

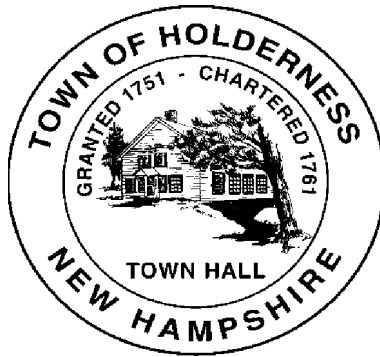


TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

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TOWN OF
HOLDERNESS
New Hampshire
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December 31, 2023

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DEDICATION

It should come as no surprise the Holderness Select Board is dedicating this year's Town Report to recently retired Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Ellen King. Ellen's record of service to our community is unequaled, not only for her length of service, but for the professionalism and compassion with which she served.

Ellen began her service to Holderness in 1989 as Deputy Town Clerk. In 1990 she was appointed Tax Collector and shortly thereafter became Town Clerk as well. Ellen has served, uninterrupted, in both capacities for more than thirty-three years until her formal retirement on December 28, 2023.

Ellen has seen many changes in her time as Town Clerk/Tax Collector. She has seen employees come and go from the Town Office. Many of whom she trained as deputies. She has seen the Town grow and change with the times. One thing we have never seen is a change in the degree of care and compassion Ellen brought to the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office each and every day. She has been a model of consistency, taking the time to, not only deliver a high quality of service to her customers, but taking the time to listen and get to know them. Ellen always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She loved her job and it showed day in and day out setting a high bar for others to meet.

As she moves into retirement, she will now have more time to spend with her greatest love, her family and friends. Knowing there are not words to adequately express our appreciation for all Ellen has done for our community we will simply say, Thank You!



TOWN OFFICERS

ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANT/FINANCE/ASSESSING COORDINATOR

Amy Sharpe

ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Associates, Inc.
Marybeth Walker

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kelly Schwaner, SBL	2025
Jill White, SBL-Alternate	2025
Dayna Titus, Chair	2024
Bennet Evans	2025
Morgan Stepp	2025
Kimberly Beardwood Smith	2026
Kristen Fuller	2026

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Jeremy R. Bonan

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Larry Spencer, Chr.	2024
Anne Packard, V.Chr	2026
Shelagh Connelly	2025
Benoni Amsden	2024
Bill Nesheim	2026
April Sargent	2026
John Laverack Jr., SBL	2024

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Coburn, Hwy Agent
Dean Melanson
Edward Graziano
Jacob LePard

EMERGENCY MAN. SERVICES

Walter Johnson, Director

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Sam Brickley, SBL
Michael Capone
Larry Spencer
Tom Stepp
George Sutcliffe, Jr.
Ted Vansant

FIRE CHIEF / WARDEN

Jeremy R. Bonan

FIRE WARDS

**Earl Hansen	2025
**David Dupuis	2026
**Randall Eastman	2024

HEALTH OFFICER

Michael Capone

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

**Michael Fischler	2024
**Carolyn Mello, Chr.	2024
**Samuel Damon	2025
**Joanna Pearce	2025
**Sean Smarz	2026

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL CLERK

**Linda Levy	2025
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HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MODERATOR

**Lisetta Silvestri	2025
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HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL TREASURER

**Kathleen Whitemore	2026
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LAKES REG. PLANNING COMM.

Robert Snelling
Carl Lehner

LANDUSE BOARDS ASSISTANT

Lucinda M. Hannus

TOWN OFFICERS - Continued

LIBRARY

Adam Di Filippo, Director
Susan Seely
Geneva Sambor
Jeanne Perkins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Alexis Desloge	2024
**Emily Evans	2024
**Larry Spencer	2026
**Lisa Lovett	2024
**Ann Stark	2024
**Courtney Abbott, Alt.	2026
Samuel Brickley, SBL	2025
Peter Francesco, SBL	2026

MODERATOR

**Daniel Rossner	2025
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OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Krystal Alpers

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor

PLANNING BOARD

Peter Francesco, SBL	2026
Ronald Huntoon	2025
Carl Lehner	2025
Angi Francesco, Chr.	2026
Janet Cocchiaro, Sec.	2024
William Nesheim, V. Chr.	2026
Clayton Titus	2025
Christine Renzi, Alt	2025

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Erik F. DiFilippe
Lieutenant: Brianna Gerrior
Sergeant: Michael Grier
Patrol Officer/SRO: Michael Barney
Patrol Officer: Thomas Murphy
Patrol Officer: Christopher Bridges
Patrol Officer: Sawyer Philbrick
Admin Assistant: Alice O'Connor

RECREATION BOARD

John Laverack Jr. (S.L.)	2024
Thomas Stepp, Chr.	2024
George Sutcliffe	2026
Jennifer Evans	2026
Nathaniel Fuller	2025
Adar Fejes	2025
Maryanna Swanson	2025
Heidi Emmons	2026

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Wendy Werner, Director

SELECT BOARD

**Jill White, Chr.	2026
**John Laverack, Jr., V Chr.	2024
**Samuel Brickley	2025
**Kelly Schwaner	2025
**Peter Francesco	2026

SUPERVISORS of the CHECKLIST

**Alicia Abbott	2024
**Edith Jaconsky-Hamersma	2028
**Frances K. Hanson	2026

TAX COLLECTOR

Jami White-Lyford
Jennifer Stewart, Deputy
Ellen King (Retired)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Capone

TOWN ATTORNEY

Drummond Woodsum

TOWN AUDITORS

Roberts & Greene PLLC

TOWN CLERK

**Jami White-Lyford
Jennifer Stewart, Deputy
Ellen King – (Retired 12/23)

TOWN TREASURER

Bonnie Acton

TOWN OFFICERS - Continued

TRANSFER STATION

Scott Davis - Supervisor
Hanz Currier
Cory Woodward

TRUSTEES of TRUST FUNDS

**Barbara Laflamme 2025
**Bonnie Hunt 2024

ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT

Judith Ruhm 2025
Robert Maloney, Chr. 2025
Kristen Fuller 2026
William Zurhellen 2026
Roderick “Eric” MacLeish 2026
Bryan Sweeney, Alt. 2026
Robert Dorff, Alt. 2024

** *Elected Officials*
SBL *Select Board Liaison*

MEETING SCHEDULES

Select Board – Meetings are held every other Monday in the second-floor meeting room of the Town Office. The board reviews/discusses correspondence and signs necessary documents, accounts payable and payroll beginning at 5:00PM and then moves on to agenda items beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Budget Committee – Meets in August and again in late October through February. Dates and times may vary, please look for meeting notices during this time.

Conservation Commission – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall. (This commission typically does not meet for the months of July and August.)

Energy Committee – Meets at 3:30 P.M. on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

Holderness Central School Board - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:15 P.M. in the Holderness Central School Library, unless otherwise posted.

Library Trustees – Meets once monthly; days of the month and time vary. Look for postings at Town Hall, the Post Office or the Library.

Planning Board – Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall. Applications submitted to this board are due 28 days before the meeting date.

Recreation Board – Meets once a month on a Monday night at 5:30 P.M. The Monday night may vary, please look for posted agenda.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:15 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall, as needed. Applications submitted to this board are due 28 days before the meeting date.

* Meeting dates and times are subject to change; please visit our website at www.holderness-nh.gov for updated notices

FUND BALANCE POLICY

PREFACE

The Town of Holderness (“Town”) through its Board of Selectmen establishes and will maintain reservation of Fund Balance, as defined herein, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This policy shall only apply to the Town’s governmental funds. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance shall be composed of non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the Town by setting guidelines for fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the Town maintain adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risks that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, emergencies, and similar circumstances. The fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the Town’s general operations.

DEFINITIONS

1. **NON-SPENDABLE FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact (such as principal of an endowment fund).
2. **RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that can only be spent for the specific purpose stipulated by external resource providers (such as grantors) or enabling legislation (Town Meeting vote). Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers or enabling legislation.
3. **COMMITTED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town’s highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. The action must be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in a subsequent period.
4. **ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts the Town intends to use for a specific purpose. For all governmental funds other than the General Fund, any remaining positive amounts are to be classified as “assigned”. Items that fall under this classification for the General

FUND BALANCE POLICY – Continued

Fund would be encumbrances properly approved by contract, purchase order, or other such action as required.

5. **UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that are not obligated or specifically designated and is available for any purpose. The residual classification of any General Fund balance is to be reported here. Any deficit balance of another fund is also classified as unassigned.

SPENDING PRIORITIZATIONS

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, committed amounts should be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and the unassigned amounts.

MINIMUM LEVEL OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

The Town will strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance in its General Fund equal to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) recommended guidelines of the total appropriations of the community (which includes Town, School and County). The Board of Selectmen will review this information each year in order to determine the amount, if any, of unassigned fund balance to use to balance the budget and to reduce the property tax rate.

ANNUAL REVIEW

Compliance with the provisions of this policy should be reviewed as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Date of Adoption: February 11, 2013

Revised: February 1, 2021

Holderness Select Board:

Jill White, Chair
Samuel Brickley, Member
Kelly Schwaner, Member

John Laverack, Vice Chair
Peter Francesco, Member

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

One would think if you spend more than eight years working in the same place you feel as though you have seen it all or find yourself settling into a routine. My experience here in Holderness has been quite the opposite. Given the outstanding work employees do here in our Town, I still find myself continually challenged to contribute my fair share to the workload we carry together. Day in and day out the teamwork and professionalism demonstrated among and between departments continues to inspire me to do my best to contribute to our team.

As always, I encourage you to take the time to read through the department reports for this past year. You will see an increase in activity in all areas. It would appear that more folks are staying here year-round resulting in an overall increase in activity and a greater demand for services. In my estimation, departments have adjusted well to this increased demand and continue to provide a high level of service to both residents and visitors alike. For purposes of this report, I would like to provide an update on Town Office activity.

What better place to start than to acknowledge the more than thirty years of dedicated service Ellen King has provided to our community in her role as Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Ellen stepped down from her position at the end of this year and we hope she will enjoy her well-deserved retirement as well as the profound thanks of a grateful community. While we could never expect to replace Ellen. She has done a wonderful job providing for good continuity in the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office. Jen Stewart will be continuing her role as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, a position she has capably administered since April of 2021. Jen has excelled in her role and is a vital piece of the office team. We know she will continue to provide the high level of service we have all come to expect from her.

In November of 2023, the Select Board appointed Jami White-Lyford as the Assistant to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Jami trained with Ellen over the last two months of the year and was appointed to the position of Tax Collector by the Select Board in Mid-December and Town Clerk for the balance of Ellens first year of her three-year term. Jami has done an excellent job since coming on board and she is well equipped to carry on the fine tradition of excellent customer service Ellen provided to residents for so many years. Please stop in and introduce yourself the next time you are at the Town Office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

Our Land Use Boards Assistant, Cindy Hannus has been busy this year in support of the Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Conservation Commission and the Compliance Officer. She has been working on updates to the zoning ordinance schedule of uses in all of the land use districts. She has also been working on updates to the zoning ordinance with the Planning Board. She also does additional research for both the Planning and Zoning in preparation for their hearings and provides abutter notices for all of their meetings. Cindy provides a similar level of support to the Conservation Commission.

Cindy works in conjunction with our Compliance Officer to review and enter building permits and assist in researching property information in response to public inquiries. Her previous experience in the public sector has been an invaluable resource for us.

When she is not busy doing all of her other work, Cindy has been going through the Website to update and improve the information contained therein. As is the case with everything she does, her work is thorough and precise and we are very fortunate to have her as part of the team.

The continuing rise in real estate prices necessitated another update of property values in Town. Amy Sharpe provided assistance to our assessing firm Corcoran and Associates in helping to keep residents apprised of the increase in values with updates to the website. She also handled inquiries from residents who had questions about the update.

In addition to her duties on the assessing side of things, Amy also processes payables, does the bi-monthly payroll, reviews requests for property exemptions and works with Jami and Jen to balance the daily transactions from the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office. Amy does a very good job juggling her responsibilities and remains an important member of our team. Her more than sixteen years of experience in our office provide important institutional memory as well.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to mention the vital role our Recreation Director, Wendy Werner, plays here at the Town Office. As if she is not busy enough planning and executing all of the varied and excellent programming for the recreation department. Wendy is always willing to pitch in to help out her coworkers here in the office. In her role as Wellness Coordinator for the Town, Wendy also plans events during the year to put an emphasis on the health and wellbeing of all Town employees and we are very grateful for her efforts!

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

In closing, we welcome your comments and suggestions on how we can better serve you. Please feel free to contact us here at the Town Office or stop in to see us when you are in the area.

We would all like to thank all of the Holderness residents, property owners and visitors who continue to support our efforts. We will continue to work for you and with you to keep Holderness the wonderful and vibrant community that it is.

We all wish you continued good health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming year!

Take good care,

Michael



Left to Right: Lucinda Hannus, Wendy Werner, Amy Sharpe, Jami White-Lyford, Jennifer Stewart, Michael Capone

SELECT BOARD REPORT

2023 was another very busy year for your Select Board. Most notable, was another update of property values town wide to maintain a fair and equitable distribution of assessed values. The continuing rise in real estate prices had, once again, created a sizable disparity between assessed values and sales prices. It also created an imbalance among property types resulting in lower priced properties disproportionately supporting higher priced properties. The Board worked with our State approved assessing firm, Corcoran and Associates, to review individual sales to determine what adjustments were necessary. The new values were approved in October 2023 and were applied to fall tax bills. Some of the resulting increase in value was offset by an overall reduction in the tax rate. The Board will continue to monitor values and make adjustments as required.

The Board also worked for a number of months developing a succession plan to fill the Town Clerk / Tax Collector position after Ellen King informed the Board she would be retiring at the end of 2023. After advertising for the position and conducting interviews, the Board selected Jami White Lyford, a lifelong resident of Holderness. Jami trained with Ellen and the Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Jen Stewart, in November and December. The Board recognized Ellen at an open house held in her honor on December 28. The event was an opportunity for residents' family and friends to recognize Ellens years of dedicated service to the community and to wish her well in her retirement.

In August the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Town Treasurer, Todd Elgin. Todd had faithfully served our community for eighteen years as Treasurer and in that time was very active in maximizing the returns on our various accounts by negotiating good rates of interest with our banks. He also assisted in the review and updating of some of our financial policies. Todd also served as a member of the budget committee and made a number of notable contributions in that role. We will miss his valuable counsel in both regards. We were fortunate that Bonni Acton, a longtime resident with a history of community service on the School Board, stepped up to take on the position of Town Treasurer. Bonni has very quickly come up to speed in her new role and we are confident she will continue to carry forward with Todds efforts.

The Board welcomed John McVeigh, the new Holderness School Head of School, at one of their January meetings and had a conversation regarding how best to continue the very good relationship between the School and the Town. Follow up discussions are planned as both parties explore additional opportunities for mutual cooperation.

SELECT BOARD REPORT - Continued

The Board continued to effectively administer both American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and some unanticipated State funding for roads and bridges received late last summer. In utilizing both sets of funds, the Board identified needs that had no alternative source of funding in the budget so as to minimize the impact to the tax rate. Among the projects funded were the installation of a repeater for the highway garage, necessary repairs to engine three at the Fire Department, and the purchase of equipment for the Police and Highway Departments. Most recently funds have been set aside for the installation of a solar array at the transfer station to help offset operating expenses. There are still some funds available for use by the Board, and the Board will continue to assign priorities based on needs that are either unanticipated or underfunded.

This summer the Board worked with the Plymouth Rotary to help purchase a container for use in recycling various types of packing foam at the transfer station. This is part of a regional project in conjunction with the Rotary and the Town of Gilford, which has equipment to melt the foam into reusable ingots to manufacture other products. We have been pleasantly surprised at the amount of foam that is being recycled.

This fall the Board met with representatives from NH Broadband and Conexon, their installation vendor, to learn when broadband will be available to Holderness residents. Presently, broadband should be available town wide by the end of June of 2024. NH Broadband will offer an affordable range of service plans to Holderness residents and businesses. This build out has been accomplished solely through the efforts of NH Broadband at no cost to the taxpayers of Holderness.

The Town has continued its participation as part of the Coalition Communities group. Most recently a court decision has been handed down that could reintroduce the concept of donor and receiver towns as part of the adequate education funding conversation. Both the Coalition Communities and the NH Attorney General's Office have filed motions in the case seeking to stay or reconsider the decision.

The Board would also like to recognize and thank all of the Town employees who work so hard for our Town. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people working here and we appreciate your efforts.

SELECT BOARD REPORT - Continued

We would also like to thank all of our residents who volunteer their time to serve on Town Boards, Committees and Commissions. Your efforts are vital to the operation of our Town and we truly appreciate your contribution. We would also encourage other community members who might be interested to contact the Town Administrator regarding opportunities to serve.

Wishing you all the best in 2024!



Jill White, Chair

Woodie Laverack, Vice Chair

Sam Brickley, Member

Peter Francesco, Member

Kelly Schwaner, Member

COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

This year I had the opportunity to attend a couple of trainings on compliance related topics; which I hope will better prepare me to serve in this capacity. The Town issued Seventy Building Permits in 2023. Nine of those permits were for the construction of new homes.

Just a reminder if you are planning on doing renovations, a demolition permit is required and notification to NHDES. This past year we only issued five demolition permits.

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rule Env-A 1804 requires owners or operators of demolition and asbestos abatement activities to complete and submit, by mail or delivered in hand, a *Demolition/Renovation Notification Form* to the Asbestos Program of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the local government official, as applicable for the worksite location, at least 10 working days before the start of demolition or asbestos abatement activities. Notification to the Asbestos Program is not required for homeowners who are personally conducting their own asbestos abatement under certain conditions, and any asbestos abatement activities that are equal to or less than 10 linear feet, 25 square feet, or three cubic feet. Notification is also required for disposal of asbestos-containing material.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Bonan
Compliance Officer

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) hears proposals for all changes to a homeowner's property that do not comply with the Holderness Town Ordinances. These may take the form of either a special exception or a variance. As an example, if you have a project that does not comply with property line setbacks as shown in the Zoning Ordinance, you will need to go to the ZBA to get a variance for your project. Zoning Board applications and instructions may be downloaded by following this link: https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4531/f/uploads/zbaapplication_8_22_2022_1.pdf

The Planning Board hears proposals for subdivisions, boundary line adjustments, lot mergers, and site plan reviews for commercial property, schools/colleges/universities, condo associations, motels, etc. The application for those proposals can be found at the following link: https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4531/f/uploads/pb_application_form_edited_8.22_3.pdf

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Holderness Conservation Commission is made up of community volunteers that are committed to protecting the local environment and has oversight responsibility for properties under conservation easements and/or are owned outright by the Town. As such, the Commission annually monitors the six properties and documents compliance with all site conditions required by the easements.

On December 11th, members of the commission met with the Governor and received a Land Conservation and Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant of \$210,000. This grant will put properties south of Holderness Road (NH175A) that contain old ox bow ponds, beach, riparian forest, and open fields into permanent protection. This grant will allow the purchase of a property in Plymouth that contains the beach, a property in Holderness and one in Ashland. The owner of the Lakes Region Golf is donating outright a fourth property in Ashland worth \$138,000 as a match. The area has long been used by residents for a wide variety of activities; dog walking, birding, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, along with it being for the local snow mobile club a wintertime connector between the Squam Lake trails and the north-south railroad trail. This grant will not only allow for the continuance of these activities but also establish a public management plan to allow for the sustainable use and conservation needs of the properties.

The Commission is pleased to see continued use of the trail systems on the Howe Town Forest, the Pilote Forest and the Pemi Riverside Park during the past years. We have received many positive comments on the trails and hope that the community will continue to visit all properties throughout the year. Maps and signs describing trail systems are posted at the trail heads of all properties. Please carry in and carry out and if you have a pet, pick up materials produced by your pet. We thank the Squam Lakes Association for their assistance in helping the Commission to maintain the trail systems.

The Commission continued their project to identify of locations of Japanese Knot Weed, an invasive species found adjacent to both town and state roads. It seems that there are many more patches than when we began this project. We are into the third year of dealing with the patch in the center of the transfer station. We will continue to monitor and mulch that patch. More information on best management practices can be found at:

<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/japanese-knotweed-bmps.pdf>.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT – Continued

Members of the Commission continue to work with the Friends of the Pemi River: Livermore Falls group. This past summer the east side was very busy with many of the users using the beach just down from the falls or floating down to the Rotary Park in Plymouth. Efforts to improve the Plymouth/Campton side continue.

The Holderness Conservation Commission is always open to input and support for environmental initiatives. The Commission appreciates the assistance of Lucinda Hannus, the Landuse Boards Assistant.

Submitted on behalf of the Holderness Conservation Commission,
Larry Spencer, Chair Anne Packard Ben Amsden
Shelagh Connelly Bill Nesheim
April Sargent John W. Laverack, Jr., Select Board Representative

Award Ceremony for the Oxbow LCHIP Grant



ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee is composed of town residents interested in energy initiatives and typically meets quarterly, but since we have accomplished most of our goals, we have not been meeting as often. With the assistance given by the Town Administrator, we do monitor the Town's energy usage and provide feedback to the Administrator and the Select Board on that usage. We do appreciate support in the form of budgetary assistance the Town has provided toward energy sustainability.

The long-term goal of the Holderness Energy Committee is to have the Town of Holderness be energy sustainable; that is, produce enough energy from low CO₂ producing sources to cover the total energy usage. With the help of present and past Town Administrators, we believe we have reduced the use of energy via replacement of lighting, insulation of buildings, finding energy leaks in Town buildings, etc., to a fairly low level. Our next goal relates to having the Town invest in energy producing systems, like solar, wind, and geothermal. We have made some progress on this matter. The Town Administrator is now working on a Request for Proposal to install a solar system at the town transfer station. The Town Transfer station is one of the biggest users of energy and installation of a solar system there will be a first step in our long-term plans to make the town government energy sustainable. We will continue to work with the Select Board on these projects.

Although it has not been a major goal, the Committee hopes that the work we have done on Town structures will be a model for our Town's residents. Most of the committee members have not only installed solar on their own properties, but have also worked to reduce their own personal energy usage. Members of the committee are modeling by actual practice.

On behalf of the Energy Committee,

Larry Spencer, Chair
George Sutcliffe Jr.
Tom Stepp
Ted Vansant
Michael Capone
Samuel Brickley

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year has been a busy year; the department finished the year with 393 calls for service with August being our busiest month with 43 calls. This puts us 49 calls ahead of last year. Our busiest time of day was between 6:00am – 12:00pm with over 180 calls during this time, and Wednesdays are the busiest day of the week. This past year we tried to fill day shifts with a per diem firefighter / EMT during the summer months, we will continue to do this this year as well. These shifts help the department with day-to-day operations as well as emergency calls.

In April we placed an order for a new fire engine to replace our Engine 4 as this was approved at Town Meeting held in March. We are still on track with receiving this new engine in the early part of 2025. A special thank you to the Officers for their hard work on this project.

We continue to use the assistance from the Red Hill fire tower in Moultonborough. As last year was a very wet year, we only had a couple of small outside fires. As a reminder, fire permits can be obtained from the Fire Station, Town Hall, and online at <https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com>.

I would like to thank the members of the Holderness Fire Department for the dedication to the department and to serving the community, you are the face of this organization and it is a pleasure being the Fire Chief.

Holderness Fire Department is always looking for new members, if you are looking to try something new and challenge yourself, I encourage you to stop by the station and have a chat about joining the department

Thank you to the Town of Holderness for continued support of the department.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Bonan
Fire Chief/Fire Warden



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Continued

Fire Department Calls

Fire - 17

Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident - 170

Hazardous Condition (No Fire) - 19

Service Call - 31

Good Intent Call - 53

False Alarm & False Call - 60

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster - 17

Mutual Aid - 26

393 TOTAL CALLS



LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thank you to Jeanne Perkins, our former Library Assistant, for 15 years of dedicated service to our library and the greater community. Jeanne was instrumental in onboarding myself, as the Library Director, when I began so many years ago. She propped up and continues to lead our weekly Stitch & Chat program. She has been a vocal proponent of our weekly (and now twice weekly) Chair Yoga program. She has been a constant of goodwill when it comes to championing causes for the library. Both through the Friends of the Library and as a Staff member. Her commitment to our community will be felt for generations to come. Thank you, Jeanne for all the big supports along the way, but more importantly, thank you for all the small services that make this library so inviting to our whole community.

I would also like to thank our newest members of the Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees. Both the Chair of the Trustees and the President of the Friends positions are enjoying renewed and innovative ideas under new leadership. I've always been an advocate for innovation in libraries and with their help and the help of all our new additions we'll accomplish great things in 2024 and beyond. I also want to give special mention to our behind-the-scenes worker and Treasurer, Jannine Sutcliffe, for 'always making the math work.' I don't know how you do it, but I'm glad you do!

Finally, with the new year we welcome Shayenne Duggan as our newest staff member. She has an extensive background in library work, and we welcome all she has to offer in this newest year and the years to come.

Some of our statistics for 2023:

Items in our Collection:	11,359
Registered Patrons:	1,852
Items Added:	1,879
Items Weeded:	1,390
Items Circulated:	24,749
Number of Programs and Events:	584
Attendance for Programs and Events:	5,883
Reference Questions Answered:	6,487
Public Computer Uses:	736
Inter-Library Loans Completed:	1,263
Library Visitors:	10,690

LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT – Continued

Library Hours:

Monday	9:00 – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 – 5:00 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 – 5:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 – 2:00 PM
Sunday	Closed

Programs and events may take place outside of normal operational hours.

For more information, we may be called at (603) 968-7066, emailed at holdernessfree@gmail.com, and through our website: holdernessfreelibrary.org.

If there is any way we can help better educate, entertain, serve, and or contribute to our community, please let us know; our doors are freely open to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Di Filippe
Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees of the Holderness Free Library were humbled to support our library and serve the residents of our wonderful town this 2023 year. We are incredibly grateful to be part of a community that values the meaningful and necessary roles of libraries. The Holderness Free library supports our community through free access to books, the internet, many forms of entertainment including movies and games, our "Library of Things" and programs for patrons of all ages (Storytime with Susan, book clubs, technology resources, local artist exhibits and other enrichment programs). Our library also provides access to a free food pantry that is available to anyone in need whenever the library is open. We believe that small town libraries like ours have the unique benefit for staff to connect with their community on a more intimate level thus enriching the overall patron experience. We would like to extend immense gratitude to our library staff for creating a vital and enjoyable space for our community members. We also want to thank the Friends of the Library who so generously offer their time and insights and who make much of our community programming possible.

How has our Library made a positive impact on you? We welcome your stories at holdernessfree@gmail.com

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2023

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 14 AND MARCH 15, 2023

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 14 and 15, 2023 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Rossner declared the polls opened.

At 7:00 p.m. Moderator Rossner declared the polls closed and the ballots were counted.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Holderness Central School, the meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School Meeting. Moderator Rossner asked the Veterans to stand and be recognized and then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator read the names of residents who passed away in 2022 followed by a moment of silence. The Moderator recognized the dedication of the *2022 Annual Town Report* to Larry Spencer for his years of service and his contributions to the Town and to the State of New Hampshire. Moderator Rossner then announced the results of Article 1, the ballot vote for Town Officers. He also declared Article 2, (the Zoning Ordinance Amendments) had all passed, and then announced the results of the Holderness Central School and Pemi-Baker District. The Moderator asked for a motion to allow Department Heads (that are not residents of Holderness) be able to comment and provide information on Articles that relate to their specific departments. Moved by John Jenkinson and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor. Moderator Rossner asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant in its entirety. Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by Official Ballot.

Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Jill Mudgett White	100
Peter S. Francesco	99
write in	
Alicia Abbott	1
Bill Nesheim	1

Town Clerk for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Ellen King	110
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2023 - Continued

Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for One)

Daniel Rossner 108

write in

Katherine Lovett Weymouth 1

Trustee for Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

write ins:

Sam Laverack	3	Deanne Chrystal	1
Robert Maloney	2	Larry Spencer	1
Walter Johnson	2	Dan Rossner	1
Todd Elgin	2	Martha Richards	1
Sam Damion	2	Joanne Mitchell	1
Mo Lafreniere	2	Bonnie Hunt	1
Patricia O'Neill	1	Kristin Fuller	1
Joanne Pearce	1	Wesley Peoples	1
Deborah Holland	1	William Currier	1
Jo White	1	Dean Melanson	1
Bonni Acton	1	Ken Evans	1

Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Larry Thomas Spencer 106

Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

David Dupuis 106

Article 2: 2023 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes: To see if the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2023 - continued

Amendment No. 1: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Update and make corrections to Appendix A - District Boundaries and throughout the Zoning Ordinance, clarifying zoning district boundaries, updating references to property lines and structures and other administrative changes to reconcile the written description(s) with the town’s Zoning Map including changes in terminology and corresponding descriptions for internal consistency (Pemigewasset River Overlay, river overlay) and correction of typographical and similar errors, slight adjustment in language to clarify but not alter the meaning of a provision, and deleting obsolete references, definitions, and language?”**

YES 102 NO 7

Amendment No. 2: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Expand the Commercial District (CD) on the eastern side of NH Route 175 at the Campton Town Line to include Tax Map 210 Lot 005 as currently delineated in its entirety.”**

YES 88 NO 19

Amendment No. 3: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To accept the Zoning Map entitled “Town of Holderness Zoning Map” dated March 2023 as the official zoning map for the town, incorporating the amended descriptions in Appendix A. All other town maps depicting zoning district boundaries are for reference only, any conflict in boundaries shall be settled by interpretation of the above-entitled map and the corresponding amended descriptions in Appendix A. In any instance where there is doubt as to the location of a zoning district boundary, the Board of Adjustment shall determine the location of such boundary, consistent with the intent of this Ordinance and the Zoning Map.”**

YES 98 NO 8

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Amendment No. 4: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend Article 300.4.6 – FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas: as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?”**

YES 104

NO 6

Amendment No. 5: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend Article 1300.2 – Floodplain Hazard District Definitions: as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?”**

YES 101

NO 7

Amendment No. 6: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Floodplain Ordinance as follows: **To amend Item I – Definition of Terms, Item V, Item VIII, Item IX and Item X – Variances and Appeals as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?”**

YES 100

NO 8

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2023 - Continued

Holderness Central School District Election Results **School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for One)**

Sean Smarz 106

write in:

Liam O'Brien 1

School District Treasurer for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Kathleen S. Whittemore 109

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Susan Francesco and seconded by William Nesheim. There was no discussion on this Article.

A voice vote was taken and the Article PASSED.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Three Million Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eighty dollars (\$3,213,488) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Eleanor Mardin and seconded by Shelagh Connelly.

Moderator Rossner made a motion to amend Article 4, by increasing the operating budget by \$ 7,037.73, for a new total of \$ 3,220,525.73. This additional money will be put into the of Account #4210-391, Dispatch/Mutual Aid. The Moderator explained that the Town had been notified on February 27, 2023 of a \$ 7,037.73 increase in our annual fee for dispatch services from the Plymouth Police Department. Moved by Jill White and seconded by Susan Francesco. A voice vote was taken and the amendment **PASSED**.

The amended article now reads, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum as amended of Three Million Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five dollars and 73 cents (\$3,220,525.73)." Moved by Susan Francesco and seconded by Carl Lehner.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED as amended**.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2023 - continued

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$449,500) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds: (Majority vote required)

WHITE OAK POND DAM	\$2,500
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$200,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	\$30,000
LIBRARY BUILDING	\$5,000
REVALUATION	\$35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$10,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	\$100,000
CONSERVATION	\$5,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$50,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,000
TOWN INFORMATION TECHNOLOG	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$449,500

Moved by Linda Levy and seconded by Shelagh Connelly. There was no discussion on this Article.

A voice was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$430,950) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from existing Capital Reserve Funds as noted: No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)

Road Reconstruction: \$200,000 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)

Paint Town Hall and Replace Shutters: \$30,500 (from the Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund)

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Plow, wing and sander body for a Chevrolet 6500 series or equivalent dump truck: \$90,750 (from the Public Works Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund)

Update of Property Values: \$40,000 (from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund)

SUV for Police Department: \$55,000 (from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund)

Town IT Equipment: \$14,700 Replacement of Three Workstations and one Server: (from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund)

Moved by Brian O'Connell and seconded by William Nesheim. There was no discussion on the Article.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$867,396) for the purchase of a new Fire Engine and to further authorize Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$450,796) to come from Unassigned Fund Balance for that purpose. Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$416,600) to come from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Carl Lehner and seconded by John Jenkinson. Shelagh Connelly asked for clarification on the purchase price of the new Fire Engine as read by the Moderator. The Moderator apologized and stated he had incorrectly read the amount.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$8,732) for the purchase of two new radar speed signs for the Police Department and to further authorize the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$2,183) to come from Unassigned Fund Balance for that purpose. Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$6,549) to come from a Highway Safety Grant previously obtained by the Police Department. No additional Funds will be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Shelagh Connelly and seconded by Walter Johnson. There was no discussion on this Article.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

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Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to readopt the optional veterans' property tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Walter Johnson and seconded by Tony Macomber. Kay Hanson thanked the veterans and asked how many veterans receive this credit? Michael Capone, Town Administrator answered approximately 90 veterans.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote, consistent with the recommendation of the Holderness Conservation Commission, to convey Tax Map 245 Lot 67, consisting of 8.5 acres of land, most of which is part of the designated Lamb Brook Swamp Prime Wetland area, to the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, on the condition that it be managed in common with the abutting Haskell Preserve property as a wildlife reserve with public access but no physical improvements; and further authorize the Select Board to take any and all actions reasonably necessary to complete this transaction. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Kenneth Evans and seconded by Shelagh Connelly. Susan Francesco asked Roger Larochelle, Executive Director of the Squam Lakes Conservation Society why there couldn't be any improvements on this property? Mr. Larochelle explained that this property has been fallow for many years and the Squam Lakes Conservation Society owns the abutting 45 acres and contemplate no improvements will be made on this property. He clarified that there would not be any buildings, but trails would be constructed if there was a will for them.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 11: By Petition: Whereas according to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) fireworks contain chemicals such as heavy metals and other elements that can be harmful to aquatic life; and

Whereas DES has identified fireworks displays as contributing to pollution of lakes and groundwater; and

Whereas White Oak Pond has had toxic cyanobacteria blooms several times in the past few years including the Fall of 2022 resulting in DES posting Hazard Warnings at the Pond; and

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Whereas the waters of White Oak Pond flow directly into Squam Lake;
and

Whereas it is in the interest of the residents of the Town of Holderness to protect the water quality of its natural resources; and Whereas the Select Board of any municipality is authorized to regulate fireworks pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 160-B:10 and 160- B:6 and all applicable statutes, laws and decisions,

BY PETITION: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Fireworks Ordinance as follows:

- A. It shall be unlawful to display, ignite or discharge, fireworks on White Oak Pond or within 500 feet of the shoreline of White Oak Pond. This includes fireworks, consumer fireworks, permissible fireworks or retail fireworks as defined by RSA 160-C:1.
- B. The penalty for a violation of this ordinance shall be a fine of \$500.00 for the first offense. For any second or subsequent violation the fine shall be \$1,000.00. All fines are payable to the Town of Holderness within 5 days from the date of issuance. Failure to remit the fine within 5 days may result in the issuance of a summons and added fines. Any request for a due process hearing must be submitted in writing within 3 days of the receipt of the violation.
- C. Unused fireworks found in possession or under the control of the violator shall be confiscated and disposed of.

Nancy Isikoff explained that the metals and phosphorus that comes from the fireworks encourage growth of toxic algae bloom on the pond. Ms. Isikoff stated that this is a modest proposal to limit this small area from the negative effects from fireworks. She stated the Select Board expressed concerns whether if the town has the authority to limit fireworks in just a small section of the town but not the entire town. Ms. Isikoff stated that many towns in the State have done just this. She mentioned the Town of Ashland as has an ordinance (*Number 17*) that prohibits the use of fireworks in a small compact area in the center of the town and it is clearly delineated in the ordinance. She stated the Town of Seabrook also has a prohibition on the use of fireworks. Ms. Isikoff mentioned that there are 58 towns in the State that have fireworks that are permissible but with restrictions. She stated that the Select Board is reading something into the statute that is not there.

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Ms. Isikoff also stated the Select Board has expressed concern about the enforceability of this ordinance and to have the authority to impose fines. She stated that there are 58 Towns that have enacted to limit fireworks with restrictions and they all impose fines. She asked the voters to vote “Yes” for the Petition, “Yes” to protect White Oak Pond, and “Yes” to preserve one of the town’s most fragile and vulnerable, natural resources so we can use it for many years to come.

Shelagh Connelly, Conservation Commission Member and former Select Board member stated she shares the concern about protecting the environment but is uncomfortable how it is written as to the enforcement and the legality. Ms. Connelly stated she appreciated the sentiment but is unable to support the petition. She suggested to have more conversation in the future and address the concerns.

Moderator Rossner recognized Jill White, Select Board Chairman. Ms. White stated that the Board had sought advice from the Town Counsel and also had contacted Nancy Isikoff to express the concerns on how the Petition was written. Ms. White explained the concerns of this article as follows:

“1. In NH, towns and cities only have those powers specifically granted to them in law or necessarily implied in a law. The RSA’s that speak to the display of fireworks give the municipalities the ability to allow or prohibit them within that entire municipality. However, there is not an option to allow or restrict them in a particular location in Town.

2. White Oak Pond on the NH Department of Environmental Services list of public waters of the State, meaning the State technically is in charge of regulating activity in that body of water, not the Town.

3. This Petitioned Article suggests that fines to be paid to the Town for violations of the ordinance. However, there does not seem to be authority within the law to do that. The RSA’s pertaining to fireworks violations specifies the penalties as criminal penalties, various levels of misdemeanors or felonies. “

Ms. White stated that Town Counsel’s interpretation of this article is that it is unenforceable as written. She stated that the Planning Board is looking to have continued conversation on this and look for a path moving forward.

Bruce Falby stated he had two points on the fines; towns that have restricted fireworks in different parts of their town impose fines, and that this town imposes fines for disorderly conduct, drinking in public and parking fines which is no different than the proposed fines for this Petition.

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Peter Francesco, Select Board Member, stated that the town has different zones such as general residential, rural residential and commercial. When establishing ordinances or changes to zoning we must be careful to make certain the ruling cannot be construed as being limited or overly restrictive to one zone or it could be considered spot zoning. Mr. Francesco said that he understood from the Town Attorney that as White Oak Pond is not a separate district we cannot do this and unsure of the ramifications if we did.

Mr. Francesco moved to Table the Article, to have the opportunity for the Select Board to discuss and to pass on to the Planning Board for decisions. Seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor. A voice vote was taken and was inconclusive. The Moderator called for a show of hands. The show of hands resulted in a vote of 25 votes opposed and 51 votes in favor to Table the Article. The Article was **TABLED.**

Article 12: By Petition: Shall the Town vote to accept Pleasant Place Drive as a Town Road.

Shelagh Connelly asked if the Town had a formal policy to accept roads, and if we do to explain, and if we do not it may be a good idea to table this. Michael Capone, Town Administrator, answered he was not aware of a formal policy.

Tony Macomber stated that Pleasant Place Drive is the same size as Meadowview Drive and Locust Drive and he supports this article.

William Nesheim asked what would the cost be to the town if the Town was to accept the road. Jill White, Select Board Chair, stated the Select Board has not taken a formal position but has concerns about taking over the road as the composition of the road is not known and the Town did not have the opportunity to inspect the road before it was paved. She stated the Board is unable to quantify what the cost would be as it is not known how the road was constructed. Ms. White stated it was her understanding there are 3 homes under construction, with construction of 4 additional homes to begin in the spring. There are two lots purchased, but vacant at this time.

Tony Macomber responded that the contractor, Don Latulippe, has constructed a lot of roads and this construction is “top notch”. He stated that the taxpayers on this road have paid \$ 70,000. in current use taxes. The 3 houses that are completed will bring in \$ 15,000. in property tax. Mr. Macomber stated that road is very well constructed and in the spring a core sample can be done to see how the road was constructed.

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Robert Maloney expressed that the town and taxpayers should not take responsibility of this road and he is against the article. Robert Haskell spoke in favor of this article.

William Nesheim moved to Table this Article and seconded by Carl Lehner.

The Moderator asked for a show of hands. The show of hands being too close to call, the Moderator asked for a ballot vote. The ballot vote resulted 46 in favor and 45 opposed to Table the Article. The Article was **TABLED**.

A question was asked if a vote will be required at next year's meeting to take this Article off the table. Moderator Rossner answered "yes" it will require a motion and a vote to take it off the table.

Bryan Sweeney requested to have the guidelines for streets and roads to be accepted by the Town for next year's meeting.

Fran Taylor addressed the traffic and parking issues in the center of Town in the summer. She asked if the Select Board could address these issues.

Article 13: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Rossner recognized the Fire Chief, Jerome Bonan. Mr. Bonan thanked the voters for the support for the fire truck. Mr. Bonan recognized Captain Jon Abear and presented him with a citation award for his courageous actions for a cold-water rescue for a woman on April 7, 2020 on White Oak Pond. Mr. Abear was given a standing ovation.

With no further business to be acted upon, the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen King
Holderness Town Clerk

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Planning Board duties are specified by New Hampshire state statutes and include review and approval of subdivision and site plan applications, review and update of the Master Plan, and review of the Zoning Ordinance for amendments as needed.

The Board continues to work on procedures to ensure consistent, objective review of applications; balancing assistance to applicants while ensuring conformity with the Town's Zoning Ordinance requirements.

In 2023 the Planning Board approved the following applications:

- 6 – Boundary Line Adjustment
- 2 – Site Plan Reviews
- 2 – Subdivisions

The Board also reviewed the town's zoning ordinance and has recommended amendments to language in the zoning ordinance regarding uses within districts and changes to the floodplain language in both the zoning ordinance and the floodplain ordinance. These items will be on the ballot for consideration by the voters at the first session of the 2022 Town Meeting.

Application forms, the Holderness Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Regulations, as well as minutes, agendas, and meeting dates for the Planning Board can be found on the town website:

<https://www.holderness-nh.gov/planning-board>.

Respectfully submitted,

Angi Francesco, Chair
Carl Lehner
Janet Cocchiaro, Secretary
Peter Francesco-Select Board-Ex-Officio

Ron Huntoon
Bill Nesheim, V. Chair
Clayton Titus
Christine Renzi, Alt.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 2023, the Holderness Police Department responded to 12,915 calls for service. That number does not include calls made directly to the station. This significant increase in calls from last year, is mainly due to increased directed patrols of vacant houses and businesses along with increased radar enforcement.

In 2023, we also witnessed an increase in scam/fraud cases as well as sexual assaults and juvenile related crimes. These offenses, while egregious also require a lot of investigative time and resources to solve. Our agency has worked tirelessly investigating these crimes. On this front, I would like to thank our Lt. Prosecutor, Brianna Gerrior. Her knowledge on these types of crimes and unwavering dedication to the Town of Holderness is the main reason we were able to be so successful in closing these types of cases.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the ongoing issue with scam and fraud crimes. If you think you are being targeted in a phone or online scam, remember to never provide your personal information such as date of birth, Social Security number, bank, or credit card information. These criminals can be very convincing and manipulative. If you feel that you are being targeted for fraud, please contact us immediately.

Lastly, all of us here at the Holderness Police Department strive to provide its citizens and visitors with professional compassionate service. Our job is made easier largely by the continued support of its citizens.

Respectfully Submitted; Chief Erik DiFilippe



***Holderness PDs
mid-1980s
Chevrolet Blazer***

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2023

ALARM (Business, Residence, Fire, School)	126	MOTORIST ASSIST	88
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	28	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	87
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	44	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (FATAL)	0
ARSON	0	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	57
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	12	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	56
AGGRIVATED ASSUALT	3	MOTOR VEHICLE / DUI	19
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	124	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	1877
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	10	NOISE COMPLAINT	22
BURGLARY	5	OFF AT COURT	102
CITIZEN REQUEST ASSIST. / MVLO	98	OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	167
CIVIL MATTER	38	OPEN / UNSECURED DOOR	13
CIVIL STANDBY	29	PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	184
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	8	PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	32
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	10	PARKING TICKETS	74
CRIMINAL RECORDS	166	PISTOL PERMITS	12
CRIMINAL THREATENING	14	POLICE INFORMATION	31
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	9	RADAR / DIRECTED PATROL	1372
DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT	10	RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION	11
DISTURBANCE (Including Domestic)	45	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	9
DETAIL/TRAFFIC CONTROL	398	RESISITING ARREST / DETENTION	3
FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS	26	SEXUAL ASSAULT	8
FRAUD / SCAMS	23	SITE CHECKS	5705
JUVINILLE RELATED INCIDENT	44	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	132
JUVINILLE UNRULY	14	VACANT HOUSE CHECK	724
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	18	WARRANT SERVICE	27
MISSING / WANTED PERSONS	10	911 HANG-UP	16
GOOD MORNING PROGRAM	190	EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	2
KIDNAPING/FALSE IMPRISONMENT	1	THEFT / LARCENY	31
DRUG RELATED OFFENSES	16	CONTEMPT OF COURT / BREACH OF BAIL	12

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

As a new year has arrived another has passed and I look back at the reconstruction projects that we completed. We shimmed and overlaid 6,690 feet of roadway which consisted of two (2) sections of East Holderness Road, and a 1,040-foot section of Coxboro Road. We also ground, graded, and repaved Ta Da Dump Road with a 3” layer of base, with plans to complete a 1-inch wear coat in 2024. Sometimes it takes time and several steps to achieve the desired results and it will be good to have this project completed.

With the cool, wet summer it was difficult to keep the gravel roads graded, wet gravel will loosen up and it is hard to get the needed compaction before vehicle traffic creates ruts. Ditching and culvert repairs and maintenance were also difficult this year due to these wet conditions, once dryer weather prevailed, we were able to make up this delayed work in the late fall.

Trucks and equipment work extra hard in the winter months clearing and treating roads. The town’s highway equipment overall is doing well and by using NH Highway Block Grant Funds we were able to replace some of our older equipment such as the pull behind sweeper and road rake, and add a used vibratory roller to our fleet. This equipment is greatly appreciated allowing us to efficiently maintain town roads and properties.

Many people are not aware that the town has an Inclement Weather Policy which initiates a call out at two (2) inches of snow. However, we seldom wait to meet that level since doing so will put our overall response behind. The town also does not have a bare pavement policy, what we do strive for is to scrape everything down and treat with a sand and salt mixture. Other towns will use a straight salt application, whereas we choose for environmental reasons to not use, being cognizant of the impacts to the Holderness-Squam Lakes community. Our plow routes take approximately four (4) hours for each driver/truck and depending on snow rates there can be a significant accumulation on the ground before the route can be redone. If a squall should move through in the late evening or at night you can be certain that we will be out responding by 3 or 4 am to treat everything before the morning traffic begins.

I would like to thank everyone within the Highway Department for their hard work and dedication. Thank you, Dean Melanson, Eddie Graziano and Jake LePard, they are the hardest working guys I have ever had the privilege of working with. Also, a thank you Skip Thompson for the amazing work he does on town properties. I would also like to say thanks to all the other departments and folks in town for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Kevin M. Coburn Holderness Road Agent

RECREATION DEPARTMENT-PROGRAMMING & BEACH REPORT

This year's report is dedicated to Janis Messier who retired from the Recreation Board in March 2023. Janis was a valuable member of our Board for over 20 years. While working at the Holderness Central School front office and, being a long time resident and frequent visitor to the Town Beach, Janis provided valuable input with the goal of bettering recreational offerings for this wonderful town. We miss her and wish her well on her next chapter of life.

Holderness Recreation Department is comprised of a part-time director, seasonal staff and independent contractors, all of whom help to bring a variety of recreational opportunities to a broad spectrum of our population. The Department has a volunteer Board that meets monthly providing budget oversight and program review. The Department is service-oriented and strives to provide a wide range of programming for year-round and seasonal residents of the Town. The Department also manages the Livermore Beach property in conjunction with the Squam Lakes Conservation Society who owns the property.

PROGRAMMING REPORT

Holderness Recreation offers approximately 20 programs each season. The following programs were offered in 2023: Basket Making, Early Bird Exercise, Tennis & Swimming Lessons, Tai Chi, OHRV Safety Courses, Adult Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball & Badminton, Safesitter, Write Now Personal Story Workshops, Photography, Family Paint Nights, Cooking, Early Bird Exercise and more. New programs included Art Classes with Cathy Clifford, Community CPR, Adult Vocal Classes and Zumba Chair. Thanks to Recreation Board member Adar Fejes, we had the 3rd Annual Family Easter Trail Hunt, which was well received and offered a fun family spring activity.

Our SummerEscape program went very well last summer. We welcomed back Morgan Maxner-Greene as our Director for her third summer and welcomed Katelynne Jones as our new Assistant Director. We were excited to have six of our counselors return from the previous year including Drew Shorey, Lindsay Miller, Eliza Carter, Sophia Giovan, Addison Kay and Kamrin McCord. We welcomed 3 new counselors including Bella Whitcomb, Mia DiFillippe and Gwendalyn Donnelly and two counselors in training, Sara Hoyt and Sawyer Drummond. SummerEscape was full for 5 out of 6 weeks of the summer and we were happy to attend field trips to Polar Caves, Wellington State Park, PSU Skating, Waterville Valley and more. As always, we are very thankful to the

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Programming and Beach Report (continued)

Holderness Central School Administration and Facilities crew for working with us.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Recreation Board member Nate Fuller coordinated this year's summer Concert Series—here is his “report-within-a-report:”

In 2023 it was a pleasure to coordinate the Holderness Summer Concert Series at the community Gazebo behind Curry Place. Our fundraising campaign offering sponsorship opportunities to local businesses was once again a success, raising \$3,900. The town of Holderness budgeted \$2,000. These amounts combined to cover all costs associated with the concerts. Many thanks to the Full Circle Food Truck out of Campton, NH, for joining our concerts and offering delicious on-the-go food options. The concerts were scheduled for Thursday nights in July and August at 6pm, with a rain date scheduled for the following Monday. Only one concert was rescheduled due to weather. In the month of August, there were 5 Thursdays, which resulted in a 5th performance that month. In the future, we will only have 4 performances for the month of August. Below is our final schedule from this summer.

July 6th – The Red Hat Band

July 13th – Tall Small and Paul

July 20st – The Sky Road Band

July 27th – Steve Furbish

August 3rd – Decatur Creek

August 10th – Tim Hazelton

August 17th – Mike McDowell and Friends Fundraiser for Holderness Central School (Rescheduled to Monday August 21st)

August 24th – Carolyn Ramsey Band

August 31st – The Wayfarers

The concerts were consistently well attended and through the generosity of Mike McDowell, \$1000 was donated to the music program at Holderness Central School. We look forward to coordinating this event again in 2024. Many thanks to our Select Board members, our Town Administrator Michael, our Recreation Director Wendy, all Recreation Board members, JD Design & Print, all of our Sponsors and the members of our community that helped make this happen. **Nate Fuller, Summer Concert Series Coordinator.**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Programming and Beach Report (continued)

BEACH REPORT

The Holderness Town Beach property was donated by Mr. Frank G. Webster to the Squam Lakes Conservation Society in 1963. While SLCS is the owner, the Holderness Recreation and Select Boards oversee the utilization and maintenance of the property.

The beach is staffed with Beach Attendants from the middle of June through Labor Day. Weather permitting, the attendants are on site from 10am to 5pm 7 days a week. This past summer's tight job market made it challenging to staff the beach for the majority of the summer. Although we were very concerned that the absence of staff would lead to infractions of our rules, they ended up being relatively minor. In mid-July we were happy to welcome Ella O'Hare as our beach attendant and she did a wonderful job. The role of the Beach Attendant is to check beach passes, reinforce rules and regulations, monitor the use of the facility and to interact with the beach patrons. Our Beach Attendants have no lifeguard responsibilities. Beachgoers must be personally responsible for keeping a close eye at all times on members of their family and guests.

Use of the beach: The Beach is for residents and taxpayers use. All users of the beach are subject to the Town Beach Rules which are provided when the \$15 Beach Passes are purchased at the Town Clerk's office Monday – Friday between 8:30 and 4:00pm. Please note that passes are non-transferrable meaning that passes are not for use by short term rentals or anyone else other than the resident or taxpayer. The rules apply and are enforced year-round and not just when attendants are present. We are very fortunate to have this resource available for the Town's residents to use. There were 275 beach passes sold in 2023 and 296 beach passes sold in 2022

Opening, in-season and closing tasks: Spring is the time when we clean up all of the winter debris including leaves and branches that washed up on the beach. Additional opening tasks include: putting in the swim area lines, cleaning out the shed and changing room, and painting picnic tables. For the most part these tasks are handled by volunteer efforts from the Recreation Board, Recreation Director and summer staff. In the past the water quality was monitored by samples collected by NHDES through the Beach Inspection Program which was discontinued in 2019. While we have thankfully never had to close the Beach due to bacterial contamination, we have elected to continue to test the water quality during the swimming season.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Programming and Beach Report (continued)

In the recent years we have been very fortunate to have the assistance of Board member, Biff Sutcliffe, a boat, and volunteers from Camp Deerwood to help put in the swim lines. Seasonal maintenance is performed by the Beach Attendants, Recreation Director, a local mowing company and the Holderness DPW. In the fall we focus on taking in the swim lines, organizing the shed and leaf blowing. This past fall, Board member Biff Sutcliffe and Denny from Camp Deerwood provided a boat for assistance in taking out the swim lines. Board member Jenny Evans and her husband Ken were kind enough to take down the Little Free Library and store it for the winter.

Amenities at the beach: A fine sandy beach, storage and changing shed, swim raft, portable toilet, picnic tables, protected swimming area, landline phone for emergencies, 2 parking areas, a Little Free Library and the serenity of the beach make up this oasis for hot summer days.

Safety: Although we try to have a Beach Attendant on the property for most of the season, we ask that you please report any activity that you think is inappropriate. The Holderness Police Department frequently patrols the area throughout the year. If you have a concern about activity or behavior at the beach, please speak with the Attendant on duty, the Recreation Director or the Holderness Police.

SPECIAL THANKS:

Much of our success is due to the work and support we have received from many volunteers and Town employees. Thank you to the Select Board, Town Administrator, Town Hall Staff, Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and the Holderness Central School for all of their continued support furthering recreation in Holderness.

This year we would like to give a special thank you to Ellen King, retired Town Clerk for over 30 years for helping us by selling beach passes and educating pass holders about the rules of the beach. We wish you well in your retirement and hope to see you at the beach.

We would also like to thank Camp Deerwood for providing our SummerEscape and Beach staff with CPR and First Aid training.

Thank you to the Squam Lakes Association for offering 2 free camping weekends on their islands for the twelfth year.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Programming and Beach Report (continued)

Lastly, thank you again to Robert Haskell for letting us use Curry Place for StoryWalk™ and to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and Holderness Free Library for co-sponsoring this event.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The Recreation Department has a scholarship fund to help families or participants who are experiencing financial hardship to participate in our programs. We are fortunate to have many Town individuals and businesses that support our scholarship fund. You can donate online, in person or through the mail. You can also choose to sponsor someone for a specific program. Donations come in many shapes and sizes and we are thankful for all of them. Thanks to everyone who made contributions this year.

YOUR INPUT AND PARTICIPATION:

We are always interested to hear from you about the type of activities and programs that you would like to have available in Holderness – This is how Holderness Recreation stays dynamic. Please feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the Recreation Board members to share your thoughts. You are also always welcome to come to one of our Board meetings, which are held once a month on Monday at 5:30pm, upstairs at Town Hall. The Recreation office can be reached at 603-968-3700 or recreation@holderness-nh.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)

George ‘Biff’ Sutcliffe (Secretary)

Jenny Evans

Maryanna Swanson

Peter Francesco (Selectman Liaison)

Tom Stepp (Chairperson)

Heidi Emmons

Adar Fejes

Nate Fuller

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Programming and Beach Report (continued)



Family Paint Night



Holiday Pickleball

Field Trip to Polar Caves



SCHEDULE of TOWN EQUIPMENT

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2018 Kenworth –6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2014 International –6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2022 Ford F350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2019 Ford F550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2017 Ford F350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2023 Chevrolet 6500 – Dump Trump (slide in sander, plow and wing)
2019 Caterpillar Backhoe
2002 John Deere 4x4 Tractor with Boom Mower
1994 Galion Grader
2015 Atlas Copco Vibratory Roller

Equipment

1990 Bandit 200 XP Brush Chipper
1988 York Rake
1988 Road Broom

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Unit 1=2022 Ford F-150 Police Responder
Unit 2=2022 Ford F-150 (Ordered in 2021)
Unit 3=2019 Dodge Charger
Unit 4=2023 Ford Explorer
Unit 5= Plate not in use
Unit 6=2011 ATS Radar / Message Board Trailer
Unit 7=2023 Dodge RAM 1500 Pickup (S.R.O.)-Paid for by Holderness School

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1931 Ford Fire Truck
2009 Ford F450 Rescue
2014 Pierce Fire Truck
2012 Ford F550 Forest Fire Truck
1997 Mack Fire Truck
2006 Kenworth Fire Truck (Tanker)
2006 Premier Pontoon Boat
2012 F350 Utility Pickup
2017 Ford Interceptor
13' Boston Whaler Boat

Mobile Equipment

2007 Yacht Club Pontoon Trailer
2011 Royal Swiftwater Rescue Trailer
2017 Can-Am ATV
2017 Utility ATV Trailer

SCHEDULE of EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION/DEPT.	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT									
1994 Gallon Grader									
2019 Cat Backhoe							\$200,000.00		
2023 Chevrolet 6500 series Dump Tru	\$170,000.00								
2013 International 7400 SFA Dump Truck								\$210,000.00	
2018 Kenworth T470 Dump Truck					\$250,000.00				
2017 F350 Pickup						\$85,000.00			
2019 Ford F-550 1 Ton Truck		\$110,000.00							\$110,000.00
1999 Chipper									
POLICE DEPARTMENT									
2022 F-150 Unit #1 (ordered in 2021)						\$75,000.00			
2022 F-150 Unit #2	\$57,000.00								
2019 Dodge Charger Unit #3		\$65,000.00						\$75,000.00	
2023 Ford Explorer Unit #4				\$65,000.00					
FIRE DEPARTMENT									
2009 Ford F-350 Rescue									
2013 Saber Pumper 12E3									
1997 Mack Pumper 12 E4	\$850,000.00								
2006 Kenworth Tanker 12 E5									\$1,000,000.00
2012 Ford F550- Multi -Purpose									
2012 Ford F350					\$85,000.00				
2017 Ford SUV Command Vehicle									
Total Capital Equipment Investment:	\$1,077,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$335,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$285,000.00	\$1,110,000.00
This plan is subject to change based on department needs and available funding									

SCHEDULE of TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY

TAX MAP/ LOT	DESCRIPTION / LOCATION	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam		\$32,100.00	\$32,100.00
101-008	Fire/Police Station	\$120,300.00	\$973,300.00	\$1,093,600.00
101-012-1	Route 113	\$63,900.00	\$0.00	\$63,900.00
101-019	Library	\$759,100.00	\$459,900.00	\$1,219,000.00
102-006	Village Common & Gazebo	\$732,400.00	\$5,700.00	\$738,100.00
222-015	Public Works Garage	\$256,900.00	\$289,100.00	\$546,000.00
223-011	Pilote Conservation Lot	\$270,200.00	\$0.00	\$270,200.00
224-001	Smith Road Lot	\$238,400.00	\$0.00	\$238,400.00
225-016	Pemi River Park Lot	\$93,600.00	\$0.00	\$93,600.00
228-079	HCS* Vacant Lot	\$144,700.00	\$0.00	\$144,700.00
229-025	Holderness Central School	\$143,700.00	\$5,465,600.00	\$5,609,300.00
231-003	Route 113	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	\$63,000.00
239-001	Town Hall	\$39,600.00	\$383,700.00	\$423,300.00
239-039	NH Route 175	\$67,700.00	\$0.00	\$67,700.00
239-042	Corner Lot-Routes 3 & 175	\$70,200.00	\$0.00	\$70,200.00
245-065	Transfer Station/Pease	\$165,800.00	\$146,100.00	\$311,900.00
252-016-1	East Holderness Road	\$100,300.00	\$0.00	\$100,300.00

TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Description/Location</u>
East Holderness	252-009	Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd
Eastman	251	E. Holderness Rd, West of Vontel
Cox	255-003	East Holderness Road
Merrill	255-011	Hawkins Pond Road
Piper	246-021	Coxboro Road
Squam Bridge	101-010	Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113
True	206	Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd
Shaw	228	Hardhack Road
Ladd	205	Rt. 113
Sanborn	222-022	Old Highway South
Prescott	231	Old Highway South
Carr	220-007	Old Highway South

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

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Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023

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

Instructions

Cover Page

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

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: HOLDERNESS

County:

GRAFTON

Report Year:

2023

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name

Ellen

Last Name

King

Street No.

1089

Street Name

US Route 3, Holderness, NH

Phone Number

(603) 968-7536

Email (optional)

tctc@holderness-nh.gov

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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020	
Property Taxes	3110		\$1,117,676.30	\$4.90		
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$17,000.00			
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$25,398.07)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2022	
Property Taxes	3110	\$5,483,185.00	\$5,395,069.00	
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$7.00	\$17,546.00	
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,527.64	\$11,919.37	
Excavation Tax	3187	\$118.72		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$13,648.52			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190		\$10,586.19	\$0.22	
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$5,473,088.81	\$6,569,796.86	\$5.12	\$0.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – Continued



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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies 2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$2,541,234.77	\$6,470,187.46	\$4.90	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$7.00	\$25,546.00		
Yield Taxes	\$1,527.64	\$11,919.37		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)		\$9,105.19	\$0.22	
Penalties		\$1,481.00		
Excavation Tax	\$118.72			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$39,451.15		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies 2021	2020
Property Taxes		\$3,106.69		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$9,000.00		
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Current Levy Deeded				

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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$2,952,705.78			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$22,505.10)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits		\$5,473,088.81	\$6,569,796.86	\$5.12
				\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$2,930,200.68
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$76,247.87

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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$48,367.60	\$63,316.38
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$42,223.73		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$17.58	\$1,248.32	\$17,462.65
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$42,241.31	\$49,615.92	\$80,779.03

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$2,682.42	\$11,661.04	\$63,316.38
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$17.58	\$1,248.32	\$17,462.65
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$39,541.31	\$36,706.56	
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$42,241.31	\$49,615.92	\$80,779.03

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$2,930,200.68
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$76,247.87

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HOLDERNESS (221)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Ellen

Preparer's Last Name

King

Date

06/30/2023

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

Ellen King, Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title

TAX RATE CALCULATION 2023

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,977,104	
Net Revenue (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$2,162,575)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$452,979)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$0)
War Service Credits	\$47,333	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$104,454	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$2,513,337	
Town Portion of Tax Rate	\$1.80	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$1,394,844	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$1,394,844	
County Portion of Tax Rate	\$1.00	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$4,860,766	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$3,168,683	
Net Education Grant		(\$0)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,528,643)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$6,500,806	
Local Education Portion of Tax Rate	\$4.66	
State Education Tax	\$1,528,643	
State Education Tax Not Retained		
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$1,528,643	
State Education Portion of Tax Rate	\$1.13	

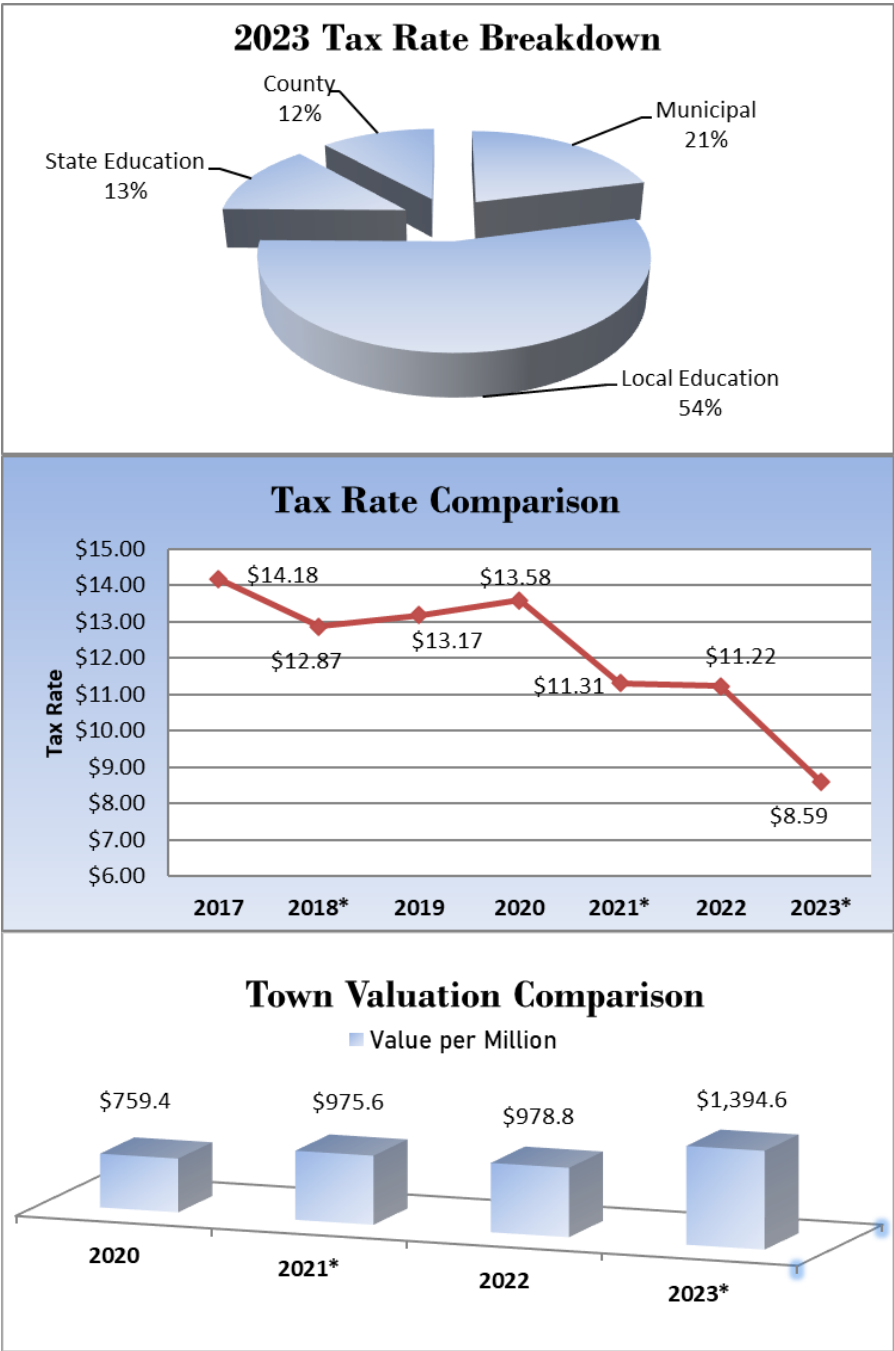
Valuation: Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$1,394,615,669	\$978,872,384
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$1,357,342,269	\$958,278,684

2023 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$11,890,297
1/2% Amount	\$59,451
Acceptable High	\$11,949,748
Acceptable Low	\$11,830,846
Total Tax Rate	\$8.59

TAX RATE INFORMATION 2023



TOWN CLERK REPORT

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
REMITTED TO THE TREASURER**

July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Motor Vehicle Registration/Title Fee:	\$ 580,923.43
Municipal Agent Fee:	11,409.00
Dog Licenses:	3,109.50
Vital Records Fee:	3,280.00
Transfer Station Receipts:	48,058.55
Transfer Station Stickers:	2,183.00
Beach Permits:	4,260.00
Miscellaneous:	51.00
Total Town Deposit:	\$ 653,274.48
State of NH-MV Fee: (Transferred to State)	\$ 188,102.97

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Holderness
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Here we are at the end of another year. This was a very wet summer. I think they said it rained 17 weekends out of 23. This made it difficult to get things done. We managed to keep things running and improved the way we run the facility. We had another busy year as you may have noticed when you came to the transfer station. I am sorry about the wait time when we are busy. We try to keep things moving. We do ask that after you throw your trash, you move your car so others can throw their trash. If you have items for the swap shop or just want to check out the treasures, we ask that you park by the swap shop. It takes too much time to carry items down to the shop.

Like I said we were busy this summer. This year we had 838 tons of trash. That is 10 tons more trash than last year. The recycling was a different story. We had 266 tons of recycling. That was down 13 tons from 2022. We seem to be sliding on the recycling. If you can try to recycle as much as you can it is helping the planet in a small way. You may have heard that recycling is having some trouble nowadays. This is true but until we find a way to reduce our waste, we need to do what we can today.

We have added a new recycling item, PACKING FOAM! This is the molded foam packing found in boxes like TVs. One on top and one on the bottom (everyone forgets this one as it is on the bottom and hard to get out). This foam is made up of tiny white balls. This is the only kind of foam they want at this time. It is recycled into forms for cement foundations for homes. First, it is the form then it is the insulation for the basement. So, it still ends up in the ground but it is serving a purpose! This does not include those pesky foam peanuts. Those are still bad news and go in the trash. We have a blue box near the tires for the small foam pieces and an old horse trailer for the larger foam pieces.

You may have also noticed the metal pile is much smaller. We have changed to a different shipper that is picking it up more frequently. We are working on cleaning that whole side out to make things neater and more orderly.

We the crew at the transfer station want to thank you the Holderness residents for another great year. It is a job some days but with the crew I have and with the great residents most days are not a job. It is just working with friends to help them sort items they no longer need. I want to thank Cory Woodward and Hanz Currier for all of their hard work. We have a great crew working here. They are helpful and always pleasant.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT - Continued

In closing I want to thank a very important member of our team here in Holderness. We are all going to miss Ellen King our town clerk. We as a town have been very lucky to have her for the past years. We wish her well and good luck with her future goals.

As always feel free to ask us questions.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Davis

Manager



2024 HOLDERNESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 12 AND MARCH 13, 2024

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and the polls shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 and 2; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening (or immediately following the annual school district meeting, whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the thirteenth day of March, 2024 in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by Official Ballot.

Article 2: 2024 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes: To see if the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 1: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To resort and renumber uses permitted by right and by Special Exception, within each zoning district alphabetically; to add Appendix C – Table of Allowed Uses by Zoning District as a reference table with no substantive changes; and to correct typographical and similar errors, make slight adjustments in language to clarify but not alter the meaning of a provision, and to delete obsolete references, definitions, and language?”**

☐ YES

☐ NO

Amendment No. 2: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend the allowable uses within the General Residential District (GR) contingent upon the adoption of Amendment No. 9 which contains the definitions of said uses as follows:**

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Use	Change
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	Special Exception to Permitted
Animal Boarding/Kennel/grooming	Prohibited to Special Exception
Bed & Breakfast	Added Use as Special Exception
Boarding House	Added Use as Special Exception
Boat Storage Facility	Added Use as Special Exception
Heath Care Facility/Institution	Prohibited to Special Exception
Nano Brewery	Added Use as Special Exception
Park	Deleted as separate Use (See Recreation Facility Commercial Low Impact)
Recreation Facility Personal	Deleted as separate Use, Allowed as accessory structure
Research Facility	Prohibited to Special Exception
Schools	Prohibited to Special Exception
Utility Infrastructures (Railroads, roads, bridges, utility lines, pipe lines and water systems)	Prohibited to Permitted
Veterinary Hospital / Animal Clinic	Added Use Prohibited
Wildlife Land	Prohibited to Permitted
Winery/Meadery/Spirits	Added Use as Special Exception

o YES o NO

Amendment No. 3: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend the allowable uses within the Rural Residential District (RR) contingent upon the adoption of Amendment No. 9 which contains the definitions of said uses as follows:**

Use	Change
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	Special Exception to Permitted
Amusements, Fairgrounds and similar transient amusement enterprises	Prohibited to Special Exception
Bed & Breakfast	Added Use as Special Exception
Boarding House	Added Use as Special Exception
Boat Storage Facility	Added Use as Prohibited
Brew Pub	Added Use as Prohibited
Child/Day Care Center	Prohibited to Special Exception
Churches	Prohibited to Permitted
Commercial Storage Facilities	Prohibited to Special Exception
Heath Care Facility/Institution	Prohibited to Special Exception
Light -Industry	Prohibited to Special Exception
Nano Brewery	Added Use as Special Exception
Park	Deleted as separate Use (See Recreation Facility Commercial Low Impact)
Recreation Facility Personal	Deleted as separate Use, Allowed as accessory structure
Research Facility	Prohibited to Special Exception
Schools	Prohibited to Special Exception
Utility Infrastructures (Railroads, roads, bridges, utility lines, pipe lines and water systems)	Prohibited to Permitted
Veterinary Hospital / Animal Clinic	Added Use as Special Exception
Wildlife Land	Prohibited to Permitted
Winery/Meadery/Spirits	Added Use as Special Exception

o YES o NO

2024 HOLDERNESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - Continued

Amendment No. 4: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend the allowable uses within the Commercial District (CD) contingent upon the adoption of Amendment No. 9 which contains the definitions of said uses as follows:**

Use	Change
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	Special Exception to Permitted
Amusements, Fairgrounds and similar transient amusement enterprises	Prohibited to Special Exception
Animal Boarding/Kennel/grooming	Prohibited to Permitted
Bed & Breakfast	Added Use as Permitted
Boarding House	Added Use as Permitted
Boat Storage Facility	Added Use as Permitted
Boat Tours/Guided fishing trips	Prohibited to Permitted
Brew Pub	Added Use as Permitted
Child/Day Care Center	Added Use as Permitted
Clustered Residential Development	Prohibited to Permitted
Funeral Home	Prohibited to Permitted
Greenhouse/Florists	Prohibited to Permitted
Heath Care Facility/Institution	Prohibited to Permitted
Nano Brewery	Added Use as Permitted
Nursing Home	Prohibited to Permitted
Park	Deleted as separate Use (See Recreation Facility Commercial Low Impact)
Recreation Facility Personal	Deleted as separate Use, Allowed as accessory structure
Recreational Camping Park or Recreational Campground	Prohibited to Special Exception
Research Facility	Prohibited to Special Exception
Schools	Prohibited to Permitted
Small business < 2500 Sq. Ft.	Prohibited to Permitted
Utility Infrastructures (Railroads, roads, bridges, utility lines, pipe lines and water systems)	Prohibited to Permitted
Veterinary Hospital / Animal Clinic	Added Use as Permitted
Wildlife Land	Prohibited to Permitted
Winery/Meadery/Spirits	Added Use as Permitted

o YES o NO

Amendment No. 5: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend the allowable uses within the Pemigewasset River Overlay District (PROD) contingent upon the adoption of Amendment No. 9 which contains the definitions of said uses as follows:**

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Use	Change
Bed & Breakfast	Added Use as Special Exception
Boarding House	Added Use as Special Exception
Boat Storage Facility	Added Use as Prohibited
Brew Pub	Added Use as Prohibited
Cemeteries	Permitted to Prohibited
Essential Services	Prohibited to Permitted
General Farming and Agriculture	Added Pesticide Restriction
Nano Brewery	Added Use as Special Exception
Park	Deleted as separate Use (See Recreation Facility Commercial Low Impact)
Private Club	Prohibited to Special Exception
Professional Offices	Prohibited to Special Exception
Recreation facility - Commercial	Prohibited to Special Exception
Recreation facility - Commercial low impact	Prohibited to Special Exception
Recreation Facility Personal	Deleted as separate Use, Allowed as accessory structure
Recreation Facility Public	Prohibited to Permitted
Recreational Camping Park or Recreational Campground	Prohibited to Special Exception
Research Facility	Prohibited to Special Exception
Restaurant	Prohibited to Special Exception
Retail Sales	Prohibited to Special Exception
Riding Stables	Prohibited to Special Exception
Schools	Prohibited to Special Exception
Small business < 2500 Sq. Ft.	Prohibited to Special Exception
Utility Infrastructures (Railroads, roads, bridges, utility lines, pipelines and water systems)	Prohibited to Permitted
Veterinary Hospital / Animal Clinic	Added Use as Prohibited
Wildlife Land	Prohibited to Permitted
Winery/Meadery/Spirits	Added Use as Special Exception

o YES o NO

Amendment No. 6: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend the allowable uses within the Holderness Flood Hazard District (FHD) contingent upon the adoption of Amendment No. 9 which contains the definitions of said uses as follows:**

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Use	Change
Bed & Breakfast	Added Use as Prohibited
Boarding House	Added Use as Prohibited
Boat Storage Facility	Added Use as Prohibited
Brew Pub	Added Use as Prohibited
Essential Services	Prohibited to Permitted
General Farming and Agriculture	Added Pesticide Restriction
Nano Brewery	Added Use as Prohibited
Park	Deleted as separate Use (See Recreation Facility Commercial Low Impact)
Recreation facility - Commercial	Prohibited to Special Exception
Recreation facility - Commercial low impact	Prohibited to Special Exception
Recreation Facility Personal	Deleted as separate Use, Allowed as accessory structure
Recreational Camping Park or Recreational Campground	Prohibited to Special Exception
Research Facility	Prohibited to Special Exception
Utility Infrastructures (Railroads, roads, bridges, utility lines, pipelines and water systems)	Prohibited to Permitted
Veterinary Hospital / Animal Clinic	Added Use as Prohibited
Wildlife Land	Prohibited to Permitted
Winery/Meadery/Spirits	Added Use as Prohibited

o YES o NO

Amendment No. 7: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend Article 300.4.4.5 by adding “pesticides” to prohibited uses in the Pemigewasset River Overlay District?**

o YES o NO

Amendment No. 8: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend Article 300.4.6.1 – FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas: as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program boundary by adding reference to the new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps by panel number?”**

o YES o NO

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Amendment No. 9: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance as follows: **To amend Article 1300 – Definitions by adding, deleting, or revising the definition of the following uses:**

- Amusements, Fairgrounds, and similar transient amusement enterprises (Added Use)
- Automobile / Motorized Vehicle Service Station (Added Use)
- Automotive, motorized vehicles including water craft service station, sales, and service (Added Use)
- Bank (Added Use)
- Bed and Breakfast (Added Use)
- Boarding House (Added Use)
- Boat Storage Facility (Added Use)
- Brew Pub (Added Use)
- Kennel (Deleted as a Separate Use Included with Animal Boarding/Kennel/Grooming)
- Industry (Added Use)
- Light Industry (Deleted term “Light” see Industry)
- Nano Brewery (Added Use)
- Park (Deleted as separate use included in Recreation Facility – Commercial Low Impact)
- Recreational Facility – Personal (Deleted Use)
- Veterinary Hospital / Animal Clinic (Added Use)
- Utility Infrastructures (Added Use)
- Winery/Meadery/Spirits (Added Use)
- Vehicle Service Station (Deleted as separate use included with Automotive, motorized vehicle including water craft service station, sales and service)

☐ YES ☐ NO

Amendment No. 10: “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.10 as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness Floodplain Ordinance as follows: **To amend Appendix A – FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area: to make reference to the new “Flood Insurance Study for the County of Grafton, NH” dated February 8, 2024 as may be amended or updated, and to delete the note referencing the pending update to FEMA’s Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)?**

☐ YES ☐ NO

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Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended sum of Three Million Six Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,671,200) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays). Recommended by the Budget Committee: (7 yeas, 0 nays).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds: (Majority vote required)

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$200,000
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	100,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	100,000
LIBRARY BUILDING	5,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	10,000
CONSERVATION	5,000
POLICE CRUISER	50,000
TOWN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<u>10,000</u>
Total	\$480,000

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays). Recommended by the Budget Committee: (7 yeas, 0 nays).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars (\$420,885) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from existing Capital Reserve Funds as noted: No additional funds will be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required)

Road Reconstruction: \$200,000 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)

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Ford F550 series or equivalent dump truck with plow, wing and sander body: \$110,000 (from the Public Works Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund)
Assessing Activity: \$27,000 (from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund)
SUV for Police Department: \$65,000 (from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund)

Town IT Equipment: \$18,885 Replacement of Three Workstations and one Server: (from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund)

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays). Recommended by the Budget Committee: (7 years, 0 nays).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$13,538) for speed enforcement, DUI enforcement and distracted driving enforcement patrols as well as the purchase of three dual antenna radar systems for the Police Department and to further authorize the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$3,829) to come from Unassigned Fund Balance for that purpose. Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Dollars (\$9,709) to come from a Highway Safety Grant previously obtained by the Police Department. No additional Funds will be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays). Recommended by the Budget Committee: (7 years, 0 nays).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Abatement Capital Reserve fund and to further authorize the amount to come from unassigned Fund Balance for that purpose. No additional funds will be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays). Recommended by the Budget Committee: (7 years, 0 nays).

Article 9: Shall the town MODIFY the elderly exemptions from the property tax per RSA 72:39-b, to allow the elderly taxpayer who qualifies for the exemption to have an income of not more than \$28,000. (presently the limit is \$20,000) or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$53,000(presently the limit is \$25,000); and own assets of not more than

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\$100,000. (presently the limit is \$50,000) excluding the value of the persons residence. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays). Recommended by the Budget Committee: (7 yeas, 0 nays).

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to remove two acres of land from the Town Forest to provide additional operating space for the Town Highway Garage first approved in 1987. This will bring the land occupied by the Highway Department to a total of seven acres and leave the remaining forty-three acres of the original parcel as Town forest. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays).

Article 11: By Petition – To accept Pleasant Place Drive as a town road.

Article 12: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

HOLDERNESS

Jill White, Chair

SELECT BOARD

John Laverack, Vice Chair

Sam Brickley, Member

Peter Francesco, Member

Kelly Schwaner, Member

2024-2025 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET

Source of Revenue	22-23 Actual	23-24 Budgeted	24-25 Select Board	24-25 Budget Committee
Taxes - Non Property				
3120-001 Land Use Tax	8,553.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
3185-001 Yield Taxes	13,447.01	17,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
3186-000 PILOT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3189-002 Excavation Tax Warrant	118.72	500.00	500.00	500.00
3190-001 Penalties & Interest	29,314.96	26,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total Taxes Non Property	51,433.69	48,500.00	51,500.00	51,500.00
Business Licenses and Permits				
3210-001 Business License/Cable Fee	1,758.80	12,000.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
3210-004 UCC Filings & Cert.	1,275.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
3220-000 Motor Vehicle Fees	592,332.43	575,500.00	590,000.00	590,000.00
3230-000 Building Permit Fees	10,986.52	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
Total Business Licenses and Permits	606,352.75	601,000.00	617,200.00	617,200.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees				
3290-001 Dog License	3,109.50	3,100.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
3290-004 Copy Fees	84.85	50.00	100.00	100.00
3290-005 Vital Records	3,280.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
3290-006 Boat Tax	7,430.58	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
3290-009 Other	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Total Other Licenses,, Permits, Fees	14,154.93	14,900.00	14,950.00	14,950.00
State and Federal				
3319-000 Fed Grants & Reimb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3320-000 GOFERR	40,990.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
3321-000 1st Responder Stipend	49,439.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
3351-000 Shared Rev Block Grant	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3353-000 Highway Block Grants	73,050.24	73,000.00	73,000.00	73,000.00
3356-000 Fed & State Forest Lands Reimbursement	9.52	11.00	11.00	11.00
3359-001 Rooms & Meals	176,789.78	157,101.00	157,101.00	157,101.00
3359-002 Other Grants	14,235.45	6,549.00	0.00	0.00
Total State & Federal Grants	399,515.35	236,661.00	230,112.00	230,112.00

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Income from Departments				
3401-001 Police - General	9,074.80	9,500.00	10,400.00	10,400.00
3401-002 Police - HSRO	97,318.02	108,063.67	110,867.00	110,867.00
3401-003 Recreation Dept	35,292.70	38,585.00	47,215.00	47,215.00
3401-004 Beach	4,260.00	1,300.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
3401-006 Transfer Station Tipping Fees	48,456.05	44,500.00	52,500.00	52,500.00
3401-007 Planning	2,315.00	3,000.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
3401-008 Zoning	2,701.00	1,500.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
3401-009 Fire	2,555.00	930.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
3401-010 Library	258.20	250.00	175.00	175.00
3401-012 Transfer Station Permits	2,183.00	1,045.00	2,130.00	2,130.00
3401-013 TCTC E-Reg Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3409-000 Sewer User Charges	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
3409-001 Sewer Maintenance Warrant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3402-001 PSU Life Safety Agreement	57,447.40	53,200.00	53,200.00	53,200.00
Total Income from Departments	261,861.17	262,373.67	288,037.00	288,037.00
Other Income				
3501-000 Sale of Municipal Prop	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3502-001 Checking & Savings	83,631.31	72,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
3502-002 Investment Interest	-		0.00	0.00
3502-003 Misc Interest			0.00	0.00
3506-001 Health Ins Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-004 Other Ins Reimb.	3,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-005 Ins - Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-006 SS Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3508-000 Donations & Gifts	158.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
3508-001 Library Addition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3509-000 Miscellaneous Income	5,403.01	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
3509-100 Long Term Note	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3915 Transfer from Capital Reserve	479,692.93	847,550.00	420,885.00	420,885.00
From Town Forest Fund				
From Revolving Funds	10,000.00	0.00		
From Grants		6,549.00	9,709.00	9,709.00
From Fund Balance		452,979.00	53,829.00	53,829.00
Total Other Income	588,285.35	1,384,078.00	599,423.00	599,423.00
Total Estimated Revenue	1,921,603.24	2,547,512.67	1,801,222.00	1,801,222.00

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Purpose of Appropriation	22-23 Actual	23-24 Budgeted	24-25 Select	24-25 Budget
RSA 32:5 (III)			Board	Committee
General Government				
4130 Executive	152,859.91	160,474.05	170,415.48	170,415.48
4140 Election, Reg, & Vital	92,960.10	110,043.80	111,280.50	111,280.50
4150 Financial Administration	68,828.33	69,835.15	69,269.94	69,269.94
4152 Revaluation of Property	44,215.69	48,731.00	54,678.00	54,678.00
4153 Legal	15,199.38	30,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
4155 Personnel Benefits	508,742.74	539,093.74	610,534.28	610,534.28
4191 Planning	15,271.07	15,331.00	16,081.97	16,081.97
4192 Zoning	7,325.59	8,609.60	9,110.38	9,110.38
4194 General Government Bldg	16,475.08	18,500.00	19,600.00	19,600.00
4195 Cemeteries	2,880.42	4,025.00	4,375.00	4,375.00
4196 Other Insurance	44,882.00	49,921.00	54,324.00	54,324.00
Public Safety				
4210 Police	568,161.06	660,421.59	724,955.61	724,955.61
4215 Ambulance	71,306.00	81,306.20	201,478.63	201,478.63
4220 Fire	241,166.37	289,830.40	365,537.40	365,537.40
4290 Emerg Mgt/Flood Control	500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4411 Compliance/Health	5,962.79	10,941.80	11,818.16	11,818.16
Highways and Streets				
4312 Highways & Streets	344,345.05	394,077.60	419,114.40	419,114.40
4316 Street Lighting	6,852.99	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Sanitation and Sewer				
4324 Sanitation	253,534.25	339,700.00	364,468.00	364,468.00
4326 Sewer	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health and Welfare				
4414 Animal Control	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,699.50	1,699.50
4415 Public Service	23,417.00	46,342.00	48,130.00	48,130.00
4445 Welfare	7,965.25	10,000.00	16,900.00	16,900.00
Culture and Recreation				
4520 Parks & Recreation	82,602.28	92,956.20	100,006.00	100,006.00
Total 4521 Beach	8,259.06	11,050.00	14,780.00	14,780.00
4550 Library	182,823.33	214,133.21	248,965.16	248,965.16
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,481.20	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conservation				
4612 Conservation	1,508.32	4,552.40	4,677.59	4,677.59
Bonds & Notes				
4710 Bonds & Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-total: Budgeted Operating Expenses	2,771,175.26	3,220,525.73	3,671,200.00	3,671,200.00

2024-2025 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriation	22-23 Actual	23-24 Budgeted	24-25 Select Board	24-25 Budget Committee
RSA 32:5 (III)				
Capital Outlay				
4901-711 Road Reconstruction	227,058.52	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
4901-712 Public Works Vehicles	144,851.25	90,750.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
4901-714 PD Radar Sign		2,183.00		
4901-715 Fire/Rescue Vehicles		867,396.00		
4901-728 Govt Bldg Improvements	13,180.00	30,500.00		
4901-722 Library				
4901-730 Library IT	9,975.76			
4901-734 Revaluation	33,580.96		27,000.00	27,000.00
4901-741 Fire Equipment-Defibrillator				
4901-746 Town Office IT	2,055.00	14,700.00	18,885.00	18,885.00
4901-751 ARPA Local Recovery	49,439.74			
4901-752 Police Radar Signs Grant		6,549.00	13,538.00	13,538.00
4901-781 Health Insurance	8,732.49			
4901-783 Abatement Defense Fund	5,842.80		50,000.00	50,000.00
4901-784 Higheay Roller	45,000.00			
4901-793 Police Cruiser	45,916.15	55,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
4901-799 Town Forest				
4901-801 Statistical Update of Values		40,000.00		
Total 4901 Capital Outlay	585,632.67	1,307,078.00	484,423.00	484,423.00
To Capital Reserve Transfers				
4915-603 White Oak Pond Dam	2,500.00	2,500.00		
4915-901 Fire Rescue Vehicles	75,000.00		100,000.00	100,000.00
4915-902 Road Reconstruction	150,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
4915-904 Library	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4915-905 Municipal Buildings	30,000.00	30,000.00		
4915-906 Revaluation	35,000.00	35,000.00		
4915-907 Fire Equipment	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
4915-909 Public Works Vehicles	46,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
4915-910 Conservation	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4915-910 Police Cruiser	26,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
4915-911 Transfer Station Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00		
4915-913 Abatement Legal Fund	50,000.00			
4915-914 Town Information Tech	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
4915-919 Cable TV Service Expansion	12,000.00			
Total 4915 Capital Reserve Transfers	453,500.00	449,500.00	480,000.00	480,000.00
2023-2024 Holderness Town Budget	3,810,307.93	4,977,103.73	4,635,623.00	4,635,623.00
Estimated Gross Revenues	1,921,603.24	2,547,512.67	1,801,222.00	1,801,222.00
Net Property Tax Appropriation*	1,888,704.69	2,429,591.06	2,834,401.00	2,834,401.00
* Less War Service Credits and Overlay				

TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 Treasurer's Report

(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Operating Account

Beginning Balance 07/01/22		\$ 6,615,740.22
Receipts		
Prop. Taxes	\$ 9,011,427.13	
All Other	\$ 1,775,988.58	
Total Receipts		\$ 10,787,415.71
Expenditures		
School Payments	\$ (7,312,935.00)	
County Payment	\$ (1,398,959.00)	
Town Employee Wages & Taxes	\$ (1,299,939.55)	
Town Capital & Operating Expenses	(3,064,539.00)	
Total Expenditures		\$ (13,076,372.55)
Ending Balance 06/30/22		<u>\$ 4,326,783.38</u>

Bank Proof:

MVSB: 06/30/23 Checking- Cleared	\$ 4,328,077.05
Deposits in transit	\$ 31,580.50
Checks in transit	\$ (32,874.17)
Ending Balance 6/30/2023	<u>\$ 4,326,783.38</u>

Conservation Account

Beginning Balance 07/01/22	\$ 1,141.78
Receipts	\$ 0.95
Expenditures	\$ -
Ending Balance 06/30/23	\$ 1,142.73

Town Clerk Transfer Account

Meredith Village Savings Bank 07/01/22	33650.90
Deposits	\$ 2,237.20
Transfers to Operating Act.	\$ (35,888.10)
Ending Balance 06/30/23	\$ -

TRUST FUNDS & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT

Year Ending June 30, 2023

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS TOWN OF HOLDERNESS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS					
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE	\$ 11,783.76	50,000.00	(5,842.80)	1,456.98	\$ 57,397.94
CABLE TV EXTENSION CAP RESV.	\$ 73,251.73	12,000.00		3,113.00	\$ 88,364.73
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 14,962.45			586.89	\$ 15,549.34
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 124,331.68	5,000.00		4,976.75	\$ 134,308.43
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$ 13,270.55			520.54	\$ 13,791.09
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS. ACCT	\$ 38,918.68		(8,732.49)	1,520.40	\$ 31,706.59
EMPLOYEE POST EMP.BENEFIT	\$ 28,040.50			1,099.88	\$ 29,140.38
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 13,332.18	5,000.00		622.84	\$ 18,955.02
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 338,894.26	75,000.00		14,791.32	\$ 428,685.58
FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$ 18,798.95			737.38	\$ 19,536.33
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$ 5,107.69			200.33	\$ 5,308.02
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 34,650.37	5,000.00		1,459.03	\$ 41,109.40
LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 58,233.35		(9,975.76)	2,277.16	\$ 50,534.75
MASTER PLAN	\$ 36,286.88			1,423.35	\$ 37,710.23
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$ 53,386.63	30,000.00	(13,180.00)	2,684.08	\$ 72,890.71
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 36,491.57	26,000.00	(40,416.15)	1,922.25	\$ 23,997.67
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$ 105,594.63	46,000.00	(138,851.25)	4,962.83	\$ 17,706.21
RAND GARDEN FUND	\$ 819.07			0.68	\$ 819.75
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	\$ 24,880.39			975.93	\$ 25,856.32
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 111,474.42	150,000.00	(227,058.52)	7,208.86	\$ 41,624.76
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 11,971.23			469.58	\$ 12,440.81
TOWN TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 6,179.16	10,000.00	(2,055.00)	441.85	\$ 14,566.01
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$ 89,735.06	35,000.00	(33,580.96)	4,195.33	\$ 95,349.43
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 1,069.29			41.94	\$ 1,111.23
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$ 48,017.43	2,000.00		1,923.44	\$ 51,940.87
VETERANS HONOR ROLL MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,970.03			116.50	\$ 3,086.53
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$ 1,239.47			48.64	\$ 1,288.11
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$ 16,187.25	2,500.00		684.88	\$ 19,372.13
TOTALS	\$ 1,319,878.66	\$ 453,500.00	\$ (479,692.93)	\$ 60,462.64	\$1,354,148.37
HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL					
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	\$ 55,865.11			2,191.30	\$ 58,056.41
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 94,981.48	40,000.00		4,749.38	\$ 139,730.86
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	\$ 433,622.37	140,000.00		20,591.83	\$ 594,214.20
TOTALS	\$ 188,055.90	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -	\$ 27,532.51	\$ 792,001.47

TRUST FUNDS & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT-Continued

Year Ending June 30, 2023

Fund	Ending Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST					
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1,804.98			70.80	\$ 1,875.78
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,720.56			67.50	\$ 1,788.06
TOTALS	\$ 3,386.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138.30	\$ 3,663.84
PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS					
ASH SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,413.79		(400.00)	132.95	\$ 3,146.74
ASH FAMILY FUND	\$ -	2,575.00	(500.00)	59.96	\$ 2,134.96
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	\$ 887.26			34.79	\$ 922.05
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,040.23			354.59	\$ 9,394.82
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 4,387.81			172.11	\$ 4,559.92
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,160.97		(500.00)	113.11	\$ 2,774.08
FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,520.95			98.89	\$ 2,619.84
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 4,538.01		(1,000.00)	157.26	\$ 3,695.27
LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 7,411.17			290.71	\$ 7,701.88
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 997.93			39.15	\$ 1,037.08
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,000.65		(300.00)	77.77	\$ 1,778.42
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 25,076.90		(3,000.00)	976.45	\$ 23,053.35
SPANISH CLUB	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 14,768.78	10,617.00	(5,850.00)	661.74	\$ 20,197.52
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	\$ 16,764.69		(1,000.00)	655.33	\$ 16,420.02
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 7,023.52			275.51	\$ 7,299.03
ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 32,030.83		(800.00)	1,241.17	\$ 32,472.00
TOTALS	\$ 146,270.28	\$ 13,192.00	\$ (13,350.00)	\$ 5,341.49	\$ 139,206.98
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS					\$1,354,148.37
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS					\$ 792,001.47
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS					\$ 3,663.84
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS					\$ 139,206.98
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS					\$2,289,020.66

Respectfully Submitted,
Trustees of the Trust Funds
Bonnie Hunt, Chair
Barbara Laflamme

VITAL STATISTICS 2023- MARRIAGES

June 18	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF PERSON A & PERSON B:</u> Morgan Shepherd Bradler Zachary Decker Bartholomew	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Harrisville, NH Holderness, NH
June 30	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF PERSON A & PERSON B:</u> Michelle Leigh Mccord Thomas Michael Untersee	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 12	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF PERSON A & PERSON B:</u> Alexa Christiane Carlin Tyler Daniel Cabot	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> New London, NH Holderness, NH
September 30	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF PERSON A & PERSON B:</u> Thomas James Remedis Megan Nicole Arsenault	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Steep Falls, Maine
October 7	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF PERSON A & PERSON B:</u> Rebecca Jean Buskey Chester Earl Downing	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Rumney, NH Holderness, NH
December 31	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF PERSON A & PERSON B:</u> Ryan Scott Godsoe Michelle Marie Heath	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Concord, NH

VITAL STATISTICS 2023- BIRTHS

February 2	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Casey James Stevens <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Zachary Mark Stevens	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Caeleigh Marie Stevens
February 7	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Zinnia Orion Cyr Falby <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Daniel Clifford Falby	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Christina Alene Cyr
May 8	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Rowan James Fleming <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Mackenzie James Fleming	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Molly Scheele Moran
June 1	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Wayne Samuel Verrill <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Chad Michael Verrill	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Nathalie Smith Palmer
July 1	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Wren Wellspring Meeh <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Gemini Meeh	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Meagan Eileen Fontaine
August 15	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Danielle Eloise Benton <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Andrew Caleb Benton	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Lindsey Leigh Benton
August 21	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Indie Monroe Salomon <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Christopher David Salomon	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Chelsea Elizabeth Salomon
September 22	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Genevieve Cornelia Randall-Conkey <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Jeremiah Seth Conkey	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Brittany Jordan Randall

VITAL STATISTICS 2023- BIRTHS

October 13	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u>
	Kyler Shea Nason	Plymouth, NH
	<u>FATHER'S NAME:</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u>
	Joseph David Nason	Emma-Lyn Stone
November 17	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u>
	Harper Joy Ferro	Plymouth, NH
	<u>FATHER'S NAME:</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u>
	Michael Joseph Ferro	Kristen Leah Ferro
November 21	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u>
	Norah James Vanderbrug	Plymouth, NH
	<u>FATHER'S NAME:</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u>
	Michael James Vanderbrug	Abby Leigh Vanderbrug

Carpe Diem

*Age saw two quiet children
Go loving by at twilight,
He knew not whether homeward,
Or outward from the village,
Or (chimes were ringing) churchward,
He waited, (they were strangers)
Till they were out of hearing
To bid them both be happy.
"Be happy, happy, happy,
And seize the day of pleasure."
The age-long theme is Age's.
'Twas Age imposed on poems
Their gather-roses burden
To warn against the danger
That overtaken lovers
From being overflowed
With happiness should have it.
And yet not know they have it.
But bid life seize the present?
It lives less in the present
Than in the future always,
And less in both together
Than in the past. The present
Is too much for the senses,
Too crowding, too confusing -
Too present to imagine.*

Robert Frost

VITAL STATISTICS 2023- DEATHS

January 2	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Margaret Laura Earl <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Ibra Royea	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Agnes Proctor
January 3	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> John Christian Nielsen <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Knud Nielsen	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Mary Piper
January 19	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Pauline D. Bellaud <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Edward Ducharme	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Meredith, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Aurelie Glaude
March 5	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Barry Lee StCyr Sr. <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Claavis StCyr	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Shirley Hill
April 18	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Adam Oliver Tatem, Sr. <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Paul Tatem	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Lancaster, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Alma Robinson
April 19	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> William Browning Webb <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> John Webb	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Lebanon, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Ruth Sherry
April 20	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Richard John Hanaway <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> James Hanaway	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Katherine Ryan
May 16	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Steve Stravros Panagoulis <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Charles Panagoulis	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> North Haverhill, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Rita Kofopoulos

VITAL STATISTICS 2023- DEATHS – Continued

August 23	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Myrtle Theda Holland <u>FATHER’S NAME:</u> Burdetta Pebbles	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Lillian Batchelder
September 12	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Louise Remington <u>FATHER’S NAME:</u> Hugh Mullin	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Anna Hyland
October 1	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Gary Allen Mack <u>FATHER’S NAME:</u> Willis Mack	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Meredith, NH <u>MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Alice Gibbons
October 6	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Ernest Earl Ladeau <u>FATHER’S NAME:</u> Roland Ladeau	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Mary Bliss
October 23	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Richard Joseph Gagne <u>FATHER’S NAME:</u> Roland Gagne	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Meredith, NH <u>MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Dolores Pelletier
November 07	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Bernice Pauline Saviano <u>FATHER’S NAME:</u> Walter Gindler	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER’S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Lena Hecklinger

Respectfully submitted,

Jami White-Lyford, Town Clerk

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Welfare Department continues to work with clients in need. Throughout the year, I have worked with many respectful individuals in our community and have helped them through their hard times. Clients come to this office with many different situations and I have worked with each client to ensure they receive the help needed. Many individuals are referred to outside agencies and I am very grateful for all the support and assistance they have provided for my clients.

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having each individual complete an extensive application in order to provide an overview of the client's specific situation. Assistance is provided for an individual's basic necessities in accordance with State law and Town guidelines. The applicants that are found eligible are assisted with expenses such as food, heat, electricity, rent, prescription drugs and other basic living and working needs. All applicants must have exhausted all other economic resources to be granted town assistance. It is, and always will be, the goal of the Welfare Department to help residents gain control over their lives and to help them transition through very challenging times.

Heat and rental assistance are always the greatest expenses each year, as this is most individual's largest monthly expense. Many clients pay for expenses that are the most manageable for their budget such as food, electric, and gasoline which leaves the other expenses hard to manage on a fixed or no income. Even with the help from other agencies, community members are continually struggling to make ends meet.

I again would like to thank the outside agencies for all the support and assistance they have provided to the community members in need. I have also enjoyed working closely with the members of the community to ensure they become successful individuals and receive the assistance needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Alpers
Welfare Director

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

As a Board, we represent the citizens of Holderness, NH and in so doing, we look to approve, if we can, every request for variances. It is up to the applicant to provide sufficient evidence that will allow the Board to find reason to approve each request. To the extent that a request goes directly against the Zoning Regulations, which is typically the case, we seek information detailing how a rejection would be a true “hardship” to the applicant while attempting to take into consideration, where applicable, comments from contiguous landowners.

Among the issues the board dealt with included failed septic systems, additional dwelling units and setback issues. We were not able to please every applicant, as much as we may have wanted to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Maloney, Chairman
Judith Ruhm
Kristen Fuller
William Zurhellen
Eric MacLeish
Robin Dorff
Bryan Sweeney

SCHOOL REPORTS

OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Michael Fischler
Carolyn Mello
Samuel Damon
Joanne Pearce
Sean Smarz

TERM EXPIRES

2024
2024
2025
2025
2026

CLERK

Linda Levy

TREASURER

Kathleen Whittemore

MODERATOR

Lisetta Silvestri

AUDITOR

Roberge and Company

SUPERINTENDENT

Kyla A. Welch

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Pamela A. Martin

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dana L. Andrews

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT 2024

Holderness Local School

The inhabitants of the School District of Holderness Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Holderness Central School

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before _____, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting, Town Office and Post Office and that an original was delivered to the keeper of the records.

Name	Position	Signature
Joanne Pearce	School Board Chairperson	
Samuel Damon	School Board Member	
Dr. Michael Fischler	School Board Member	
Carolyn Mello	School Board Member	
Sean Smarz	School Board Member	

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT 2024

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Article 01 Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer

To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 02 Building Improvements from Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000) for classroom furniture, main entry flooring, fencing around the dumpster, and bollards for the loading dock and wellhead, from the School Building Renovation capital reserve fund and authorize the withdrawal of \$43,000 from the School Building Renovation Fund created for that purpose. No amount is to come from general taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 03 Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 04 Technology Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 05 Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Holderness Education Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$49,720
2025-2026	\$22,404
2026-2027	\$22,927

and further to raise and appropriate Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty (\$49,720) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 06 Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Holderness Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$97,908
2025-2026	\$77,357
2026-2027	\$82,116
2027-2028	\$88,902

and further to raise and appropriate Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eight Dollars (\$97,908) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT 2024
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Article 07 Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 08 Operating Budget

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of Four Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$4,964,843) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

MS-27 HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2024-2025



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2024
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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures	Appropriations	School Board's	School Board's	Budget	Budget
			for period	as Approved by	Appropriations	Appropriations	Committee's	Committee's
			ending 6/30/2023	DRA for period	for period	for period	Appropriations	Appropriations
				ending 6/30/2024	ending 6/30/2025	ending 6/30/2025	for period	for period
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	ending 6/30/2025	ending 6/30/2025
							(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Instruction								
1100-1199	Regular Programs	08	\$2,116,950	\$2,120,502	\$2,094,883	\$0	\$2,094,883	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	08	\$621,734	\$806,576	\$708,672	\$0	\$708,672	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	08	\$53,819	\$82,220	\$87,215	\$0	\$87,215	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	08	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	08	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Instruction Subtotal			\$2,792,503	\$3,009,298	\$2,890,770	\$0	\$2,890,770	\$0
Support Services								
2000-2199	Student Support Services	08	\$372,892	\$412,708	\$419,420	\$0	\$419,420	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	08	\$175,703	\$179,196	\$188,131	\$0	\$188,131	\$0
Support Services Subtotal			\$548,595	\$591,904	\$607,551	\$0	\$607,551	\$0
General Administration								
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	08	\$20,156	\$24,258	\$28,758	\$0	\$28,758	\$0
General Administration Subtotal			\$20,156	\$24,258	\$28,758	\$0	\$28,758	\$0
Executive Administration								
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	08	\$323,039	\$303,860	\$311,573	\$0	\$311,573	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	08	\$242,227	\$253,207	\$266,878	\$0	\$266,878	\$0
2500-2599	Business	08	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	08	\$488,286	\$427,420	\$461,633	\$0	\$461,633	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	08	\$282,049	\$299,729	\$275,758	\$0	\$275,758	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Executive Administration Subtotal			\$1,335,601	\$1,284,716	\$1,316,342	\$0	\$1,316,342	\$0
Non-Instructional Services								
3100	Food Service Operations	08	\$99,825	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Instructional Services Subtotal			\$99,825	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction								
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$70,050	\$76,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal			\$70,050	\$76,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays								
5110	Debt Service - Principal	08	\$12,773	\$13,180	\$13,600	\$0	\$13,600	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	08	\$3,648	\$3,240	\$2,820	\$0	\$2,820	\$0
Other Outlays Subtotal			\$16,421	\$16,420	\$16,420	\$0	\$16,420	\$0
Fund Transfers								
5220-5221	To Food Service	08	\$15,000	\$15,001	\$15,001	\$0	\$15,001	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	08	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Allocation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers Subtotal			\$15,000	\$15,002	\$15,002	\$0	\$15,002	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$4,964,843	\$0	\$4,964,843	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4800	Building Improvement Services	02	\$43,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purpose: Building Improvements from Capital Reserve Fund						
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	03	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Purpose: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund						
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Purpose: Technology Capital Reserve Fund						
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Purpose: Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve						
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$253,000	\$0	\$253,000	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	06	\$97,908	\$0	\$97,908	\$0
Purpose: Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement						
1200-1299	Special Programs	05	\$49,720	\$0	\$49,720	\$0
Purpose: Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement						
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$147,628	\$0	\$147,628	\$0

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Revenues					
Account	Source	Article	Revised Revenues for period ending 6/30/2024	School Board's Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2025
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	08	\$100	\$100	\$100
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	08	\$30,000	\$44,000	\$44,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		\$43,623	\$0	\$0
Local Sources Subtotal			\$73,723	\$44,100	\$44,100
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Special Education Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	08	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	08	\$48,001	\$48,001	\$48,001
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	08	\$29,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	08	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$340	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve	08	\$0	\$300	\$300
Federal Sources Subtotal			\$97,341	\$98,301	\$98,301
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Revenue Fund	08	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	02	\$117,500	\$43,000	\$43,000
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	07	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$132,500	\$98,000	\$98,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$304,564	\$241,401	\$241,401

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Budget Summary

Item	School Board	Budget Committee
	Period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	Period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$4,964,843	\$4,964,843
Special Warrant Articles	\$253,000	\$253,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$147,628	\$147,628
Total Appropriations	\$5,365,471	\$5,365,471
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$241,401	\$241,401
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$0	\$0
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$5,124,070	\$5,124,070



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Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$5,365,471
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$5,365,471
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%)	\$536,547
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$147,628
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
	\$5,902,018
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET - 2022-2023

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
Current Assets					
Cash	434,888.58	24,700.53	(35,066.42)	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	792,001.47
Interfund Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	9,489.41	1,357.49	52,599.46	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	3,608.61	11,627.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	4,956.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	452,942.63	37,685.32	17,533.04	0.00	792,001.47
Current Liabilities					
Interfund Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergovernment Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Payables	77,678.79	29,986.70	19,618.22	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenues	55,229.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	132,907.84	29,986.70	19,618.22	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity					
Res for Amounts Voted	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unassigned Fund Bal Ret.	116,924.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Special Purposes	0.00	0.00	(21,585.18)	0.00	792,001.47
Res for Encumbrances	104,235.48	7,698.62	19,500.00	0.00	0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	58,875.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Equity	320,034.79	7,698.62	(2,085.18)	0.00	792,001.47
Total Liability & Fund Equity	452,942.63	37,685.32	17,533.04	0.00	792,001.47

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This annual report provides a succinct opportunity to share some of the accomplishments and happenings in our school community. We would like to recognize all of our students, staff, and administrators who are fully engaged in academics, professional learning, athletics, and co-curricular offerings here in SAU 48.

In the areas of curriculum, instruction and assessment, all of our K-12 staff have been working diligently implementing a variety of initiatives designed to enhance the learning experiences for students. At Plymouth Regional High School the staff has been working collaboratively through professional learning communities refining their curriculum to better meet the needs of students. Our K-8 schools have created a K-8 literacy action plan, grounded in the Science of Reading principles, so that we can better align our instructional practices across schools. Our K-8 staff continue to work with Keys to Literacy to provide literacy professional development for our teachers. We are currently in year two of this three year commitment designed to help our teachers infuse best literacy practice throughout our classrooms. In science, our staff is refining the K-12 science curriculum to ensure that units are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In mathematics, schools are working collaboratively in learning communities and with district consultants to refine lessons and units to best meet the needs of students. Several SAU 48 schools have active robotics programs where over 100 students participate weekly in afterschool programs and compete in multiple events throughout the year.

School safety and security remain a top priority across SAU 48. Each school has a safety committee that includes administration, teachers, and local emergency services personnel. These committees meet regularly to review emergency operation plans and conduct site specific safety drills. Last school year, each school site received a comprehensive safety assessment from the NH Department of Homeland Security. Safety recommendations have been provided to school boards to better enhance the safety and security of all sites. SAU48 was the recipient of several Security Action for Education (SAFE) grants targeted toward improving safety in the areas of access control, emergency alerting, and surveillance.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Continued

SAU 48 continues to utilize the remaining Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding to help schools prevent, prepare, and respond to Covid-19 and future infectious diseases. These funds will be used for a variety of projects, including but not limited to; HVAC upgrades, window and door replacements, bathroom renovations, new technology, additional staffing, professional development, and cleaning supplies.

SAU 48 welcomed two new administrators this year: Jessica Makris Welch, Principal at Russell Elementary School and Mark Everett, Director of Facilities.

All of us remain incredibly grateful for the support and generosity afforded to our schools by the families, staff, and community members of SAU 48. We understand and appreciate the sacrifices our local taxpayers make to support our schools. Your satisfaction is important to us, so we encourage you to reach out with any inquiries or feedback you may have. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or feedback anytime.

<i>Kyla A. Welch</i>	<i>Pamela A. Martin</i>	<i>Dana L. Andrews</i>
Kyla A. Welch	Pamela A. Martin	Dana L. Andrews
Superintendent of Schools	Assistant Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Holderness Central School Health Services

As the school nurse at Holderness Central School, it is my responsibility to prevent illness and protect the health and well-being of the students and staff. Health and wellness not only means physical health, but mental wellness as well. Students who are healthy in all aspects are proven to be better learners. Staff who remain healthy can help facilitate your children's learning pathway. Enrollment for last school year was 152 students. Below is a statistical report for the school year 2022/23 of all health office activities.

VISIT SUMMARY:

Injury Event: 929	Med. Admins: 1,142
Acute & Chronic Illness: 879	Treatments: 0
Wellness: Mind & Body: 150	Screenings: 212
Indirect Care/Management: 7	

Total Visits: 1,942

Visits increased over the 22/23 school year by almost 200, signifying a "return" to normal. Injury Events can include a fall, trip, pain or discomfort. Acute(short term)and Chronic illness (long term) can range from a headache, "not feeling well", stomachache, to diabetes, or asthma. Wellness can range from needing clothing, anxiety, or family issues.

We were able to host a staff and student flu clinic. It was offered to all students and staff. A majority of the staff received their vaccination and almost 1/2 of the student body. I am proud to say we had the highest rate of flu vaccinations of schools in the SAU.

The Lion's Club of Moultonborough were able to complete our vision screenings in October. Hearing Screenings have started as well. Sports physicals for 4th and 8th grade were completed in May of last year. Laurel Galvin, APRN will be returning to complete them again this spring. Laurel is a member of the Plymouth Pediatrics practice.

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT - Continued

John Brule, ATC, returned to HCS this fall and completed IMPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) testing on all fifth through eighth grade students, regardless of sports enrollment. When a student suffers a concussion, the IMPACT test will determine when the student will be eligible to return to play and resume regular school activities.

Speare Memorial Hospital continues to sponsor the dental health clinics at HCS. Ruth Doane, RH, provides the screenings, which include sealants, fluoride and cleanings. These are done with parental permission. She will return again in the spring.

SAU #48 school nurses meet every 6 weeks to discuss policies and share information. School nurses for the SAU are employed by Speare Memorial Hospital.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have regarding your children's health. I am always available as a resource to students, staff, as well as parents.

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Bacon

Whitney Bacon RN BS
Holderness Central School Nurse

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This school year we are focusing on ensuring our core instruction is efficient and effective. Over the past several years we have piloted, researched and launched math, literacy and intervention programs that are research based and agreed upon by district wide committee's of educators. We have committed to several multi-year professional development initiatives to enhance these programs with research based pedagogy and best practices. The results have been amazing. We continue to be one of the higher performing K-8 schools in the state of NH. The entire school community can share in the excitement we have for our students' engagement and growth. We at HCS are incredibly grateful for the incredible support our school receives from the community. Our students and teachers have access to the best resources and also have countless opportunities to collaborate locally around academic and community pursuits.

Central to our success is our strong staff. Each year it is our privilege to determine who best fits with our culture and structure as well as who might bring a new perspective to support our ongoing goal to continually improve our program. This year we have added one professional educator in middle school. Courtney Kempson has signed on as our new 5-8 special educator. We have added several special education paraprofessionals. Joining our middle school paraprofessional team is Cathy Wagner. Our Elementary team welcomed Shannon Vansickle, Brooke Townsend and Cheri Kenneson. Toward the beginning of the school year we were in search of many paraprofessionals. I want to take the opportunity to thank the many community members who signed up to fill in for the first three months of school as substitutes while we filled these roles. It was a truly amazing experience seeing our community come together and help out.

Another way we are collaborating is with our numerous community partners. The Holderness School has been sending groups of students to support us daily during recess, the women's basketball team stopped by to teach us a thing or two during our basketball unit in PE and another group of Holderness students even helped us clean up our basement! Music students from Plymouth State University visited daily for a week to collaborate around a music composition and lyric writing unit in ELA class. PRHS drafting students returned again this year to 4th grade to convert HCS student drawn floor plans to three dimensional! The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is here all the time with animals for different classes. The Squam Lakes Association hosted a very well supported hiking club this fall. Finally, Betsy's park hosted our PTA Fall Festival where families visited and enjoyed the playground, donated Cider Belly Donuts and Walter's Mac and Cheese!

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Continued

As evidenced by the turnout at our yearly holiday concert, our culture is strong! Our teachers are supported and are doing great work. Our PTA and Wellness Committee meet often to support our students through events and initiatives. Finally, our School Board sets the tone in our community for supporting us by creating policies and establishing a high level of respect for our profession. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sampson

Joe Sampson - School Principal

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 15, 2023

The annual School District meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Moderator Lisetta Silvestri. The Moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Silvestri read the School District voting results. The Moderator introduced the members of the School Board, District Officers and School Principal. Moderator Silvestri reviewed the ground rules for the District Meeting. A motion to waive the reading of the Warrant in its entirety was moved by M. Taylor and seconded by A. Abbott.

Article 01: Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer

To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Moved by D. Rossner, seconded by M. Taylor. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 02: Building Improvements from Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for replacing windows on the second floor of the school building and authorize the withdrawal of \$18,000 from the School Building Renovation Fund created for that purpose. No amount is to come from general taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by F. Taylor, seconded by A. Abbott. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 03: Technology Purchases from Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$99,500) for Computer Equipment and Access Control Technology and authorize the withdrawal of \$99,500 from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. No amount is to come from general taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by J. Jenkinson, seconded by F. Taylor. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 15, 2023- Continued

Article 04: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by M. Taylor, seconded by K. Fuller. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 05: Technology Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by J. Jenkinson, seconded by K. Fuller. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 06: Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by F. Taylor, seconded by A. Abbott. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 07: Operating Budget

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of Four Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$4,975,504) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 15, 2023- Continued

Moved by A. Abbott, seconded by W. Tyrone. A short discussion took place. K. Hanson asked if there are safety measures in place for school safety that are included in the budget. Assistant Superintendent Andrews shared that the Access Control Technology that was passed in Article 03 helps protect students and staff. The SAU is following the recommendations of the Department of Homeland Security by upgrading the camera security system, applying for a grant, among other things. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the meeting, J. Jenkinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Shirley. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Moderator Silvestri declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Levy

Linda S. Levy
Holderness School District Clerk

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT
Per RSA 32:11-a

	Fiscal Year <u>2021-2022</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2022-2023</u>
Expenditures	\$935,464	\$928,137
Revenues	\$93,663	\$150,368
Net Expenditures	<u>\$841,801</u>	<u>\$777,769</u>
\$ increase/decrease		-\$64,032
% increase/decrease		-7.61%

OTHER REPORTS

BALANCE SHEET – AUDITED

EXHIBIT 3
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,290,111	\$ 67,784	\$ 4,357,895
Investments	1,337,779	15,549	1,353,328
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Taxes	2,968,751	-	2,968,751
Accounts	-	2,120	2,120
Prepaid items	3,468	-	3,468
Tax deeded property held for resale	3,392	-	3,392
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,603,501</u>	<u>\$ 85,453</u>	<u>\$ 8,688,954</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 88,759	\$ -	\$ 88,759
Accrued salaries and benefits	68,914	-	68,914
Intergovernmental payable	4,359,925	-	4,359,925
Escrow and performance deposits	546	-	546
Total liabilities	<u>4,518,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,518,144</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Deferred revenue	<u>1,392,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,392,664</u>
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable	6,860	4,750	11,610
Restricted	-	10,799	10,799
Committed	1,340,782	69,904	1,410,686
Unassigned	1,345,051	-	1,345,051
Total fund balances	<u>2,692,693</u>	<u>85,453</u>	<u>2,778,146</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 8,603,501</u>	<u>\$ 85,453</u>	<u>\$ 8,688,954</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Holderness
Holderness, New Hampshire

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison statement of the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Town of Holderness Independent Auditor's Report

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-8 and pension and OPEB information on pages 37-40 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

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

January 9, 2024

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

CADY REPORT



Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of Holderness for your support over the past year. Together we are preventing substance misuse and building possibilities, potential, and promise for our children.

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths stealing the lives of 487 people in 2022. Use of addictive substances during adolescence poses serious risks of harm, including interference with brain development and significantly increased risk of addiction. We must remember addiction is a progressive disease that’s preventable. CADY works to build protective factors and reduce risk for our children and youth, and together with our community partners, we are accomplishing that important goal.

Consequently, CADY believes local problems need local solutions; as such, it is our collective responsibility to address these problems head on to ensure that we are supporting the healthy social and emotional development of children in our region. The most recent Pemi-Baker Region Youth Risk Behavior Survey data indicates that local youth are experiencing significantly higher rates of sadness, hopelessness, and rates of suicidal ideation than previously reported in 2019. Misuse of alcohol, high-potency marijuana, vaping products, and prescription drugs are risk factors of great concern. The lack of treatment and mental health services for children in New Hampshire makes preventing the problems before they start a more urgent goal.

With your support, CADY has continued to build youth resiliency by providing asset-building, high-impact prevention programming and leadership training for hundreds of area students in grades 5-12, including Suicide Prevention Training for Central NH youth. We also continue to provide our most vulnerable youth a second chance to overcome challenges, to learn, grow and to turn their lives around through our region’s juvenile

CADY REPORT – Continued

court diversion program, Restorative Justice (RJ). Many of the high-risk youth referred to RJ are already struggling with substance use disorders—this vital intervention is preventing entry to the addiction pipeline and saving lives. To provide wrap-around support, we have hired a highly qualified mental health professional to provide trauma-informed counseling to support RJ youth and their families. To learn more about our programs, please go to our website, CADYINC.ORG.

CADY believes every child deserves a promising future. That's why we're doing whatever it takes—every day—to help local children, especially those hardest to reach and most vulnerable. We, as trusted adults, need to work together to protect the precious years of childhood from the harms of social isolation, mental health crises, substance misuse, and addiction.

Thankfully, our collective action has the power to transform lives by preventing youth substance misuse through education, skill building, increasing early intervention services and social-emotional supports, and offering opportunities for mentoring and resiliency building. We thank our community partners for working tirelessly with CADY to build healthy environments that foster hope, growth, and resiliency. We cannot do this critical work without you. Thank you, Holderness, we are truly honored and grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Deb Naro
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services that support the health and well-being of our communities' older citizens as well as adults with disabilities. GCSCC's programs enable community members to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

GCSCC operates eight senior centers (located in Bristol, Canaan, Haverhill, Lebanon, Lincoln, Littleton, Orford, and Plymouth) and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP Volunteer Center (an AmeriCorps Seniors project). Through GCSCC's network, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home-delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

From October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, 113 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of GCSCC's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. In addition, 23 residents were served through ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 4,187 meals prepared by GCSCC.
- Holderness residents received wellness calls, assistance with problems, crises, or issues of long-term care through 207 contacts with a trained outreach worker and 80 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness residents participated in 608 health, education, or social activities.
- 18 door-to-door, on-demand bus rides were provided for Holderness residents.

The cost for GCSCC to provide services for Holderness residents in 2022/2023 was \$74,817.81.

Such services can be critical for older adults and adults with disabilities who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. Doing so saves tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. GCSCC's programs also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population ages, supportive services such as those offered by GCSCC are becoming even more critical.

GCSCC would very much appreciate Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older adults and adults with disabilities. GCSCC enables our community members to meet the challenges of aging, while remaining in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director

HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT



Officers

Linda Foerderer	President
Susan Kemp	Vice President
Missy Mason	Treasurer
Georgene Fabian	Corresponding Secretary / Publicist
Lynn Durham	Recording Secretary

Directors

Dodie Greenwood Ron Huntoon Patty Sue Salvador Tink Taylor

Programs: Two programs were planned for this summer. The first program, *Forced into Politics: Daniel Webster, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and the Fugitive Slave Crisis* was presented by Geoffrey R. Kirsch on July 5th. Our second program was to be presented on July 26th, but was cancelled two days before due to the death of our speaker.

Special Exhibits: In the museum our special exhibits were: *The Art and Memorabilia of Helen Nicolay* (The paintings are on loan compliments of Patty Sue Salvador.), our *Dugout Canoe*, and the *Howard Sargent Collection of Native Artifacts* on loan from the McLane family.

Museum Building: Our biggest project this year was to start exterior painting and clapboard repairs. The painting will continue in the spring. We also replaced an outside spigot which gave up the ghost after 28 years.

Historical Projects: We published two biannual newsletters with articles of local history. We helped with genealogy research of Holderness residents. We sell books, old maps and charts of Squam Lakes and Holderness. We maintained and expanded our collection with donations of artifacts.

HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT -Continued

Community: Our large meeting room and kitchen are available free of charge to Holderness community groups. Jane Huntoon and Bonnie Hunt again planted and cared for the *Flowers on the Bridge* this year, for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. We would like to thank Squam Boat Livery for providing electricity for irrigation.

Future: We will continue to be a seasonal organization with public programs and meetings May through October. School tours will continue to be available in May, June, September, and October. We will continue the cataloging of books and pamphlets, expanding materials in our research/library are. Next summer there will again be a special exhibit in our museum.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Foerderer, President

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION



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FY23 Annual Report
Town of Holderness

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack counties enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC plans at the local, regional, and statewide levels and is an essential conduit for federal funding. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services such as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by an Executive Director.

The LRPC provides a forum for communities to share information and services from model ordinances and joint purchasing to solid waste districts and watershed management plans, and serves as a resource to support and enhance local planning and regional collaboration. The LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including:

- Transportation, land use, and watershed management planning
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance
- Economic development assistance
- Grant writing and administrative
- GIS mapping
- Data collection and analysis

The following are highlights of our FY23 activities. For our full FY23 Annual Report, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at www.lakesrpc.nh.gov.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION- Continued

General & Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded to request for 2005 natural resource report. • Responded to technical assistance questions about map sets and provided roads data - spreadsheet and slopes shapefile to Land Use office. • Provided information to Town Administrator on funding sources for new sidewalk construction. • Provided GIS file of Pemigewasset River Corridor to Land Use Office. • Worked with Town Officials to fill vacancies and/or maintain Commissioner and TAC membership. • As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.
GIS Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LRPC is a great resource for community maps. Give us a call if your town needs updated zoning, town roads, or community facility maps for instance.
Grant Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LRPC provides a wide variety of grant writing and administration assistance to towns as needed.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated our 37th Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections in the Summer & Fall of 2023, and widely promoted this event to reach the maximum number of households. This event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities. • Holderness Household Participation: 40 • <i>Please go to our website (lakesrpc.nh.gov) if you missed this year's collection for alternative disposal options.</i>
Newsletters & Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LRPC helps coordinate information from many different sources and is a great resource for keeping towns up to date on planning issues and resources through both our website and direct contact.
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated the purchase and delivery of 335 copies of the annual <i>NH Planning and Land Use Regulation</i> books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of \$96.25 for each book and \$88.50 for each book with e-book. • Holderness purchased 1 book with e-book. Total saved: \$88.50.
Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LRPC provides a wide range of services to solid waste operators throughout the region including information, training, signage, roundtable events, regional purchase opportunities, and much more.
Technical Land Use Planning Assistance (TBG – A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LRPC employs a professional land use planner to assist towns with technical land use issues which require a knowledge of land use law, NH RSA's, as well as state and local regulations on either a short or long-term basis.
Transportation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Town Administrator to discuss funding options for transportation projects and the road safety audit process. • Assisted Town with Road Safety Audit application.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION- Continued

Commission Meetings

- Convened 6 regular Commission Meetings with guest speakers covering topics including Regional Housing Needs Assessment/Housing Affordability Trends/InvestNH Funding, Solid Waste Management Grant, Household Hazardous Waste, Transportation Program Overview & Data Collection, Geographic Information System Programs, NH Broadband Planning Update, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure & Asset Management.

Regional Services & Activities of Benefit to Multiple Communities

- 2023 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection
BY THE NUMBERS: 37 years of regional collections | 24 participating communities | 7 summer & 1 fall collection sites | 4 HHW Coordinator meetings | 80 workers & volunteers contributing more than 500 hours | a dozen new local HHW Coordinators, including 3 new Site Coordinators | 1,564 households served | approximately 60,000 pounds (30 tons) of household hazardous waste safely removed and disposed, preventing negative effects on human health and mitigating potential illegal dumping and disposal throughout the Lakes Region.
- Bulk ordered and distributed 335 *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* books for a group discount of \$96.25 per book and \$88.50 per book with e-book. TOTAL SPENT by 27 Member Communities = \$4,028.75 | TOTAL SAVED by 27 Members = \$31,719.25.
- Reviewed 15 Intergovernmental Review Process (IRP) notices from the state planning office as public notification to regional planning commissions of all projects in the region intended to receive federal financial support.
- Updated Regional Housing Needs Assessment: LRPC is contracted with the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) to address the RSA requirement that regional planning commissions complete a housing needs assessment every 5 years. This update was completed for 2023 and a draft was posted to our website together with a downloadable toolbox to assist communities with housing planning. Discussions have begun relative to adoption.

Solid Waste Management Accomplishments

- Worked with solid waste operators around the region to address solid waste issues through grant writing and research.
- Utilized Geographic Informational System (GIS) mapping tools to identify potential solid waste solar sites in the Lakes Region.
- Conducted a plastics disposal and municipal solid waste study for Lakes Region transfer stations with summer intern.
- Ran two roundtables for solid waste operators concerning *Food Waste Composting in NH* and *Glass Management – Efficiencies and Uses*.
- Conducted outreach at various transfer stations, providing information to a number of residents concerning the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION- Continued

Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Drafted update using innovative story map formatting approach which is posted on LRPC’s website.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Administered CDBG Microenterprise funding for Grafton County which assists businesses and economic development organizations in Grafton, Belknap & Carroll counties.

Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Grant Administration. Provided grant writing and grant administration assistance to several successful NBRC grantees as the designated local development district for our region, including:

NEW:

- Town of Gilford - Foam Recycling Project
| WOW – Opechee Loop
- GALA Makers Space – Phase II
Hebron – Fiber Optic Network
- Granite State Adaptive – Equine Therapeutic Center
Sandwich – Fiber Optic Network
- Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum (Wolfeboro)

ONGOING:

- City of Laconia
- Town of
- Town of

Transportation

LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Provided administrative support for meetings and facilitated communications. The TAC met 6 times involving city/town appointed representatives in order to engage community participation and local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development. Topics (some with guest speakers) included Ten Year Plan (TYP) Project Planning for 2025 – 2034, Road Safety Audits, NH Route 11 Alton-Gilford Planning Study Update, Scoring of Proposed TYP Projects, Update on the Regional Plan and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Application Process, Regional Bicycle Group Update, 2022 Traffic Count Summary, Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program, and Processed Glass Aggregate.

- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning.** Updated draft of state-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION- Continued

- **Regional Transportation Plan.** Drafted Regional Transportation Plan. Included additional crash data information so Plan now can be used for more grant opportunities (Safe Streets For All).
- **Ten Year Plan (TYP) Funding and Project Prioritization (TYP 2025 – 2034):** Worked with towns, NH DOT and GACIT to develop project scopes and cost estimates.
 - **Meredith** – NH Route 25 intersection improvements at Laker Lane, True Road, Quarry Road, and Patrician Shores (additional funding).
 - **Laconia** – Union Avenue improvements.
- **Data Collection & Analysis.** Collected traffic count data at 148 assigned locations throughout the region for NHDOT along with 17 municipal requested counts. Worked on updating Road Surface Management System (RSMS) assessment for one community.

The LRPC is a participation-based organization where Commissioners have the final say on the annual budget and can determine what services the organization provides. • Holderness representatives to the LRPC during FY23 were:

Commissioner	Term Expiration	TAC Member	Term Expiration
Robert Snelling	01/01/27	Malcolm Taylor	06/07/25
Executive Board	Position	TAC Alternate	Term Expiration
Robert Snelling	Area Commissioner	Vacant	
Alternate	Term Expiration		
Vacant			

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Hayes
Executive Director

PEMI-BAKER COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health (PBH&HH) is a non-profit offering a wide range of vital health services to residents of 29 central and northern NH towns. This past year PBH&HH served 525 home health patients and 109 Hospice patients via home visits delivering skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, hospice end of life care, palliative care, and social work to residents regardless of their ability to pay. In Holderness 40 home health patients and 7 Hospice patients were cared for over the course of 2023.

In the 55 years of Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health's existence, we have never experienced such growth in our organization as we are seeing today. The demand for compassionate services in your community has risen steadily and thanks to community support, we have been able to meet the ongoing needs of every resident, in spite of the uncertain financial and regulatory climate in which we operate.

Rising health care costs and reductions in government funding have put needed health care out of reach for too many of our neighbors and friends. As healthcare delivery continues after the COVID-19 pandemic, advanced training and safety equipment is needed to continue delivery of services to our patients safely. We are following both the CDC and the NH Department of Health's safety recommendations to meet the needs of our homecare and hospice patients as well as those coming into our facility for physical, occupational and aquatic therapy.

Pemi-Baker will continue to provide care, regardless of ability to pay. Town funds are used to provide services to those with limited or no ability to pay, and to augment (as in Hospice care) the cost of services that are not covered through third party payers. Our agency is dependent upon charitable donations, town funds, and grants to provide services.

Health is not a moment in time, but an ongoing adventure. Decisions about being healthy happen from the day we are born until the day we die. PBH&HH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy, and with Hospice, we make the end of life journey one of hope and dignity, while putting the patient/family's needs first.

PEMI-BAKER COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT – Continued

Most of our community members choose to heal and recover at home from illness or accident or progress towards the end of life in the comfort of their own home with their family and possession around them. With the support of our team, we help make these choices a reality.

Pemi-Baker Hospice and Home Health is interested in the complete health of the community. Our primary services are:

Home Health – nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, LNAs and nutritional counseling in the home setting

Hospice – nursing, therapies, social work, spiritual care counseling, bereavement services, hospice medical doctors, advanced practicing registered nurses, licensed nursing assistants, hospice trained volunteers, 24/7 on call support, and medications and durable medical supplies in the home setting

Palliative Care – nurses and social workers in the home setting.

PBH&HH also provides:

- One-on-one bereavement support and monthly group meetings
- In-person and ZOOM Caregiver support groups
- Hospice Care Volunteer Training
- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Nutrition & Health Presentations
- Monthly Ask-A-Nurse sessions at area Senior Centers
- In-person and ZOOM Advance Directive Help
- American Red Cross CPR/First Aid training

We are pleased to be part of your community and touching the lives of those in need. Thank you for all your support!

Diane Arsenault, MD FAAFP, HMDC

Interim Executive Director

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is a member organization of appointed local representatives that oversees the Pemigewasset (the Pemi) River corridor (one quarter mile on either side of the river) that traverses the municipalities of Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Franconia, Franklin, Hill, Holderness, Lincoln, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sanbornton, Thornton and Woodstock. The members of PRLAC act on behalf of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to review and comment on state and local permits for activities impacting the corridor, and they communicate with municipalities and citizens regarding corridor management. The DES does not have adequate staff to visit most permit application sites in a timely fashion, and they have asked PRLAC as well as other Local Advisory Committees to perform this task for them. Our site visits collect data, make observations, and usually take photos of the sites of the proposed projects that will impact the Pemi corridor, and then we report our findings to DES, the developer, and the property owner. Although we ourselves do not have the authority to approve or deny an application, our observations influence the action that is taken by DES.

During 2023 PRLAC's membership remained strong, and we thank your town for providing knowledgeable and engaged representatives! Their participation continues to provide valuable insight and information as we pursue our mission. Just a reminder that Select Boards of each of the PRLAC towns may appoint up to 3 members to the committee.

The Pemi is a Class B River, meaning that it has high aesthetic value and is acceptable for swimming and other recreational activities, fish habitat, and for use as a public water supply after treatment. Our mission is to do those things necessary to maintain the Pemi's Class B water quality status. Historically, the Pemi has had a wide variety of surface water problems, and PRLAC has had considerable experience in identifying potential water quality issues before they become a crisis and make suggestions for prevention and remediation.

One role of PRLAC is to investigate permit applications that are submitted to DES. With the increase of development and infrastructure projects along the Pemi, our permit investigations have expanded dramatically. We continue to monitor individual and business growth for shoreline violations. One major concern we are still working on is the clear-cut mowing along the riverbanks by the various utility companies. We have observed that they are not leaving enough flora to keep the riverbanks stable, thus causing erosion.

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Continued

We continue to explore what options we have to control that process while protecting against invasive species. Although not specific to a permit application, some members did research as to the possibility of PFAS chemicals being manufactured and used in areas along the river corridor.

A number of the permit applications we received had to do with water withdrawals. Right now, the Pemigewasset River has 130 registered withdrawal users. PRLAC has seen a notable increase in withdrawal applications during this past year. Our objective is to balance sensible environmental and economic goals while respecting the rights and desires of riparian property owners of the region as a whole. We wish to ensure that there is enough water to support aquatic life, fish consumption, drinking water supply after adequate treatment, swimming, boating, and wildlife.

One way we are looking to protect this goal is to have the Pemigewasset River be a part of the DES Instream Flow Program. The Instream Flow Program ensures that rivers continue to flow in spite of the uses and stresses that people put on them. The Instream Flow Program operates within the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program statute, Section 9-c (RSA 483:9-c) and in accordance with Administrative Rule Env-Wq 1900. We are pleased to announce that the Pemigewasset River has been chosen with active data collection already in process. We anticipate a final report in 2026. Here is the link for further information on this program: <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/instream-flow>

Another key role of PRLAC is its participation with the DES Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP), where PRLAC members tested water quality at 9 stations along the Pemigewasset and three tributaries that feed into the Pemi. Last year was the 22nd year of regular water testing at these 9 stations, and we recognize what a benefit it is to have been able to rely on our volunteers to perform a 20-year longitudinal study of the Pemi River water quality parameters! Testing takes place from Bristol to Thornton and runs from April into September. VRAP tests are conducted for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Turbidity, Specific Conductance, temperature, and chloride; all key elements in assessing overall river health.

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Continued

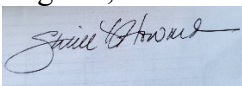
Additionally, after taking the previous year off due to COVID precautions, DES's lab was once again able to test for E coli, total phosphorus, and nitrogen at popular recreation sites on the river. We are hoping to add test sites to include the river north of Thornton to Franconia Notch. Information on DES's rivers and lakes testing program along with the results of our annual testing are posted on the DES website: www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/river-and-lake-monitoring

Under state law, one purpose of the Local Advisory Committee is to develop a corridor management plan which communities may adopt as an adjunct to their master plan, and report to NH DES and communities on the status of compliance to laws and regulations. Our Management Plan is used to inform the public and serve as a resource for anyone interested in going forward with a project in the Pemi River corridor. During 2023, PRLAC worked diligently with Dave Jeffers and the staff at LRPC to complete the process by year's end. We are pleased to note that the approved document will be available to the public in the spring of 2024. Online access: <https://www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacmgmtplan.asp>. We are extremely grateful to all who participated in the process.

PRLAC continues to benefit from the financial support we receive from the majority of the Pemi Corridor towns that we work most closely with. For that, we are very thankful! Your contribution goes directly towards protection of this key corridor resource. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. PRLAC meets at 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month from January through November. We have returned to in-person meetings with a Zoom option noted on the agenda. Details of the monthly meeting are posted through your Town, and all are encouraged to attend, and you can find out more information from reviewing the meeting minutes. The minutes of our meetings are available at our link: www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacmeetings.asp

PRLAC continues to be a dedicated group of volunteers with a focus on keeping the Pemigewasset River healthy and cared for so that all of us can utilize its beauty and its natural resources.

Regards,



Sherrill D. Howard, Chair
PRLAC

SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Squam Lakes Association (SLA) is dedicated to conserving for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the watershed. In collaboration with local and state partners the SLA promotes the protection, careful use and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region.

In 2023 the SLA increased our effort to implement the Squam Lakes Watershed Plan to quickly institute measures to maintain the long-term water quality of the lake. We are running a capital campaign with this as the focus, and every effort of the organization has increased to address water quality.

We put most of our effort into direct conservation and restoration activities around the lake from mitigating the highest impact locations on water quality and increasing our ability to assess quickly and accurately what is going on in the lake so that we can react in a timely manner. This includes a renovation of our building which is currently underway. This renovation is primarily funded through a Community Development Fund forgivable loan program that will result in: improved and enlarged community program space; a high-quality water lab and classroom for on-site sampling, testing, and programs; office space for staff and the Lakes Region Conservation Corps and our partner groups like Chocorua chapel and the Squam Archives; and accessibility upgrades.

In our three primary Focus areas, Conservation, Education, and Trails and Access we completed three of the top ten Watershed Management Plan restoration projects throughout the watershed to offset excessive nutrient and sediment loading from stormwater. These projects will help to preserve and protect the water quality for the future. The SLA also launched a new water quality research project focused on the near shore shallow areas on the lakes. This project is focused on understanding why water clarity and the lake bottom is changing quicker in these areas. With support from the State Conservation Commission Moose Plate Grant and the Department of Environmental Service Exotic Aquatic Grant Program we also built a new milfoil removal system and boat.

We continued to run our summer programs and hosted several area schools for programs and volunteer experiences. Our adult and family programming operated two to three public programs a week, and, as always, we continue to look for ways to engage with the community and create opportunities to learn about and access the amazing resources of our lakes and mountains.

SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION REPORT- Continued

On the trails we completed work on the Rattlesnake trail to protect it against the huge amount of use it receives. This work has been a collaboration between the SLA and UNH and has used the National Civilian Community Corps and the Trails Collective as crews to implement the effort. We are very grateful to the Holderness Police Department, who have helped us manage crowding at the Rattlesnake parking lot. We also removed invasive species at the Cotton Mt. trailhead through the efforts of a National Civilian Community Corps crew.

Finally, community participation was high in 2023. Thanks to the Trail Adopters, the Water Quality Monitors, the Weed Watchers, and all those who helped us with special events, volunteer days, and the many small efforts that add up to so much direct conservation. We had groups from Holderness School help carry timbers up Rattlesnake multiple times, as well as the Holderness School Cross Country team help hike Ridge Race supplies up to the aid stations prior to the race. Our AmeriCorps funded Lakes Region Conservation Corps program worked on the ground and hands-on conservation work as well as engaging community members in volunteering and educational programming, building relationships and fostering a sense of environmental responsibility within the community that will continue to grow this year.



SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT

The Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) is a land trust dedicated to the protection of natural resources in the Squam watershed. SLCS was established in 1960, making it one of New Hampshire's oldest land trusts. With 178 completed projects and ten thousand acres of protected land in our care, SLCS plays an important role in our community and its future. Our activities are accomplished in cooperation with the Holderness Conservation Commission, other conservation organizations, government agencies, businesses, residents, landowners, and members.

In Holderness, SLCS has conserved 51 properties, including the Holderness Town Beach, West Squam Rangeway, Merrill Island, the Haskell Preserve on White Oak Pond, and many parcels in the Squam Range and West Rattlesnake area.

Holderness has demonstrated a deep commitment to conserving land, with 28% of its land permanently protected. In 2023, SLCS completed two projects in Holderness, the 64-acre Avery Woods on Coxboro Road, a donated conservation easement by Steve Woodsum and Anne Lovett; and the 34-acre Howe Commons on Pinehurst Road, a donated conservation easement from members of the Howe family (Margie Emmons, Sam Howe, Arthur Howe, Sarah Thorne, Peter Howe, and Phoebe Howe).

We wrapped up the fund-raising phase of the Forever Squam campaign in 2023. With these funds, we are providing support to landowners considering conservation options, such as paying for surveys and appraisals. Looking forward, we continue to co-host forums and Science Pubs (second Tuesday of the month). Our Annual Meeting will be August 17th at Camp Hale in Sandwich. Remember to turn off your lights on August 15th at 9 pm for the annual "Night with the Stars".

As "Squam's Land Trust," the Conservation Society is grateful to its members for making land conservation a priority. We continue to rely on volunteers to steward and monitor our protected properties and will provide training. For more information or to discuss ways to get involved, please call Roger Larochelle, Denise Siraco, Katie Currie-Huggard, Emily Landry, Doug Hill, or Sara Hixon at 968-7900 or visit foreversquam.org for more information including an interactive map of the region.

Conserve what you love!

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER REPORT



Through live animal exhibits, natural science education programs, an informal public garden, and lake cruises, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center has brought people Nearer to Nature since 1966. The Science Center is Certified Sensory Inclusive by KultureCity.

The mission of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world.

- The Science Center's 142kW solar photovoltaic array went live (25kW roof mount array on Blue Heron School went live in November 2021; 117 kW ground mount array in parking areas went live April 2023.) The full system provides nearly 100% of the Science Center's electricity usage and saves more than 250,000 pounds of CO2 annually.
- Two four-month-old mountain lion cubs arrived in January from Washington. They were orphaned and because they stay with and rely on their mother for up to eighteen months, they could not be released back into the wild.
- The Science Center welcomed a young male black bear cub late in 2022. He came to New Hampshire from North Carolina as a rehabilitated bear who could not be released due to his habituation to people.
- The Science Center hosted "It's A Wild Life Exhibit." The educational panels highlight IF/THEN Ambassadors (women and gender minorities) whose careers intersect with the natural world.
- A new quiet and nursing space was opened in the Picnic Area as a private location for nursing parents or visitors who have sensory sensitivities and need a place removed from the potentially busy environment of the trail.
- The Pollinator Garden was dedicated in September 2023. This garden, located between the White-tailed Deer Exhibit and Kirkwood Gardens, features plants that are beneficial to pollinators and custom artwork by artist Jenn Houle.
- The Science Center hosted two summer fundraising events. The Family Picnic in July is gaining traction as a fun family event with entertainment, food trucks, games, and more. The Annual Meeting combined with a Garden Party at beautiful Kirkwood Gardens.

The Science Center thanks the Holderness community for its continued support.

NH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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The mission of **UNH Cooperative Extension** is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions, working in collaboration with county, state and federal government. Some examples of how Extension has been working towards this mission in Grafton County are summarized below.

The Grafton County **4-H** program continued to promote intergenerational activities and build a positive community of youth and older adults. In addition to the annual carved pumpkin display at the nursing home, 4-H members showcased their animals at the county complex in the Spring, giving nursing home residents the opportunity to see the animals up close and share past experiences with the youth.

Through the **Community & Economic Development** program over 150 participants from 60 NH communities in all 10 counties, including eight Grafton County communities, completed the Housing Academy training program as part of the InvestNH Municipal Planning and Zoning Grant program. Participating communities worked to assess needs, identify strategies that fit their own communities' goals and implement strategies to address the housing crisis in NH.

A 4-part twilight meeting series on high tunnel management was presented in Grafton County by the **Food & Agriculture** staff. Over 50 people attended and 17 earned two pesticide recertification credits each towards keeping their applicator licenses current. Several participants reported putting what they learned to work on their own farms.

The **Food Safety** program offered several Safety Awareness in the Food Environment classes for food service workers and NH Food Pantry workers. Workshops were also held for NH homestead food processors on how to produce homemade food in NH legally and safely. The NH Jumpstart program continued with 12 farm participants (3 in Grafton County) who made positive changes in their produce food safety activities.

NH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - Continued

Natural Resources staff developed and/or presented 20 workshops or trainings on forestry and wildlife topics. These workshops and trainings reached a total of 1,004 participants across Grafton County, including adult learners and elementary and high school students.

Several community gardens, that resulted in donations to food pantries, continued to be managed by **Master Gardeners**. Projects to promote beneficial pollinators flourished as did a project to reclaim a section of Lake Mascoma in Enfield for recreational use. A virtual Master Gardener training was also launched.

Health and Well-Being programming in Grafton County was expanded in 2023, to focus on reducing healthcare costs and boosting nutrition, physical activity, food access and mental health. New programs included Master Wellness Volunteers, Boost Your Brain and Memory for older adults, and food security screenings at OB/Gyn clinics. Positive outcomes included participants learning to save an average of \$16 more a day on food and acquiring skills to support others in crisis (including those considering suicide).

To learn more about programs and resources that are available, please visit extension.unh.edu.

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