madbury to promote growing and purchasing locally produced food.

- ✓ Work with the Town Planner, Planning Board, and Town Council to adopt changes to the town's Zoning Ordinance to enable more agricultural activity.
- ✓ Implement Master Plan recommendations regarding sustaining and expanding Durham's working landscape of farms, forests, gardens, and aquaculture.
- ✓ Develop programs to support local agriculture, community gardening, home gardening, neighborhood and cooperative gardening, and backyard composting.
- ✓ Host the 9th Annual Durham Farm Day on August 20, 2022.

- ✓ Update the inventory of farms and gardens in Durham.

The Agricultural Commission believes its work is critically important to the Town Council's goal to, "Pursue long-term economic and environmental sustainability and resiliency, anticipating the community's and the region's future needs by considering multiple elements including society, ecology, economics, transportation, agriculture, food and drinking water, and energy resources, specifically taking into account existing and predicted impacts of climate change." In support of that goal, the Agricultural Commission looks forward to working with residents and Town Government in the coming year. *

Durham Energy Committee

BY NAT BALCH, CHAIR

Members: Nat Balch, *Chair*; Ti Crossman, Steve Holmgren, John Lannamann, James Lawson, *Council Representative*, Bianca Leonard, Suzy Loder, Eleanor Lonske, *Planning Board Representative*

Former Members: Wayne Burton, *Council Representative*; Barbara Dill, *Planning Board Representative*; Mary Downes, James Dreher, Coleen Fuerst, Martin Wosnick, *UNH Representative*

The activities of the Durham Energy Committee (DEC) are guided by the Energy Chapter of Durham's Master Plan. The work of the committee is built upon three 'pillars': 1) Building Design and Land Use, 2) Transportation, and 3) Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources.

The Energy Committee works to further the vision that, "...the Town of Durham, along with commercial property owners and homeowners will continue to realize cost-savings while reducing carbon emissions, thereby increasing the community's resiliency and sustainability relative to energy use."

2021 Accomplishments:

Renewable Energy/Resiliency.

The national discussion regarding energy use and reduction of carbon emissions gained momentum starting in late January 2021, and has been steadily accelerat-

ing, which is very exciting! The DEC has been actively investigating renewable energy "best practices" for ultimate adoption by the town, as well as researching ways in which energy policies and practices at the national and regional level will influence our daily lives in the near and long-term.

In the past year, the following actions have taken place:

Membership in the Global Covenant of Mayors.

The Town of Durham joined the Global Covenant of Mayors (an international organization providing guidance to municipalities for serious action regarding climate change) in February, following a unanimous recommendation by the Town Council at the November 6, 2020 meeting. Since then, the town has embraced the tenets of the Global Covenant of Mayors

regarding carbon emissions reduction and policy regarding renewable energy.

UNH Sustainability Fellows.

The DEC has had the support and expertise of two Sustainability Fellows over the course of 2021, to assess climate resilience of the town. Specific focus has been to develop quantifiable inventories of greenhouse gases (GHG) as tools to establish prioritized GHG reduction strategies. At this time, GHG inventories have been completed regarding carbon and nitrogen emissions from Local Government Operations, and commercial and residential sectors. Similar efforts have been undertaken by UNH and the Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD). A GHG inventory of forested, agricultural and other undeveloped land is in final stages of completion. These inventories allow the town to evaluate areas of elevated GHG emissions and plan actions to reduce our GHG emissions.

Community Power Aggregation.

The energy committee has been exploring ways in which the town can reduce its carbon

emissions by considering renewably-generated electricity alternatives to our current utilities providing electrical service. In late June, members of the energy committee visited with Julia Griffin, Hanover Town Manager, to better understand how community power aggregation works. The idea is that a large group of communities (an aggregation) can purchase electricity at competitive prices, or purchase 100% renewable electricity, or both. Based on this informational interview, the Durham Energy Committee submitted a draft Joint Powers Agreement to the Durham Town Council in October, which was approved, allowing the Town of Durham to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPC-NH), a statewide non-profit organization which will administer community power aggregation. Steve Holmgren and several colleagues are actively exploring the process of drafting an Energy Aggregation Plan for town residents, with the goal of enabling the town to access 100% renewable electricity at competitive prices relative to current utility prices. This hopefully will be implemented in early summer 2022.

Transportation. Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations in Durham:

EV Charger at the Durham Library.

In January 2021 a new Siemens Level 2 EV charging station was installed at the Durham Public Library. Thank you to Harry Tobias and to Siemens for their generous support of Durham’s effort to provide EV charging options for Durham residents.

Use of the Pettee Brook EV Charging Stations.

Over the course of 2021 there has been an upward trend in charger use at the Pettee Brook parking lot, despite reduced downtown traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the one-year period ending November 30, 2021, the Pettee Brook EV charging stations produced \$2,200.00 in gross revenue compared to \$1,116.00 during the

same period last year. This trend is anticipated to continue, especially as use of electric vehicles continues to increase.

Durham’s commitment to supplying a clean energy alternative to drivers had a significant impact in lowering our carbon footprint. As the chart below illustrates, by providing 8MWh (eight million watt hours) of clean electricity to drivers, the town made it possible for EV drivers to travel to Durham without producing the roughly 5,360 kg of greenhouse gases that would have been emitted into the atmosphere if they were driving standard gas-powered vehicles.

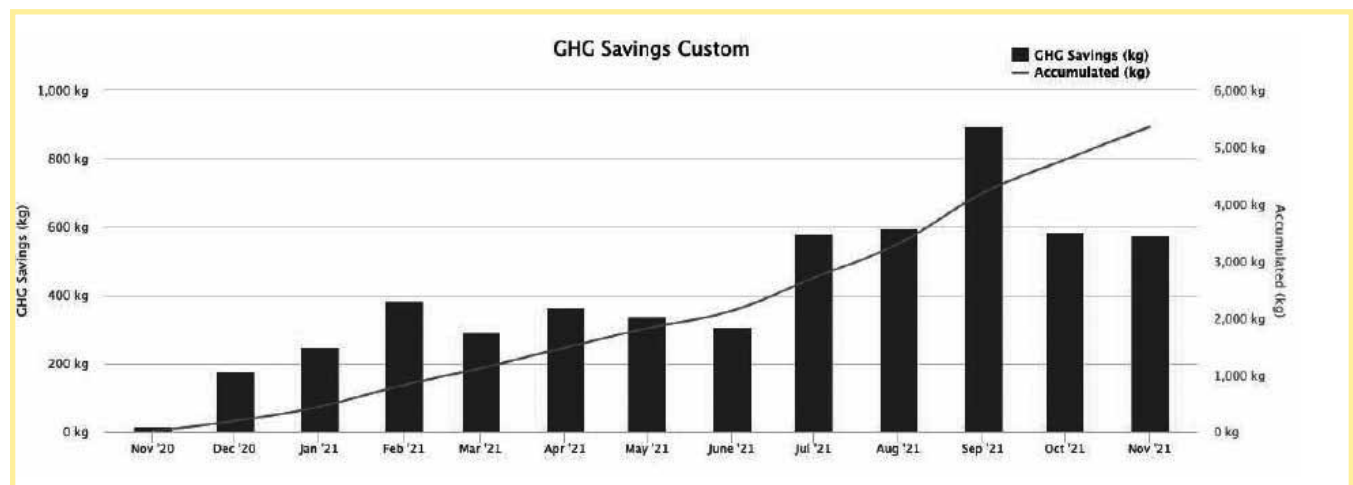
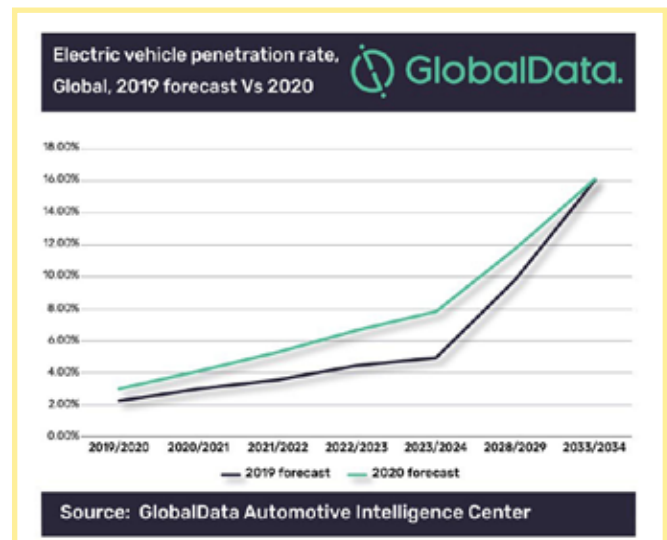
The Future of Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations in Durham.

The Durham Energy Committee is cognizant of the importance of preparing the town’s

infrastructure to support future EV growth. The current national effort toward electric vehicles and industry forecasts indicates a rapid growth in EV use over the course of this decade. As indicated in the chart below, predictions from 2019 underestimated the growth rate of EV adoption. Technological advances will further accelerate future demand for electric vehicles, and a concurrent demand for public EV charging stations. Implementa-

tion of infrastructure upgrades to support future EV use is already taking place; the Oyster River School District is planning for the installation of several Level 2 charging stations and fast-charging stations at the Oyster River Middle School project currently in construction, to be integrated with the photovoltaic solar panel array as part of the project.

The rise in EV use will require significant changes in the town’s



infrastructure to support EV charging options. Revisions to building codes, energy conservation codes and National Fire Code are anticipated to include code requirements and guidelines for electric vehicles in residential and commercial facilities. For more information regarding electric vehicles, refer to the Clean Cities Coalition (NH Department of Environmental Services and USDOE).

In 2022 the Durham Energy Committee plans to research how EV use in Durham will increase over this decade, estimate the rise in demand for charging stations in the town and in the region and the concurrent demand this will place on the electrical infrastructure. The goal is to provide a report on this subject in late spring/early summer 2022.

Public Awareness and Community Action.

In order to better inform the public, the energy committee has worked with former chair Mary Downes, and currently is working with UNH Sustainability Fellow Cathy Fletcher, to update the Energy Committee webpage to reflect current energy-related

trends and resources. This work is ongoing.

Building Design and Land Use:

Oyster River Middle School Project.

A warrant article supporting construction of new middle school was approved in March 2020. In the past year and a half, construction of a new "Net-Zero" facility is nearing completion. The project currently appears to be a candidate for LEED Gold (and perhaps Platinum) status and may attain a "Net Positive" energy footprint! The goal is for the new Oyster River Middle School to open to students in March 2022. This facility will serve the collective in-town community and our students as an example of what can be accomplished at the community level in reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions.

Town of Durham Solar Ordinance.

Councilor Jim Lawson has been actively engaged in completing an ordinance to regulate the installation of solar systems throughout the town. It is currently near completion and should be finished in early 2022. The intent of this ordinance is to address

considerations for future photovoltaic array installations based on:

- ✓ Size of arrays based on square footage versus kW.
- ✓ Residential versus commercial applications.
- ✓ Consideration of rural Durham lots, site placement of solar arrays, and aesthetic considerations.
- ✓ Application of 'Enterprise' systems, as defined by the PUC.
- ✓ Solar Parking canopies.

This ordinance will impact not only use of residential properties for solar panel installations, but also undeveloped land and agricultural land. An important consideration in the town's future use of photovoltaics needs to address how this can work to support agricultural needs in the town.

Energy Considerations Checklist.

Members of the energy committee reviewed the current Energy Considerations Checklist to consider updating it for readability and content. The recommendation to the town has been to use form EC-1 used by the NH Public Utilities Commission as the

template. Mandatory compliance for new construction projects and significant renovations is highly recommended as well.

Power Purchase Agreement #1 Buyout.

The Town of Durham and ReVision Energy entered into Power Purchase Agreement #1 (PPA1) on June 18, 2013 for photovoltaic arrays at the Durham Public Library, the Durham Ice Rink at Jackson Landing and the Durham Police Station. During the past year ReVision Energy and the town have discussed purchasing the three arrays outright.

On March 8, 2021 PPA-1 was purchased by the town for \$86,000, based on a recommendation by the energy committee to the town. The town will consider buying out PPA2 in 2022. The buyout will include establishing operation and maintenance and decommissioning costs.

Goals for 2022:

The Durham Energy Committee anticipates the following exciting work in the coming year with respect to renewable energy/resiliency:

Global Covenant of Mayors (GCOM).

Continue to encourage the town's commitment to implement GCOM guidelines in establishing long-range energy plans for the town.

UNH Sustainability Fellows.

Work with the UNH Sustainability Department and Sustainability Fellows on projects pertaining to greenhouse gas emissions, transportation, and renewable energy sources.

Solar Ordinance.

Continue to support development and imple-

mentation of a Town Solar Ordinance.

Transportation.

The DEC will be focusing on the following in 2021:

- ✓ Develop and implement a forward-thinking strategy for electric vehicle use and charging at residential, commercial and municipal facilities, and at public use areas.
- ✓ Participate in planning at town, university and regional levels to meet future transportation-based electrical demands.

- ✓ Update the Town's Energy Checklist to include EV/PV-ready installations for new construction/permits.

Photovoltaics.

Study the current cost/payback implications of installing residential PV arrays, and will also look into the possibility of Community Solar Power.

Energy Code Consideration for Existing Homes.

Town energy policy supports rigorous adherence to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The en-

ergy committee will research the energy efficiency (or inefficiency) of existing buildings and explore options to enhance residential energy efficiency.

Encourage Public Outreach and Community Action.

To better meet energy-challenges in the future, having a knowledgeable community is essential. The Durham Energy Committee will continue to provide up-to-date energy-related information, resources and useful tools for townspeople to use in reducing energy use and cost. *

Durham Housing Task Force

BY TOM ELLIOTT, CHAIR

Members: Michael Behrendt, Town Planner/Staff Advisor; Tom Elliott, Chair; Richard England, Heather Grant, Planning Board Representative; Charlotte Hitchcock, Allan Howland, Council Representative; Mimi Kell, Sally Tobias, Sarah Wrightsman

The mission of the Durham Housing Task Force is to identify, analyze, and advocate for a balanced and diverse supply of housing that meets the economic, social, and physical needs of the Durham community and its residents in order to maintain a vibrant community.

A relatively new town committee, the task force is comprised of representatives from the Planning Board, Town Council, and relevant stakeholder populations, to include a mix of ages, occupations, and interests in Durham's housing future.

The task force spent much of 2021 examin-

ing research and listening to experts to gain a better understanding about the many dimensions of the acute housing crisis here in the Seacoast. It then initiated a strategic planning process with two objectives: first, to help town leaders understand the housing problem in a Durham-specific context, and second, to propose town-level policy solutions, including several zoning changes, intended to encourage additional housing in Durham; particularly units that meet the state's definition of

"workforce housing."

The task force intends to finalize and present its two-part plan in early 2022, followed by ongoing advocacy and public education in support of the plan's adoption by the Town Council.

The Durham Housing Task Force meets the second Monday of every month at 10:00 AM in Council chambers. Interested community members can find the task force meetings recorded on DCAT as well. *

Durham Human Rights Commission

BY KATHERINE (KITTY) MARPLE, CHAIR

Members: Rev. Richard Belshaw, Gail Jablonski, *Business Manager*; Katherine (Kitty) Marple, *Chair*; Dr. Janet Perkins-Howland; Todd Selig, *Administrator*

Former Members: Momin Kahn, Andrew Merton

The Durham Human Rights Commission (HRC) has two new resident members this year. They have infused our committee with a new sense of purpose. While the committee was formed to address issues of gender equality it has been expanding into the human rights of all persons.

Members of the Black and Indigenous communities were invited to an HRC meeting to discuss the idea of reparations. A gentle-

man representing the NAACP provided an extensive discussion of what reparations are and how groups representing Black Americans are keeping the issue front and center at the federal level so that we, as a country, may repair the damage done to people of color through the centuries. The commission is not sure how the Town of Durham may help to encourage this movement and is open to suggestions.

Representatives of the

Pennacook, Abenaki, and Wabanaki people suggested that people of New Hampshire take small steps to repair some of that relationship between themselves and European descended citizens. One recommendation for Durham was to remove the Mill Pond dam, allowing the Oyster River to flow naturally. The Town Council voted to do just that in September of this year, but the issue will go to the voters in March.

The commission's most recent meeting was focused on Frost Fest, our children's winter carnival. While the former Tree Lighting Ceremony was formally changed a few years ago, the HRC would like to know how to make town gatherings more welcoming to all.

Janet Perkins-Howland convened an Equity Summit in September, inviting many local human rights stakeholders in the area to learn about what is being done to make life more inclusive in general. The meeting was very eye-opening. One attendee described walking through a Durham neighborhood with a student of color who claimed they would never walk through that neighborhood alone. I was crushed to hear this personally.

Focusing on issues that make one uncomfortable is hard but necessary to foster real change. I hope that the Durham Human Rights Commission is able to make a positive contribution going forward. ✨

Economic Development Committee

BY JENNIE BERRY

On October 1, 2007, the Town Council adopted Ordinance #2007-10 amending Chapter 4 "Administrative Code", Article IV, Section 4-18 of the Durham Town Code by adding the provisions for an Economic

Development Committee, thereby making it a "standing" committee of the Town. The EDC was charged with making recommendations to the Town Council to foster the stabilization of the residential tax burden through economic development that encour-

ages diverse business, commercial office and research activities, maintain and create jobs, create a good mix of uses, and maintain the rural character of Durham.

Over the years, members of the EDC, with the assistance of two part-time EDC Directors, Mary Ellen Humphrey and most recently Christine Soutter, worked on

various redevelopment projects, created two Tax Increment Finance Districts: Downtown TIF and Stone Quarry Drive TIF (which was later discontinued on July 16, 2018), participated in the Master Plan visioning and development process, including the Economic Development and Downtown and Commercial Core chapters, worked with the Durham Energy Commit-

tee to encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy development at the residential, business, and municipal levels, and assisted with the purchase of the 1.18-acre lot located at 66 Main Street from the University of New Hampshire for a sum of \$2,045,000.

On August 31, 2021, Christine Soutter left employment with the

town. With the successful purchase of 66 Main Street, and little anticipated development plans projected for the immediate future, on September 27, 2021, upon recommendation of the Administrator, the Town Council voted to “sunset” the Economic Development Committee. The committee will remain included within Chapter 4 “Administrative Code”, Article IV, Section 4-18 of the Dur-

ham Town Code should the Council desire to “reactivate” the committee again in the future if needed.

In 2020, the EDC created a subcommittee; the “Durham Housing Subcommittee”, charged with collecting data on the Durham housing market and presenting this information to the EDC. The Town Council chose to have this subcommittee

continue to function as a temporary task force committee for another year, at which time task force members will provide the Town Council with their recommendations regarding workforce and affordable housing. Upon receiving these recommendations, the Council will determine whether to sunset the housing task force or continue it for a longer duration, to be determined at that time. ✨

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

BY JULIE KELLEY

Members: Mary Caulfield, Janet Chamberlin, Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Sally Needell, *Council Representative;* Nell Neil, *Chair;* Susan Richman

The purpose and goal of the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) has been to learn, explore with, and recommend to the Department of Public Works possible ways to reduce the cost of waste disposal in Durham by removing recyclable and compostable matter from the town’s waste stream. The committee has also been endeavoring to educate Durham citizens on ways in which they

the organic waste in their yards, have it picked up by Mr. Fox Composting, or drop it off at the Transfer Station.

You Know” intended to inform and educate residents on the many aspects of recycling and sustainability.

✓ Provided weekly “Friday Updates” submissions of “Did

✓ Participated in a Regional Composting Working Group look-



ing at possibilities to collaborate and increase composting in Durham, Lee, UNH, and the Oyster River Cooperative School District.

- ✓ Increased signage at the transfer station.

- ✓ Participated in the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) Annual Conference, which covered the following topics: “Engaging Residents with Municipal Recycling”, “Waste Reduction

Strategies – Reduce, Reuse, Rot”, “Recycling Safely During COVID-19”, “National & Local Recycling Markets and Market Specifications”, “Plastics with a Plan: Municipal Options”, and lastly “Under-

standing End Markets - What Happens with Your Recycling”

- ✓ Began an education campaign in Durham to cover the importance of reducing solid waste disposal.*

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

BY JOE FOLEY, CHAIR

Durham Representatives: Mary Ann Krebs, Richard Lord

Former Members: Anne Lightbody, Richard Raymond

As required by RSA 483 and the NH Rivers Management & Protection Program, representatives from eight towns in the Lamprey River watershed continued implementing the 2013 Lamprey Rivers Management Plan with help from multiple partners*. The final plan, approved on Sept. 26, 2013, is available at town offices and on www.LampreyRiver.org.

Outreach:

COVID19 continued to make outreach efforts into small groups of mostly older adults. Work on upgrading the committee’s website, www.LampreyRiver.org,

commenced and the new site should be available to the public in early 2022 or sooner. River-related articles were shared with towns for e-newsletters.

Project Review:

The committee reviewed 22 projects in 9 towns that require NHDES permits for wetlands, shoreland, and alteration of terrain. Comments were sent to the NHDES, applicants, and town conservation commissions and planning boards. Per RSA 483, the LRAC cannot grant or deny permits, but its comments must be considered by the NHDES.

Recreation:

Local people stayed closer to home and spent a lot more time outside exploring the river and visiting local parks and conservation areas. Many made good use of Explore the Lamprey River and the public paddling access maps that were updated and released in 2020. The guides cover the towns of Epping, Lee, Durham, and Newmarket.

Improvements at the Little River Park nature trail were undertaken using a Community Grant from the LRAC. The Lee Conservation Commission built a kiosk and installed an information panel describing the trail and the various habitats. Future trail improvements will include wooden bridges over mucky areas and a bench at the trail’s end for viewing the Little River.

Water Quality:

The LRAC funded two UNH research projects this summer. One grant enabled the purchase of new and upgraded continuous monitoring equipment that tracks key water quality indicators at Wiswall Falls in Durham and will enable public access to the data. The other grant funded analysis of bacterial contamination at several recreational areas and determined the source of the bacteria, human or otherwise.

Wildlife and Ecology:

The LRAC awarded a grant to a UNH graduate student who mapped locations of invasive Japanese knotweed along the river and will study whether it has an effect on riverbank erosion compared to naturally vegetated areas—models that could be used on other rivers.*

*Funds to support LRAC’s work were provided by the National Park Service under CFDA 15.962 – National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.



VITAL STATISTICS & RESOURCES

Births 2021

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Parent's Names
Bennett Reid Buchholz	January 15	Dover	Michael & Katelyn Buchholz
Thomas Bennett Moles	February 8	Durham	Charles & Alexis Moles
Patrick Thomas Guerrette	May 24	Dover	Meaghan & Ashley Guerrette
Margaux Ann-Maura Guerrette	May 24	Dover	Meaghan & Ashley Guerrette
Nova Indigo Hollweg	May 30	Dover	Kevin Jones & Claire Hollweg
Audrey Joyce Lane	July 9	Dover	Bill Lane III & Katie Elmendorf Nathaniel
Francis Benevenia Bourne	July 13	Dover	Bourne & Nicole Benevenia Charles
Renzo Rosi Crull	August 24	Dover	Crull & Maria Rosi
Ashton Michael Brian Maddox	August 26	Dover	Michael & Kimberly Brian
Sinjin Denis	November 15	Dover	Michael & Megan Denis
Luca Peter Nieves	November 22	Nashua	Juan & Amanda Nieves
Rohan Devasher Smiley	December 11	Dover	William Smiley IV & Madhavi Devasher
Monroe Jane Murphy-Loomis	December 19	Dover	Nathan Loomis & Reilly Murphy
Elliot Burke McQuade	December 23	Dover	Brandon & Hannah McQuade Thomas
Elena Norma Zouki	December 31	Dover	Zouki & Tanya Khawam

Deaths 2021

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
King Pfeiffer	January 4	Dover	Rudolf Pfeiffer	Suzanne Unknown
Nicholas Norris	January 5	Durham	Guy Norris	Lucy Codman
Peter T Kogut	January 6	Durham	Theodore Kogut	Ethel Fries
Florence C Ruge	January 6	Portsmouth	Diedrich Ruge	Sophia Wesselmann
Peter M Maher	January 8	Exeter	Durand Maher	Janet Poore
Beverly A Jewell	January 10	Durham	Fred Jewell	Irene Turner
Aurelia Florence Carter	January 14	Portsmouth	Andrew Parasso	Frances Drew
Emilda Marie Dalton	January 15	Dover	Alphonse Poulin	Cecile Dumont
Walter Robert Hart	January 17	Dover	Walter Hart	Helene Truaisch
Samuel Holway Daniell	January 22	Durham	Warren Daniell	Mary Holway
Mildred Mary Stapp	February 2	Durham	Anthony Arcord	Genevieve Not Stated
Dick Johan Jacob Wollmar	February 2	Durham	Carl Wollmar	Ingrid Facht
Lorette M Weeks	February 8	Durham	Wilfred Michel	Yvonne Gaudreau
Bryna Blum Bronstein	February 9	Durham	Victor Blum	Dorothy Epstein
Marguerite Wishrad	February 11	Durham	Edward Manley	Marguerite Ryan
Claire Frances Rowney	February 15	Durham	Carl McElhiney	Margaret McPartlin
Annette Leah White	February 21	Exeter	Andrew Palardy	Emily Yukna
Elizabeth Decker	March 1	Durham	Robert Chapple	Mabel Ingham
Galina Mikhailovna Ronichevskaya	March 2	Durham	Mikhail Ronichevskiy	Lydia Ronichevskaya
Susan Rose Hammond	March 4	Durham	Charles Gallagher	Louise Kennedy
James Chester Burgess	March 10	Dover	Alfred Burgess	Elvira Hill
Richard S Lyons	March 21	Durham	Charles Lyons	Elise Smilie
Benjamin Charles Rosenthal	March 22	Durham	Steven Rosenthal	Kerry Kelly
Joy A Gombossy	March 29	Dover	Hans Blumberg	Lillian Nascimento
Francis D McCann Jr	April 2	Portsmouth	Francis McCann Sr	Catherine Moran
Jane Chapman Bennett	April 3	Durham	Sarthur Chapman Jr	Rosalie Pike
Audrey J Huckins	April 11	Durham	William Spooner	Ingeborg Christensen
Richard H Dewing	April 15	Dover	William Dewing	Lowella Farmer
Beverly Holly Lange	April 19	Durham	Arnold Holly	Lucie Schuette
Simone Leland	May 1	Durham	Adriaan Kok	Trijntje Kok-Davidson
Carol J Glover	May 6	Durham	Ralph Eiler	Arvilla Wissinger
Bernard K Gordon	May 17	Exeter	Gershon Gordon	Clara Krupnick
Merle Patricia Craig	May 17	Dover	Wilfred Frylink	Edith Murray
Agustus J Grikas	May 18	Durham	James Grikas	Agnes Pagoyas
Paul C Greiner	May 26	Durham	Theodore Greiner	Agnes Meyer

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Albert Laroche	June 9	Durham	Wilfred Laroche	Regina Daigle
Thomas Francis McNulty	June 12	Durham	John McNulty	Catherine Benson
Jere Langley Lundholm	June 16	Durham	Carl Lundholm	Ada Langley
Claire C Way	June 17	Durham	Clovis Casavant	Anna Roy
Thomas A Mullin	June 19	Durham	Thomas Mullin	Frances Lee
Paula R Bosford	June 20	Rochester	Unknown Larson	Unknown
Earl Milton Neal	June 25	Durham	Earl Neal	Marion Marsh
Edna W O'Sullivan	July 3	Exeter	Barney White	Maude Beckelheimer
Sean Owen Starkey	July 4	Portsmouth	David Starkey	Genevieve Soos
Betty A Westgate	July 19	Dover	Lincoln Gowen	Rose Hanscom
Carolyn Anne Reilly	July 26	Durham	James McShane	Doris Lockwood
Paul A Rogers	July 31	Durham	Joseph Rogers	Muriel Bailey
Margaret S Christensen	August 1	Durham	Franklin Scully	Katherine Magill
Precille Marie Beebe	August 8	Durham	Oscar Grondin	Corona Bergeron
Jane C Cauchon	August 12	Dover	Joseph McGlynn	Claudia Marcotte
Joanne I Frawley	August 16	Durham	Harold Powderly	Agnes Connolly
Edith Warner Wyrick	August 19	Durham	Robert Warner	Edith Wilson
Rolph A Noack	August 27	Durham	Henry Noack	Elsa Meyer
Arthur W Hoover	September 6	Durham	Floyd Hoover	Jeannette Patro
Barbara Leigh Tack	September 9	Portsmouth	George Lagassa	Dorothy Zabinski
Laura Ellen Turcotte	October 22	Durham	Gerald Perusse	Carlene Carter
Gerald Sedor	October 24	Exeter	William Sedor	Helen Sloma
Michael Ford Welch	October 27	Dover	Ford Welch	Barbara Tattrie
Marilyn Heroux	October 27	Durham	Alphy Grivois	Jeannette Levasseur
Alfred Bolduc	November 3	Portsmouth	Omar Bolduc	Doris Makin
Stina Helene Flannery	November 4	Lee	Hans Thorland	Stina Tufteland
Ruth Stacy	November 7	Durham	Arthur Hartford	Harriet Frude
Ingeburg Martinen	November 7	Dover	Hans Petersen	Grete Detlefsen
Edward C Mathews	November 11	Durham	Edward Mathews	Hope Rich
Donald Edward Smith	November 14	Exeter	James Smith	Alice Walters
Peter Carl Andersen	December 3	Portsmouth	Kenneth Andersen	Barbara Fowler
Anita M Doherty	December 5	Dover	Hector Grenier	Georgianna Boulet
Patrick Robert Keefe	December 6	Dover	Robert Keefe	Leda Merrill
Edward K Tillinghast	December 8	Durham	Donald Tillinghast	Dorothy Jordan
Louis Daniel Goldblatt	December 12	Durham	Philip Goldblatt	Nettie Fischer
Maureen Ann Foss	December 29	Durham	Benoit St Laurent	Mary O'Malley
Christopher John Auty	December 30	Dover	John Joseph Auty	Marie Patricia McWilliams
Christopher Capen Cook	December 30	Durham	Warren Cook	Katherine Capen

Marriages 2021

Name	Residence	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Ferd W Hersman	Durham	Theresa G Fulton	Durham	Durham	February 14
Michael J Picard Jr	Durham	Elissa M Boulanger	Durham	Durham	June 26
Lisa C Canfield	Durham	Anthony J Raimondo	Durham	Somersworth	July 3
Kevin W Shepard	Durham	Ellamental G Larose	Durham	Rollinsford	July 4
Chandler T Duhaime	Durham	Allison M Hoey	Pelham	Dover	July 25
Scott A Methe	Durham	Rebecca K Glauber	Durham	Durham	August 7
Ian T Newcombe	Durham	Mariya A Kobets	Durham	Durham	August 7
Jason A Hultgren	Durham	Jessa L Doleac	Durham	Portsmouth	August 15
Devin S McNelly	Durham	Jennifer E Dayhoof	Durham	Rye	August 29
Nicholas R Deskur	Durham	Hannah M Vanauken	Durham	Atkinson	October 2
Kayla M Eaton	Durham	Dominic P Testa	Durham	Durham	October 6
Melissa R Robles	Durham	Justine J Hargreaves	Durham	Somersworth	October 9
Gintaras A Grabnickas	Durham	Giuliana Smith	Durham	Durham	October 12
Alexandria M Turcotte	Durham	Zachary R Smart	Durham	Wolfboro	October 21
Gregory J Goulski IV	Durham	Jennifer L Koffman	Durham	Windham	November 20

Resource Information

Land Area

(2.48 sq. miles of which is water surface)	24.77 sq. miles
Population (per 2020 census)	15,490
Incorporated.....	1732
Durham's Congressional District Number	1

Meeting Dates for Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions

(Notices are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall, the Durham Public Library, and on the Town's web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.)

Town Council	First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Cemetery Committee	As needed
Conservation Commission	Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Durham Agricultural Commission	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall.
Durham Energy Committee	First Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, Town Hall
Durham Housing Task Force	Second Monday of each month at 10:00 AM, Town Hall

Historic District Commission and Heritage Commission	First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Human Rights Commission	As needed
Integrated Waste Mgt. Advisory Committee	First & third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM. Town Hall.
Land Stewardship Subcommittee	Second Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM, Town Hall
Parks & Recreation Committee	Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall.
Planning Board	Second & fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Trustees of the Trust Funds	As needed
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Town Office Functions

Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office	Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM First Monday of each month, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Town Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Boat Registration	Additional \$5.00 charge to register a boat at the Town Hall.
Car Registration	Registration in month of birth. Renewal stickers and license plates can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for an additional \$3.00 each
Car Inspection	Car must be inspected within ten (10) days of first registration in New Hampshire. Then, inspection is done in the registrant's birth month. Residents may renew car registrations on-line at the Town web site: www.ci.durham.nh.us or www.eb2gov.com

Miscellaneous

Public Hearings & Public Forums: Notices for public hearings & public forums are published in the the Foster's Daily Democrat, on the bulletin board outside of Town Hall, the Durham Public Library, and on the Town's web site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.

Solid Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Center: Located on Durham Point Road. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m-3:00 p.m.

Bulky Waste Coupons and Electronic/Appliance Stickers: May be obtained at the Public Works Department at 100 Stone Quarry Drive between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon, and 12:30 to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. 868-5578

A Resident/Taxpayer Permit Sticker: Available at the Public Works or the Town Clerk's Office and must be renewed every calendar year. This sticker allows residents/taxpayers entrance to the Transfer Station with regular trash and recycling at no extra charge, plus two-hour parking in existing downtown one-hour, non-metered spaces.

Tax Exemptions: For information regarding elderly, veteran's, blind, solar energy, totally disabled and physically handicapped exemptions, or current use taxation, contact the Tax Assessor at 868-8064.

Town Tax Rate

(Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation)	\$27.91
Town	\$ 7.86
School (Local)	\$15.28
School (State)	\$ 1.98
County	\$ 2.79
Net Assessed Valuation	\$1,258,475,281
Percentage of Valuation	72.5%

A list of all new property valuations in Durham can be viewed on the Town's web site at:

www.ci.durham.nh.us.

A copy of the listings may also be obtained at the Town Assessor's Office. Residents may also call the Assessor's Office at 868-8064 to request a hard copy, which will be printed and mailed at no cost to taxpayers.

Telephone Directory

Durham Web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us

Emergency Numbers: Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency = 9-1-1

Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency from UNH campus only = *9-1-1

Municipal Offices

Name	Title	Phone	Fax	E-mail
Administration , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri				
Todd I. Selig	Town Administrator	868-5571	868-1858	tselig@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennie Berry	Admin. Assistant			jberry@ci.durham.nh.us
Assessing , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri				
Jim Rice	Assessor	868-8064	868-1858	jrice@ci.durham.nh.us
Business/Finance , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri				
Gail Jablonski	Business Manager	868-8043	868-1858	gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us
Lisa Beaudoin	Administrative Assistant			lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
Deborah Ahlstrom	Staff Accountant			dahlstrom@ci.durham.nh.us
Durham Cable Access Television , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri				
Craig Stevens	DCAT Coordinator	590-1383	868-1858	cstevens@ci.durham.nh.us
Fire Department , 51 College Road. Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri				
David Emanuel	Fire Chief	868-5531	862-1513	demanuel@ci.durham.nh.us
Randall Trull	Asst. Fire Chief			rtrull@ci.durham.nh.us
Kelley Fowler	Administrative Assistant			kfowler@ci.durham.nh.us

Name	Title	Phone	Fax	E-mail
Information Technology , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon–Fri				
Luke Vincent	IT Manager	590-1380	868-1858	lvincent@ci.durham.nh.us
Parks And Recreation Department , 2 Dover Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon–Fri				
Rachel Gasowski	Director	817-4074		rgasowski@ci.durham.nh.us
Planning & Community Development , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon–Fri				
Michael Behrendt	Director	868-8064	868-1858	mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us
Karen Edwards	Administrative Assistant			kedwards@ci.durham.nh.us
Police Department , 86 Dover Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon–Fri				
Rene Kelley	Police Chief	868-2324	868-8037	rkelly@ci.durham.nh.us
David Holmstock	Deputy Chief			dholmstock@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennifer Johnson	Administrative Assistant			jjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us
Meghan Behen	Administrative Assistant			mbehen@ci.durham.nh.us
Public Works , 100 Stone Quarry Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon–Fri				
Richard Reine	Director	868-5578	868-8063	rreine@ci.durham.nh.us
April Talon	Town Engineer			atalon@ci.durham.nh.us
Janice Richard	Assistant to Public Works Dir.			jrichard@ci.durham.nh.us
Solid Waste Division , 100 Durham Point Road. Hours: 7:30 AM-3:00 PM, Tue & Sat				
Sam Hewitt	Asst. Public Works Dir.	868-5578		shewitt@ci.durham.nh.us
Tax Collector/Town Clerk , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM, Mon–Fri — First Monday of every month 8:00 AM–6:00 PM				
Lorrie Pitt	Town Clerk/Tax Col.	868-5577	868-1858	lpitt@ci.durham.nh.us
Rachel Deane	Deputy Town Clerk			rdeane@ci.durham.nh.us
Donna Hamel	Administrative Assistant			dhamel@ci.durham.nh.us
Wastewater , Route 4. Hours: 7:00 AM-3:30 PM, Mon–Fri				
Daniel Peterson	Superintendent	868-2274	868-5005	dpeterson@ci.durham.nh.us
Water Division , 100 Durham Point Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon–Fri				
Sam Hewitt	Asst. Public Works Dir.	868-5578		shewitt@ci.durham.nh.us
Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Health Officer , 8 Newmarket Road. Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri				
Audrey Cline	Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Health Officer	868-8064	868-1858	acline@ci.durham.nh.us
Angelo DelGiudice	Code Enforcement Officer			adelguidice@ci.durham.nh.us

Other Commonly Used Numbers

Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing	868-3907	Oyster River School District:	
Oyster River Youth Association Office	868-5150	Superintendent of Schools	868-5100
Durham Post Office	868-2151	Moharimet Elem School	742-2900
Durham Public Library	868-6699	Mast Way Elem School	659-3001
Historic Museum	868-5436	Middle School	868-2820
NH Fish & Game	868-1095	High School	868-2375

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 Office: 202-224-3324

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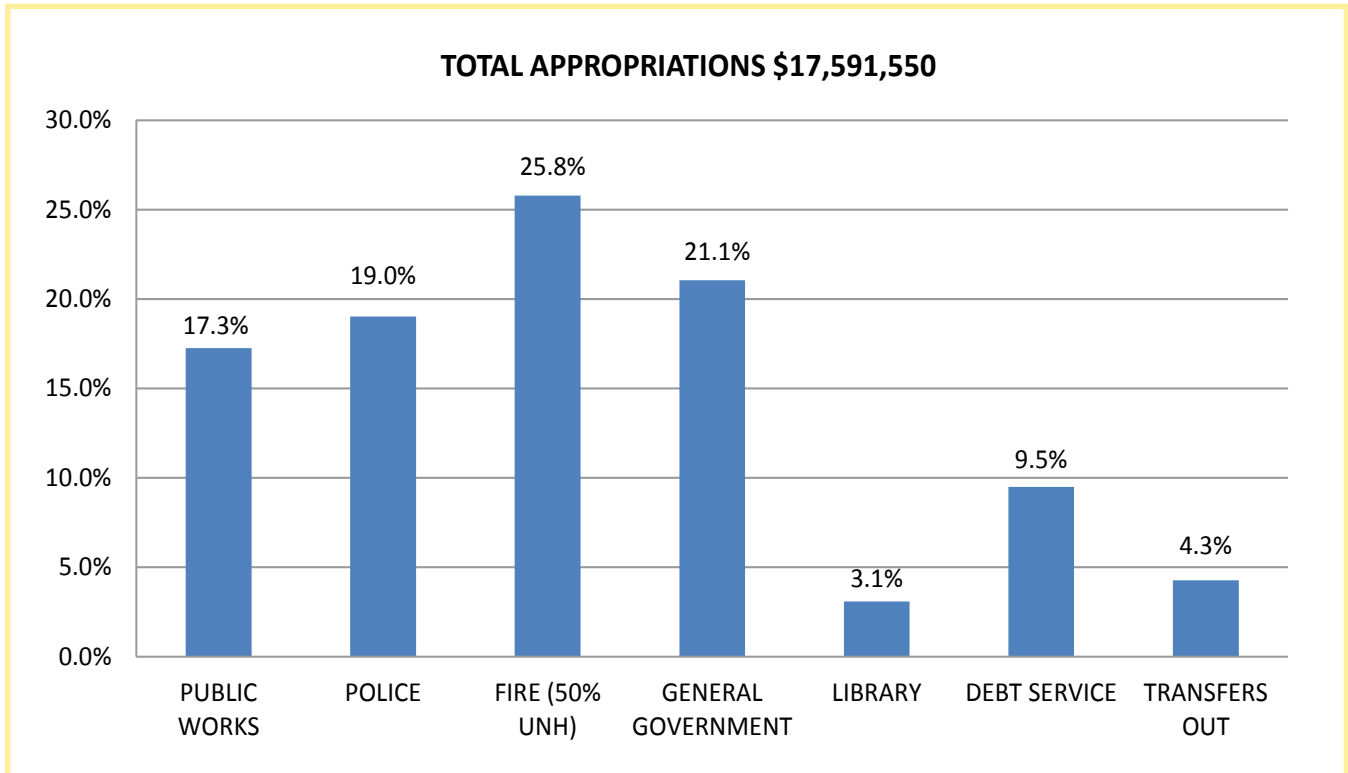
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Judith@kestrelnet.net

Rep. Janet Wall
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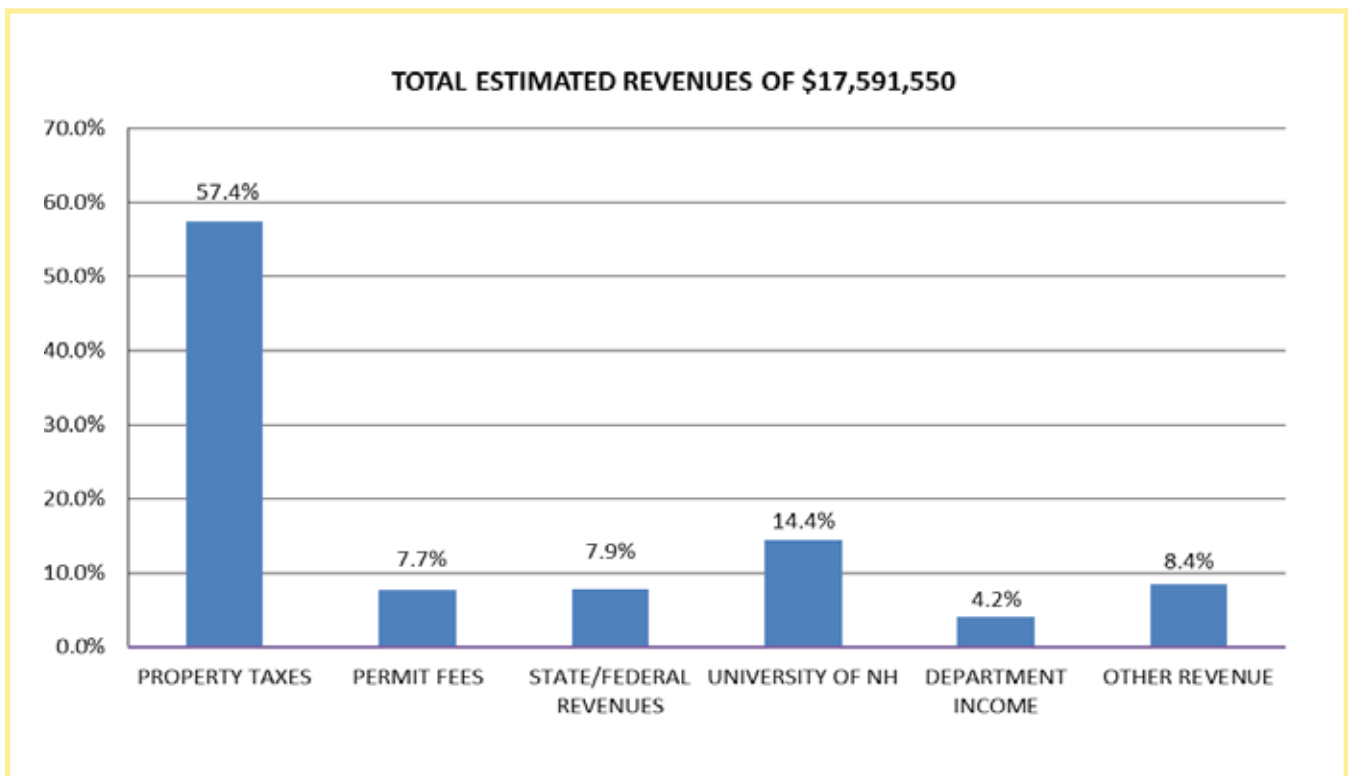
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 Concord, NH 03301
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rebecca.perkinskwoka@leg.state.nh.us

2022 Approved General Fund Appropriations



2022 Estimated General Fund Revenues



Approved Capital Improvements Program 2022-2031

<i>Business Department</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Full Revaluation - Assessing	75,000	75,000								
Municipal Software Package				500,000						
<i>Fire Department</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Replace 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe - Add'l Funds	15,000									
Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)	45,000									
Trailer for Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)	18,000									
Water Rescue Craft Replacement	55,000									
Replace 2013 Chevrolet Suburban (Asst. Chief)	95,000									
Thermal Imaging Camera		12,000		12,000		12,000		12,000		12,000
Replace and Update Microwave Link		180,000								
Replace 2001 International Truck (Rescue 1)		750,000								
Records Management System		50,000								
Refurbish 2012 Marion Tanker			150,000							
Replace 2010 Ford F-350 (Forestry Truck)			110,000							
New Fire Station				20,000,000						
Replace 2013 Chevrolet 2500 (Utility Truck)				65,000						
Refurbish 2015 Marion Pumper				250,000						
Replace 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe (Chief's Car)				95,000						
SCBA Replacements					220,000					
Airbags for Vehicle Extrication					10,000					
Portable Radio Replacements					150,000					
Replace 2017 Ford Explorer (Fire Prevention)					50,000					
Replace 2013 Can-Am UTV						50,000				
Replace 2021 Ford F-350 (Medic Truck)							175,000			
Defibrillator Replacement								75,000		
Replace 2015 Ferrara Aerial Truck								1,240,000		
Refurbish 2018 Marion Pumper								250,000		
Automated CPR Device								16,000		
Extrication Tools Replacement									30,000	
Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)									20,000	
<i>Information Technology/GIS</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
IT Equipment Replacement	16,500	27,000	17,000	29,500	17,500	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
GIS Program	100,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
<i>Police Department</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Vehicle Replacement (Purchase 2/Yr)	121,000	61,500	125,000	125,000	62,500	125,000	125,000	62,500	125,000	125,000
Mobile Speed Trailer		12,000								

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<i>Public Works- Buildings & Grounds Division</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Seasonal Decorative Lighting	2,500	2,500	2,500							
Pickup Truck Replacement (3/4 Ton)	47,000									
Courthouse/Old Town Hall Design and Enhancements	37,000	367,000								
Wagon Hill Farmhouse Design and Enhancements		437,500								
Purchase of Solar Panels (Gravel Pit)		850,000								
Dump Truck Replacement (One Ton)		58,500			54,500					
Pickup Truck Replacement (1/2 Ton)					25,000					
<i>Public Works - Operations Division</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Road Resurfacing Program	450,000	490,000	513,000	517,000	517,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Road Resurfacing Program - UNH	112,000									
Crack Seal Program	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Sidewalk Improvement Program	20,000	62,300	43,000	40,000	40,000					
Drainage System Rehabilitation Program	400,000	500,000	85,000							
Stormwater Management Program - Permit Compliance	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Facility Infrastructure Preventative Maintenance	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Oyster River Dam (Mill Pond)	1,600,000	3,240,000								
Mill Road Culvert Over Oyster River	375,000									
Variable Message Sign Replacement	17,500									
Roadway Sweeper Replacement	245,000									
Dump Truck Replacement (3-5 Ton)	215,000	179,700		185,900	193,200	200,100	206,100	212,100		
Madbury Roadway, Sidewalk, Drainage Design & Construction		2,885,000								
Front End Loader Replacement		220,000								
Pickup Truck Replacement (3/4 Ton)		42,500								
Aerial Bucket Truck Replacement		130,000								
Sidewalk Plow Tractor Replacement		187,000				195,000				
Mobile Air Compressor Replacement				25,000						
Longmarsh Road Bridge Replacement				1,300,000						
Engineering Jeep Replacement					21,000					
Dame Road Paving						455,000				
Pickup Truck Replacement (Dodge Ram)						45,000				
Rubber Tired Excavator Replacement									310,000	
<i>Public Works - Sanitation Division</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Skid Steer Replacement	54,000									
Refuse/Recycling Collection Vehicle Replacement			255,000	261,000			261,000			
<i>Recreation Department</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Woodridge Park Improvements		61,000								
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	4,195,500	10,929,500	1,410,500	23,515,400	1,470,700	1,662,100	1,357,100	2,457,600	1,075,000	727,000

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WATER FUND	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Lee Well Improvements	55,000									
Town Water System Improvements	500,000	130,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Town/UNH Shared Water System Improvements		70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Utility Truck Replacement (One Ton)	67,500									
Madbury Road Water Line Replacement		2,205,000								
Wiswall Dam Spillway			650,000							
Foss Farm and Beech Hill Water Storage Tank Mixing Systems			225,000							
WATER FUND TOTALS	622,500	2,405,000	1,020,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000
WASTEWATER FUND	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Wastewater Facilities Plan	525,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000
Collection System Repair/Upgrade (Town/UNH)	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Collection System Repair/Upgrade (Town Only)	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
WWTP Major Components Contingency	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
WWTP Major Components Rehabilitation Design and Construction	325,000	2,700,000								
Sewer Jet/Vac Truck Replacement		420,000								
Telehandler Replacement		61,900								
Commercial Lawnmower Replacement				17,500						
Pickup Truck Replacement (One Ton)								41,000	42,000	
WASTEWATER FUND TOTALS	995,000	3,751,900	570,000	587,500	570,000	570,000	570,000	611,000	612,000	570,000
PARKING FUND	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Replace VenTex Parking Kiosks		104,000	104,000	104,000						
PARKING FUND TOTALS	0	104,000	104,000	104,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHURCHILL RINK FUND	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Zamboni Replacement	40,000				150,000					
Renovations/Upgrades		785,000	450,000	175,000						
CHURCHILL RINK FUND TOTALS	40,000	785,000	450,000	175,000	150,000	0	0	0	0	0
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Purchase of Parking Lot (Sammy's Lot)									1,500,000	
TIF DISTRICT TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	0
TOTAL CIP PROPOSALS	5,853,000	17,975,400	3,554,500	24,526,900	2,335,700	2,377,100	2,072,100	3,213,600	3,332,000	1,442,000

FY 2021 Budget/Estimated General Fund – Unaudited

PROPERTY TAXES/ABATEMENTS/CREDITS	Estimated Revenue FY2021	Revenues Ending 12/31/21	Revenues Under (Over) 2021	Percent Collected 12/31/21
Property Taxes	\$9,750,950	\$9,643,907	\$107,043	98.9%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$738,700	\$760,659	(\$21,959)	103.0%
Abatements	(\$835,223)	(\$835,206)	(\$17)	100.0%
Veteran Service Credits	(\$125,000)	(\$122,500)	(\$2,500)	98.0%
REVENUES	Estimated Revenue FY2021	Revenues Ending 12/31/21	Revenues Under (Over) 2021	Percent Collected 12/31/21
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$50,000	\$51,012	(\$1,012)	102.0%
Permit Fees	\$1,431,600	\$1,488,726	(\$57,126)	104.0%
State/Federal Revenues	\$1,090,000	\$1,464,467	(\$374,467)	134.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues (ORCSD-SRO)	\$82,300	\$82,300	\$0	100.0%
UNH - Shared Services, School, Fire & Debt Service	\$2,480,450	\$2,472,673	\$7,777	99.7%
Departmental Income	\$358,300	\$416,838	(\$58,538)	116.3%
Fire and Police Special Details	\$286,000	\$240,615	\$45,385	84.1%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$665,400	\$771,339	(\$105,939)	115.9%
Fund Balance	\$869,392	\$0	\$869,392	0.0%
Total General Fund Revenues	\$7,313,442	\$6,987,970	\$325,472	95.5%
EXPENDITURES	Council Budget FY2021	Expended Through 12/31/21	Expenditures Under (Over) 2021	Percent Expended 12/31/21
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Council	\$164,500	\$30,807	\$133,693	18.7%
Town Treasurer	\$6,000	\$5,835	\$165	97.3%
Town Administrator	\$403,900	\$393,351	\$10,549	97.4%
Elections	\$12,400	\$12,202	\$198	98.4%
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	\$286,550	\$286,954	(\$404)	100.1%
Accounting	\$363,500	\$360,063	\$3,437	99.1%
Assessing	\$242,650	\$238,182	\$4,468	98.2%
Legal - Attorney Fees	\$75,000	\$118,758	(\$43,758)	158.3%
Legal - Eversource Settlement (Great Bay Study)	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0	100.0%
Planning	\$184,200	\$185,258	(\$1,058)	100.6%
Economic Development	\$39,300	\$27,693	\$11,607	70.5%
Boards/Commissions/Committees	\$57,850	\$84,786	(\$26,936)	146.6%
DCAT	\$105,050	\$119,410	(\$14,360)	113.7%
GIS	\$65,900	\$38,140	\$27,760	57.9%
MIS	\$309,600	\$313,918	(\$4,318)	101.4%
Building Inspection	\$255,600	\$206,276	\$49,324	80.7%
Emergency Management	\$1,000	\$1,857	(\$857)	185.7%
Other General Government	\$276,800	\$235,930	\$40,870	85.2%
General Government Total	\$3,024,800	\$2,834,420	\$190,380	93.7%

FY 2021 Budget/Estimated General Fund – Unaudited (page 2)

EXPENDITURES	Council Budget FY2021	Expended Through 12/31/21	Expenditures Under (Over) 2021	Percent Expended 12/31/21
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police Department	\$3,057,100	\$2,939,981	\$117,119	96.2%
Police Department Special Details	\$189,100	\$85,849	\$103,251	45.4%
Fire Department	\$4,407,850	\$4,199,219	\$208,631	95.3%
Fire Department Special Details	\$40,000	\$94,903	(\$54,903)	237.3%
Communication Center	\$19,700	\$18,700	\$1,000	94.9%
Ambulance Services	\$37,600	\$37,560	\$40	99.9%
Public Safety Total	\$7,751,350	\$7,376,212	\$375,138	95.2%
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	\$390,550	\$345,818	\$44,732	88.5%
Engineer	\$129,200	\$97,588	\$31,612	75.5%
Stormwater Permitting	\$3,500	\$3,474	\$26	99.3%
Town Buildings	\$283,150	\$255,721	\$27,429	90.3%
Town Cemeteries & Trusted Graveyards	\$16,150	\$10,631	\$5,519	65.8%
Wagon Hill & Parks & Grounds Maintenance	\$165,900	\$136,875	\$29,025	82.5%
Equipment Maintenance	\$238,100	\$216,984	\$21,116	91.1%
Roadway Maintenance	\$160,500	\$130,962	\$29,538	81.6%
Drainage & Vegetation	\$128,100	\$115,625	\$12,475	90.3%
Snow Removal	\$297,400	\$254,067	\$43,333	85.4%
Traffic Control	\$135,200	\$100,582	\$34,618	74.4%
Bridges & Dams	\$212,350	\$176,370	\$35,980	83.1%
Public Works Use of Donations	\$9,000	\$16,774	(\$7,774)	186.4%
Public Works Total	\$2,169,100	\$1,861,471	\$307,629	85.8%
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Administration	\$154,100	\$167,275	(\$13,175)	108.5%
Rolloff Vehicle Operation	\$58,400	\$43,173	\$15,227	73.9%
Curbside Collection	\$197,900	\$208,630	(\$10,730)	105.4%
Litter Removal	\$25,400	\$25,979	(\$579)	102.3%
Recycling	\$190,800	\$157,865	\$32,935	82.7%
Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF)	\$123,000	\$151,312	(\$28,312)	123.0%
Sanitation Total	\$749,600	\$754,234	(\$4,634)	100.6%
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Health Inspector	\$400	\$0	\$400	0.0%
Social Service Agencies	\$12,200	\$11,950	\$250	98.0%
Direct Assistance (Welfare)	\$20,000	\$39,679	(\$19,679)	198.4%
Health & Welfare Total	\$32,600	\$51,629	(\$19,029)	158.4%
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Parks & Recreation Department	\$256,150	\$255,157	\$993	99.6%
UNH Outdoor Pool and ORYA	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Parks & Recreation Committee	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	0.0%
Memorial Day	\$500	\$125	\$375	25.0%
Conservation	\$36,600	\$39,445	(\$2,845)	107.8%
Culture & Recreation Total	\$294,750	\$294,727	\$23	100.0%

FY 2021 Budget/Estimated General Fund – Unaudited (page 3)

EXPENDITURES	Council Budget FY2021	Expended Through 12/31/21	Expenditures Under (Over) 2021	Percent Expended 12/31/21
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	\$1,388,400	\$1,398,241	(\$9,841)	100.7%
Interest	\$346,900	\$365,353	(\$18,453)	105.3%
Debt Service Charges	\$5,000	\$922	\$4,078	18.4%
Debt Service Total	\$1,740,300	\$1,764,516	(\$24,216)	101.4%
TRANSFERS				
Transfer to Library	\$512,200	\$512,200	\$0	100.0%
Transfer to Capital Project Fund	\$669,000	\$669,000	\$0	100.0%
Transfer to Fire Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	100.0%
Debt Service Total	\$1,201,200	\$1,201,200	\$0	100.0%
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES UNAUDITED	\$16,963,700	\$16,138,409	\$825,291	95.1%

FY 2021 Budget/Estimated Other Funds Summary – Unaudited

Water Fund	Estimated FY2021	Ending 12/31/21	Under (Over) 2021	Percent as of 12/31/21
Revenues	\$1,190,200	\$1,129,835	\$60,365	94.9%
Expenses	\$1,190,200	\$1,115,876	\$74,324	93.8%
Sewer Fund	Estimated FY2021	Ending 12/31/21	Under (Over) 2021	Percent as of 12/31/21
Revenues	\$2,876,000	\$2,997,264	(\$121,264)	104.2%
Expenses	\$2,876,000	\$2,717,575	\$158,425	94.5%
Parking Fund	Estimated FY2021	Ending 12/31/21	Under (Over) 2021	Percent as of 12/31/21
Revenues	\$381,350	\$344,650	\$36,700	90.4%
Expenses	\$381,350	\$271,934	\$109,416	71.3%
Depot Road Fund	Estimated FY2021	Ending 12/31/21	Under (Over) 2021	Percent as of 12/31/21
Revenues	\$103,000	\$122,158	(\$19,158)	118.6%
Expenses	\$103,000	\$19,880	\$83,120	19.3%
Churchill Rink Fund	Estimated FY2021	Ending 12/31/21	Under (Over) 2021	Percent as of 12/31/21
Revenues	\$285,400	\$299,261	(\$13,861)	104.9%
Expenses	\$285,400	\$219,231	\$66,169	76.8%
Library Fund	Estimated FY2021	Ending 12/31/21	Under (Over) 2021	Percent as of 12/31/21
Revenues	\$532,200	\$531,106	\$1,094	99.8%
Expenses	\$532,200	\$528,554	\$3,646	99.3%



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Town Council
Town of Durham, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Durham, New Hampshire's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our (1) qualified audit opinion on the governmental activities; and (2) unmodified audit opinion on each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities

Management has not included any of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire's capital assets acquired in years prior to 2004, nor the accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense related to those assets in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph on Governmental Activities, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Opinion on Major Funds and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 22 to the financial statements, in 2020 the Town adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison for the General Fund and



Sewer Fund, and certain Pension and OPEB schedules be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information appearing on pages 59 through 62 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Melanson".

Melanson

Merrimack, New Hampshire
August 10, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains required/other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The governmental activities include general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, water distribution and treatment, health, welfare, culture and recreation, and conservation.

Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The Town's fiduciary funds include custodial funds, which report resources that are held by the Town for parties outside of the Town's reporting entity. The custodial funds include resources held in trust by the Town for the benefit of the Oyster River School District.

Notes to Financial Statements

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

Required/Other Supplementary Information (Other Than MD&A)

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Financial Highlights

- As of the close of the current year, net position in governmental activities was \$15,202,137, a change of \$900,715.
- As of the close of the current year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$11,845,947, a change of \$1,820,578 in comparison to the prior year.

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- At the end of the current year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$3,708,849, a change of \$(6,779) in comparison to the prior year.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current and prior years.

NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 23,539,593	\$ 20,959,118
Capital assets	<u>44,341,537</u>	<u>42,109,484</u>
Total assets	67,881,130	63,068,602
Deferred outflows of resources	4,547,680	1,688,758
Long-term liabilities	44,464,958	13,958,127
Other liabilities	<u>11,511,904</u>	<u>36,188,434</u>
Total liabilities	55,976,862	50,146,561
Deferred inflows of resources	1,249,811	1,036,619
Net investment in capital assets	23,033,074	21,685,585
Restricted	6,201,308	4,072,686
Unrestricted	<u>(14,032,245)</u>	<u>(12,184,091)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 15,202,137</u>	<u>\$ 13,574,180</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a town's financial position. At the close of the most recent year, total net position was \$15,202,137, a change of \$900,715 in comparison to the prior year.

The largest portion of net position \$23,033,074 reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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An additional portion of net position \$6,201,308, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is a deficit of \$(14,032,245) primarily resulting from the Town’s unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 4,309,123	\$ 4,979,266
Capital grants and contributions	290,343	108,080
General revenues:		
Property taxes	8,860,687	9,113,312
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,180,592	1,194,466
Penalties and interest on taxes	508,186	351,845
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	5,113,251	4,839,461
Investment income	186,638	229,480
Other	<u>1,369,615</u>	<u>990,308</u>
Total revenues	21,818,435	21,806,218
Expenses:		
General government	3,114,816	2,829,460
Public safety	9,280,401	9,384,034
Highways and streets	2,542,588	2,291,295
Sanitation	2,763,824	2,626,027
Water distribution and treatment	939,186	736,556
Health and human services	17,050	17,120
Welfare	27,204	15,276
Culture and recreation	1,340,736	1,249,274
Conservation	144,390	99,797
Interest on long-term debt	<u>747,525</u>	<u>783,245</u>
Total expenses	<u>20,917,720</u>	<u>20,032,084</u>
Change in net position	900,715	1,774,134
Net position - beginning of year, as restated	<u>14,301,422</u>	<u>11,800,046</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 15,202,137</u>	<u>\$ 13,574,180</u>

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Governmental Activities

Governmental activities for the year resulted in a change in net position of \$900,715. Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund operations	\$	429,073
Capital project fund revenues		768,087
Sewer fund results		230,902
Principal debt service in excess of depreciation expense		97,225
Change in long-term liabilities, net of deferred outflows and inflows		(1,149,986)
Other		<u>525,414</u>
Total	\$	<u>900,715</u>

Financial Analysis of the Town’s Funds

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

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

General Fund

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$3,708,849, while total fund balance was \$6,077,067. As a measure of the general fund’s liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to general fund expenditures. Refer to the following table.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>Change</u>	% of Total General Fund Expenditures
Unassigned fund balance	\$ 3,708,849	\$ 3,715,628	\$ (6,779)	23.5%
Total fund balance	\$ 6,077,067	\$ 5,647,994	\$ 429,073	38.6%

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The total fund balance of the general fund changed by \$429,073 during the current year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

Use of fund balance as a funding source	\$	(93,000)
Revenues and other financing sources as compared with budgeted amounts		(328,367)
Expenditures and other financing uses as compared with budgeted amounts		555,955
Current year encumbrances less than prior year		(36,969)
Change in capital reserves		318,658
Change in library activities		19,601
Change in parking activities		(6,805)
Total	\$	<u>429,073</u>

Included in the total general fund balance are the Town's capital reserve accounts with the following balances:

	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>Change</u>
Capital reserves	\$ 1,485,267	\$ 1,166,609	\$ 318,658

Other Major Funds

The Town's capital project fund is used to account for activity related to various construction and/or renovation projects, as well as purchases of vehicles and equipment for the Town.

The Town's sewer fund is used to account for wastewater treatment services provided to Town residents.

Non-Major Governmental Funds

The non-major fund balance changed by \$227,094 primarily from the receipt of funds in the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There was no difference between the original budget and the final amended budget.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

Total investment in capital assets for governmental activities at year-end amounted to \$44,192,294 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, and machinery and equipment.

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Major capital asset events during the current year included the following:

DPW rolloff truck	\$	156,669
Police cruiser	\$	44,922

New Additions to Construction in Progress:

Sewer force main replacement	\$	1,884,853
WWTP grit upgrades	\$	891,211
Dover Road 8' water main	\$	640,252
Road resurfacing	\$	313,170
Pedestrian bridge over Oyster River	\$	306,272

Reclassification of Construction in Progress:

Solid waste management facility	\$	208,984
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Additional information on capital assets can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Long-term debt

At the end of the current year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$16,800,005, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the Town.

Additional information on long-term debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Office of the Business Manager

Town of Durham

8 Newmarket Road

Durham, NH 03824

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 14,676,473	\$ -	\$ 1,575,488	\$ 1,466,202	\$ 17,718,163
Investments	1,697,405	-	791,935	597,006	3,086,346
Receivables:					
Property taxes	1,167,734	-	-	-	1,167,734
User fees	-	-	143,166	181,396	324,562
Departmental and other	48,916	-	-	-	48,916
Due from other governments	59,435	1,332,033	-	25,608	1,417,076
Due from other funds	560,845	-	36,125	813,842	1,410,812
Other assets	97,793	16,715	-	61,774	176,282
Total Assets	\$ 18,308,601	\$ 1,348,748	\$ 2,546,714	\$ 3,145,828	\$ 25,349,891
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 451,456	\$ 272,546	\$ 161,388	\$ 59,995	\$ 945,385
Retainage payable	-	70,252	-	-	70,252
Accrued liabilities	276,544	-	15,942	9,973	302,459
Tax refunds payable	720,179	-	-	-	720,179
Taxes paid in advance	35,517	-	-	-	35,517
Due to other funds	9,868,882	572,896	-	-	10,441,778
Notes payable	-	25,828	-	-	25,828
Other liabilities	101,125	-	-	1,063	102,188
Total Liabilities	11,453,703	941,522	177,330	71,031	12,643,586
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Unavailable revenues	727,831	-	50,561	31,966	810,358
Other	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable	97,793	-	-	457,324	555,117
Restricted	488,635	1,539,690	1,467,519	2,309,914	5,805,758
Committed	801,259	-	851,304	236,243	1,888,806
Assigned	980,531	-	-	39,350	1,019,881
Unassigned	3,708,849	(1,132,464)	-	-	2,576,385
Total Fund Balances	6,077,067	407,226	2,318,823	3,042,831	11,845,947
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 18,308,601	\$ 1,348,748	\$ 2,546,714	\$ 3,145,828	\$ 25,349,891

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$ 8,678,077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,610	\$ 8,848,687
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,180,592	-	-	-	1,180,592
Penalties, interest and other taxes	500,734	-	3,697	3,755	508,186
Charges for services	604,144	-	1,927,389	1,255,912	3,787,445
Intergovernmental	4,136,836	515,468	613,423	17,025	5,282,752
Licenses and permits	449,408	-	-	89,300	538,708
Investment income	97,968	-	51,304	37,366	186,638
Contributions	264,884	-	88,813	33,783	387,480
Miscellaneous	707,798	252,619	1,153	30,403	991,973
Total Revenues	16,620,441	768,087	2,685,779	1,638,154	21,712,461
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government	2,837,191	94,845	-	27,730	2,959,766
Public safety	7,869,066	138,982	-	-	8,008,048
Highways and streets	1,472,645	862,738	-	-	2,335,383
Sanitation	734,162	3,038,822	1,142,953	-	4,915,937
Water distribution and treatment	-	884,078	-	614,493	1,498,571
Health and human services	17,050	-	-	-	17,050
Welfare	27,204	-	-	-	27,204
Culture and recreation	907,400	-	-	243,663	1,151,063
Conservation	104,733	-	-	39,657	144,390
Debt service					
Principal	1,402,966	-	821,715	199,771	2,424,452
Interest	391,434	-	274,287	61,404	727,125
Total Expenditures	15,763,851	5,019,465	2,238,955	1,186,718	24,208,989
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	856,590	(4,251,378)	446,824	451,436	(2,496,528)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Issuance of bonds	-	1,461,175	-	-	1,461,175
Issuance of loans (direct borrowings)	-	2,632,106	-	-	2,632,106
Bond premiums	-	223,825	-	-	223,825
Transfers in	224,783	867,781	-	-	1,092,564
Transfers out	(652,300)	-	(215,922)	(224,342)	(1,092,564)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(427,517)	5,184,887	(215,922)	(224,342)	4,317,106
Change in fund balance	429,073	933,509	230,902	227,094	1,820,578
Fund Balance, at Beginning of Year, as restated	5,647,994	(526,283)	2,087,921	2,815,737	10,025,369
Fund Balance, at End of Year	\$ 6,077,067	\$ 407,226	\$ 2,318,823	\$ 3,042,831	\$ 11,845,947

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

General Fund
 Combining Schedule - General Fund Balance Sheet
 December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Library Fund	Parking Fund	Police Confidential Fund	Eliminate the Effect of Due To/From	Total General Fund
Assets							
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 14,384,400	\$ 64,201	\$ 220,422	\$ 6,253	\$ 1,197	\$ -	\$ 14,676,473
Investments	-	1,433,135	264,270	-	-	-	1,697,405
Receivables:							
Property taxes	1,167,734	-	-	-	-	-	1,167,734
Departmental and other	48,916	-	-	-	-	-	48,916
Due from other governments	59,435	-	-	-	-	-	59,435
Due from other funds	572,896	-	19,291	-	-	(31,342)	560,845
Other assets	97,793	-	-	-	-	-	97,793
Total Assets	\$ 16,331,174	\$ 1,497,336	\$ 503,983	\$ 6,253	\$ 1,197	\$ (31,342)	\$ 18,308,601
Liabilities							
Accounts payable	\$ 441,710	\$ 18	\$ 6,560	\$ 3,168	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 451,456
Accrued liabilities	260,974	-	12,485	3,085	-	-	276,544
Tax refunds payable	720,179	-	-	-	-	-	720,179
Taxes paid in advance	35,517	-	-	-	-	-	35,517
Due to other funds	9,888,173	12,051	-	-	-	(31,342)	9,868,882
Other liabilities	101,125	-	-	-	-	-	101,125
Total Liabilities	11,447,678	12,069	19,045	6,253	-	(31,342)	11,453,703
Deferred Inflows of Resources							
Unavailable revenues	727,831	-	-	-	-	-	727,831
Other	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Fund Balances							
Nonspendable	97,793	-	-	-	-	-	97,793
Restricted	2,500	-	484,938	-	1,197	-	488,635
Committed	-	801,259	-	-	-	-	801,259
Assigned	615,181	365,350	-	-	-	-	980,531
Unassigned	3,390,191	318,658	-	-	-	-	3,708,849
Total Fund Balances	4,105,665	1,485,267	484,938	-	1,197	-	6,077,067
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 16,331,174	\$ 1,497,336	\$ 503,983	\$ 6,253	\$ 1,197	\$ (31,342)	\$ 18,308,601

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 Combining Schedule - Nonmajor Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
 December 31, 2020

	Water Fund	Conservation Commission Fund	Depot Road Fund	Church Hill Rink Fund	Downtown TIF Fund	Permanent Fund	Impact Fee Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Assets								
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 220,724	\$ 80,722	\$ 270,579	\$ 185,572	\$ 674,578	\$ 34,027	\$ -	\$ 1,466,202
Investments	134,842	-	-	-	-	462,164	-	597,006
Receivables:								
User fees	115,272	-	-	66,124	-	-	-	181,396
Due from other governments	25,608	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,608
Due from other funds	70,435	-	-	-	-	-	743,407	813,842
Other assets	61,774	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,774
Total Assets	\$ 628,655	\$ 80,722	\$ 270,579	\$ 251,696	\$ 674,578	\$ 496,191	\$ 743,407	\$ 3,145,828
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$ 37,484	\$ -	\$ 15,601	\$ 6,910	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,995
Accrued liabilities	6,137	-	-	3,836	-	-	-	9,973
Other liabilities	-	1,063	-	-	-	-	-	1,063
Total Liabilities	43,621	1,063	15,601	10,746	-	-	-	71,031
Deferred Inflows of Resources								
Unavailable revenues	31,966	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,966
Fund Balances								
Nonspendable	61,774	-	-	-	-	395,550	-	457,324
Restricted	215,701	79,659	254,978	240,950	674,578	100,641	743,407	2,309,914
Committed	236,243	-	-	-	-	-	-	236,243
Assigned	39,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,350
Total Fund Balances	553,068	79,659	254,978	240,950	674,578	496,191	743,407	3,042,831
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 628,655	\$ 80,722	\$ 270,579	\$ 251,696	\$ 674,578	\$ 496,191	\$ 743,407	\$ 3,145,828

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

General Fund
 Combining Schedule - General Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

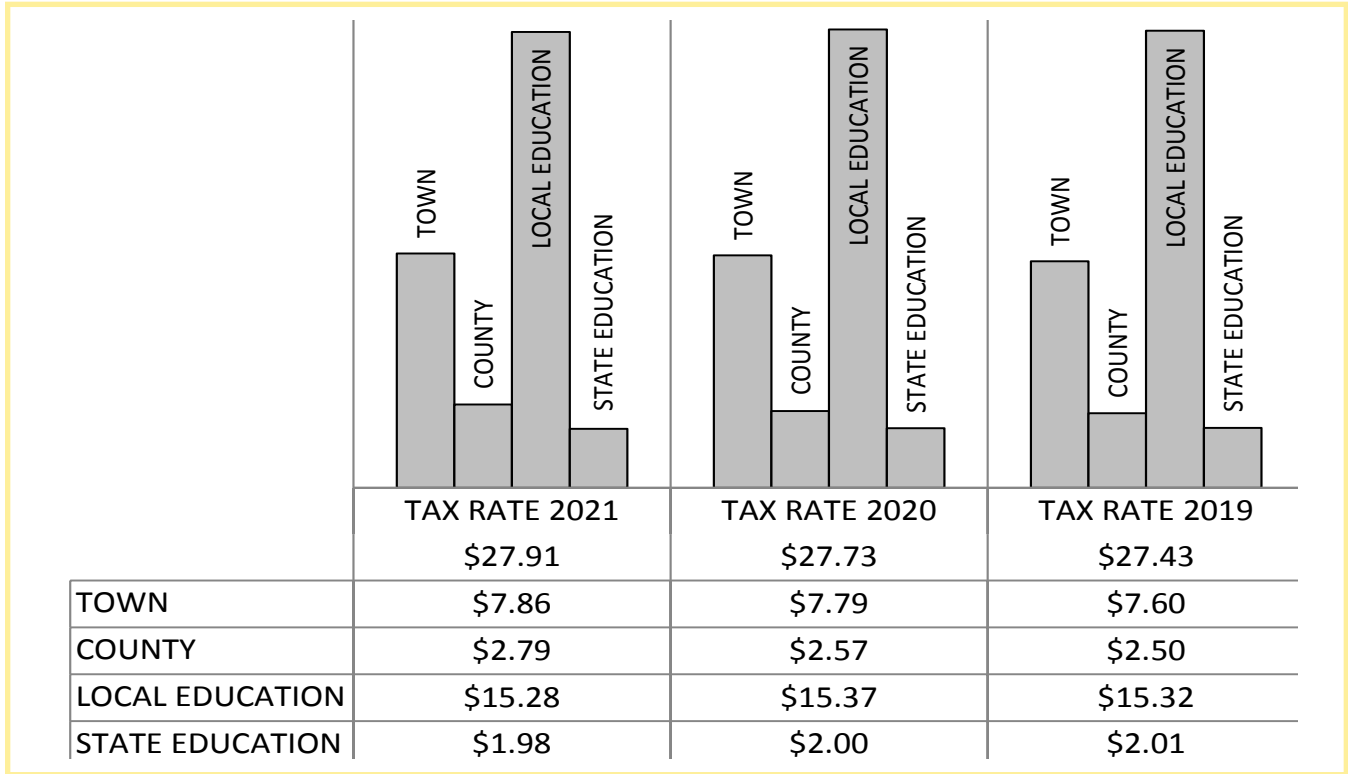
	General Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Library Fund	Parking Fund	Police Confidential Fund	Eliminate the Effect of Txf In/Out	Total General Fund
Revenues							
Property taxes	\$ 8,678,077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,678,077
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,180,592	-	-	-	-	-	1,180,592
Penalties, interest and other taxes	500,734	-	-	-	-	-	500,734
Charges for services	401,811	-	-	202,333	-	-	604,144
Intergovernmental	4,136,836	-	-	-	-	-	4,136,836
Licenses and permits	413,013	-	-	36,395	-	-	449,408
Investment income	63,321	26,272	8,375	-	-	-	97,968
Contributions	535	229,396	34,953	-	-	-	264,884
Miscellaneous	613,020	94,702	-	76	-	-	707,798
Total Revenues	15,987,939	350,370	43,328	238,804	-	-	16,620,441
Expenditures							
Current:							
General government	2,787,923	49,268	-	-	-	-	2,837,191
Public safety	7,633,569	-	-	235,497	-	-	7,869,066
Highways and streets	1,472,645	-	-	-	-	-	1,472,645
Sanitation	734,162	-	-	-	-	-	734,162
Health and human services	17,050	-	-	-	-	-	17,050
Welfare	27,204	-	-	-	-	-	27,204
Culture and recreation	369,373	-	538,027	-	-	-	907,400
Conservation	104,733	-	-	-	-	-	104,733
Debt service							
Principal	1,402,966	-	-	-	-	-	1,402,966
Interest	391,434	-	-	-	-	-	391,434
Total Expenditures	14,941,059	49,268	538,027	235,497	-	-	15,763,851
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,046,880	301,102	(494,699)	3,307	-	-	856,590
Other Financing Sources/Uses							
Transfers in	405,354	188,015	514,300	-	-	(882,886)	224,783
Transfers out	(1,354,615)	(170,459)	-	(10,112)	-	882,886	(652,300)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(949,261)	17,556	514,300	(10,112)	-	-	(427,517)
Change in fund balance	97,619	318,658	19,601	(6,805)	-	-	429,073
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses							
Fund Balance, at Beginning of Year	4,008,046	1,166,609	465,337	6,805	1,197	-	5,647,994
Fund Balance, at End of Year	\$ 4,105,665	\$ 1,485,267	\$ 484,938	\$ -	\$ 1,197	\$ -	\$ 6,077,067

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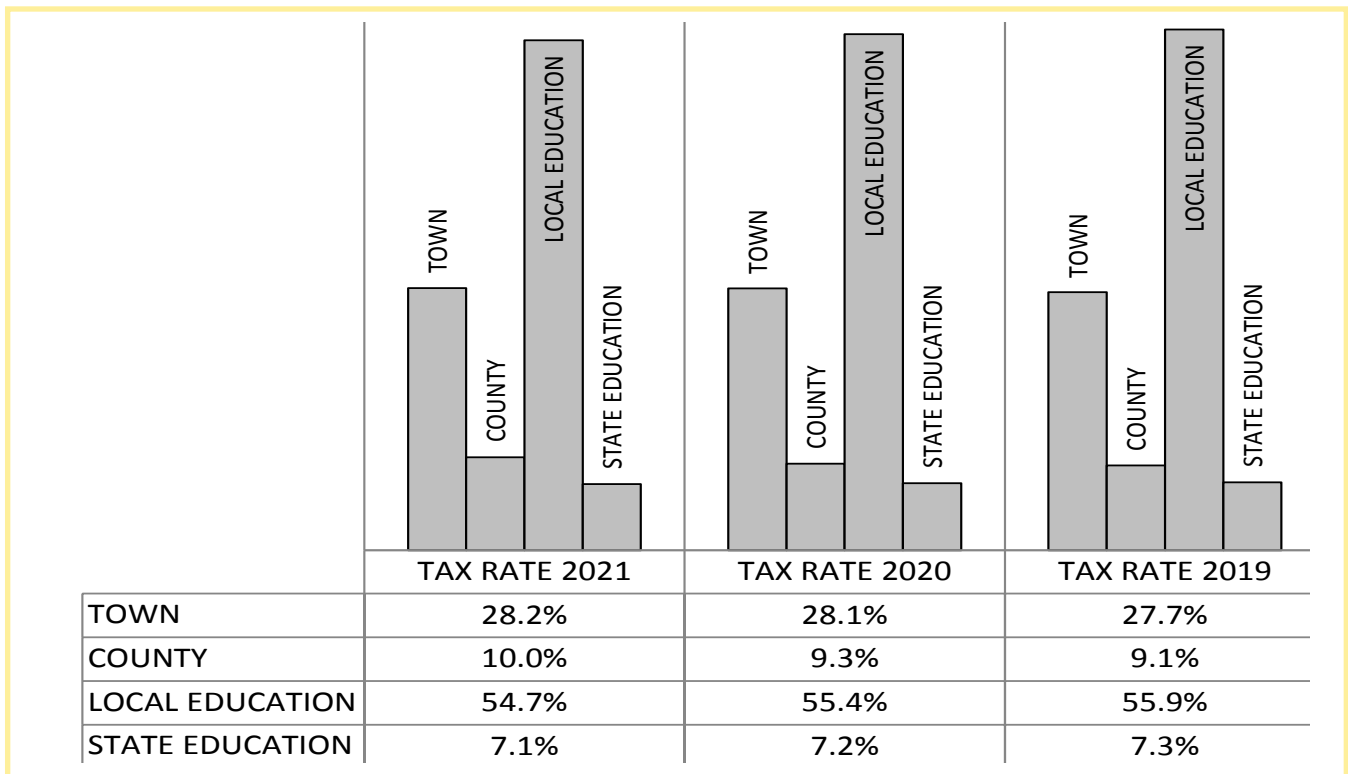
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 Combining Schedule - Nonmajor Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Water Fund	Conservation Commission Fund	Depot Road Fund	Church Hill Risk Fund	Downtown TIF Fund	Permanent Trust Fund	Impact Fee Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ 1,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,610
Penalties, interest and other taxes	3,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,755
Charges for services	1,016,793	-	19,784	204,539	-	-	14,796	1,255,912
Intergovernmental	17,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,025
Licenses and permits	-	-	89,300	-	-	-	-	89,300
Investment income	3,696	782	-	-	-	31,519	1,369	37,366
Contributions	25,608	-	-	-	-	8,175	-	33,783
Miscellaneous	27,582	400	-	2,421	-	-	-	30,403
Total Revenues	1,094,459	2,685	109,084	206,960	169,107	39,694	16,165	1,638,154
Expenditures								
Current:								
General government	-	-	24,669	-	-	3,061	-	27,730
Water distribution and treatment	614,493	-	-	-	-	-	-	614,493
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	243,663	-	-	-	243,663
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	39,657	-	-	-	-	-	39,657
Principal	199,771	-	-	-	-	-	-	199,771
Interest	61,404	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,404
Total Expenditures	875,668	39,657	24,669	243,663	-	3,061	-	1,186,718
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	218,791	(36,972)	84,415	(36,703)	169,107	36,633	16,165	451,436
Other Financing Sources/Uses								
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(148,315)	-	(76,027)	-	-	-	-	(224,342)
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(148,315)	-	(76,027)	-	-	-	-	(224,342)
Change in fund balance	70,476	(36,972)	8,388	(36,703)	169,107	36,633	16,165	227,094
Fund Balance, at Beginning of Year, as restated	482,592	116,631	246,590	277,653	505,471	459,558	727,242	2,815,737
Fund Balance, at End of Year	\$ 553,068	\$ 79,659	\$ 254,978	\$ 240,950	\$ 674,578	\$ 496,191	\$ 743,407	\$ 3,042,831

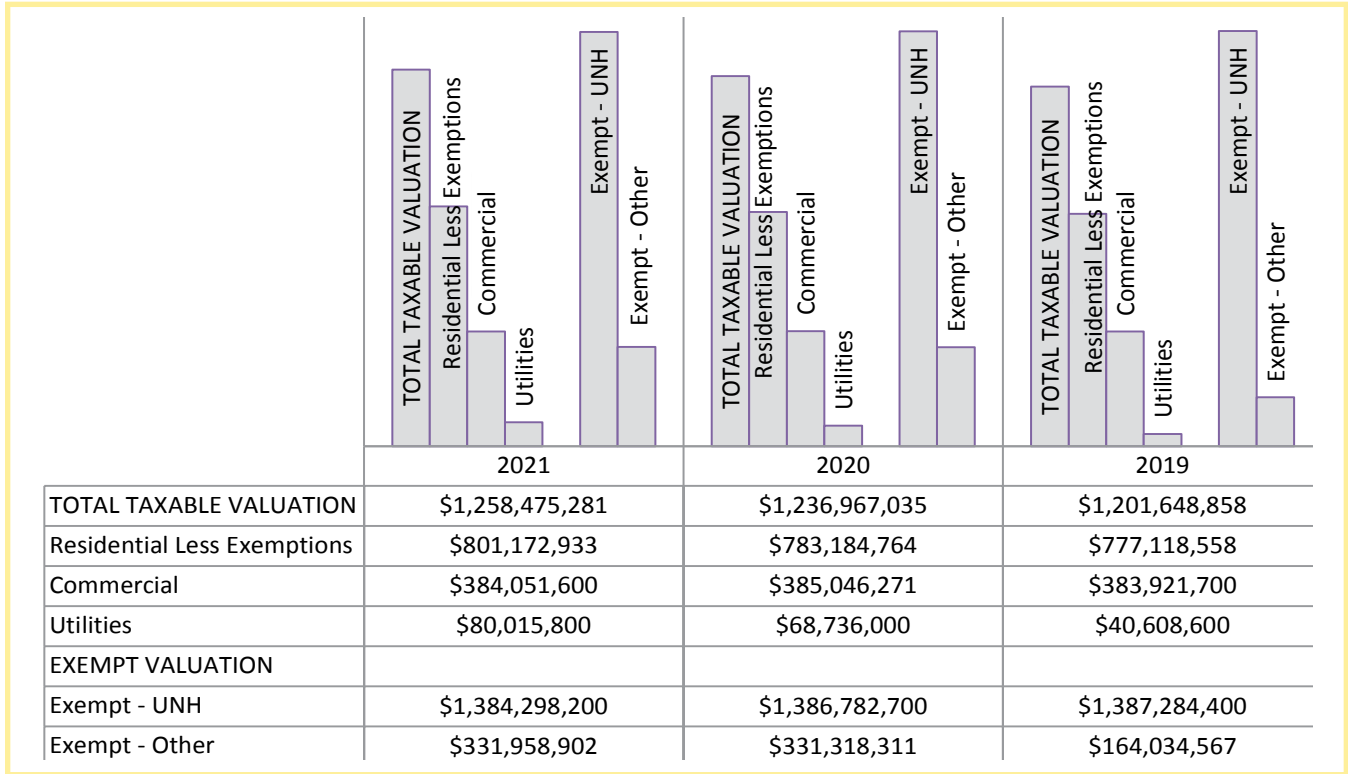
Property Tax Rate Comparisons 2019-2021



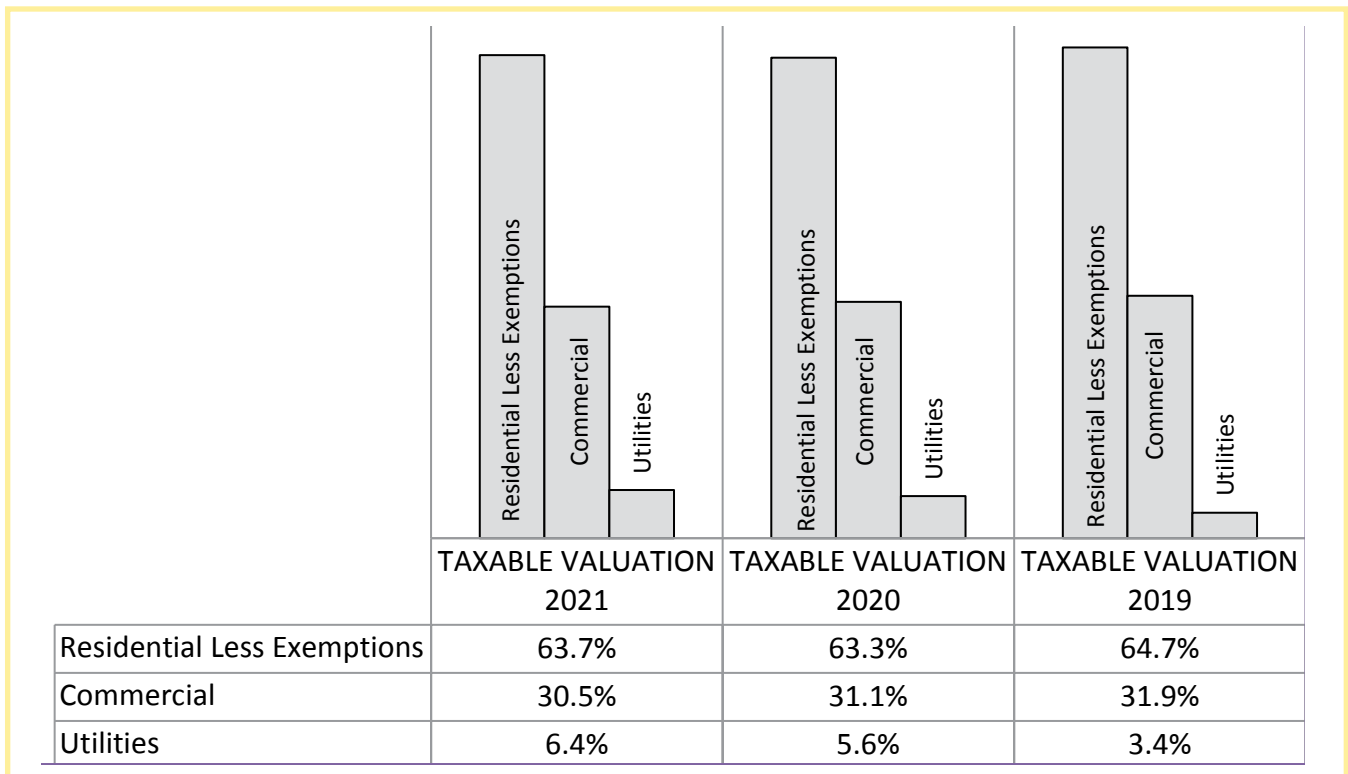
Property Tax Rate Percentage Comparisons 2019-2021



Property Valuation Comparisons 2019-2021



Taxable Property Valuation Percentages 2019-2021



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds - Unaudited

Town of Durham, New Hampshire Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds 2021 (unaudited)		Beginning CASH Balances		Change in Funds		Ending CASH Balances	
<i>Name of Trust Fund</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
CAPITAL RESERVE							
Fire Equipment and Service	Durham Capital Reserve Fund	618,148.94	17,284.91	107,514.39	(890.45)	725,663.33	16,394.46
Parking	Durham Capital Reserve Fund	74,173.48	3,983.01	9,910.02	1,836.95	84,083.50	5,819.96
Water Fund	Durham Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Fund	Durham/UNH Capital Reserve Fund	187,853.65	8,389.20	39,902.28	5,105.96	227,755.93	13,495.16
Sewer Fund	Durham/UNH Capital Reserve Fund	767,514.39	83,788.76	(1,396.84)	19,297.25	766,117.55	103,086.01
Municipal Transportation Improvement	Durham Capital Reserve Fund	38,079.63	2,843.84	27,305.48	1,375.11	65,385.11	4,218.95
UDAG (Urban Dev Action Grant) Community Development Fund	Durham Capital Reserve Fund	57,456.70	6,416.34	(49,115.40)	(5,874.54)	8,341.30	541.80
Durham Employee Earned Leave Buyout Trust	Leave at Retirement	20,564.89	68.83	20,042.66	598.34	40,607.55	667.17
ORCSD Facility Dev Cap Reserve	School Exp	422,279.90	29,388.14	(170,528.88)	(20,318.70)	251,751.02	9,069.44
Total Capital Reserve Funds		2,186,071.58	152,163.03	(16,366.29)	1,129.92	2,169,705.29	153,292.95
TOWN TRUST FUNDS							
Fire Injury Prevention	Public Safety Ed	5,906.18	1,291.39	(17.21)	140.97	5,888.97	1,432.36
Wagon Hill	Wagon Maint.	1,798.45	36.62	(4.39)	35.94	1,794.06	72.56
Frost, George	Education	5,384.49	8,028.17	(32.07)	262.69	5,352.42	8,290.86
Olinthus Doe	Farm Care	37,114.40	2,055.96	(148.68)	7,321.44	36,965.72	9,377.40
Smith Chapel	Cemetery Care	10,188.10	1,508.07	6.65	229.41	10,194.75	1,737.48
Wilcox (Dorothy) Fund	Town Landing Mill Pond Park	73,654.81	11,095.02	(202.62)	1,633.91	73,452.19	12,728.93
Cemetery Care Trust	50% of Cemetery Plot sales	237,362.61	28,099.98	1,759.01	5,230.20	239,121.62	33,330.18
Cemetery Improvement Trust	50% of Cemetery Plot sales	32,810.48	815.93	2,313.30	689.56	35,123.78	1,505.49
Cemetery Special Projects Trust (R2016-08)	donations toward cemetery prjs	215.51	18.21	(0.56)	4.58	214.95	22.79
Oyster River Forest Trails Expendable Trust Fund	trail improves ORF conservation area	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smith Town Improvements	Town Improvements	22,205.80	1,642.38	(57.02)	467.08	22,148.78	2,109.46
						2,322,998.24	

Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds – Unaudited (page 2)

Town of Durham, New Hampshire Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds 2021 (unaudited)		Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	Beginning CASH Balances		Change in Funds		Ending CASH Balances	
				Principal	Income	Principal & Income	Principal	Income	Principal
Memorial Day Parade Fund	Parade Fund	49.74	485.47	535.21	(1.28)	10.48	48.46	495.95	544.41
July Fourth Celebration Trust	Traditional Fun Day	127.06	7.98	135.04	(0.32)	2.64	126.74	10.62	137.36
Lois E. Brown - Wagon Hill Farm Trust Fund	Site Care	19,125.06	2,332.43	21,457.49	(51.30)	420.26	19,073.76	2,752.69	21,826.45
Fire Station Exp. Trust	Fire Station	244,774.61	36,409.01	281,183.62	(672.27)	5,507.14	244,102.34	41,916.15	286,018.49
Durham Historic Buildings Restoration & Preservation Trust	maintain, restore, preserve	500.00	0.00	500.00	98.07	10.81	598.07	10.81	608.88
Conservation Land Use Trust	Resolution 2017-22	9,743.36	580.77	10,324.13	(24.68)	202.20	9,718.68	782.97	10,501.65
Durham Town Land Stewardship Patron's Trust	bldg & maintain trails	159,135.85	292.67	159,428.52	(146,331.56)	1,810.89	12,804.29	2,103.56	14,907.85
Milne, Margery J. Trust Fund	Mill Pond Rd Wildlife Sanctuary Land Maintenance	16,654.77	251.07	16,905.84	(134.92)	(140.78)	16,519.85	110.29	16,630.14
Smith (Hamilton) Memorial Chapel Trust	Chapel Repairs & Grounds Maint	6,383.23	13.20	6,396.43	(153.42)	112.39	6,229.81	125.59	6,355.40
Technology Drive Trust Fund	Conservation Land Easement Mainnc	30,546.65	2,211.21	32,757.86	(78.32)	641.58	30,468.33	2,852.79	33,321.12
Milne, Margery and Lorus Memorial Trust Fund	Milne Memorial Silhouette Sculpture Construction & Maintenance	1,293.00	71.50	1,364.50	(3.26)	26.72	1,289.74	98.22	1,387.96
Total Town Trust Funds		914,974.16	97,247.04	1,012,221.20	(143,736.85)	24,620.11	771,237.31	121,867.15	893,104.46
45 Separate Cemetery Trusts		40,318.43	9,800.16	50,118.59	592.38	1,000.90	40,910.81	10,801.06	51,711.87
AGENCY FUNDS									
High School Scholarship	School Exp	136,473.90	13,041.37	149,515.27	(1,465.15)	(337.76)	135,008.75	12,703.61	147,712.36
Facilities Development, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust	ORCSD	19,289.28	2,308.52	21,597.80	124,467.71	1,126.88	143,756.99	3,435.40	147,192.39
ORCSD Special Education Fund	School Exp	444,057.12	88,006.83	532,063.95	(596.53)	11,228.15	443,460.59	99,234.98	542,695.57
ORCSD Benefits Stabilization Fund	School Exp	433,946.82	40,463.51	474,410.33	(531.89)	10,011.49	433,414.93	50,475.00	483,889.93
Dunn, C. Library Fund	ORCSD Library	546.35	73.48	619.83	(0.69)	13.08	545.66	86.56	632.22
Smith, Bruce Library Fund	ORCSD Library	28,638.36	6,645.33	35,283.69	(39.56)	744.59	28,598.80	7,389.92	35,988.72
Total Agency Funds		1,062,951.83	150,539.04	1,213,490.87	121,833.89	22,786.43	1,184,785.72	173,325.47	1,358,111.19
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		4,204,316.00	409,749.27	4,614,065.27	(37,676.87)	49,537.36	4,166,639.13	459,286.63	4,625,925.76

Statement of Long-Term Indebtedness

GENERAL FUND							
GENERAL FUND	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	MATURITY DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID 2021	INTEREST PAID 2021	PRINCIPAL BALANCE AS OF 12/31/21
2015 General Obligation Bond	8/25/2015	\$820,000	2.0000%	09/01/2022	\$90,000	\$3,600	\$90,000
2004 SRLF - Landfill Closure	02/01/2004	\$802,756	3.6880%	02/01/2024	\$40,138	\$5,921	\$120,413
2006 General Obligation Bond (includes Land Conservation)	11/15/2006	\$2,929,216	3.9555%	11/15/2026	\$99,758	\$22,805	\$470,382
2016 General Obligation Bond	1/12/2017	\$1,189,000	2.2000%	01/15/2027	\$153,520	\$14,343	\$574,910
2019 General Obligation Bond	1/19/2019	\$697,050	2.1300%	02/15/2029	\$110,000	\$26,491	\$487,500
2010 General Obligation Bond	7/22/2010	\$674,100	3.5512%	08/15/2030	\$25,000	\$5,520	\$90,000
2012 General Obligation Bond (includes Library)	8/30/2012	\$4,560,000	1.8990%	08/30/2032	\$265,000	\$57,183	\$1,840,000
2013 General Obligation Bond	9/6/2013	\$1,028,000	3.4430%	09/06/2033	\$50,000	\$17,781	\$445,000
2014 General Obligation Bond	7/17/2014	\$2,168,000	3.0428%	08/15/2034	\$160,000	\$46,490	\$880,000
2018 General Obligation Bond	1/10/2018	\$3,669,010	2.8635%	08/15/2038	\$300,000	\$129,775	\$2,710,000
2020 General Obligation Bond	7/14/2020	\$774,775	1.6700%	08/15/2040	\$104,825	\$35,444	\$669,950
		\$19,311,907			\$1,398,241	\$365,353	\$8,358,155
WATER FUND							
WATER FUND	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	MATURITY DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID 2021	INTEREST PAID 2021	PRINCIPAL BALANCE AS OF 12/31/21
2016 General Obligation Bond	1/12/2017	\$41,000	2.2000%	01/15/2022	\$8,200	\$242	\$8,200
2013 SRLF - Spruce Hole	10/29/2013	\$222,500	1.7000%	10/29/2023	\$24,277	\$1,259	\$49,800
2013 SRLF - Water Meter Upgrades	10/29/2013	\$320,608	1.7000%	10/29/2023	\$34,148	\$2,090	\$70,971
2015 General Obligation Bond	8/25/2015	\$459,038	2.0000%	09/01/2025	\$43,139	\$5,862	\$249,982
2006 General Obligation Bond	11/15/2006	\$545,469	3.9555%	11/15/2026	\$24,840	\$6,046	\$126,307
2008 General Obligation Bond	11/15/2008	\$724,900	4.8526%	11/15/2028	\$36,400	\$12,722	\$254,800
2014 General Obligation Bond	7/17/2014	\$784,000	3.0428%	08/15/2034	\$40,000	\$23,145	\$505,000
2020 General Obligation Bond	7/14/2020	\$672,650	1.6700%	08/15/2040	\$42,650	\$28,103	\$630,000
		\$3,770,165			\$253,654	\$79,469	\$1,895,060

WASTEWATER FUND

WASTEWATER FUND	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	MATURITY DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID 2021	INTEREST PAID 2021	PRINCIPAL BALANCE AS OF 12/31/21
2020 General Obligation Bond	7/14/2020	\$13,750	0.5700%	08/15/2023	\$3,750	\$704	\$10,000
2013 General Obligation Bond	09/06/2013	\$2,500,000	3.4430%	09/06/2023	\$110,000	\$66,563	\$1,685,000
2004 SRLF - WWTP Improvements	06/01/2004	\$3,290,757	3.6880%	06/01/2024	\$203,738	\$31,759	\$657,416
2015 General Obligation Bond	8/25/2015	\$1,615,962	2.0000%	09/01/2025	\$151,861	\$20,638	\$880,017
2006 General Obligation Bond	11/15/2006	\$325,469	3.9555%	11/15/2026	\$15,401	\$3,749	\$78,311
2016 General Obligation Bond	1/12/2017	\$345,000	2.2000%	01/15/2027	\$34,500	\$4,956	\$207,000
2008 General Obligation Bond	11/15/2008	\$1,663,860	4.8525%	11/15/2028	\$73,600	\$25,723	\$515,200
2019 General Obligation Bond	1/19/2019	\$573,850	2.1300%	02/15/2029	\$85,000	\$21,844	\$390,000
2010 General Obligation Bond	7/22/2010	\$709,900	3.5512%	08/15/2030	\$35,000	\$12,708	\$265,000
2013 SRF - Dover Road Pump Station/Aeration Blowers	10/29/2013	\$1,313,272	2.7200%	10/29/2032	\$65,664	\$21,433	\$722,299
2014 SRF - Old Concord Road Pump Station	2/1/2015	\$207,824	3.1400%	02/01/2034	\$10,391	\$4,516	\$135,085
2014 General Obligation Bond	7/17/2014	\$783,000	3.0428%	08/15/2034	\$40,000	\$23,145	\$505,000
2018 General Obligation Bond	1/10/2018	\$207,455	2.8635%	08/15/2038	\$25,000	\$7,122	\$125,000
2021 SRLF - Dover Road Force Main	2/1/2020	\$1,815,342	2.0000%	02/01/2040	\$90,767	\$19,984	\$1,724,575
2021 SRLF - Grit Project	4/1/2020	\$816,764	2.0000%	04/01/2040	\$40,838	\$13,507	\$775,926
		\$16,182,205			\$985,510	\$278,349	\$8,675,829
GENERAL FUND		\$19,311,907			\$1,398,241	\$365,353	\$8,358,155
WATER FUND		\$3,770,165			\$253,654	\$79,469	\$1,895,060
WASTEWATER FUND		\$16,182,205			\$985,510	\$278,349	\$8,675,829
TOTAL		\$39,264,278			\$2,637,405	\$723,171	\$18,929,044

Valuation, Tax History and Inventory

Valuation Figures 2017-2021

Year	Percent of Valuation	Taxable Valuation
2021	72.5%	\$1,258,475,281
2020	86.4%	\$1,236,967,035
2019	93.8%	\$1,201,648,858
2018	96.4%	\$1,194,424,400
2017	88.0%	\$1,019,411,430

MS-1 Summary 2021

Total Taxable Land	\$401,196,733.
Total Taxable Buildings	\$784,027,800.
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$80,015,800.
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$1,265,240,333.
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$6,757,052
Net Valuation on which local tax rate is computed	\$1,258,475,281
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Credits	\$122,500

Tax Rate in Durham 2017-2021

Year	Town	Local school District	State School	County	Total
2021	\$7.86	\$15.28	\$1.98	\$2.79	\$27.91
2020	7.79	15.37	2.00	2.57	27.73
2019	7.60	15.32	2.01	2.50	27.43
2018	7.37	14.93	2.01	2.49	26.80
2017	8.48	16.98	2.34	2.84	30.64

Inventory of Town Property

Street Name	Description	Tax Map ID#	Assessed Valuation
Bagdad Road	Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary	03-02-06 & 14	\$15,600
Beard's Creek	Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easement only
Beech Hill Road	Water Tank Site	09-12-01	\$646,400
Bennett Road	Lord Property	17-55-01	\$73,100
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	\$545,200
Canney Road	Conservation Easement	10-11-05	Easement only
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easement only
Dame Road	Wiley Property	19-06-05	\$102,500
Dame Road	Westerly Side	18-27-00	\$97,400
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	01-04-01 & 01-04-06	Easement only
Depot Road	Former Commercial Property	01-01 & 01-01-01	\$964,900
Dover Road	District Court and Museum	05-04-12	\$416,800
Dover Road	Police Facility	11-04-01	\$1,962,000
Dover Road	Sewer Pumping Station	11-11-00	\$214,200
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	\$481,800
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation Land	11-36-02	\$233,200
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation Land	16-03-02	\$73,700
Durham Point Road (and Sunnyside Dr.)	Scenic Easements	15-15-08	Easements only
Durham Point Road	Town Pound	06-12-03A	\$6,900
Foss Farm Road	Water Tower	06-01-18D	\$3,144,800
Foss Farm Road	Woodlot	06-01-13A	\$6,000
Ffrost Drive	Vacant Land	08-01-73 & 75	\$129,500
Littlehale Road/US4	Vacant Land	10-21-00	\$6,700
Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	\$165,200
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	\$450,500
Madbury Road	Library	02-07-01	\$3,899,900

Street Name	Description	Tax Map ID#	Assessed Valuation
Magrath Road	Tot Lot	6-15-00	\$121,200
Main Street	Cemetery	09-24-00	\$250,900
Mast Road	Executor Interest in Conservation Easement	13-14-100	Easement only
Meserve Road	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	\$258,900
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	\$204,900
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	16-14-00	\$410,100
Mill Pond Road	Milne Property	06-08-04	\$238,800
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	\$54,000
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-05	\$29,800
Mill Road	Oyster River Forest	13-14-02	\$8,067 CU*
Mill Road/Main Street	Bicentennial Park	05-01-01	Easement only
Near Madbury Line	Executor Interest in Conservation Easement	10-01-02	Easement only
Near Oyster River	Conservation Easement	09-06-03	Easement only
Newmarket Road	Easterly Side	06-12-14	\$2,600
Newmarket Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	\$322,000
Newmarket Road	Town Hall	05-02-07	\$1,801,700
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	\$222,400
Newmarket Road	Vacant Land	06-09-06-1	\$270,900
Old Landing Road	Town Landing	05-05-14 (Incl 05-05-13)	\$115,600
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	\$196,300
Old Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-03 & 04	\$1,515,400
Olde Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09-02	\$245,400
Orchard Drive	Scenic Easements	06-02-22 & 06-02-25	Easements only
Orchard Drive	Protected Open Space	06-02-43	\$217,800
Orchard Drive	Protected Open Space	15-30-00	\$110,700
Oyster River	Access Easement	Access Easement	Easement only
Oyster River Road	Vacant Land	06-05-01	\$196,800
Packers Falls Road	Conservation Easement	14-07-02	Easement only
Packers Falls Road	Conservation Easement	14-07-06	Easement only
Packers Falls Road	Spruce Hole Conservation Area	13-13-05	\$59,500
Packers Falls Road	Abutting Spruce Hole	13-13-01	\$1,299 CU*
Pettee Brook Lane	Town Parking Lot (mutiple parcels)	02-15-00 & 01	\$1,062,400
Piscataqua Road	Thatch Bed	11-31-31	\$161,600
Piscataqua Road	Wagon Hill Farm	12-08-01 & 02	\$529,825 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	\$7,660,000
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot (part of Treatment Plant)	11-09-05	Included above
Schoolhouse Lane	Cemetery (owned by heirs, town maintained)	05-05-12	\$100,200
Simons Lane	Two Small Lots	18-11-13 & 14	\$22,100
Simons Lane	Vacant Land	18-11-06	\$92,700
Stone Quarry Drive	Public Works Site	11-12-00	\$1,694,600
Wednesday Hill Road	Vacant Land	14-08-03	\$455,200
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	\$164,300
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam Site	17-07-00	\$382,700
Wiswall Road	Vacant Land	17-11-00	\$877 CU*
Lee Five Corners, Lee	Vacant Land	Lee 06-07-0700	\$110,100
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 15-01-0900	\$3,340,100
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Vacant Land	Lee 15-01-0901	\$142,300
Snell Road, Lee	Water Pump Station	Lee 05-06-0100	\$981,300
Snell Road, Lee	Vacant Land	Lee 05-06-0101	\$128,300

*Current Use

