

2022
Annual Report
of the
TOWN OF WARNER,
NEW HAMPSHIRE



Annual Financial Reports
of the

TOWN OF WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Selectboard, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector,

Together with the reports of Town
Departments, Boards, Committees and the
Warner Village Water District



FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

Population (2018 Office of Strategic Initiatives)	2,907
Number of Registered Voters	2,047

**Please bring this report with you to the Town Meeting
on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 6:00 pm**

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Warner Service Directory

All Emergencies: 911

After calling for emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outside to meet the responding units.

Fire Department 148 West Main S Non-emergency - (603) 456-2122
Fire Chief: Jonathan France, wfd@warnernh.gov

Police Department 180 West Main St Non-emergency – (603) 456-3433
Police Chief: William Chandler
Administrative Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Administrative Assistant: Theresa Buskey, tbuskey@warnernh.gov

Town Website - warnernh.gov

Warner Town Hall..... (603) 456-2298
5 East Main St, PO Box 265, Warner, NH 03278
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Town Administrator - ext 2 ... Diane Ricciardelli administrator@warnernh.gov
Admin Assistant - ext 1 Judith Newman-Rogers selectboard@warnernh.gov
Assessing Clerk - ext 3 Elizabeth Labbe assessing@warnernh.gov
Finance Director - ext 8 Clyde Carson finance@warnernh.gov
Land Use - ext 7 Janice Loz landuse@warnernh.gov

Tax Collector - ext 4 Marianne Howlett tax@warnernh.gov
PO Box 264, Warner, NH 03278
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Town Clerk - ext 6..... Michele Courser townclerk@warnernh.gov
Deputy Town Clerk - ext 5..... Darcie Buskey dtc@warnernh.gov
Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm,
Wednesday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Some requests and payments can be made on-line. Non-cash payments and requests can be placed in the secure lock box in the front door of Town Hall.

Selectboard (603) 456-2298 ext 1selectboard@warnernh.gov
Sam Bower, Chair
Christine Frost
Lois Shea

Selectboard meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm, or more often as needed.

Highway Department (603) 456-3366
190 Route 103 West
Director of Public Works/Road Agent: Timothy Allen

Transfer Station (603) 456-3303
188 Route 103 West
Foreman: Varick Proper, trs@warnernh.gov
Public Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 8 – 4:00 pm & Thursday noon to 7:00 pm

Health Officer(603) 456-2298 ext 1
Christopher Lopez, healthofficer@warnernh.gov

Building Inspector (603) 848-5750
Tom Baye, tombaye@gmail.com

Welfare Assistance (603) 748-5182
Elizabeth Labbe, welfare@warnernh.gov
Building Permits and Welfare Assistance Applications are available on-line.

Wood Bank.....(603) 456-2298 ext 1
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm or email selectboard@warnernh.gov
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and evenings call - (603) 748-5182

Warner Village Water District Treatment Plant (603) 456-3890
55 Joppa Rd Administrative Assistant Ray Martin

Pillsbury Free Library (603) 456-2289
18 East Main St.
Library Director: Nancy Ladd, director@library.warnerNH.gov

Dedication



Nancy and Ray Martin

For nearly a half-century, Nancy and Ray Martin have been quiet stewards of the common good in our community.

As a 20-year member — and 14-year chair — of the Warner Conservation Commission, Nancy has been instrumental in protecting Warner’s natural resources and rural character. She has spearheaded major farmland conservation work, led often complex projects to protect Warner’s open space and waterways, and is passionate about encouraging residents of all ages to explore and enjoy the open space, trails and waterways of Warner. Nancy has been a consistent and welcoming presence and stalwart volunteer for many community efforts. She served on the Planning Board for a decade (including three years as co-chair), co-chaired the Budget Committee for eight years and has served on both the Economic Development Advisory Committee and Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee.

Ray may be most recognizable to Warner residents when he has a gavel in his hand. He has served as Town Moderator since 1998, and his steadfastness, humility and good humor have helped navigate us through many a thorny issue at Town Meeting over the years. (He served as Assistant Moderator beginning in 1990). Ray has served as deputy town treasurer since 2015, and on the Warner Village Water District since 2010. He has also served as school board member for the Kearsarge Regional School District and on the Warner Parks and Recreation Commission. As president of the Warner Fall Foliage Festival board of directors from 2016 To 2022, Ray worked tirelessly to carry on and improve a beloved Warner tradition that provides much-needed funds for projects that benefit the community. (Ray’s tenure with Festival began in 1980, when he first volunteered for the advertising committee.)

Nancy and Ray met at the University of New Hampshire and graduated in 1969. Ray was drafted right out of college, and served as an aerial navigator in the U.S. Marines in Vietnam. The couple bought their home on School Street in 1974, where they raised their sons, Christopher (“Chip”) and Andrew. Ray ran a lunch truck and vending machine company before embarking on a career in banking and finance, eventually building a business with Chip. Nancy worked as a dental hygienist, and eventually became the Oral Health Program Manager for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. She has long been an advocate for children’s oral health and a volunteer at free dental clinics, and has stood up for the state’s most vulnerable children as a volunteer with Court-Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire.

Nancy and Ray’s mark on Warner is already indelible — and their service continues unabated. Warner is a better place, and a stronger community, because Nancy and Ray Martin chose it as their home.

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Elected Town Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds	
Penny Courser.....	2023
Jere Henley	2024
Janice Cutting	2025
Budget Committee	
Robert Blake	2023
David Minton	2023
Michelle Kendrick	2024
Aarika Reynolds (Resigned)	2024
Richard Bixby (Appointed).....	2023
Michael Cutting, Chair.....	2025
Harold Blanchette.....	2025
Water Precinct Representative - Ray Martin	
Selectboard Representative - Christine Frost	
Chandler Reservation Committee	
Allison P. Mock.....	2023
Stephen Hall.....	2024
Jonathan D. France	2025
Gerald B. Courser	2026
Moderator	
Ray Martin	2024
Assistant Moderator (Appointed).....	Vacant
Selectboard	
Samuel J S Bower, Chair.....	2023
Clyde Carson (Resigned).....	2024
Lois Shea (Appointed).....	2023
Christine Frost	2025
Supervisors of the Checklist	
Melissa St Pierre.....	2024
Christine J Perkins, Chair	2026
Michael Brown	2028
Tax Collector	
Marianne Howlett	2024
Deputy Tax Collector (Appointed)	
Janice Cutting.....	2023

Elected Town Officers (cont.)

Name	Term
Town Clerk	
Michele Courser	2024
Deputy Town Clerk (Appointed)	
Darcie Buskey	2024
Town Treasurer	
Ginger Marsh	2024
Deputy Town Treasurer (Appointed)	
Ray Martin	2024
Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library	
Judy Pellettieri.....	2023
Heather Otten, Corresponding Secretary	2023
Ralph Parsons, Assistant Treasurer	2023
Michael Simon, Chair.....	2024
Nathan Kendrick, Treasurer	2024
Dana Myskowski, Vice Chair	2024
Teresa Hathaway, Recording Secretary	2025
Sherrri Colfer	2025
Michael Brown	2025
Thomas Heise, Alternate.....	2023
Library Director: Nancy Ladd	
Trustees of Town Cemeteries	
Kenneth W. Cogswell	2023
Gerald B. Courser	2024
Penny Sue Courser.....	2024
Mary E. Cogswell	2025
Donald H. Wheeler (Resigned)	2025
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Kimberley Brown Edelmann	2023
Julia Bodnarik (Resigned).....	2024
Dan Watts (Appointed).....	2023
Robert Blake	2025

Elected Warner

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Kearsarge Regional School District

Warner Representatives

Emma Bates..... 2023
Kenneth Bartholomew..... 2024

Warner Representatives to Municipal Budget Committee

David Bates..... 2023
Michelle Kendrick 2024

State Representatives

Tony Caplan
Sherry Gould-Warner
Stephanie R. Payeur

Appointed Town Officers

Name	Term
Building Inspector	
Tom Baye	2023
Compliance Officer	
Peter Wyman	2024
Central NH Regional Planning Commission Representatives	
Ben Inman	2023
Vacant	
Central NH Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)	
Tim Blagden	
Ben Inman	
Central NH Regional Planning Commission Representative to State Energy Data System (SEDS) Board	
Charlie Albano	
Concord Regional Solid Waste Representative	
Member	Vacant
Alternate	Vacant
Conservation Commission	
Nancy Martin, Chair.....	2023
Michael Amaral	2024
Kenneth Cogswell.....	2024
Doug Allen	2025
Susan von Ottengen	2025
Alice Chamberlain	2025
Conservation Commission Alternates	
Phil Stockwell	2023
Jody Sloane	2024
Jackie Germain	2024
Scott Warren.....	2025
Emergency Management	
Edward F. Mical, Director	Ron Piroso, Deputy Director
Fire Department	
Fire Chief Jonathan France	First Deputy Ed Raymond
Second Deputy Brian Monaghan	Captain Mike Henley
Captain Paul Raymond	Captain Dan Fisher
Lieutenant Steve Raymond	Lieutenant Calvin Rogers
Lieutenant Peter Ladd	Rescue Captain Peter Wyman
Rescue Lieutenant Richard Colfer	

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

Members of Fire & Rescue

John Hill	Peter Ladd	Tim Wilson
Greg Dockham	Ed Mical	Ryan Brown
Ross Mingarelli	Jerome Donohue	Kathleen Payne
Bob Havey	Ryan Havey	Abel Leblanc
Ron Piroso Sr.	Charles Baker	Varick Proper
Ben France	Sean Henley	Ernie Nichols
Anthony Nichols	Stephen Hall	Katy Toomey
Matt Boyer	Sean Nichols	James Allison
Tristan Deking	Stephanie Allison	

Chief Forest Fire Warden

Paul Raymond.....(P) 608-9606

Deputy Wardens

Stephen W. Hall(P) 456-3357
 Daniel Fisher(P) 456-3208
 Jonathan France(P) 456-2883
 Ed Raymond.....(P) 456-3770
 Ernie Nichols.....(P) 456-3266
 Charles Baker
 Calvin Rogers

*(P) – able to write burning permits
 For a Fire Permit on-line: Nbfirepermit.com*

Health Officer

Christopher Lopez 2026

Highway Safety Commission

Emergency Management Director Edward F. Mical
 Fire Chief Jonathan France
 Police Chief William E. Chandler
 Public Works Director Tim Allen
 Selectboard Representative Sam Bower

Overseer of Public Welfare

Elizabeth Labbe..... 2025

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tim Blagden 2023
 Kelly Henley 2023
 Vacant 2024
 Vacant 2024
 Scott Blasingame 2025
 Apryl Blood 2025
 Selectboard Representative Christine Frost

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

Name	Term
Planning Board	
Benjamin Frost, Chair.....	2023
Andrew Bodnarik	2023
Romeo Dubreuil (Resigned).....	2024
Karen Coyne (Appointed)	2024
James Gaffney	2024
Donald Hall, Vice Chair (Resigned).....	2025
Benjamin Inman	2025
Selectboard Ex-officio	
Clyde Carson (Resigned).....	2024
Lois Shea (Appointed).....	2023
Planning Board Alternates	
Diana Corriveau.....	2023
Vacant	2024
Vacant	2025
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Barbara Marty, Chair	2023
Harry Seidel, Vice Chair.....	2024
Beverley Howe	2024
Elizabeth Labbe (Resigned).....	2025
Jan Gugliotti (Appointed).....	2025
Lucinda McQueen	2025
Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternates	
Vacant	2023
Vacant	2024
Karen Coyne (Resigned).....	2025

Selectboard Appointed Committees

Agricultural Commission

Bob Bower Amelia Gardner Bill Hanson

Alternates

Catherine Aranosian Michael Biagiotti Daniel Swegart

Jennifer Courser James Zablocki

Selectboard Representative: Samuel Bower

Conservation Commission Representative: Michael Amaral

Planning Board Representative: James Gaffney

Community Power Committee

David Bates George Packard Neil Nevins

Clyde Carson Jan Gugliotti Harry Seidel

Corridor Committee

Rhonda Rood Casey Milender Sam Milender Michael Brown

Tim Blagden Arlon Chaffee Selectboard Representative Christine Frost, Chair

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Charles Albano, Chair Bret Ingold Neil Nevins Mark Govoni

Sarah Hanson Emma Bates William Minsinger Graham Pellettieri

Conservation Commission Representative: Nancy Martin

Energy Committee

David Bates Harry Seidel (Resigned) Sue Hemingway (Resigned) Clyde Carson

Peter Ladd Darren Blood Bill Balsam (Resigned)

Mink Hill Recreation Study Committee

Sarah Allen, Chair Peter Bates Jason Mutschler Rebecca Courser

Jonathan France David Minton Nancy Martin Andy Duncan

Craig Tufts – Central NH Regional Planning Commission

William Dragon – Bound Tree ATV Club

Selectboard Representative Christine Frost

Road Committee

Public Works Director, Tim Allen Fire Chief, Jonathan France

Police Chief, William Chandler Emergency Management Director, Edward Mical

Selectboard Representative, Christine Frost Kenneth Cogswell, Member At Large

Budget Committee Representative: Michael Cutting

Groundwater Protection Committee

Alice Chamberlain Ray Martin Town Administrator Diane Ricciardelli

Andrew Bodnarik Ed Mical Laura Russell

Warner Municipal Records Committee

Michele Courser Town Clerk Ginger Marsh Treasurer Marianne Howlett Tax

Elizabeth Labbe Assessing Clerk Nancy Ladd Librarian

Warner River Local Advisory Committee

Ken Milender, Chair Laura Russell Christopher Spann-Weitz

Summary of Expenditures 2022 – 2023

General Government	2023		
	<u>2022 Appropriations</u>	<u>2022 Expended</u>	<u>Recommended Appropriations</u>
Executive Office -			
Office of the Selectboard	\$ 190,081	\$ 210,112	\$ 205,161
Elections	\$ 6,551	\$ 6,920	\$ 5,179
Finance	\$ 72,645	\$ 83,370	\$ 78,365
Tax Collector	\$ 58,028	\$ 56,081	\$ 59,952
Treasurer	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,392	\$ 5,100
Town Clerk	\$ 85,152	\$ 85,631	\$ 88,423
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ 1,700
Assessing	\$ 36,272	\$ 35,804	\$ 53,618
Legal Expenses	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,214	\$ 12,000
Benefits Administration	\$ 151,247	\$ 146,433	\$ 168,804
Land Use Office	\$ 36,572.00	\$ 25,863	\$ 45,271
General Government Buildings	\$ 45,748	\$ 41,010	\$ 58,818
Cemeteries	\$ 28,001	\$ 26,075	\$ 29,500
Insurances	\$ 106,472	\$ 106,488	\$ 102,264
Outside Agencies (CAP, CNHRPC)	\$ 21,026	\$ 21,024	\$ 21,026
Police/Animal Control	\$ 533,247	\$ 576,555	\$ 621,981
Ambulance	\$ 83,008	\$ 83,007	\$ 83,008
Fire	\$ 218,689	\$ 188,436	\$ 227,637
Building Inspection	\$ 5,347	\$ 4,685	\$ 5,545
Emergency Management	\$ 27,010	\$ 16,936	\$ 15,825
Highway Department	\$ 1,146,017	\$ 1,047,029	\$ 1,308,069
Street Lighting	\$ 11,500	\$ 9,059	\$ 11,500
Solid Waste Disposal -			
Transfer Station	\$ 266,365	\$ 271,729	\$ 292,844
Health Department	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,400
Outside Agencies (LSRVNA, Riverbend)	\$ 10,413	\$ 8,578	\$ 10,606
Welfare Department	\$ 24,333	\$ 32,534	\$ 36,533
Parks & Recreation	\$ 39,968	\$ 29,340	\$ 40,990
Pillsbury Free Library	\$ 217,425	\$ 217,425	\$ 217,499
Memorial Day	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Conservation Commission	\$ 1,038	\$ 911	\$ 15,437
Debt Service - Principal	\$ 153,683	\$ 152,704	\$ 364,024
Debt Service - Interest	\$ 71,276	\$ 72,717	\$ 172,161
Other Debt Service -			
Hopkinton Land Fill Closure	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,544	\$ 8,000
Total Operating Budget:	<u>\$ 3,675,514</u>	<u>\$ 3,586,858</u>	<u>\$ 4,369,741</u>

Summary of Expenditures 2022 - 2023 (cont)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
			<u>Appropriations</u>
Capital Reserve and Trust Funds:			
Bridges CRF	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
Employee Expendable Trust Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 23,000
Fire Equipment CRF	\$ 30,800	\$ 30,800	\$ 36,800
Fire/Rescue Vehicles CRF	\$ 96,678	\$ 96,678	\$ 130,000
Hwy Equipment CRF	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 50,000
Hwy Rd Construction Projects CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Kearsarge Mtn Rd Alt Route CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land Conservation Fund CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Bldg CRF	\$ 93,000	\$ 93,000	\$ -
Parks & Recreation CRF	\$ 108,445	\$ 108,445	\$ -
Police Vehicle CRF	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Preservation of Town Records CRF	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Property Revaluation CRF	\$ 21,400	\$ 21,400	\$ 32,287
Town Hall Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Transfer Station CRF	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 50,000
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Transportation Alternative Program Matching Grant CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation Grant CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Capital Reserve Funds:	<u>\$ 770,323</u>	<u>\$ 770,323</u>	<u>\$ 537,087</u>
Other Taxes Assessed			
Employee Expendable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ 24,036	\$ -
KRSD - SAU #65 - School Tax	\$ 5,161,361	\$ 4,811,362	\$ 5,161,361
Merrimack County Tax	\$ 835,545	\$ 835,545	\$ 835,545
Warner Village Water Precinct Tax	\$ 184,875	\$ 184,875	\$ 184,875
Town Taxes Paid <i>(Tax, Interest, Sale & Notification Costs)</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of NH <i>(Vital Record Fees, Marriage Licenses, etc.)</i>	\$ 3,638	\$ 3,638	\$ 3,638
NH Fish and Game	\$ 5,421	\$ 5,421	\$ 5,421
Library	\$ -	\$ 3,496	
Total Other Taxes Assessed:	<u>\$ 6,190,840</u>	<u>\$ 5,868,372</u>	<u>\$ 6,190,840</u>

Summary of Expenditures 2022 – 2023 (cont)

	2022 Appropriations	2022 Expended	2023 Recommended Appropriations
Refunds/Other Expenditures			
Highway Construction Project	\$ 2,615,000	\$ 618,089	\$ -
ARPA Funds Expended	\$ 152,847	\$ 118,220	\$ -
ARPA Highway Funds Expended	\$ 110,978	\$ 25,701	\$ -
Conservation Commission	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Tax Abatements	\$ -	\$ 2,598	\$ -
Total Refunds/Other Expenditures:	\$ 2,903,825	\$ 789,608	\$ -
 Grand Total - Municipal Budget:	 \$ 13,540,502	 \$ 11,015,162	 \$ 11,097,667

Solar Array Fund:	Amounts
Balance at 1/1/2022	\$ 33,637.20
Deposits - 2022	\$ 37,311.55
Expenditures - 2022	\$ (50.00)
Transfer to Municipal Account	\$ (33,587.20)
Balance at 12/31/2022:	\$ 37,311.55

*Note: The financial reports for 2022 are unaudited.
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Summary of Revenues 2022 – 2023

	2022 Revised Revenues	2022 Actual Revenues	2023 Estimated Revenues
Taxes - Non Property			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Yield Tax	\$ 25,300	\$ 28,234	\$ 25,411
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,466	\$ 14,820
Excavation Tax	\$ 217	\$ 198	\$ 178
Interest and Penalties	<u>\$ 18,372</u>	<u>\$ 28,502</u>	<u>\$ 20,800</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 60,489</u>	<u>\$ 73,400</u>	<u>\$ 61,208</u>
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 437,984	\$ 601,124	\$ 580,000
Building Permits	\$ 7,519	\$ 9,595	\$ 8,635
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	<u>\$ 10,300</u>	<u>\$ 11,174</u>	<u>\$ 10,573</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 455,803</u>	<u>\$ 621,892</u>	<u>\$ 599,209</u>
State Sources			
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$ 258,955	\$ 258,955	\$ 185,400
Bridge Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,577
Highway Block Grant	\$ 129,335	\$ 239,168	\$ 148,800
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 2,738	\$ 2,738	\$ 2,464
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 8,685	\$ 156,747	\$ 26,400
Other - Solar	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,312</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 399,713</u>	<u>\$ 694,919</u>	<u>\$ 562,641</u>
Charges for Service			
Income from Departments	\$ 74,354	\$ 76,310	\$ 85,243
Subtotal	<u>\$ 74,354</u>	<u>\$ 76,310</u>	<u>\$ 85,243</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 290,750	\$ 290,800	\$ -
Interest on Investments	\$ 159	\$ 541	\$ -
Other	<u>\$ 81,088</u>	<u>\$ 115,917</u>	<u>\$ 103,682</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 371,997</u>	<u>\$ 407,258</u>	<u>\$ 103,682</u>
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Conservation Funds	\$ -	\$ 16,964	\$ 15,267
Subtotal	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,964</u>	<u>\$ 15,267</u>
Other Financing Sources			
Highway Construction Loan	<u>\$ 2,615,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,615,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 2,615,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,615,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Revenues:	<u>\$ 3,977,356</u>	<u>\$ 4,505,743</u>	<u>\$ 1,427,250</u>

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Selectboard Report 2022

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The Town of Warner continued to manage the new reality as the Covid-19 pandemic stretched to its third year in 2022. All town services resumed normal operations, and some adaptations made during the pandemic continue to be useful and will likely stay with us.

Board and committee meetings available on a hybrid basis (in-person and via Zoom) have increased both accessibility and public participation. The Pillsbury Free Library News, started by Library Director Nancy Ladd at the outset of the pandemic, has become a critical and much appreciated source of information for the people of Warner — and a reminder of the important services libraries provide. The Warner Fall Foliage Festival was back in 2022 after a two-year hiatus due to Covid, and the board members and other volunteers made it an unqualified success.

Here are some additional highlights from 2022:

- Warner has seen many improvements as a result of federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act: Town employees have undergone CPR training; drainage around town hall has been upgraded; a new tractor is helping keep recreation fields mowed in the summer and sidewalks cleared in the winter; aerators have been installed to improve swimming conditions at Silver Lake; upgrades — including energy efficiency — have been undertaken on the Warner Community Center on Main Street (formerly called the “Old Graded School Building”), which houses a food pantry and other community services and where the Boys and Girls Club of Central New Hampshire will soon begin operating an early childhood education center
- Clyde Carson stepped aside from the Select Board after 14 years of tireless service in this capacity, and is now serving as the town’s finance director, as well as heading up efforts to bring community power to Warner and serving on the Economic Development Advisory Committee. We thank Clyde for all his hard work as a member of this board, and for his continued dedication and service to the Town of Warner. Lois Shea volunteered and was appointed by Sam Bower and Christine Frost to serve the remainder of Clyde’s term. Vacant positions in Town Hall were also filled.
- Martha Mical retired after 20 years of caring for the plantings at the base of Warner’s war memorial. Her time and effort to make that space beautiful are so appreciated.
- The Select Board oversaw the sale by auction of three town-owned properties in June, as directed by voters at Town Meeting. Parcels on Horne Street, Willey Lane and off Schoodac Road are now back on the town tax rolls. The town also sold the old fire station building on the corner of East Main and School Streets.
- The Select Board reconvened the town Road and Bridge Committee to help with planning for the wide variety of road and bridge improvements that voters at Town Meeting decided to borrow money to accomplish. Drainage, grinding, grading and paving work are well underway on both Schoodac Road and Poverty Plains Road.

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- The town implemented a new software accounting system and implemented a formalized employee review process for the first time.
- Also for the first time, flags were raised per community request at Town Hall to celebrate Indigenous People’s Day in October and Pride month in June.
- A volunteer committee has plans for the celebration of Warner’s 250th birthday next year well underway. Activities and festivities are being planned throughout 2024.

Finally, a special shout-out to the hundreds of volunteers who make our community what it is. Volunteers bring incredible expertise and energy to town boards and committees; they make our elections run smoothly; they coach youth sports and keep recreational facilities up and running; they make our historical society, library and museums the gems that they are; they put on the massive and successful event that is the Fall Foliage Festival every year; they decorate town hall at the holidays for everyone to enjoy — and more. Please find time this year to thank a volunteer — and to join forces with them. Warner thrives as a community because people are willing to work together, and to give time and effort to making Warner a better place for everyone who calls it home.

Report of the Town Administrator

Embracing Change

Staffing has changed in nearly every department. With modifications comes an opportunity for new ideas, a different way of looking at a problem and a solution that, maybe, we had not considered. The Selectboard has changed five times in the past 3 years, and by the time we get to town meeting, we will have another new Selectboard or Board of Selectmen, or Selectboard, or Select Persons. That one title change kicks off edits to the website, to stationary, to zoom names, to email addresses, and to name plates. And with new employees, we get a chance to adjust our interactions, explore a new way to fix equipment, or consider a different way of presenting materials in order that more people are interested in reading the information.

Police Chief William Chandler hired two new officers this year who quickly became part of the Warner community. Fire Chief Jonathan France welcomed four new staff who are building on their first responder skills and eager to be of service. Department of Public Works Director, Tim Allen, welcomed four new people in 2022 to a crew who work at an accelerated pace to keep the roads safe, and the Transfer Station retained all their staff into 2023. Welfare Director, Elizabeth Labbe, took on the role of Assessing Clerk and walked in running to learn new skills.

Again, in 2022, the Directors did an outstanding job managing their budgets and we are under budget for the year. The savings go into the general fund which is used to offset the tax rate for next year.

An audit by the NH Department of Labor was completed in record time (according to DOL) as staff follows the policies and building requirements to ensure a safe environment. There were very few recommended changes, and all were completed in a few weeks.

We changed the Town's software technology to Microsoft-based products making it easier to edit and share documents. A new phone system of Voice over IP was welcomed by staff (and we all know change can be difficult); thanks to Dan Watts, we did not have any hiccups in the crossover from LAN lines to VoIP. The new phone system came with significant savings. We also transitioned to a new accounting system, led by our new Finance Director Clyde Carson. I am grateful to Clyde for taking on the new role after 14 years on the Selectboard. He brings a wealth of knowledge and business experience; department heads will now have the ability to create their own budgets and track expenses in real-time.

With 22% more meetings, meeting minutes and postings, and a 25% increase in permits, the staff in Town Hall pitched in to address the increased workload. Thank you Darcie Buskey, Janice Loz, Elizabeth Labbe and Judy Newman-Rogers for welcoming change and taking on new projects.

Thank you to all the staff, in every department, for a continued outstanding commitment to Warner and for submitting your department Town reports early so that Judy Newman-Rogers, and her adherence to excellence, can pull everything together at an accelerated pace. Thank you Rachel Parsons for your editing support!

Report of the Town Administrator (cont.)

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To our first responders, (Highway, Fire, Police) a debt of gratitude for keeping the Town safe, no matter how cold it is outside. And with record cold this winter, they continually extend themselves for the safety and comfort of the Town, without interruption or hesitation, and with a solid commitment to excellence.

With all the changes in staffing, employees continue to be flexible. The majority of our staff are also residents, so a dual commitment to the Town. We have an outstanding team in all areas of government who excel at carrying out the direction set by the Selectboard.

The core value of commitment ahead of self permeates all of our interactions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Ricciardelli
Town Administrator*



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TOWN OF WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

The following is a discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Warner, New Hampshire for the year ending December 31, 2021. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of this presentation (including all disclosures) rests with management. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data contained herein is accurate in all material respects. This data is reported in a manner designed to fairly present the Town's financial position, and the result of operations of the various funds of the Town. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an accurate understanding of the Town's financial activities have been included.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the basic financial statements

This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to most private-sector companies.

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

The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future periods (such as uncollected taxes and interest on long-term obligations).

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Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds: Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements report using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs.

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

The Town of Warner maintains numerous individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, which is the Town's only major fund. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregate presentation.

Fiduciary Funds: These funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town's fiduciary funds include various private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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

Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements and accompanying notes are followed by a section of required supplementary information. This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the Town's major governmental fund and includes a reconciliation between the reported activity of the revenues, expenditures and transfers for budgetary purposes (Schedule 1) and the activity as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (Exhibit D) for the General Fund.

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This section also includes a schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, a schedule of Town OPEB contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System, a schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability and a schedule of Town pension contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System.

Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information includes combining financial statements for the non-major governmental funds.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position

Net position of the Town of Warner as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current assets	\$ 3,574,562	\$ 3,226,333
Capital assets	<u>11,741,715</u>	<u>11,885,027</u>
Total assets	<u>15,316,277</u>	<u>15,111,360</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>390,287</u>	<u>448,600</u>
Long-term liabilities	4,007,503	4,637,807
Other liabilities	<u>496,332</u>	<u>300,469</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,503,835</u>	<u>4,938,276</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>489,985</u>	<u>141,688</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	9,142,648	9,096,106
Restricted	551,788	468,530
Unrestricted	<u>1,018,308</u>	<u>915,360</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 10,712,744</u>	<u>\$ 10,479,996</u>

The largest portion of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, and equipment less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves generally cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. For the Town of Warner, those restrictions include those related to non-expendable trust funds, capital projects, and the unexpended balance of restricted donations.

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Statement of Activities

The Town's net position increased by \$232,748 during the current year. Total revenues of \$3,956,812 exceeded expenses of \$3,724,064.

Changes in net position for the years ending December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 52,766	\$ 24,701
Operating grants and contributions	136,613	227,985
General revenues:		
Property and other taxes	2,627,319	3,068,799
Licenses and permits	629,477	601,047
Grants and contributions	217,350	185,376
Interest and investment earnings	37,301	33,466
Miscellaneous	<u>241,391</u>	<u>137,944</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,942,217</u>	<u>4,279,318</u>
Expenses		
General government	830,404	869,416
Public safety	986,619	1,064,731
Highways and streets	1,287,140	1,355,288
Sanitation	241,916	257,088
Health and welfare	37,411	15,744
Culture and recreation	247,460	265,767
Conservation	16,175	8,456
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>76,939</u>	<u>101,646</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,724,064</u>	<u>3,938,136</u>
Increase in net position before gain on disposal of capital assets	218,153	341,182
Gain on disposal of capital assets	<u>14,595</u>	<u> </u>
Change in net position	232,748	341,182
Net position, beginning of year	<u>10,479,996</u>	<u>10,138,814</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 10,712,744</u>	<u>\$ 10,479,996</u>

Property and other taxes brought in \$2,627,319 in revenues. Licenses and permits generated \$629,477 in revenues. Other revenues consisted of charges for services, grants, contributions, interest and investment earnings, and miscellaneous revenues. Total revenues recognized during the year ended December 31, 2021 decreased from the previous year by \$337,101 or 7.88%.

The Town's expenses cover a range of services. The largest expenses were for highways and streets (34.56%), public safety (26.49%), and general government (22.30%), which accounted for 83.35% of total expenses. Total expenses recognized during the year ended December 31, 2021 decreased from the previous year by \$214,072 or 5.44%.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, the General Fund had a total fund balance of \$2,647,316. A detail of the fund balance components at year end are detailed on pages 29-30 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

The General Fund balance increased \$202,276 from December 31, 2020. A decrease in fund balance was anticipated as the Town applied \$277,525 of its unassigned fund balance to reduce taxes and an additional \$10,000 was voted to be used from fund balance to offset approved appropriations at the 2021 annual Town meeting. However, the actual revenues exceeded the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were less than the appropriations resulting in an increase in fund balance.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

The total fund balance of \$474,934 in the nonmajor governmental funds is designated for the purposes of the individually established funds. The largest portion of this represents the balance in the Permanent Funds (\$237,141 or 49.93%), Chandler Reservation Fund (\$144,222 or 30.37%) and the Conservation Commission Fund (\$48,765 or 10.27%). The total fund balance in the other governmental funds increased by \$26,500 or 5.91% from December 31, 2020.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Budgetary information for the major governmental fund (the General Fund) is included in the Required Supplementary Information section.

The original estimated revenues increased by \$3,262, representing unanticipated ARPA funds of \$152,847 reduced by unspent ARPA funds of \$149,585 carried forward to 2022. Actual revenues and other financing sources on the budgetary basis were lower than the budgeted amount by \$12,969 or 0.33%.

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The original appropriations decreased by \$17,755 representing unanticipated revenue of \$152,847 reduced by approved appropriations of \$170,602 carried forward to 2022. During the year, the Town under expended its budget by \$111,741 or 2.67%. Demonstrating fiscal restraint, town officials were able to manage the town's business under budget. The key areas of savings resulted within public safety and highways and streets.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Capital Assets

The Town considers a capital asset to be an asset whose costs exceeds \$10,000 and has a useful life of greater than (1) year. Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the course of their useful life.

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2021 amounts to \$17,329,120. Accumulated depreciation amounts to \$5,587,405, leaving a net book value of \$11,741,715. This investment in capital assets includes equipment and real property.

See Note 4 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for a summary of all capital assets.

Long-Term Obligations

At December 31, 2021, the Town of Warner had three outstanding notes payable on the fire station, fire truck, and solar array for a combined total of \$2,557,258 and a capital lease payable on the highway grader for \$41,809.

Long-term obligations at year end also include the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability. As of December 31, 2021, the Town's net pension liability is \$1,383,357 and the Town's net OPEB liability is \$101,624.

Additional information on the Town's long-term obligations can be found in Notes 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Selectboard and Budget Committee have continued to work together to keep the Town portion of the tax rate at constant levels while maintaining and improving the quality of Town services. This has been done with a combination of responsible budgeting, securing federal and state grant opportunities for projects and utilizing unassigned general funds to apply toward mitigating the town tax rate.

The Planning Board continues to annually update the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) so that the Selectboard and Budget Committee can engage in prudent planning for future capital needs and explore financing alternatives to purchasing 'big-ticket' equipment, such as leasing programs.

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The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) coordinates with local business organizations, state agencies and the Regional Planning Commission to effectively promote Warner as a strong, viable community in which businesses can expand and prosper. The addition of Warner Public Market offers fresh local produce, dairy, meat and groceries alongside sustainably sourced household goods, an herbal apothecary and handmade art and craft. Warner Connects and MainStreet Warner, Inc., provide food and goods to residents. The expansion of an addition to MadgeTech, Inc. demonstrates the potential vitality of high-tech commercial development in Warner. Exit 9 businesses are growing with a new retail space with a Dunkin' Donuts. Three new restaurants opened in 2021: Café One East, The Kitchen, and Reeds North all located in the Warner Village District, convenient for foot traffic and visitors to town.

The Selectboard with assistance from other Town committees and dedicated volunteers, will continue to improve the economic and job potential for the citizens of Warner while preserving the special quality of life enjoyed by all who call Warner 'Home.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all of Warner citizens, taxpayers, and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Warner, Selectman's Office, P.O. Box 265, Warner, NH 03278.

Balance Sheet General Fund Assets & Liabilities

As of December 31, 2022

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		<u>ASSETS</u>	
CASH:			
Sugar River -	Municipal Account	\$	3,434,656.71
	Payroll Account	\$	31,645.18
	Highway Construction		
	Account	\$	2,004,584.74
	Town Clerk Account	\$	2,030.52
	ARPA Funds	\$	207,951.79
	Solar Array	\$	<u>37,311.55</u>
TOTAL CASH:		\$	<u>5,718,180.49</u>
OTHER ASSETS:			
	Uncollected Taxes	\$	382,489.45
	Unredeemed Taxes	\$	129,154.55
	Allowance for uncollectable taxes	\$	20,000.00
	Accounts Receivable	\$	34,498.60
	Due to/From Other Funds	\$	<u>6,110.32</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS:		\$	<u>572,525.92</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$	<u>6,290,433.41</u>
		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN:			
	Accounts Payable	\$	142,973.80
	Accrued Payroll	\$	15,948.19
	Health Insurance Surplus Payable	\$	9,323.14
	Due to/From Capital Projects Fund	\$	10,434.78
	Due to/From Escrow	\$	-
	Other Liabilities	\$	174,262.45
	School District-Tax Payable	\$	<u>1,601,179.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	<u>1,954,121.58</u>
FUND BALANCE - 12/31/22			
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	4,278,181.83
	Committed Fund Balance	\$	36,850.00
	Assigned Fund Balance	\$	21,280.00
	Assigned for Encumbrances	\$	-
Total Fund Balance Accounts:		\$	<u>4,336,311.83</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance:		\$	<u>6,290,433.41</u>

*Note: The financial reports for 2022 are unaudited.
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Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness

As of December 31, 2022

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<i>Authorized Debt:</i>	<i>Issued Date</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Original Loan Amount</i>
Caterpillar Financial - Hwy Grader	10/20/2016	9/1/2023	\$ 280,200.00
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust - Fire Truck	9/23/2010	9/1/2025	\$ 376,000.00
CDFA - Solar Array	6/22/2017	3/30/2030	\$ 250,000.00
Sugar River Bank - Fire Station (refinanced in 2021)	2/1/21	8/1/38	\$2,316,691.05
Sugar River Bank - Highway Construction Project	4/15/22	7/15/32	\$2,615,000.00
<i>Amended: 2/14/2022</i>			

<i>Authorized Debt:</i>	<i>Notes Outstanding Balance 1/1/2022</i>	<i>Principal Payments 2022</i>	<i>Notes Outstanding Balance 12/31/22</i>
Caterpillar Financial - Hwy Grader	\$ 42,750.28	\$ 42,750.28	\$ -
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust - Fire Truck	\$ 140,972.64	\$ 27,764.05	\$ 113,208.59
CDFA - Solar Array	\$ 198,288.81	\$ 19,913.85	\$ 178,374.96
Sugar River Bank - Fire Station	\$ 2,366,963.05	\$ 105,017.37	\$ 2,261,945.68
Sugar River Bank - Highway Construction Project	\$ 2,615,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,615,000.00
	\$ 5,363,974.78	\$ 195,445.55	\$ 5,168,529.23

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Assessing Department Report

My name is Elizabeth Labbe and I've been serving as Warner's Assessing Clerk since April 2022. It has been a whirlwind of learning for the last nine months. I've enjoyed more than 50 hours of state training and so much help and guidance from our previous Assessing Clerks. A very big thank you for all of the support I receive from Town Hall employees and the patience residents have given me during this transition! I'm thrilled to be here and look forward to the coming year.

2023 will bring a revamp of our physical property files – this will be an extensive project. The project will include updating all our current use files and exemptions/credits. We are also planning to get each of the individual tax maps completely updated this year. These projects will put us in a great position as we gear up for our 2025 town-wide revaluation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

*Elizabeth Labbe, She/Her
Assessing Clerk*



Summary of Inventory Valuation

As of December 31, 2022

<u>Value of Land Only</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Current Use	23,477.36	\$1,886,880.00	
Preservation Easement	0.28	5,084.00	
Residential	3,435.35	83,159,430.00	
Commercial	<u>367.63</u>	<u>6,078,650.00</u>	
Total Of Taxable Land	27,280.98		\$91,130,044.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	6,823.47	\$11,033,750.00	
<u>Value of Buildings Only</u>			
Residential		\$190,672,330.00	
Manufactured Housing		2,850,910.00	
Commercial		36,157,511.00	
Preservation Easement		<u>53,856.00</u>	
Total Of Taxable Buildings			\$229,734,607.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$19,291,039.00	
 			 \$8,746,400.00
Total Value Before Exemptions			\$329,611,051.00
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			<u>- 3,262,437.00</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed			\$326,348,614.00

WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

<u>Value of Land Only</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Current Use	28.22	\$3,550.00	
Residential	232.71	11,706,250.00	
Commercial	<u>22.17</u>	<u>3,956,690.00</u>	
Total Of Taxable Land	283.10		\$15,666,490.00
<u>Value of Buildings Only</u>			
Residential		\$27,031,280.00	
Manufactured Housing		25,600.00	
Commercial		<u>20,656,330.00</u>	
Total Of Taxable Buildings			\$47,713,210.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$6,361,130	
 			 \$1,841,400.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions			\$65,221,100.00
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			<u>-579,380.00</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed			\$64,641,720.00

Schedule of Town Property

As of December 31, 2022

<u>Town Hall Land & Buildings (Map 31 Lot 55)</u>	\$ 2,734,579.00
-Furniture & Equipment	
<u>Covered Bridges</u>	
-Dalton	285,000.00
-Waterloo	245,000.00
<u>Library Land & Building (Map 31 Lot 1)</u>	2,705,570.00
-Furniture & Equipment	
<u>Police Facility Land & Buildings (Map 14 Lot 6)</u>	1,569,075.00
-Vehicles & Furniture & Equipment	
<u>Fire Department Land & Buildings</u>	
(Map 34 Lot 15, Map 31 Lot 29)	2,339,170.00
-Vehicles & Equipment	1,456,262.00
<u>Transfer Station Buildings (Map 17 Lot 3-6)</u>	640,964.00
-Transfer Station Equipment	
<u>Highway Department Land & Buildings (Map 17 Lot 3-6)</u>	1,034,280.00
-Equipment	2,185,000.00
-Materials & Supplies	326,000.00
Gravel Pit (Map 3 Lot 23)	65,850.00
<u>Parks, Commons & Playgrounds</u>	
(Map 10 Lot 38 & Map 7 Lot 9)	300,780.00
-Buildings & Equipment	138,700.00
-Silver Lake Reservoir & Lands & Building	77,210.00
<u>Chandler Reservation & Ski Tow Area</u>	
(Map 9 Lots 9, 12, 23, 24, 25 & Map 13 Lot 6)	1,286,710.00
<u>Warner Community Center (Map 32 Lot 30)</u>	1,555,264.00
TOTAL:	\$ 18,945,414.00

Schedule of Town Property

As of December 31, 2022

All Land & Buildings Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds or Gifts

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<u>Map & Lot Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Value</u>
01-003	Wiggin Trace	\$84,000.00
02-005	Dummer Road	\$26,000.00
03-016-1	Route 103	\$12,800.00
03-016-2	Route 103	\$8,750.00
03-103	Poverty Plains Road	\$18,980.00
03-105	Poverty Plains Road	\$13,050.00
07-001	Interstate 89	\$15,000.00
07-002	Interstate 89	\$1,080.00
07-044	Tom's Pond Lane	\$1,200.00
07-045	Route 103	\$2,400.00
07-046	Tom's Pond Lane	\$1,700.00
07-047	Interstate 89	\$4,050.00
07-048	Interstate 89	\$1,600.00
07-049	Interstate 89	\$1,100.00
07-050	Warner River	\$1,700.00
07-052	Interstate 89	\$8,560.00
07-053	Interstate 89	\$55,950.00
09-002	Bean Road	\$46,500.00
09-006-1	Mink Hill Lane	\$54,500.00
12-033	Howe Lane	\$65,500.00
13-003-8	Bean Road	\$46,850.00
14-017	North Road	\$88,440.00
14-046-1	Bartlett Loop	\$51,650.00
16-004	Route 103 West	\$17,070.00
16-024	Route 103 West	\$14,170.00
16-046	Melvin Mills	\$4,950.00
17-015	Route 103 West	\$6,860.00
17-017	Route 103 West	\$150.00
17-034	Route 103	\$21,340.00
18-002	Interstate 89	\$257,000.00
18-005	North Road	\$53,650.00
18-006	North Road	\$85,600.00
18-009	North Road	\$39,000.00
18-012	North Road	\$64,500.00
18-015	North Road	\$457,180.00

Schedule of Town Property (cont.)

As of December 31, 2022

All Land & Buildings Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds or Gifts

<u>Map & Lot Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Value</u>
18-016	North Road	\$61,250.00
19-037	Couchtown Road	\$34,320.00
21-009	Gore Road	\$50,250.00
22-014	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$1,580.00
22-016	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$1,490.00
22-017	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$1,350.00
28-002	Tom's Pond Lane	\$4,720.00
28-004-1	Tom's Pond Lane	\$13,200.00
29-001	East Main Street	\$68,070.00
30-018	Denny Hill Road	\$1,830.00
31-031	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$60,300.00
31-063-3	Pumpkin Hill Road	\$26,490.00
32-014	Cemetery Lane	\$3,330.00
32-018	Cemetery Lane (Parking Lot)	\$45,800.00
32-019	Cemetery Lane (Parking Lot)	\$6,670.00
34-034	Chemical Lane	\$29,700.00
Total Value		<u>\$2,043,180.00</u>

Town of Warner Tax Rate

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Municipal Rate per Thousand	\$9.67	\$8.50	\$9.29
County Rate per Thousand	\$2.44	\$2.43	\$2.56
Local School Rate per Thousand	\$14.24	\$13.57	\$15.27
State School Rate per Thousand	<u>\$2.05</u>	<u>\$1.81</u>	<u>\$1.30</u>
Total Rate per Thousand	\$28.40	\$26.31	\$28.42
Precinct Tax per Thousand	\$2.34	\$2.72	\$2.86

Town Clerk's Report

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Elections for Town Officials, Zoning, and School Budget will be Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Town Meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 at 6:00 PM where you can vote on the Operating Budget and Warrant Articles, both of which are located in the auditorium within the Town Hall.

General motor vehicle registration information to remember:

- a photo ID is required when transacting motor vehicle business
- the original registration is required when transferring plates
- motor vehicle information is not public information, therefore the registration or proof of ownership is required when conducting a transaction
- when conducting a renewal for someone other than yourself, the vehicle information must be provided
- temporary plates are obtained at any New Hampshire State DMV location
- vehicle renewals and inspections may be completed up to 4 months early with a current registration
- when registering a non-titled vehicle, a Bill of Sale and one of the following are needed:
 - 1.) copy or original title
 - 2.) copy or original of the previous owner's New Hampshire registration
 - 3.) "Verification of Vehicle Number" form, available at the Town Clerk's Office or the State DMV website

State law requires that all dogs 4 months or older must be licensed on or before April 30th every year. An up-to-date rabies vaccination is required. Penalties, fines or a court summons may result if licensing is late or ignored. Please contact the office if you no longer have your pet.

The "Town Clerk" page also offers residents the option to renew Registrations, Dog Licenses (if rabies are up-to-date) and to request a Certificate for a Birth, Marriage or Death that occurred anywhere in New Hampshire. Payments online may be made using a credit/debit card or by ACH.

The Town Clerk's Office registers boats, off-highway road vehicles, snowmobiles, and can process fishing and hunting licenses. A Notary Public service is also available.

Our office hours are Monday and Thursday 8pm – 4pm, Tuesday 8pm – 6pm, and Wednesday 9pm – 4pm. Tuesday nights, please use the door located on the side of the building as the main entrance to our office. Please do not hesitate to call the office at (603) 456-2298 ext 5 or 6, or email at townclerk@warnernh.gov when you have questions or need information. The fax number is (603) 456-2297. Darcie and I look forward to helping you throughout the year. It is a pleasure to work for the residents of Warner.

Town Clerk's Report (cont.)

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$595,122.43
	Boat Permit Fees	1,147.40
	Off Highway Road Vehicle Permit Fees	4,854.00
		<u>\$601,123.83</u>
3290	Dog Licenses	\$4,846.00
	Dog Fines	75.00
	Dog Penalties	146.00
	Marriage Application	750.00
	UCC	1,020.00
	Vital Record Searches	2,355.00
	Candidacy Filing	8.00
	On Line Fee (Vital, Dog)	225.20
	On Line Fee (Motor Vehicle)	542.00
	Miscellaneous License, Permits, Fees	411.11
	Hunting and Fishing Licenses	795.50
		<u>\$11,173.81</u>
	MV Refund	(431.00)
	TOTAL:	<u>\$611,866.64</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele L Courser

Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report

Year Ending December 31, 2022

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	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Years
Debits			
Uncollected Taxes			
Beginning of Year	2022	2021	2020...
Property Taxes		\$381,489.02	
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			\$1,301.36
Excavation Tax			
Interest			
Penalties			
Other Charges		35.00	
Property Tax Credits		(12,032.99)	
Taxes Committed This Year			
Property Taxes	\$9,366,934.44		
Land Use Change Tax		27,200.00	
Yield Taxes	3,899.75	181,182.84	
Excavation Tax		197.82	
Other Charges			
Overpayment			
Property Taxes	517.24		
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Refund Interest/Penalties			
Interest			
Collected Interest	2,342.47	12,301.56	99.47
Penalties			
Lien Costs		1,649.50	
Total Debits	\$9,373,693.90	\$592,022.75	\$1,400.83

Tax Collector's Report (cont.)

Year Ending December 31, 2022

Credits	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Years
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	2022	2021	2020...
Property Taxes	\$8,887,334.19	\$248,120.73	
Land Use Change Tax		27,200.00	
Yield Taxes	3,899.75	23,033.24	\$1,301.36
Interest	2,324.90	12,301.56	99.47
Penalties			
Excavation Tax		197.82	
Conversion to Lien		122,598.80	
Cost not Liened		386.00	
Other Charges		35.00	
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	27,948.18		
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes		158,149.60	
Excavation Tax			
Interest	17.57		
Inventory Penalties			
Other Charges			
Current Levy Deeded	37.80		
Uncollected Taxes End of Year			
Property Taxes	458,957.88		
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Excavation Tax			
Penalties & Fees			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(6,826.37)		
Total Credits	\$9,373,693.90	\$592,022.75	\$1,400.83

Tax Collector's Report (cont.)

Year Ending December 31, 2022

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Debits	Last Year's Levy		Prior Years
	2021	2020	2019...
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance at Beginning of Year		\$70,642.50	\$58,859.99
Liens Executed During Year	\$127,983.26		
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	2,377.21	5,332.26	6,340.33
Total Debits	\$130,360.47	\$75,974.76	\$65,200.32
Credits Remittance to Treasurer:			
Redemption	\$57,537.33	\$27,558.14	\$25,300.19
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	2,377.21	5,332.26	6,066.33
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Liens Deeded to Municipality	95.24	97.69	220.85
Balance End of Year	70,350.69	42,986.67	33,612.95
Total Credits	\$130,360.47	\$75,974.76	\$65,200.32

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis? (RSA 76:15a) **Yes**

List of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 2022

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	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>Prior</i>
Map 02 Lot 009	\$3,938.86	\$4,241.54	
Map 03 Lot 013	2,507.23	304.12	
Map 04 Lot 002	3,936.85	1,395.76	
Map 07 Lot 003	3,126.62		
Map 07 Lot 013	2,162.45	2,326.74	
Map 08 Lot 021	10,160.97		
Map 09 Lot 017	1,998.35	2,151.28	
Map 10 Lot 045	3,024.69	3,249.86	
Map 14 Lot 016	337.18		
Map 16 Lot 006-1	8,412.42	9,048.77	3,929.99
Map 16 Lot 025	1,712.69	1,843.09	
Map 16 Lot 041	4,240.81	4,565.77	
Map 22 Lot 005	79.95	69.95	
Map 25 Lot 011	2,942.59		
Map 26 Lot 003	3,427.95		
Map 30 Lot 010	10,171.32	10,783.45	29,178.89
Map 31 Lot 064	3,989.97	651.29	
Map 32 Lot 010A	2,830.70	949.21	
Map 32 Lot 011	260.30		
on-03-024-22PLE		675.12	
on-03-024-3PLE		50.73	
on-03-024-44PLE	360.08	215.79	
on-03-024-54PLE	433.56	464.20	504.07
on-32-010A	295.15		
Totals	\$70,350.69	\$42,986.67	\$33,612.95

Report of the Town Treasurer

Statement of Income

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	Municipal \$2,059,039.82	Payroll \$45,515.60	Town Clerk \$1478.40
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Selectboard

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,466.12
Business Licenses, Permits, and Filing Fees	-
Building Permits	9,594.83
Shared Revenue	-
Federal Grants & Reimbursements	-
Meals & Room Tax	258,954.77
Highway Block Grant	128,832.52
Housing & Comm devlp-CDBG Grants	
State and Federal Forest Land Reimb.	2,737.91
Other Grants (EM, Hwy, TS, CC, Cops...)	114,235.45
Income from Departments	76,294.73
Sale of Town Property	290,800.00
Interest on Investments	540.60
Rent of Town Property	77,890.00
Misc. Revenue	-
Trust and Agency Funds	-
Solar Array State Grants & Reimbursements	-
Franchise fees	18,816.62
ARPA Grant Funds	-
Insurance Dividends & reimbursements	<u>19,221.14</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS - BOARD OF SELECTMEN **\$ 1,014,384.69**

Town Clerk

Motor Vehicle, Boat & OHRV Permit Fees	601,123.83
Other Agencies, Permits, and Fees	11,173.81
Motor Vehicle return / Rebate	-431.00
Miscellaneous Revenue (including NSF Fees)	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS - TOWN CLERK **\$ 611,866.64**

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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Tax Collector

2022 Property Tax	8,887,334.19
2022 Property Tax Interest	14,545.82
Property Tax - Prior Years	369,456.03
Property Tax Interest - Prior Years	-
2022 Land Use Change Tax	-
2022 Land Use Change Tax Interest	-
Land Use Change Tax - Prior Years	-
Land Use Change Tax Interest	-
2022 Timber Tax	9,016.62
Timber Tax - Prior Years	19,217.73
Timber Tax Interest	180.11
Property Tax Redemption	110,395.66
Property Tax Redemption Interest	13,775.80
Gravel Pit Excavation Tax	197.82
Gravel Pit Excavation Tax Interest	-
Fees, Tax Lien	1,649.50
NSF Fees	<u>35.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS - TAX COLLECTOR **\$ 9,425,804.28**

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$11,052,055.61**

EXPENDITURES **\$11,015,161.57**

Deposited to Conservation Commission **\$27,200.00**

BANK STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

Distributed as follows: Sugar River Bank

Municipal	Payroll	Town Clerk
\$3,434,656.71	\$31,645.18	\$2030.52

Note: The financial reports for 2022 had not been audited at the time the Town Report went to press. This information is subject to change, due to errors and omissions.

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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BEAUTIFICATION FUND

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$5,800.32
Interest Earned	14.34
Deposits	-
Expenses	<u>300.00</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$5,514.66

CHANDLER RESERVATION ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$103,294.37
Interest Earned	429.78
Deposits	-
Expenses	<u>-</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$103,724.15

CHANDLER RESERVATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$40,927.86
Interest Earned	97.39
Deposits	-
Expenses	<u>6,172.96</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$34,852.29

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$48,187.81
Interest Earned	167.47
Deposits	52,370.00
Expenses	<u>5,170.00</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$95,555.28

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$3,867.57
Interest Earned	9.68
Deposits	-
Expenses	<u>-</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$3,877.25

NORTH ROAD TOWN FOREST

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$8,473.63
Interest Earned	21.21
Deposits	-
Expenses	<u>-</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$8,494.84

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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PLANNING BOARD FEES ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$576.85
Interest Earned	1.44
Deposits	-
Expenses	-
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$578.29

PARKS & RECREATION ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$4,224.86
Interest Earned	12.39
Deposits	2,600.00
Expenses	488.34
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$6,348.91

Fire Department building

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$11,565.18
Interest Earned	28.95
Deposits	-
Expenses	-
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$11,594.13

Old Fire Station Rental Escrow

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$1,504.60
Interest Earned	2.75
Deposits	-
Expenses	-
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$1,507.35

Grant Funds / ARPA

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$149,584.80
Interest Earned	-
Deposits	152,846.89
Expenses	94,479.90
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	\$207,951.79

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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Comet LLC.

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$75.19
Interest Earned	2.15
Deposits	2,500.00
Expenses	-
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	<u>\$2,577.34</u>

Eversource Energy / Solar

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$33,637.20
Interest Earned	110.77
Deposits	37,200.78
Expenses	33,637.20
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	<u>\$37,311.55</u>

Madgetech Escrow

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2022	\$771.85
Interest Earned	1.94
Deposits	-
Expenses	-
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	<u>\$773.79</u>

Road Construction Project Account

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, December 23, 2022	\$2,004,461.18
Interest Earned	123.56
Deposits	-
Expenses	-
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2022	<u>\$2,004,584.74</u>

Nancy Sibley Wilkins Trust Fund

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Beginning Value as of January 1, 2022	\$ 148,360.80
Contributions	0.00
Net Investment Return	(-\$24,696.00)
Grant Distributions & Program Expenses	(\$3,200.00)
Foundation Fees	<u>(\$1,360.41)</u>
Ending Value as of September 30, 2022	\$ 126,103.77

The Nancy Sibley Wilkins – Town of Warner Trust Fund was established under the will of Nancy Sibley Wilkins to benefit the townspeople of Warner through causes found worthy by a board of four trustees. The fund endowment (\$100,000.00) is managed by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Distributions of income are by grants made from time to time as determined by the trustees in response to grant and loan applications. In awarding grants, the trustees will give priority consideration to projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations or public agencies for which grants will:

- Provide seed money, bridge funding, capital improvements or leverage for grantees to become more effective or to expand services or resources in order to confer greater general benefit to the people of Warner.
- Support exemplary programs where modest amounts available will have the greatest impact.
- Enable grantees to build diverse sources of support without dependence upon regular grants from the trust.

Applications for grants from the trust may be submitted to any of the trustees or the Selectboard's office at any time.

2022 Grant Distribution:

1. \$1,500.00 Warner Historical Society for Tory Hill Authors' Series
2. \$1,200.00 Main Street Warner, Inc. for books for Simond's School students
3. \$ 500.00 Warner Historical Society to promote the Kearsarge Maple Weekend

Respectfully submitted,

*Ray Martin, Chair and Town Moderator, Carol Piroso, Advisory Committee Member from the
United Church of Warner,
Martha Thoits, Advisory Committee Member and Member at Large*

Report of the Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds

for year ending December 31, 2022

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John Foster Fund

Balance on-hand January 1, 2022 :	\$	0.00	
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds-Warner:		142.07	
Paid out during year 2022:			
Assistance granted:		-142.07	
Pillsbury Free Library:		0.00	
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Balance in Fund December 31, 2022:	\$		0.00

Walter S. Currier Fund:

Balance on-hand January 1, 2022:	\$	10,757.52	
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds-Warner:		97.26	
Received from Checking-Account (interest):		4.06	
Received from Certificate-of-Deposit (interest):		22.91	
Paid-out for assistance during year 2022:		-57.93	
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Balance in Fund December 31, 2021:	\$		10,823.82

Summary of Accounts & Balances, December 31, 2022:

Sugar River Bank (Checking-Account)	\$	3,311.43	
Sugar River Bank (Certificate of Deposit)		7,512.39	
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			\$ 10,823.82
John Foster Fund Balance:	\$	0.00	
Walter S. Currier Fund Balance:		10,823.82	
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	\$		10,823.82

Respectfully submitted,

*Jere Henley, Treasurer
Penny Courser
Janice Cutting*

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds Capital Reserves

As of December 31, 2022

Created	Capital & Expendable Funds	January 1, 2022	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawn	December 31, 2022
July 1, 2008	Bridge Repair / Replace	\$95,266.86	\$125,000.00	\$246.33	\$3,365.50	\$217,147.69
March 13, 2002	Cemetery ETF	6,185.06	-	15.48	-	6,200.54
March 1, 2015	DPW Facility Improvements	192,432.79	-	481.47	-	192,914.26
July 12, 2010	Dry Hydrants	17,516.63	-	43.84	-	17,560.47
March 13, 2013	Employee Health Insurance ETF	4,461.51	15,000.00	5.07	18,433.43	1,033.15
November 1, 2000	Fire / Rescue Vehicles	195,755.71	96,678.00	501.00	-	292,934.71
January 1, 2011	Firefighters Equipment	27,868.80	30,800.00	63.70	16,724.00	42,008.50
March 8, 2000	Forest Fire ETF	47,705.00	-	119.40	-	47,824.40
December 1, 1994	Highway Equipment	150,932.13	165,000.00	396.68	-	316,328.81
December 1, 2006	Highway Road Construction	357,990.13	-	888.65	8,479.43	350,399.35
March 1, 2017	Infrastructure Matching Funds	5,072.51	-	12.70	-	5,085.21
December 9, 2020	Kearsarge Mountain Alternate Rte.	12,010.94	-	30.06	-	12,041.00
March 1, 2015	Library Building	69,811.96	93,000.00	157.46	91,949.94	71,019.48
December 1, 1972	New Waterloo Equipment	11,728.30	-	29.35	-	11,757.65
December 1, 2003	Old Fire Building Renovation	7,157.59	-	17.92	-	7,175.51
December 9, 2020	Parks & Recreation	3,621.73	108,445.00	15.08	107,445.75	4,636.06
July 7, 2009	Police Vehicles	49,434.98	15,000.00	102.13	10,493.00	54,044.11
December 1, 2001	Property Revaluation	38,092.66	21,400.00	97.98	-	59,590.64
March 1, 2016	Records Preservation	13,761.77	20,000.00	34.04	10,220.00	23,575.81
September 1, 2012	Rosa Valpey Memorial	3,468.53	-	8.68	-	3,477.21
July 1, 2008	Town Hall Improvements	20,910.63	-	52.33	-	20,962.96
July 11, 2011	Transfer Station Equipment	65,889.98	-	151.93	10,650.00	55,391.91
December 15, 2021	Transfer Station Facility Project	30,002.46	80,000.00	79.03	9,997.98	100,083.51
December 9, 2020	Transportation Improvement Grant	20,021.40	-	50.11	-	20,071.51
N/A	William D. Davis Savings	7,891.11	-	19.01	651.73	7,258.39
	Totals	\$1,454,991.17	\$770,323.00	\$3,619.43	\$288,410.76	\$1,940,522.84

2022 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds

As of December 31, 2022

FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	GAIN / LOSS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	PAID OUT & FEES	ENDING BALANCE	
Town Cemeteries									
Coal Hearth Cemetery	801.55	0.00	79.29	880.84	49.76	24.75	5.93	68.58	949.42
Schoodac Cemetery	7,292.56	0.00	721.40	8,013.96	452.81	225.15	53.95	624.01	8,637.97
Davisville Cemetery	11,323.62	0.00	1,120.16	12,443.78	696.88	349.43	83.73	962.58	13,406.36
Lower Warner Cemetery	2,275.23	0.00	225.07	2,500.30	141.28	70.25	16.83	194.70	2,695.00
Waterloo Cemetery	1,171.29	0.00	115.87	1,287.16	69.89	36.08	8.65	97.32	1,384.48
Tory Hill Cemetery	1,045.73	0.00	103.45	1,149.18	64.94	32.29	7.74	89.49	1,238.67
Melvin Mills Cemetery	247.67	0.00	24.50	272.17	17.45	7.71	1.85	23.31	295.48
New Waterloo Cemetery	29,334.41	1,400.00	2,901.82	33,636.23	1,794.76	904.91	216.84	2,482.83	36,119.06
Pine Grove Cemetery	58,822.62	(50.00)	5,818.86	64,591.48	14,143.83	2,121.04	458.26	15,806.61	80,398.09
TOTAL TOWN CEMETERIES	112,314.68	1,350.00	11,110.42	124,775.10	17,431.60	3,771.61	853.78	20,349.43	145,124.53
Almoners of the Foster Currier Funds									
Currier, Walter S.	4,316.14	0.00	426.96	4,743.10	83.91	127.91	114.56	97.26	4,840.36
Foster, John (1)	6,305.23	0.00	623.73	6,928.96	122.23	186.84	167.00	142.07	7,071.03
TOTAL FOSTER CURRIER FUND	10,621.37	-	1,050.69	11,672.06	206.14	314.75	281.56	239.33	11,911.39
December 1, 2001	Property Revaluation	38,092.66	21,400.00	97.98	-	59,590.64			
March 1, 2016	Records Preservation	13,761.77	20,000.00	34.04	10,220.00	23,575.81			
September 1, 2012	Rosa Valpey Memorial	3,468.53	-	8.68	-	3,477.21			
July 1, 2008	Town Hall Improvements	20,910.63	-	52.33	-	20,962.96			
July 11, 2011	Transfer Station Equipment	65,889.98	-	151.93	10,650.00	55,391.91			
December 15, 2021	Transfer Station Facility Project	30,002.46	80,000.00	79.03	9,997.98	100,083.51			
December 9, 2020	Transportation Improvement Grant	20,021.40	-	50.11	-	20,071.51			
N/A	William D. Davis Savings	7,891.11	-	19.01	651.73	7,258.39			
	Totals	\$1,454,991.17	\$770,323	\$3,619.43	\$288,410.76	\$1,940,522.84			

2022 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2022

FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	GAIN / LOSS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	PAID OUT & FEES	ENDING BALANCE	
Library Funds									
Andrews, Alice G	1,233.17	0.00	121.99	1,355.16	23.99	36.55	32.75	27.79	1,382.95
Cheney, Perry H (2)	1,233.17	0.00	121.99	1,355.16	23.99	36.55	32.75	27.79	1,382.95
Foster, John (2)	3,699.49	0.00	365.96	4,065.45	71.93	109.63	98.20	83.36	4,148.81
Miner, Walter P	616.56	0.00	60.99	677.55	11.98	18.27	16.36	13.89	691.44
Mitchell, Lawrence	246.64	0.00	24.40	271.04	4.83	7.31	6.58	5.56	276.60
Subtotal	7,029.03	-	695.33	7,724.36	136.72	208.31	186.64	158.39	7,882.75
1/2 of Runels Fund income (2)	10,937.56	0.00	2,376.01	13,313.57	764.83	560.85	899.22	426.46	13,740.03
TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS	17,966.59	-	3,071.34	21,037.93	901.55	769.16	1,085.86	584.85	21,622.78
KRH School Funds									
Ancient School Fund	755.95	0.00	74.78	830.73	14.69	22.40	20.06	17.03	847.76
Clough, Zora	3,699.49	0.00	365.96	4,065.45	71.93	109.63	98.20	83.36	4,148.81
Flanders, Phoebe	1,054.34	0.00	104.30	1,158.64	20.50	31.25	27.99	23.76	1,182.40
Thompson, Arthur	9,586.69	0.00	948.34	10,535.03	186.39	284.10	254.47	216.02	10,751.05
Subtotal	15,096.47	-	1,493.38	16,589.85	293.51	447.38	400.72	340.17	16,930.02
1/2 of Runels Fund income (1)	10,937.56	0.00	2,376.01	13,313.57	764.84	560.85	899.23	426.46	13,740.03
TOTAL OF KRHS FUNDS	26,034.03	-	3,869.39	29,903.42	1,058.35	1,008.23	1,299.95	766.63	30,670.05

2022 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2022

FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	GAIN / LOSS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	PAID OUT & FEES	ENDING BALANCE	
Simonds School Funds									
Bartlett Trust Fund	46,075.07	0.00	4,557.84	50,632.91	32,496.53	2,284.04	547.32	34,233.25	84,866.16
TOTAL SIMONDS SCHOOL FUND	46,075.07	-	4,557.84	50,632.91	32,496.53	2,284.04	547.32	34,233.25	84,866.16
Scholarship Funds									
Warner Grange	4,932.67	0.00	487.95	5,420.62	4,626.07	277.87	66.59	4,837.35	10,257.97
Willis, Edward S	31,964.40	0.00	3,161.99	35,126.39	350.47	939.38	1,000.10	289.75	35,416.14
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	36,897.07	-	3,649.94	40,547.01	4,976.54	1,217.25	1,066.69	5,127.10	45,674.11
Miscellaneous Funds									
Chency, Perry H (1)	1,233.22	0.00	122.01	1,355.23	5,667.32	200.60	48.07	5,819.85	7,175.08
Neely, Robert S	12.35	0.00	1.22	13.57	445.23	13.30	3.19	455.34	468.91
Parsonage Fund	457.50	0.00	45.26	502.76	8.89	13.56	12.14	10.31	513.07
Public Land Fund	1,133.74	0.00	112.15	1,245.89	22.05	33.60	30.10	25.55	1,271.44
Tewksbury & Trumbull	739.88	0.00	73.19	813.07	3,961.22	136.66	32.75	4,065.13	4,878.20
Redington, Ida M Trust	16,684.37	0.00	1,650.45	18,334.82	(401.31)	473.34	113.43	(41.40)	18,293.42
TOTAL MISC. FUNDS	20,261.06	-	2,004.28	22,265.34	9,703.40	871.06	239.68	10,334.78	32,600.12

2022 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2022

FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	GAIN / LOSS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	PAID OUT & FEES	ENDING BALANCE	
Runels Fund - 1/2 to School, 1/2 to Library	42,392.00	0.00	4,193.51	46,585.51	(139.70)	1,228.25	294.32	794.23	47,379.74
Cap Gains & Income from Fidelity, 1211 sh Fidelity Puritan	11,404.29	0.00	0.00	11,404.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,404.29
TOTAL RUNELS FUND	53,796.29	-	4,193.51	57,989.80	(139.70)	1,228.25	294.32	794.23	58,784.03
Warner General Funds Trust									
New Waterloo Cem Maint	7,022.38	0.00	694.67	7,717.05	9,854.31	490.60	117.56	10,227.35	17,944.40
Davisville Cemetery Maint	1,412.77	0.00	139.75	1,552.52	1,712.92	90.86	21.77	1,782.01	3,334.53
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	8,435.15	-	834.42	9,269.57	11,567.23	581.46	139.33	12,009.36	21,278.93
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	332,401.31	1,350.00	34,341.83	368,093.14	78,201.64	12,045.81	5,808.49	84,438.96	452,532.10

Town Warrant
For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Warner, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs, you are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Warner Town Hall in said Warner, NH on Tuesday, the fourteenth (14) day of March next (2023) beginning at seven o'clock in the morning and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1** To choose Town officers for the ensuing year.
- Article 2** Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Warner Zoning Ordinance: adoption of the Groundwater Protection Ordinance by amending Articles II and III and adding new Article XI-B “Groundwater Protection District” and adoption of an accompanying map? Recommended by the planning board by a vote of 6-0.
- Article 3** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to Warner Zoning Ordinance Table 1 Use Regulations to acknowledge that it is a permissive ordinance: “Buildings, structures, or land shall be used as permitted by this ordinance. Any use NOT listed in this ordinance is prohibited”? Recommended by the planning board by a vote of 6-0.

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023, 6:00 PM

Article 04 Town Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,369,741 (Four million, three hundred sixty-nine thousand, seven hundred forty-one dollars) as the 2023 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 05 Warner Community Power

“To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Warner Community Power plan, to authorize the Selectboard to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Warner Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement to its members. The plan will be funded 100% through electric bills. No tax dollars will be used. At the time of launch, the plan will provide lower electricity rates than those of Eversource for residents, or it will not go forward. Individuals may leave the plan at any time before or after launch, after which re-enrollment becomes voluntary.” Tax Impact: None (Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0)

Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner The State of New Hampshire

Article 06 Petitioned Article

Petitioned Warrant Article to Cease investment in Sidewalk/multi-use path. Shall the Town vote to cease pursuit of development of sidewalk/multi-use path on route 103 and to reject funding pursuant to previously submitted grant application which requires matching taxpayer funding. Submitted by petition. (Not Recommended by Selectboard, 0-3)

Article 07 Fire & Rescue Vehicles

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 (One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard,3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 08 Fire Fighters Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,800 (Thirty-six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 09 Bridge Repair/Replacement

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 10 Highway Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 11 Transfer Station Facility

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Project Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner The State of New Hampshire

Article 12 Transfer Station Equipment

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 13 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$32,287 (Thirty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0), (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 14 Town Hall Improvements

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 15 Employees Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 (Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Employees Expendable Health Trust Fund? This fund is used to partially reimburse participating town employees for deductible health expenses. (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 16 Preservation of Town Records

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the Preservation of Town Records? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 17 Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0), (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner The State of New Hampshire

Article 18 Establish a Contingency Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0)

Article 19 Redoption of Optional Veterans Tax Credits

Shall the Town of Warner vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, previously adopted [2006 Adopted RSA 72:28, II Optional Veteran Credit \$500 (Article 18)], for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at \$500.00 per year. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Majority vote required).

Article 20 Redoption of All Veterans Tax Credits

Shall the Town of Warner vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, previously adopted for an All Veterans' Tax Credit, [2017 Adopted RSA 72:28-b All Veteran's Tax Credit \$500 (Article 23)], at \$500.00 per year. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0) (Majority vote required).

Article 21 Discontinue Old Fire Station Fund

To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Old Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 22 Business

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

Given under our hands and seal this 27 day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

*Warner Selectboard:
Samuel Bower, Chair
Christine Frost, Selectperson
Lois Shea, Selectperson*

Budget Committee

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We have all experienced the effects of inflation in 2022, and now continuing into 2023. With inflation hitting a 40 year high it has become a force to be reckoned with; in our personal lives, in business, and in the operation of town government. The increase in fuel cost to heat the municipal buildings, the increase in electric costs for all our operations, the increase in gas and diesel fuel for our highway trucks and police vehicles, the rising cost to fairly compensate the town's employees in a tight labor market, and rising supply costs for general government purchases are all a reflection of inflation in the US economy.

For the first time in my 20+ years on the Budget Committee we are ending the 2022 year with a very minimal surplus. With a \$3,677,016 budget this means we budgeted for year 2022 within a 1% variance.

Year 2023 is looking no different. As we review the operating budget, with a 18.84% increase over 2022, we feel the impact of inflation. From office supply budgets doubling, electric budgets increasing by over 50%, fire alarm monitoring increasing by over 100%, and highway fuel expenses being budgeted at an increase of 74% from 2022, inflation is a driving force in the budget process for 2023. The installation of a new phone system is resulting in a savings of over 33% compared to 2022 costs.

Analyzing the 18.84% operating budget increase reveals that decisions made in 2022 have a dramatic impact on 2023. Amortization of the \$2.6 million highway construction loan, with annual debt service of \$311,226, accounts for over 8% of the 18.84% increase in the operating budget. Inflation and critical needs make up the balance of the increase.

Like other employers, the Town of Warner is operating in a very tight labor market and is facing challenges to recruit and retain talented employees. While developing the 2023 budget, the Selectboard diligently focused on managing costs within each department. The development of a wage package reflects a 3% COLA, a 2% merit pool, and some enhancement was made to the employee health and dental benefit to bring this program in line with other nearby towns to ensure Warner's compensation and benefit plans are competitive.

The operating budget is only part one of the 2023 budget process, the capital budget is part two, and estimating revenue is part three. The capital budget is the sole responsibility of the Selectboard. The capital improvement program (CIP) is prepared by the Planning Board as a guideline by the departments for future capital considerations. The CIP is presented to the Selectboard for consideration in the development of the capital budget. The Selectboard focused on critical needs in the development of the capital budget for 2023, knowing the substantial increase in the operating budget, and the need to constrain the total budget in 2023. The capital budget for 2023 of \$529,911 reflects a substantial decrease of over 33% from the 2022 capital budget. A third significant component of the budget process is consideration of the estimated revenue for 2023. Historically, we have been conservative in estimating revenue, knowing that before the tax rate is set in October by the Selectboard there is the opportunity to revisit the estimated revenue with the benefit of nine months of actual revenue experience. The net result, the total amount to be raised by taxes, or municipal effort, reflects a 14.5% increase compared to 2022. Considering the

Budget Committee (cont.)

impact of inflation on the services provided by the Town of Warner, the Budget Committee feels this is a reasonable and realistic budget.

The Budget Committee wishes to thank the Town Department Heads and Administration for their support of the budget process. The introduction of the new financial reporting system, that was installed in 2022, made the budget process more comprehensive and as we learn to utilize the new financial reporting a more comprehensive budgeting process will be available to the departments, administration, and the budget committee in future years.

Regards,

Michael Cutting – Chairman

Christine Frost – Selectboard Representative Robert Blake – Vice Chairman

Ray Martin – Precinct Representative

Harold Blanchette Michelle Kendrick David Minton Richard Bixby



Emergency Management

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The Coronavirus Pandemic continued into 2022 modifying how we conduct Emergency Management activities. Utilizing Zoom allowed us to continue meetings and conference calls with the State and other organizations in receiving and disseminating updated information. The new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) made a world of difference in being able to function efficiently.

To prepare for an emergency, please consider the following:

- Are you signed up for “Warner Alerts”? This is your source for receiving items relating to emergencies. Items posted include road closures, downed power lines, water emergencies, and warming center information. Go to: warner.nh.us/Keep-In-Touch/ to sign up.
- Do you have a family emergency plan, 72 hours of food, water, and medicine available in the event of a disaster? For information, please go to ReadyNH.gov; or contact me. Additionally, this web site allows people to sign up for emergency alerts or download the app on your phone.

Last year, an Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) application was submitted to install cameras outside at the Emergency Operations Center (Fire Station) and to update the entry door into the administrative portion of the building. Due to staffing issues at the State, the grant was not approved until October 2022. Work will begin early next year to complete the project.

At the 2021 Town Meeting, the voters approved adding money to the established Kearsarge Mountain Road Alternate Route Capital Reserve Fund. In October 2022, a Request for Proposal was sent out to hire an engineering firm to conduct the Feasibility Study. The proposals were due in December. However, no proposals were submitted, so a new Request for Proposal will be sent out in early 2023. Stay tuned for more information.

Back in 2020, the State received a major statewide disaster declaration as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic. This declaration opens up mitigation funds for communities to submit applications for Hazard Mitigation projects. NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management requested applications for projects under this declaration. Working with the Public Works Director, Warner submitted an application for one project, a culvert upgrade on Schoodac Road at Barclay Brook. We are currently working with the State to determine if our application can move forward.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning committee and members of the public did not meet in 2022 as planned. In 2023, the committee will meet in the fall to start the review and full update to Warner’s Plan. The Town will work with Central NH Regional Planning Commission to start the update. The new Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be approved by June of 2024 in order for the Town to maintain eligibility to receive State and Federal grants. Once the first meeting is identified, I will be posting meeting information on the Town’s web site and around Town. Please volunteer to participate. The meetings are normally about 2 hours. There are 5-6 meetings total.

Emergency Management (cont.)

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It has been stated several times that we must exercise the plan to make sure it will work when disaster strikes. So, in November, the EM Team participated in a modified Table Top Exercise. This exercise was held at the EOC utilizing our Plan and the EOC Activation Procedure. New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management personnel facilitated this exercise and acted as observers. An 'After Action' Report will be submitted to the Town with any recommendation.

I would like to thank Ron Piroso, Deputy EM Director, the Selectboard, all Town Departments, individuals and organizations involved with emergency management for their continued support and cooperation during the year. A special thank you to Peter Wyman, Warner's Health Officer, who decided not to continue in that position. Peter was an active participant with the Emergency Management Team. Mr. Christopher Lopez has volunteered to serve as Warner's Health Officer and will be part of the emergency management team. By continuing to work together, we will be prepared when disaster strikes.

Respectfully submitted,

*Edward F. Mical
Director*



Warner's EOC during Modified Table-Top Exercise on November 30, 2022

Highway Department

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I would like to begin by acknowledging the crew at the Highway Department. This group of people are ready and willing to tackle any and all issues that arise 24/7. The residence of Warner are lucky to have them.

F/T

Paul Raymond – Highway Foremen
William Mock – Heavy Equipment
Debra Moody – Labor/ Buildings/
Administration
Wesley Brothers – Driver/Labor
Harold Blanchette
– Heavy Equipment/ Buildings
Joseph Mulcahy – Mechanic/Labor/Driver

P/T

Jim Hume – Loader operator/Labor
Mike Butler – Sidewalk Blower
Jeff Buxton – Driver/Labor

Thank you for all you do.



2022 was another busy year. January, February and March were busy months maintenance wise with no really large storms but lots of small weather events that use a lot of material and time. With a bit warmer temperatures and 1” to 3” storms it actually cost as much if not more than a good old fashion 8” to 10” snow storm to clean up.

April rolled around, the weather warmed a bit so the crew started to haul sand from the town gravel pit to replenish our winter sand supply. We had screened winter sand at the town pit and made some ¾” minus material to utilize on the dirt roads during ice storms, particularly for better traction. We made enough the fall before that we should not have to process any winter sand until summer of 2023. Once the winter sand project was completed we went into cleaning mode. Downtown sweeping began, we started the task of cleaning equipment, washing sanders, washing plows and starting to remove plow fronts and storing for summer. With the warmer weather the dirt roads dried out and we started road grading, cleaning ditches, culvert pipe inlets and outlets.

May consisted of more road grading, ditch and culvert cleaning, washing town bridges, starting spring cleanup of Town building and parks, raking and mowing of Town buildings to prepare downtown for Memorial Day.

Highway Department (cont.)

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June: the crew started on 10hr. workdays. We work Monday thru Thursday 6am to 4:30pm. This seems to work well because it enables us to get more work done once we are set up to go than we would get done on a normal 8hr day. Projects that were accomplished in June were: culvert pipes replaced on Henniker Road, 3 cross pipes on Couchtown Road, the class 5 seasonal section that had needed this replacement for three years, were done. Did a small area of reclamation at the town gravel pit to keep up with requirements of the State Alteration of Terrain Permit that requires us to re establish areas that we have excavated for gravel to prevent erosion. We did an extensive ditching and culvert cleaning project on Old Pumpkin Hill road to get a better handle on run off from the hill toward Pumpkin Hill Road and then finished up removing plow equipment and cleaning to store till fall.

July we started road side mowing and brush chipping; continued with more road side ditching and culvert cleaning; had to replace an 18" culvert at the intersection of Red Chimney and Iron Kettle Road that had collapsed. At town meeting in March it was voted to borrow money to try and catch up on road maintenance. Six projects were prioritized to apply the funds to. Poverty Plains Road, 4400' from Rt 127 to #315; Schoodac Road, 6700' from #137 to # 394; two sections of Pumpkin Hill Road including Mason Hill to Burnt Hill intersection and two sections of North Village Road (Depot St to the top of the hill at the new section and from Silver Brook to the four-way intersection of Flanders and Mink Hill Roads.) The Poverty Plains and Schoodac Road projects consisted of replacing all the cross pipe drainage, do a 9" reclaim (grind), regrade and compact and pave. Mid July we ordered all the culvert pipe for both projects. While we were waiting for arrival of culvert pipe we did roadside ditching on all of Poverty Plains Road. We ditched Schoodac Road from exit 8 to Courser's Sugar House. This work had not been done for a number of years.

August we started replacing all the drainage cross pipes on both Schoodac and Plains Road sections that were going to be reclaimed. Poverty Plains: we replaced 3-15" of cross pipes and the 36" pipe just in from Rt.127 was upgraded to a 48" pipe. Schoodac Road: we replaced 4 - 15" cross pipes, 2 - 12" driveway pipes and the 30" pipe that crosses before the Jordan's driveway was upgraded to a 42" pipe. The approach to Bagley Hill Rd at the Bradford town line was addressed. This has been somewhat of an issue in both summer and winter maintenance. It is a blind intersection with Rt.103 and was a steep approach from 103 to the rest of the road. So in an effort to improve the steepness, to make a better entrance and exit to the corner lot Tyler McGiver developed and to provide a hot top surface to better maintain in both summer and winter, Tyler had his excavation company do the excavation work while the Town provided the materials and hot top. We made the approach much more usable and safe.

September was spent working mostly on road grading, more culvert cleaning and working in the gravel pit preparing for Fuzzy Brothers Crushing to come and set up to make us some material. We hammered up ledge, boulders that had been dumped in the pit, hot top that had been removed from various projects and bank run gravel. We crushed up 7500 yards of ¾" crushed gravel and made 2500 yards of 5" minus gravel. We started to remove a 200' section of sidewalk in front of the old cable office and Telephone Museum; removed the old brick, reset curb line, regraded, compacted and reset new brick.

Highway Department (cont.)

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October we finished up the sidewalk project and helped set up for the festival - which we do every year they have it. GMI Asphalt came to town and reclaimed Plains Road, Schoodac Rd., regraded, compacted and paved. Project to date cost - \$612,000. Kearsarge Mt. Rd. was next on the list for shim and overlay. We ditched and cleaned culvert pipes from #84 to Latting Lane. GMI Asphalt did a 1 ½" shim and overlay. Cost of this project - \$60,580.

November and December we spent most of our time getting ready for winter. Setting up equipment and making sure the sand and salt shed was full. Our first storm was November, 16 and away we go into winter!

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Allen

Director Public Works / Road Agent



Overseer of Public Welfare Report

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2022 has seen some great ups and downs. It has been wonderful to get back to our new normal and see some smiles again! We have had a major increase in housing need this year.

We have also had an increase in complex need cases - these require significant placement attention and restrictions. We have successfully implemented a Workshare program so residents who've received assistance can trade labor hours for assistance rendered to help offset the costs of rendering assistance. Thank you to all of those participating in this program.

**If you need to contact the office please call (603)-456-2298 Ext. 3 or (603)-748-5182
email: Welfare@WarnerNH.gov.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elizabeth Labbe, She/Her
Overseer of Public Welfare*

<i>Assistance Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Heating	\$2285.39
Electrical	\$124.03
Rental	\$29,334.52
Burial/Cremation	\$1450.00
Miscellaneous General Assistance (water, gas, food, etc...)	\$903.00
Total Assistance Rendered	\$34,096.94

Warner's 250th Birthday of Incorporation 2024



Warner's 250th Birthday is just around the corner in 2024. Our volunteer committee is planning to host various events during the year to celebrate Warner's history. The Selectboard has awarded us \$15,900 towards our expenses for this year-long event. We will continue fundraising in 2023 for our other expenses. We held a Spaghetti Dinner with raffle prizes at the town hall on February 11th of this year as our kick-off event and fundraiser.

These are some of the events we are planning for 2024. A program about Warner's Snow Train Era, a presentation of the Warner

Women's Oral History Project dramatic reading, It Had to be Done, So I Did It, a Memorial Day program with the American Legion Post, an aerial photograph of townspeople and school children, a classic car night, Sestercentennial exhibit and quilted wall hangings of Warner subjects at the Upton Chandler House Museum, an Old-Fashioned church service at the Lower Warner Meeting House, unveiling of handcrafted covered bridge signs for the Dalton and Waterloo covered bridges made by Jim McLaughlin, a town picnic at Riverside Park with band music, a commissioned play about Warner, an historic theme for the 2024 Fall Foliage Festival, a celebration of Indigenous People's Day and much more.

We plan to be coordinating events with the help of the Warner Historical Society, the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, the New Hampshire Telephone Museum, the Pillsbury Free Library, the American Legion and the Fall Foliage Festival. Please check our Facebook page for events and snippets of Warner history. <https://www.facebook.com/people/Warner-NHs-250th-Birthday>.

Stay tuned for lawn signs you can purchase of our logo to celebrate 2024!

A committee formed by the Warner Historical Society is researching and writing the town history from 1774-2024.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca Courser, Ginger Marsh, Terry Hathaway, Anastasia Glavas, Ralph Elwell,
Charlie Trowbridge, Ted Young, Nancy Eastman, Clyde Carson, Sue Jenna, Ray Martin,
Dan and Mary Watts.*

Warner Fall Foliage Festival

2022 was the 75th Annual Festival

Since 1947, the people of Warner have hosted the Warner Fall Foliage Festival to welcome old and new friends to our community to share the natural splendor of New Hampshire's vibrant autumn colors while enjoying the arts and crafts, food, people and entertainment on Warner's main streets.

The Festival is organized by a Board of Directors and hundreds of local volunteers. All proceeds from the Festival go directly back into community projects to support the growth and enrichment of local culture, music, art, sports, town and school programs, parks and facilities.

Over the 75 years of the Festival, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised and distributed to organizations providing services to the Warner community. Some of the notable projects are the Fire Station on the corner of School and Main streets, the Community Park behind Bookends Book store, equipment for the art department at Simonds School, and continuing support of the Warner Youth Sports Association.

For generations, the Festival has provided a time and place for Warner to display its unique and vibrant community to 5,000 to 7,000 annual visitors from all over New England and beyond. Many new residents have stated that attending the Festival was a large influence in their decision to move to Warner.

The Festival also provides a positive economic impact to Warner businesses and local artists and crafts people. One of the founding reasons for the first Festival was to provide a fall compliment to the winter snow trains which brought thousands of skiers from Boston to Warner in the 1930's and late 40's to enjoy skiing and other winter activities in the downtown area of Warner.

Due to Covid, the 75th Festival held October 7, 8 and 9, 2022 was the first full Festival held in two years. Through the efforts of the Board and hundreds of volunteers, the Festival raised over \$9,000, distributed within the Warner community.

Join us and learn about the many opportunities to assist in making the 76th Festival a success! Thank you.

Warner Fall Foliage Festival | Warner NH | Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/WarnerFallFoliageFestival/>
wfff.org

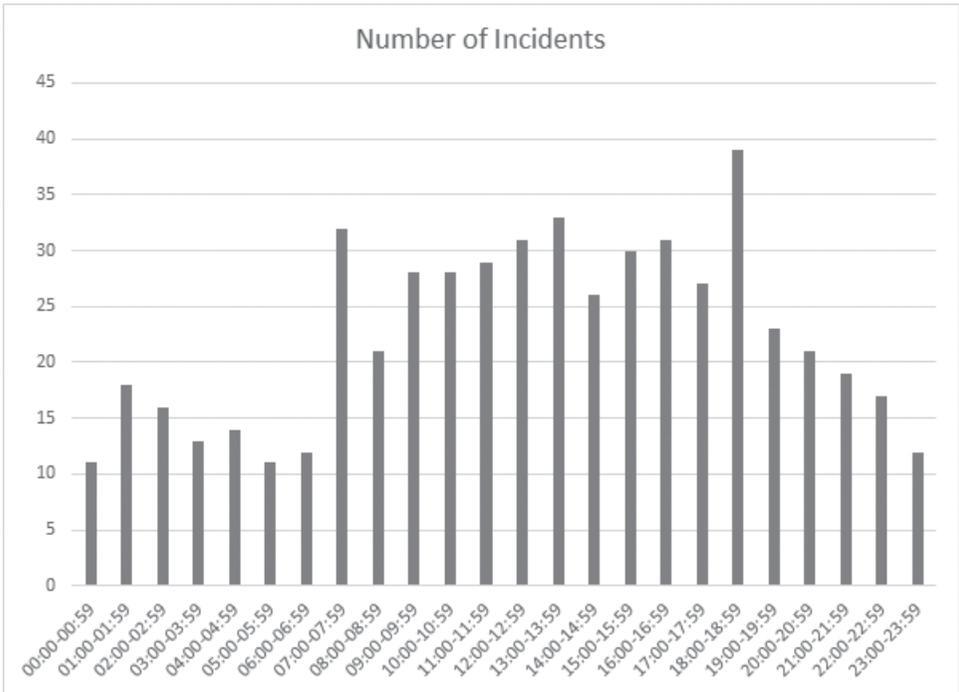
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Warner Fire and Rescue Report

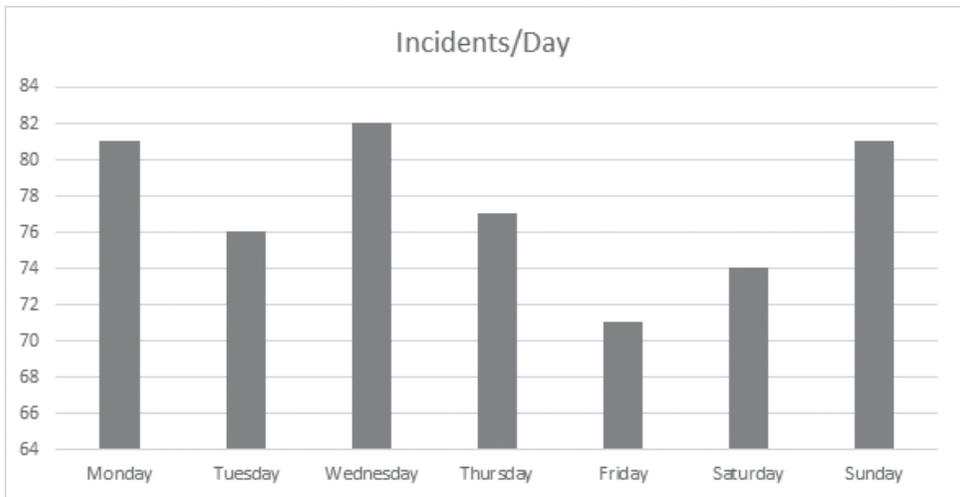
On behalf of the members of the Warner Fire Rescue, I would like to extend our appreciation for the continued support of the Town. I would like to thank the Warner Highway and Police Departments for their continued support this past year, their assistance is greatly appreciated.

We had 542 incidents in 2022, which was a slight decrease from 2021, which was welcomed.

Type	2021	2022
Fire	27	14
Rescue & Emergency Medical	359	370
Hazardous Condition	23	20
Good Intent & Service Calls	120	92
False Alarm & False Calls	44	6
Total	573	542



Warner Fire and Rescue Report (cont.)



This past year Chris Collins, Troy Madrid, Damien St. Cyr, Matt Ketcham and Nick Smallwood resigned from the Department for various reasons from moving out of State or Town, or life demands with work and family. We thank each of them for their efforts while with us and hope their future endeavors go well.

We were excited to bring on Jerome Donohue, Kathleen Payne, Ryan Brown and Tim Wilson with varying degrees of experience to the Department. Kathleen Payne obtained her National Registry Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); we are very proud of her accomplishment. Katy Toomey and Kathleen Payne obtained certification as American Heart Association CPR Instructors, a welcome addition to our capability for our Department.

I want to highlight (2) significant anniversaries for the Department this coming year,

- Deputy Chief Ed Raymond will have 50 years of service this April
- Firefighter Ron Piroso will have 55 years of service this June

Their dedication and commitment is greatly appreciated and to be applauded. Please join me in congratulating them on their achievement.

The Department reminds residents to clearly mark their homes with your street number so we can find you quickly in the event of an emergency. The Warner Firefighters Association orders and sells custom house number plaques and we have had some great interest with this; see the Town website for further information.

Warner Fire and Rescue Report (cont.)



Ed Raymond



Ron Piroso

We also urge residents to maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home for your safety.

It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as Fire Chief and I wish to extend my personal thanks to our Department members for all that you do for the Department and community. Without the dedication and support of the members and their families we would not be able to provide this level of service to the Town.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan D. France
Fire Chief*



Police Department



I wish to thank and commend my staff on the department for their hard work and continued commitment to the community.

The Department welcomed a new addition to the staff in 2022. Officer Bruce A. Barton was hired full-time and comes to us from the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department. He is proving to be a great addition to the department and community.

Sergeant Benjamin Tokarz resigned in 2022 after serving twelve years with the department. Sergeant Tokarz has returned to employment in the private sector. I wish to thank Sergeant Tokarz for his many years of dedicated service and wish him the very best.

The Warner Police Department again, this year, coordinated with the Warner Area Food Pantry and Warner Market Basket to conduct a "Stuff a Cruiser" food drive. We conducted two separate food drives in 2022 with great success. We wish to thank the community for its continued support.

To exceed the minimum required annual police standards training, the department now utilizes a national online law enforcement resource. Police One offers specialized and routine police training to officers in addition to officers' attendance at many other areas police training.

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival returned in 2022 after the pandemic prevented this event for the past two years. There was a great turnout, and it was nice to see the community out enjoying the festival once again.

Police Department (cont.)

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Please adhere to the town's parking ordinance during the winter months. Vehicles parked on any roadway, obstructing snow removal, between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. November 15th through April 30th are subject to be towed at the owner's expense.

We wish to remind all drivers to adhere to "Jessica's Law" (RSA 265:79-b Negligent Driving) which requires the clearing of ice and snow off vehicles prior to driving on roadways.

We wish to thank the community for playing a critical role in keeping our town safe. We continue to encourage anyone who observes anything suspicious, to contact police. "If You See Something, Say Something."

If you plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time, please contact our department to set up a vacant house check. We will check your home during patrols to ensure that it is safe and secure.

I would like to thank the residents of Warner for their continued support and assistance. I would also like to thank the Selectboard, the Town Administrator, Fire Department and Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

*William E. Chandler
Chief of Police*

Activity Analysis

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
ACCIDENTS	31	49
ASSIST MOTORISTS	32	61
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS	60	78
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	585	810
<u>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>708</u>	<u>998</u>
 <u>OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY</u>		
INVESTIGATIONS	141	455
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	137	501
WARRANTS	9	5
ARRESTS	33	48
<u>TOTAL ACTIVITY</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>1009</u>
 <u>TOTAL DISPATCH USAGE/CALLS</u>	 <u>2271</u>	 <u>3736</u>

Community Action Program

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties is a New Hampshire based private, nonprofit organization that has been serving Warner residents since 1965. Our primary mission is to work with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist in efforts to become or remain financially independent. The agency provides a broad array of services that are locally defined, planned, and managed.

The agency operates a resource center open to Warner residents in Warner, NH. The Warner CAP Area Resource Center is funded primarily from three main sources: local tax dollars in conjunction with funding from the Electric Assistance Program (via the state utility companies) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (a federal program also known as Fuel Assistance Program). The Center is the local service delivery network for agency programs in your community. The local support of our Center is vital for us to continue intake, referral, contact, and support with residents of your community. We thank the town of Warner for your continued support of our work at the resource center. We will continue to work closely with your town to ensure the maximum availability of resources from our programs, as well as continue to mobilize any resources other than local tax dollars that become available to help serve residents of your community.

While the Warner Center provides referrals and information for a variety of needs, there are two major areas of direct support provided to community members – energy assistance and food assistance. Below are the specific data from Warner residents served during our last program year. In total, our agency was able to provide \$187,466.33 in energy and food assistance to the residents in Warner over this past program year.

Thank you so much for your support. If you'd like to learn more about our agency, please visit us at www.capbm.org.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leah Richards,
Director, Energy and Area Resource Centers*

Community Action Program (cont.)

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<i>Program</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Units Of Service</i>	<i>Value</i>
Fuel Assistance Program	Assists income eligible households with cost of energy during prime heating season. This year, benefits were also given to assist with cooling costs.	Enrolled: 76 households 150 people	\$106,344.00 – heat
Electric Assistance Program	Assists income eligible households by providing a specific tier of discount ranging from 8% to 76% off electric bills	Enrolled:	\$124.03
Weatherization	Improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households	2 households	\$13,854.00
Other (smaller programs, agency funds)	Smaller programs with funds assisting with urgent energy needs (shut offs, disconnects, etc)	1 household	\$500.00
Emergency Food Assistance Program	This program provides USDA food to local food pantries for free	Cases of food allocated to Warner Connects pantry	\$35,179.84 Value of cases



Transfer Station Recycling Center

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At the annual Town Meeting in March there was much discussion about the facility's sole trash compactor. While a petition article attempting to address this issue was defeated another article to appropriate \$80,000 to the Facility Capital Reserve Fund passed. On Wednesday 30 March said compactor experienced a critical engineering casualty with the loss of its motor. As trash could not be compacted, open top roll off boxes in the 30-40 yard range were positioned in the trash pit for the public to tip into. When boxes filled to the waterline the material was compacted by Highway Department equipment. When a state of adequate compaction could no longer be achieved the boxes were pulled and trucked to the Naughton transfer station in Bradford. This was our means of receiving and handling household, bulk and construction wastes until repairs to the compactor were completed on Monday 11 April. While the timing of this breakdown allowed us to marshal the necessary resources to provide an alternate means of disposal, had this occurred at the beginning of a weekend the outcome could have been much more disruptive. The cost to repair the compactor was \$5712.10. Increased expenditure over and above normal operating costs was \$1264.72.

This incident well illustrates the fragility of our solid waste infrastructure, the potential for disruption when it fails, and the need for consistent and continued investment. Further it should be kept in mind that the deficits of this facility are not confined to one piece of machinery or one particular practice.

On 26 April the Selectboard accepted a modified version of the proposal CMA Engineers had submitted the previous November. The resulting report, containing an evaluation of the facility and a menu of options for remediating issues of concern, was delivered to the Board at the end of August. The options, ranging from a minimal restriping of the parking lot to a \$4.06 million-dollar regional collection facility, have met serious questions of applicability from staff and public alike. While perhaps not the comprehensive plan that was desired, this exercise has served to bring into clearer focus a criteria that could constitute a successful rehabilitation of the facility.

- 1) Establish a strict segregation of public depository and repurposing functions from the operational receiving, processing, and storage functions.
- 2) Establish a coherent traffic flow that reduces or eliminates repetitive and merging behaviors.
- 3) Establish sufficient space to receive heavy volumes of input both material and human.

The current layout of the facility fails on all the above points. Public and operational functions are dangerously intermixed. Traffic flows encourage repetitive and merging behaviors with vehicles frequently reversing direction or simultaneously attempting to use the same real estate. Spatial insufficiency is evident in both material and human realms. Regrettably by too closely adhering to the current site plan many of CMA's recommendations often fail to achieve the above criteria as well. This leads to the conclusion that to relieve the facility of its many inhibiting features and position it for anticipated growth will require a broader and more comprehensive effort than originally anticipated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Varick Proper
Foreman, Transfer Station

Warner Transfer and Recycling Report

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	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Revenue</i>		<i>Cost</i>
AC/Refrigeration	224 units	1220.00	1792.00	
Construction/Demo	97.05 tons	5255.45	8249.25	
Electronic Waste	5.28 tons	1447.00	2700.00	394.41
Propane	395 units	65.00	796.50	
Small Engine		135.00		
Furniture	MSW	1985.00	MSW	
Mattress/Boxspring	MSW	2340.00	MSW	
Tires		1061.00	1104.00	
Bulk Waste		80.00	MSW	
Municipal Solid Waste	909.92 tons		69696.65	
Total Waste	1012.25 tons			
Glass	60 tons est.			4482.00
Cardboard	64.16 tons	6734.44		4792.75
Mixed Paper	44.20 tons	3259.33		3301.74
Plastic	13.75 tons	3512.45		1027.12
Aluminum	3.58 tons	6315.76		267.42
Precious Metals		no sales		
Scrap Metals	70.08 tons	9206.80	264.47	5234.97
Steel Cans				
Batteries	1.83 tons	580.68		136.70
Vegetable Oil		no sales		
Total Recycling	257.60 tons			
Transportation			34844.26	
Total Revenue		43197.91		
Total Expense			119447.13	
Total Avoidance				19637.11

Pillsbury Free Library

Report of Chair and Vice Chair, Board of Trustees 2022

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The Library’s anticipated HVAC system upgrade was installed in October. Thanks to the continued support of the Warner Community in providing Capital Improvement funding, we were able to select a high efficiency mini split heat pump system to improve comfort levels throughout the Library that should also provide a savings in overall utility costs.

Through the committed work and research of several trustees, as well as our Library Director Nancy Ladd, the Library was awarded grants from ARPA and the NH Charitable Foundation to upgrade technology, to improve remote communication, and install two privacy booths that provide a quiet space to work, as well as an indoor space to communicate by cell phone or over the internet.

The Library had an encouraging year in fundraising thanks to book sales and the Spring Flea Market, both aided by the Library’s Circle of Friends, and to the much appreciated continued support for our Annual Appeal. The community’s generosity allows us to provide additional services to the public.

The Library Trustees and staff are grateful to have received a generous bequest of \$100,000 from the estate of Carol Pletcher. The trustees were honored that Carol’s daughter Jenn and her family attended the Public Hearing held to accept the bequest. We appreciated hearing how Carol valued the role of the library in our community. We thank her and her family for this thoughtful and caring gift.

Success of the Pillsbury Free Library is the product of many factors:

- A professional staff led by our hard working, experienced, and resourceful Library Director who circulates a weekly online newsletter that reaches nearly 1,000 subscribers.
- Year-round children’s programming that provides preschool, after school and summer activities, as well as a spring play production, thanks to our Children’s Librarian.
- Nine Trustees whose participation on many committees provides support for maintaining the services and physical condition of the Library, as well as programs throughout the year.
- The Warner Community that shows support in allocating needed funding, respecting our requests for necessary Capital Improvements, and above all, utilizing the variety of services offered.

Thank you for a successful 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael S. Simon, Chair
Dana Myskowski, Vice Chair*

Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report for 2022

Library Activities and Statistics

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2022 was our first full year of in-building service since the Covid Pandemic began. Curbside pickup and home delivery are still an option in use for anyone who wants or needs to take advantage of these services.

Our online resources (Downloadable books and magazines, Kanopy movie service, Transparent Language Online, and two genealogy databases) are still available, as well as a weekly emailed Community Newsletter. Please ask us for access information if interested. Copy and scanning services, tax forms, Wi-Fi, and computers are available.

Children's Librarian Sue Matott has continued weekly story hours, monthly after school crafts, and seasonal school visits. In May 2022 the annual children's play returned with "Baba Yaga," superbly written by Warner's Billijeane Martiello, who assisted the production with help from Chris Martiello and Kendra West-Senor. The Summer Program was Oceans of Possibility; 27 children read 1,353 books and chapters, plus another 74 hours logged.

Summer guest presentations included a Beaches program from UNH (thank you to NH Telephone Museum for use of its parking lot), Chris Martiello's Theremin and Whales presentation, and a "Pirate Show" by Brethren of the Northeast Seas "BONES" on MainStreet Warner Stage. NH Telephone Museum kindly hosted an after-school craft.

Offerings for adults included NH Humanities funded programs on quilt history, banjo music, and cellar holes. We also held programs on cybersecurity, well water, and saving energy, plus 2 sewing projects. Most were provided both online and in person, made possible by the purchase of a ceiling-mounted projector and two OWL conferencing devices (one to lend) with the 2021 Library Technology Grant received from NH Charitable funds. The grant also funded three desktop computers and two small laptops for public use, a laptop for programs, and a replacement TV. In May, an ARPA Grant made available by IMLS and the NH State Library was used to purchase two sound muffling single-person privacy booths that are popular for online business meetings, telehealth, Zoom chats, and as study space.

Museum and Park Passes were used 89 times, the most popular being the NH State Parks Pass. We thank both Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and NH Telephone Museum for donating free passes for Warner library users.

Library Assistant Linda Lacasse moved on in February 2022 and Ella Cademartori joined us in her stead, but we have learned Ella will be leaving for (happy) family reasons in March 2023! Marcia Moyer, Deb Reznicek, Lynn Madigan and Rachel Parsons joined us to help as Substitutes when Roger Robbins, Sue Matott or I are busy.

Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report for 2022 (cont.)

Library Activities and Statistics

2022 Pillsbury Free Library Statistics

Circulation (checkouts)	2021	2022
Adult books (incl. eBooks*)	4779	5982
Children's / YA books	6545	8953
Magazines (incl. Online)	848	710
Audio/video (incl. Online*)	3719	6475
Total	15891	22120

**Some digital books are children's titles but we cannot count them separately.*

Collection size	Owned 12/2021	Added 2022	Removed 2022	Owned 12/2022
Books and bk/CD set	28846	784	693	28937
eBooks on readers**	14	0	0	14
Audiobooks on CD**	520	5	3	522
Music	102	2	3	101
Video/DVDs*	2628	90	48	2670
Magazine/news subscriptions.**	34	0	1	33
Microfilm	106	1	0	107
Other (Kits, puzzles, games)	47	2	5	44
Total	32297	884	753	32428

*** Plus digital movies, e-books, audio books, and magazines available with card.*

Library Offerings	Usage /Attendance	Details
Library Cards	603 used in library	New: 154 , Removed: 180 , Total cards: 2680
Library Visits	8053 visits	Adult areas plus children's section - some duplication.
Digital Borrowing	145 patrons active	3041 audio books, 1819 e-books, and 521 e-magazines
Computers	274 times used	Plus wireless use both inside and outside the building
Equipment Borrowed	40 times used	Projector, media players, Chromebooks
Interlibrary Loans	1370 items shipped	865 items borrowed, 505 lent to other libraries
Children's Programs	126 programs	2017 total attendance
Adult Programs	20 programs	703 total attendance
Frank Maria Meeting Rm	155 times used	By local groups and the library for programs and meetings
Privacy Booths	31 times used	From June to December (the booths arrived May 31)
Weekly e-Newsletter	979 subscribers	Plus 40 print version (Up from 830 as of Dec. 23, 2021)

Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report for 2022 (cont.)

Library Activities and Statistics

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New items and news are posted on **Instagram @pillsburylib** and **Facebook.com/PillsburyFreeLibrary**. Lists of new books are also available in print and in the online catalog. Contact us to find out how to request items, or for suggestions on what to borrow! Useful links, tips, and community news are published in our weekly Warner e-newsletter. Subscribe and/or read back issues at www.warner.lib.nh.us/library-news.

As always, a huge thank you to the wonderful staff, our Trustees, and volunteers Judy Ackroyd, Nan Cogswell, Sally Metheany, Marcia Moyer, Meghan Blood, Sandy Hunt, Tracey Xenakis, Linda Hartman, the Circle of Friends, Warner 4-H, and the many others who helped with various projects in 2022. Thank you also to Dimentech.com for free hosting of our <http://warner.lib.nh.us> website.

Most of all, thank you to library users for your patience with all the changes in hours, and to those who have supported us with kind comments and financial donations. We look forward to seeing even more of you in the future!

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Ladd,
Library Director*

Pillsbury Free Library Funds Report for 2022

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Report of Trust Funds:

	Balance			Balance
	01/01/22	Deposits	Withdrawals	12/31/22
Eleanor Cutting Fund	38,932.73	165.50	0	39,098.23
Frank Maria Fund	7,849.46	51.17	0	7,900.63
Mary Martin Children's Fund	6,359.81	39.15	0	6,398.96
Lloyd & Annie Cogswell Fund	27,592.46	117.60	0	27,710.06
Richard & Mary Cogswell Fund	114,992.75	653.22	0	115,645.97
Ida Redington Fund	<u>16,703.10</u>	<u>75.32</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,778.42</u>
	212,430.31	1,101.96	0	213,532.27

Report of Non-Lapsing Funds:

	Balance			Balance
	01/01/22	Deposits	Withdrawals	12/31/22
Copier/Printer Fund	203.07	549.28	544.69	207.66
Fines and Fees Fund	1,033.24	462.92	64.86	1,431.30
Donations Fund	<u>29,389.14</u>	<u>218,943.88</u>	<u>118,798.98</u>	<u>129,538.04</u>
	30,625.45	219,956.08	119,409.53	131,173.00

Report of General Operating Funds:

	Balance			Balance
	01/01/22	Deposits	Withdrawals	12/31/22
General Operating Account	<u>\$28,779.78</u>	<u>\$222,582.45</u>	<u>\$219,793.81</u>	<u>\$31,568.42</u>

** Deposits and Withdrawals do not include internal transfers between accounts within the same fund.*

** Donations includes \$100,000 Pletcher donation and CRF transfers of \$44,765 and \$47,184.94.*

**Pillsbury Free Library
2022 Report of Income and Expenses**

Jan. – Dec. 2022

Income

Copy/printer income	491.38
Donations, Grants and rebates *	126,612.87
Fines & Fees	460.00
Government –Local and State	217,674.92
Interest Income	2,942.09
Trusts – Town & Redington	901.55
Summer program reimbursements	103.00
Insurance Claim	3,496.32
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund **	<u>91,949.94</u>
Total Income	444,632.07

Expense

COVID-19 Expenses	75.90
Reconciliation Correction	(3.19)
Summer program reimbursable exp.	106.00
Copier/printer Expenses	1,064.69
Capital Expense (renovations /equip)	98,875.67
Collections	14,495.98
Donations/Grants spent	26,048.32
Programs & Misc. Operating Expenses	9,303.86
Personnel expenses	158,569.72
Building Maintenance/Operation	<u>30,654.70</u>
Total Expense	339,191.65

Net income/expense 105,440.42

* Includes \$100,000 Pletcher bequest, annual fund, and other usual donations and fundraisers.

** For HVAC installation and associated finish work.

The Board of Trustees would like to express gratitude to all who have contributed financial support through donations. A special thank you to the Circle of Friends, as well as the NH Charitable Fund, IMLS, NHSL and the legislators who made possible the American Rescue Plan Act Grant program.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Kendrick, Treasurer
Ralph Parsons, Assistant Treasurer

This page was added on 2023-03-28

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) Report 2022

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In 2021 The Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) sponsored a community survey that showed strong support for protecting our water resources. Accordingly, on behalf of the town of Warner, the WCC applied for and received a small grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services. In 2022 we used the grant for education about our groundwater resources and examined the opportunities to improve protection of the town's drinking water resources (groundwater), while supporting the potential for Warner's long-term economic development. The Groundwater Protection Committee has held seven public committee meetings and published three newsletters about groundwater protection. An informational meeting about Warner's water resources and how to protect them was held on December 13, 2022, and the Warner Planning Board is now considering whether the town should adopt a groundwater protection ordinance. The Groundwater Protection Newsletters, a fact sheet of frequently asked questions and more information on protecting our groundwater are available on the Groundwater Protection Committee web page on the town website.

Warner's Conservation Plan (2010) needs revision and Nancy Martin has asked the Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) to update a key part of the plan, the Natural Resource Inventory. WCC will defer long-range strategic planning for projects until the revised Natural Resource Inventory is completed. In the interim, the WCC could assess areas that would connect already conserved lands as possible future projects or be ready to consider potential easements if landowners come forward. In this regard, the WCC was contacted by the owner of a 16- acre parcel containing a beaver pond and forest that abuts the town-owned Chandler Reservation. The lot has an interesting history and high wildlife value.

With the WCC playing a support role, the Five Rivers Conservation Trust completed a conservation easement protecting the Pletcher Vegetable Ranch, an important working farm in town. A second important farm conservation effort made a huge step forward when the Blue Moon Berry Farm conservation easement project received a Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant for \$118,000. Again, this is an effort led by Five Rivers Trust that could not go forward without key support of the town and the WCC.

After extensive multi-year efforts to identify native (non-stocked) brook trout occurrences in the Warner River watershed by NH Fish and Game and Trout Unlimited, this effort has now entered the stream monitoring phase, where water quality in native trout habitats will be measured periodically. Stream monitoring is a citizen volunteer effort locally lead by the WCC. Volunteer Training for stream monitors was held in October, and monitoring will begin when the necessary equipment can be acquired.

In 2022 the WCC collaborated with UNH Cooperative Extension on a project, Taking Action for Wildlife, that initiated creation of a pollinator "garden" at the site of the former Ski Tow on Mink Hill Lane. Also at this location, interpretive post markers (with QR Codes linked to content) have been installed along the woods walk one-mile loop trail at Chandler Reservation, website <https://warner.nh.us/woods-walk/>.

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) (cont.)

The WCC has representation on several other town committees, including the Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, and Agricultural Committee, as well as the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

In 2022 Warner's Land Use Office reported a total of 16 intent to cut timber permits, 8 wetlands permits and 2 shoreland permits. Three of the wetlands permits were related to an intent to cut. WCC reviews these to ensure wetland and wildlife impacts are considered.

If you are interested in the work of the commission, or in monitoring conserved properties in town, please let us hear from you. The WCC meets in person at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public. The WCC is always looking for people passionate about conserving what we love about Warner.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Martin,
WCC Chair*

Agricultural Commission



The Warner Agricultural Commission is dedicated to acting in the best interests of Warner's farms and farmers. We strive to promote Warner's agricultural encouragement, production, enhancements, use, and management while protecting Warner's agricultural resources both tangible and intangible that are valued for their economic, aesthetic, cultural, historic or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural context. We will work with our communities, our town boards, people, farmers and consumers to promote the health, vibrancy and place of agriculture within Warner.

A current priority of the Agricultural Commission is to create a database of the Warner farmer population including current farmers and those looking to begin an agricultural venture. The Agricultural Commission will use this farming database for a variety of reasons including inviting farmers to be regular guest speakers at events on farming issues and best practices, provide state and federal grant support, build groups for co-op purchasing and other support projects specifically for Warner's farm community.

For more information on the Warner Agricultural Commission and/or to add your farming information to our database please reach out to Agcom@WarnerNH.gov.

The Warner Agricultural Commission meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Appointed Members:

- Robert "Bob" Bower
- Amelia Gardner - Chair
- William "Bill" Hanson

Alternate Members:

- Daniel Swegart
- Michael Biagiotti
- James Zablocki
- Catherine Aranosian
- Jenny Courser

Other Members

- Selectboard Representative - Samuel Bower
- Conservation Commission Representative - Michael Amaral
- Planning Board Representative - James Gaffney

Warner Community Power Committee

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The Warner Community Power Committee is proud and excited to have reached the goal line of submitting its plan for Warner Community Power to a Town Meeting vote in March 2023. If the majority at Town Meeting vote “yes,” Warner will join with other NH municipalities and use their combined electric volume to offer lower electric rates for residents and businesses who participate. The savings will be reflected in the electric supply portion of the utility bills. Customers may choose the mix of renewable sources in their power supply – from the lowest per cent required by statute, or 100 per cent, or a 50-50 mix. They will also be eligible to opt into future money-saving and climate-friendly programs such as “time-of-use” rates and local generation of electric power.

Our committee was created by the Selectboard in the fall of 2020. Its goal then was to develop a plan in the spirit of the 2010 Warner Master Plan that leverages the combined electric usage of the town to negotiate the best electric power options.

Since its inception, the Warner Community Power Committee has done outreach through surveys, public hearings and less formal communication to understand residents’ needs and expectations. The Committee also listened to residents’ concerns. We believe we have shaped our goals consistent with what we heard Warner residents want, and don’t want.

Briefly, here is some of the feedback we received and responded to:

- Lower electric rates – the Selectboard authorized the Committee to join with a growing number of other New Hampshire cities and towns under an umbrella organization, Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), that will pool the energy demand of its membership to get better rates on the energy market. The initial launch of CPCNH in 2023 will command sufficient demand to qualify for the lowest rates.
- Stable rates – Eversource is a for-profit utility required by law to bid new energy supply contracts twice a year. When energy costs go up, Eversource has no way to avoid the spike. Customer-owned New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is allowed to spread out its purchases in 6, 12 and 18 month long contracts. Only one third of its supply is exposed to market conditions at the time of bid. Over 10 bidding cycles, NHEC’s rates were lower than Eversource’s 7 out of 10 times. Over 5 years, NHEC customers paid a total of \$800 less for an average household demand than Eversource customers. Warner Community Power is in an even better position to stabilize and lower rates. Through CPCNH, it will time its bids using sophisticated energy sector forecasting methods (common in the energy sector) and can forward-buy excess supply if it sees a spike coming.
- Distribution infrastructure – Eversource’s business is the power lines, connections and substations it owns. Customers will continue to pay and Eversource will continue to operate and repair the infrastructure. Recently amended legislation allows Warner Community Power to distribute its electric supply through Eversource’s infrastructure at no additional cost.

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- Energy Assistance Program – Recipients will still be entitled to receive help with electric bills.
- Local on-premise power generation – Customers who generate energy on-premises will still be able to sell their excess supply.
- Billing – Warner Community Power customers will continue to receive one bill from Eversource for supply and operations.
- Automatic enrollment in Warner Community Power –Customers who buy their electric supply from Eversource will be opted into Warner Community Power, but can opt-out at any time. These customers will receive 30-day advance notice that they are opted in and can opt-out by phone, email or online at any time. Additionally, competitive supply customers can opt-in at any time, consistent with the terms of their contract.

If Town Meeting approves the warrant article vote to adopt the Warner Community Power plan, and authorize the Selectboard to implement the plan, the town can expect Warner Community Power to launch in early to mid-2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Members

*David Bates, Clyde Carson, Jan Gugliotti,
Neil Nevins, George Packard and Harry Seidel.*

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

The result:

“The Town of Warner Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) published a survey for anyone who lives, works, or is familiar with childcare needs in Warner and its surrounding area. Parents, grandparents, teachers, sitters, employers, and interested residents were all encouraged to provide input. The survey received 139 responses, which corresponds to a 6.0% response rate amongst the 2,316 adults (18 years and older) who are residents of Warner. The Town’s total population, as reported in the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2019 American Community Survey, is 2,910. *A high percentage of survey respondents indicated that they either need or foresee a need for a high quality, affordable, state-licensed childcare facility for preschool aged children in town. There were 97 respondents indicating this need, totaling 72.4% of those who participated in the survey.* These respondents make up 3.3% of the town’s total population.

As a result of the findings the EDAC contacted the Boys and Girls Club of Concord, NH to see if they were interested in starting a child care program in Warner. After many months of discussion and viewing of a potential site – they agreed to create An Early Childhood Learning Center in Warner. Since the Head Start program in Warner was closing down because of low enrollment, that site in the community center became available. The Boys and Girls Club signed a lease for the space and is now in the hiring process to eventually serve approximately 25 children.

A community that has access to quality child care not only helps families in need but stimulates the local economy by providing goods and services, allows households to enjoy full employment and has the potential to create jobs.

3. Converting the Old Graded School into the Warner Community Center (WCC)

Historically the Old Graded School building has been used for numerous community purposes: daycare, Alcoholics Anonymous, yoga, senior center, Community Action services, food pantry, used clothing and home schoolers to mention a few. Currently, home schoolers and services for fuel assistance, Head Start and the food pantry, a shop for used clothing, and a child care center (to be started) are located in the building. Even before the pandemic approximately two thirds of the building was unused. The building has approximately 10,250 square feet. During the last 12 months the EDAC has conducted multiple walking tours with town and EDAC members, met with the Selectboard to discuss our intention of evaluating the building’s use, and received their approval to research grant opportunities. Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture was engaged to assess the Old Graded School, provide floor plans, with recommendations for its best use as a community center. Given the multi-level design the team will offer solutions to upgrade the building and fulfill the federal requirements of the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

The Selectboard has agreed to allow the EDAC to investigate grant opportunities with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to assess what financial opportunities exist and then report back to the Selectboard with recommendations and a preliminary plan to move forward. *Recently, the Community Center Investment Program, which aims to provide \$20 million in*

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

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grant resources to eligible entities to support infrastructure improvements to community spaces across the state, was approved by the Governor and Council. These funds will be available in 2023. Grants could be used to: upgrade broadband/internet services, improve electrical capacity, make energy use improvements (including solar) and improve building access, including the installation of an elevator. Funds can also support the interior fit-up of the building’s space. The 10,250 square foot building is a wonderful community asset and has great potential to provide community and economic development services and programs; these could include but not be limited to:

Possible Uses:

Multi-purpose Classroom	Lounge	Conference room	Art Gallery
Office Space	Maker Space	Co-working space	Business
Wellness Space	Day Care	Youth Activities	
Remote Worker Space	Movies/Films	Adult Education	

The key is to improve the building’s infrastructure to accommodate a variety of future uses. Taking this underutilized building and converting it into a community center will take a few years but has the potential to be a major community and economic development asset.

4. Warner Pharmacy

The EDAC is currently looking at possible replacements for our pharmacy which closed after many years of outstanding service to the community.

We invite you to attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Albano Chair - EDAC

EDAC Members: Emma Bates, Ben Frost, Clyde Carson, Bret Ingold, Sam Bower (Selectboard), Faith Minton, Will Minsinger, Nancy Martin, Graham Pellettieri, Neil Nevins, and Mark Govoni

Warner Planning Board 2022 Annual Report

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The Planning Board was created to help ensure the orderly development of the town. Its purpose under state law is to create and update the Town's master plan and its capital improvements program, to recommend zoning changes, and oversee land development. The board reviews applications for land subdivisions, site plans for nonresidential development, and commercial excavations for which it has adopted regulations. The board also has authority over the granting of driveway permits on Town roads; it has adopted regulations for this and has delegated that authority under state law to the Director of Public Works.

All the Planning Board's work is undertaken in a way that maximizes transparency of governmental activity in full public view. The board welcomes all members of the public to attend meetings and to ask questions. The board's documents are all available on the Town's website. While we are grateful for the ability to conduct in-person meetings, like many other Town boards and committees we provide online public access to our meetings for those who are unable to attend in person, even though a quorum of the board itself must be physically present as required by state law.

During the fall, the Planning Board worked with department heads to develop the Town's 2023-2028 capital improvements program (CIP). The CIP was adopted by the board and then presented to the Selectboard and Budget Committee to provide guidance as they develop the Town's annual budget. It also helps the town to anticipate long-term costs and tax rate impacts of construction projects, road maintenance, and major purchases of equipment and other supplies. In conducting this work, the board appreciates the thoughtful cooperation of the Town's department heads, boards, commissions, and committees.

Over the course of the year the Planning Board held 18 meetings. It reviewed a variety of applications for land development, including one minor subdivision, one voluntary merger, one lot line adjustment, two commercial site plans, one home occupation, and six conceptual consultations. The board also met jointly with the Selectboard and Zoning Board of Adjustment to discuss the issue of short-term rentals.

The Planning Board uses the application review services of Matt Monahan of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The board is especially grateful for the cheerful dedication of Land Use Secretary Janice Loz. Janice's professionalism and focus on customer service is an invaluable service to the Town's residents and to those seeking to do business here.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ben Frost
Chairman*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) serves Warner residents by hearing cases involving variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and appeals from administrative decisions regarding the zoning ordinances. Meetings are open to the public and available via Zoom.

The Board is comprised of volunteers from the community who meet the second Wednesday of each month. There are five regular members of the ZBA and up to five alternate members that can replace absent regular members or members who have a conflict. The Board is looking for additional volunteers to serve as alternates. If you are interested, please fill out a Volunteer Interest Form available on the Town Notice page. Materials and training are provided.

We welcomed Jan Gugliotti and Lucinda McQueen as full members of the ZBA this past year.

Voting Members

Jan Gugliotti

Beverly Howe

Lucinda McQueen

Barbara Marty, Chair

Harry Seidel, Vice Chair

The ZBA is grateful for the work of Janice Loz who serves the needs of the ZBA as Land Use Administrator. Janice is the first point of contact for land use questions and applications.

A big thanks to the responsible and committed members of the ZBA for their diligent efforts applying the appropriate appeal criteria in a thoughtful and fair manner. The Town of Warner is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers willing to take on the duties of this Board and of the many other Town Boards and Committees that would not exist otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Marty, Chair

Meetings are currently held in hybrid format. Zoom links are posted with the agendas.

Volunteer Interest Form: [Volunteer_Interest_form.pdf](#) (warner.nh.us)

Meeting dates & deadlines: https://warner.nh.us/tow/downloads/Zoning_Board_Deadlines.pdf

Meeting agendas: <https://warner.nh.us/departments/zoning/>

Zoning ordinances: https://warner.nh.us/tow/downloads/zoning/Zoning_Ordinance.pdf

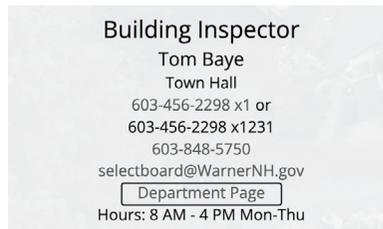
Building Department

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2022 Building Permits Issued

1	Building Permit Renewal	4	New Garage
3	Carport	3	New Generator
1	Cell Tower Equipment Upgrade/Replacement	7	New Home
1	Commercial Addition	4	New Shed
1	Commercial New Construction	6	New/Replace Hot Water Tank/Heater
2	Commercial Remodel	2	New/Replaced Oil Burner
2	Conversion: Basement	4	New/Replaced Porch: Open/Enclosed
1	Conversion: Gas to Oil	9	Plumbing and/or Electrical and/or Insulation
1	Conversion: Oil to Electric	1	Replace Oil Tank & Feed to Furnance
2	Demolition Permit	6	Set LP Tank & Run to House
10	Electrical Service Upgrade	1	Shed Dormer on Existing House
10	Mini-Split Install	2	Solar - Ground Mounted
1	New Above Ground Pool	14	Solar - Roof Mounted
3	New Addition	1	Upgrade Garage Attic
1	New Apartment	2	Upgrade Generator
1	New Barn	1	Wood Stove/Reline Chimney
3	New Deck		

By going to the Warner website, <https://warner.nh.us/> and following the steps below to navigate to the Building Department page, you will find information and answers to questions to help understand what is involved in the Building Application and Permit Process.



There is information and links to:

911 Number Assignment Application
 Certificate of Occupancy
 Floodplain Development Ordinance
 Building Code Ordinance
 Class VI Road Policy
 Residential Energy Code

Building Permit Application
 Driveway Permit
 Septic - Frequently Asked Questions
 Building Setback Reference Chart
 Fee Schedule
 Zoning Ordinance

NOTE: Per the Class VI Road Policy: No structure shall be constructed or placed on any Class VI Road.

Building Department (cont.)

When a Building Permit is required:

- Additions
- Change in Use or Occupancy
- Creating a new room or space or enlarging a room or space
- Dormers
- Expansion or changes to electrical, plumbing, mechanical or fire protection systems
- New or replacement structures, including sheds larger than 200 square feet, pools, decks, garages, carports, etc,
- Structural changes or repairs

*The Town has adopted and follows State Building Codes.

NOTE: A Demolition Permit is required for removing all or part of a structure.

Interior renovations require a Building Permit however, ordinary repairs, classified as normal maintenance, do not. In general, to be considered a repair the item which is being repaired must already exist. Types of work may include:

- Painting or wallpapering
- Repairing floors or carpets
- Repairing interior trim, walls (this does not include demolition and reconstruction)
- Repairing cabinets or counter tops
- Repairing roofs, windows, doors or siding

Projects exempt from needing a Building Permit are:

One-story, detached accessory structure (Tool, storage sheds, playhouse and similar uses), provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet but must comply with set-back requirements.

1. Fences less than 6 feet high.
2. Retaining walls less than 4 feet high.
3. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons.
4. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
5. Pre-fabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
6. Swings and playground equipment.
7. Window awnings that do not project more than 54 inches.
8. Decks less than 200 square feet in area and less than 30 inches above grade at any point.

Feel free to call the Selectboard's office, (603) 456-2298 ext. 1 if you have questions. You can also call or text the Building Inspector with questions or to arrange for an inspection, Tom Baye, (603) 848-5750.

Warner Parks and Recreation

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Warner Parks and Recreation Department works hard year-round to provide the community safe places to play and exercise. We believe that enriching lives through quality parks and programs can increase community pride and health. We listen to the needs of the community we serve and provide the resources to obtain and maintain them.

Thanks to your support we were able to have a new skate park installed at Riverside Park. Even before the park was complete, it was in use. Below is an aerial view from our grand opening day of the completed project.



We received a new mower this year to maintain Riverside and Bagley Parks and a new shared tractor with the public works department.

Bagley Field offers areas for Frisbee, soccer, volleyball and ice skating. Our town youth group, Warner Youth Sports Association (WYSA), oversees a very successful fall soccer program there annually. The ice rink continues to be a town favorite throughout the winter.

The rink is up and ready but its use is dictated by mother nature so let's hope for a cold season this year. Rink maintenance is done by our faithful volunteer Griffin Manning and his fellow volunteers. Please take a moment to thank them if you see them.

The beach at Silver Lake was open for the summer season. It is a nice place to spend the day with your family. The beach has its own bathroom/changing room on site and is open daily during the swimming season. A water aerator was installed this year in hopes of keeping the flow of water moving to improve water quality. We hope to provide swimming lessons in the future and add additional activities like bocce.

A friendly reminder, there is a Town Ordinance at Bagley and Riverside Parks, Simonds Elementary School grounds and the Warner Community Center playground that ALL Dogs must be leashed and all dog waste must be cleaned up. People not complying with the ordinance can face a fine of \$100 per occurrence. Our parks are monitored by surveillance, and we will continue to enforce this. For more information see Town Ordinance 98-1.

The Concord/Lake Sunapee Rail Trail (CLSRT) sections located at Bagley Park, between West Joppa Road Bridge and Depot Street, and from Old Warner Road heading to Contoocook, are seeing more and more use. We hopefully will be adding another section to the trail this year. The Town of Warner does not fund the creation or maintenance of the trail, but many members of our community volunteer labor, equipment and make financial donations. The CLSRT is a non-profit entity and if you are interested in helping in any way,

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please contact Tim Blagden at tslagden@clsrt.org. To make a financial donation go directly to: <https://clsrt.org/donate>

The Old Ski Tow was used last season quite often by local sledders. Hopefully, more users will enjoy the location at the cul-de-sac at the end of Mink Hill Lane.

All the parks in Warner are in constant use, and the use continues to increase. The dedicated volunteer directors of the Parks and Recreation Commission take pride in the facilities and are delighted by the level of use by residents. We appreciate all the local adult recreation and youth sports community volunteers for all their time and help. We are proud to continue to host WYSA Baseball, Softball and Soccer programs, Co-Ed Adult Softball, Women's Softball (new 2019), Old School PE, Outdoor Pickelball, Kearsarge Wildcat Football, Cheerleading, Ice Skating and overall general park use.

We want to hear from residents about other activities they would like offered. Some current requests are courts for bocce, croquet, disc golf and outdoor exercise equipment, a pump track for bicycles and a dog park. We continue to listen to your requests and explore ways to implement suggestions.

You can find Warner Parks & Rec on the web at
<http://www.warnerparksandrec.com/>
and on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/WarnerParksAndRecreation/
@WarnerParksAndRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/WarnerParksAndRecreation/@WarnerParksAndRecreation)

A special thanks to Alan Piroso for his years of service taking such great care of all the parks and maintaining a places of Town pride for visiting towns and patrons. We wish you the best of luck in your next endeavors. Thank you also to our public works department for keeping our parks up and running this season.

We also want to thank the high school volunteers who help during the school year to give back to the community through service hours at our parks and to programs.

Parks and Recreation has been a part of the Adopt a Highway program since 2015. We are responsible for a section on Route 103, Warner, from Exit 7 to Farrell Loop. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped keep this area clean. If you have time to help in the spring or fall cleanup, please contact us at: parks@warnernh.gov. You must be 18 years or older to help, or over 16 with a parental consent form. This is a great way to get school community service hours.

Thank you to all the families, workers and volunteers that take the time to lend a hand and support us. We are always looking for help through board members and we have active positions open. If you are interested in joining our board, please email us at: parks@warnernh.gov. Our meetings are listed on the Town calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

*Apryl Blood,
Director of Parks and Recreation*

Trustees of Town Cemeteries

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The Trustees of Town Cemeteries are responsible for the maintenance and condition of Warner's thirty large and small cemeteries. New Waterloo Cemetery off West Route 103 is the town's only active cemetery with approximately 160 remaining burial plots. Persons interested in purchasing a cemetery lot can obtain information at Warner's website, www.warner.nh.us. On the same web page one may find additional information regarding the locations of the older town cemeteries by scrolling to the 2011 Master Plan's Community Facilities map. Also, the Warner Historical Society website, www.warnerhistorical.org, has cemetery records for New Waterloo, as well as several other Warner cemeteries.

For the past several years, maintenance of the dozen accessible town cemeteries has been diligently performed by Gary Young and Lane Monroe. This year due to Gary's period of recuperation from an operation, Lane took on most of the required seasonal care. In December Lane repaired sections of the Old Waterloo Cemetery fence that has been repeatedly damaged by overhanging tree limbs, an issue that we address at many other town cemeteries when the budget allows. We look forward to Gary's full recovery and feel very fortunate to have this loyal and hard working duo working for the town.

The Trustees also feel lucky to have a great relationship with Warner's Department of Public Works. This summer the DPW with the assistance of a tree service removed a threatening old maple on Kearsarge Mountain Road near the entrance of the Tory Hill Cemetery. In addition, the DPW provided the New Waterloo Cemetery a pile of excess loam from a project. Such cooperation is most appreciated.

We also wish to thank the members of Legion Post #39 for their annual placement of American flags on veterans' graves in Warner cemeteries for Memorial Day. Legion participants also place Christmas wreaths at selected town cemeteries.

The Trustees wish to extend a special thank you to Don Wheeler who - after several years as a Cemetery Trustee - decided to step down this year due to health reasons. Being a native son of Warner, Don always shared his wealth of important, as well as amusing, town history with us. We are very grateful for his sincere efforts as a fellow Cemetery Trustee.

Thank you to all the residents and friends of Warner who share an interest in the town's many cemeteries!

Respectively submitted,

*Gerald B. Courser, Penny Sue Courser, Mary E. Cogswell
and Kenneth W. Cogswell*

Warner Historical Society

The mission of the Warner Historical Society is to bring together people interested in the history of Warner, NH, to identify and preserve landmarks, documents, artifacts and other items of historical significance to the town, to keep alive our heritage by recording the history and incidents of the past and present, and to support education about the history of Warner.

In the past year, the Warner Historical Society has worked hard to fulfill the promises of its mission. In a time of continuing uncertainty, an evolving pandemic, and economic pressures, the volunteers, members, trustees and friends of the Historical Society have accomplished much.

The 2022 Exhibit, “250 Years of Education in Warner”, was terrific! Many thanks to Rebecca Courser, Mary Cogswell, Linda Hartman, and Lynn Clark for all their work in researching, writing, and hanging an exhibit that engages us in the history of teaching and learning in our town. And, we are grateful for the docents who supported the exhibit with their time and knowledge.

Last year, we reported on the 5-year Strategic Plan, which outlines areas of growth in education, leadership, communication and collaboration. We have made progress in each of these areas. One example is that we have formed an Education Advisory Committee, comprised of four professional educators, who meet with us periodically. They have helped us to clarify our educational goals and given us advice on how to accomplish these goals. To this end, we have worked to strengthen the Historical Society’s relationship with the faculty and administration of Simonds School and will be working with teachers throughout the school year, sharing artifacts and information from our exhibits and will be offering supportive curricula to teachers that helps them meet their social studies curriculum standards, all using local Warner history. Twenty Simonds Elementary faculty members and Principal Tim Stokes visited our exhibit in September, and in October the entire fourth grade spent an afternoon exploring the exhibit and taking notes for potential stories students will write. We are very grateful to the faculty, administration, and students of Simonds School and we look forward to deepening our connection with them.

Two years ago, it was necessary to move our programs and our exhibit online. This past year, we were able to slowly come out of our collective cocoon and, using caution, hold both in-person and on-line events. We have learned how to hold a hybrid gathering such as the successful Tory Hill program this past August with our presenter, Tom Wessels, an environmental forensic scientist, Zooming onto the big screen in Town Hall. Folks in our community submitted photographs for him to consider and we gathered together to have a live conversation with him, as he interpreted our photographs. This experience pushed us to learn more about ways to reach out to our community and we surprised ourselves by successfully mastering the technology to do this. While we will continue to be careful, we are so grateful to be able to be together again.

Lynn Clark has announced her retirement as Executive Director of the Historical Society. We join the whole community in thanking her for her excellent leadership, wisdom, and friendship. We are sad Lynn is stepping down but we are thrilled she will continue to assist us to research Warner’s history, work on upcoming exhibits, and give guidance to the

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next Executive Director. A Search Committee has been working hard to identify qualified candidates and hopes to announce a new Director by early spring.

Despite the challenges of the past two years, the Warner Historical Society remains a vibrant and financially sound organization. The leadership of our Executive Director, Lynn Clark, federal grants through NH Humanities, and, especially, the considerable generosity of our members, friends, and community partners has enabled us to weather the storm and continue to meet our mission. We are extremely grateful for your support and look forward to being with you at events and programs in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Brick Moltz

President, Warner Historical Society Board of Directors

Warner River Local Advisory Committee

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The Warner River Local Advisory Committee (we'll just shorten that to "WRLAC") is pleased to report on the progress we made during Calendar Year 2022. We have statutory authority to advise state and local governments on federal, state, and local permit applications and other environmental issues within the Designated Warner River Corridor, which is ½-mile wide (¼ mile as measured outward from each river bank) as the river flows through our five riverfront towns. Warner's share of the Warner River extends from the town line with Bradford to the Webster town line at Davisville (minus the two quick jogs through Sutton), about 12.9 river-miles total.

WRLAC had a moderate amount of work reviewing permit applications during Calendar 2022 -- the Warner River is a defining characteristic of Warner, with about ⅔ of the river's total mileage in Town and our roadways running alongside and across the river for much of the way. We have:

- Continued to monitor progress of the DOT project to reconstruct the Route 127 Bridge at Davisville, which is currently in design and not quite ready for construction.
- Provided review comments to Warner Planning Board during the town permitting process for Comet, LLC's project to develop land at the Intervale for an apartment building in 2022.
- Assisted NH Department of Environmental Services with observations, river quality measurements, and information for a late-season sediment discharge upriver in Bradford (the sediment was visible well into the Warner portions of the river).
- Spent too much time working to resolve drums stored on the riverbank outside the old Warner Power building at 41 Depot Street (thanks, Chris!).
- Assisted Warner Conservation Commission with their efforts toward groundwater protection (thanks, Laura!).

Our Corridor Management Plan (released January 2021) has a strong public outreach and education focus, which we made progress on by supporting Warner Palooza held at the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in August and the Warner Fall Foliage Festival in October. We expect that we will continue with these commitments during 2023. We will continue to solicit your assistance from our Warner neighbors to accomplish even more of our goals! The Warner River Corridor Management Plan is obtainable at: <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/r-wd-20-25.pdf>).

We continued to work with the Warner Selectboard, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board in revising and updating references to the Designated Warner River and WRLAC on Warner's website, and have been working with the Planning Board to revise their land-use permit application documents (to include automatically notifying us of pending applications). We do hope this task will be completed during 2023.

Our website (www.wrlac.com) is up-and-running and has been well received. We are continuing to post blogs and spreading the good word about the river (GO SEE!). I

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especially like the real-time connection to the USGS river gaging station at Davisville that we added last year. As we move forward from here, we expect to have additional ecological and river-related content of interest to our Warner neighbors, regardless of where you live in town.

The DES-funded Instream Flow Study of the Warner River began in the fall of 2020 and continued through 2022. Newsflash: the draft of this Study was submitted to us just after New Year's 2023, and we will review the report and support NH Department of Environmental Services in presenting this report to the residents of Warner and our four other riverfront towns during January and February 2023. This Instream Flow Report will be used to prepare the river's water management plan, which will be the road map of how to ensure there is an adequate flow of water to preserve a healthy river ecosystem as balanced with human water needs. This could have implications for riverfront property owners, registered water users (like Warner Village Water District), and those of us who use the river for recreation. Stay tuned for these developments!

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

Besides me, two of your neighbors have volunteered to represent Warner on the WRLAC: Laura Russell and Chris Spannweitz. My thanks to them for their selfless donation of time and energy in helping to protect the high quality of the Warner River. Please reach out to them (or me!) with any Warner River concerns. Please go out and enjoy the attractions around and in the Warner River! The rail trails are progressing (thanks to the Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail), and the views from the trail and the bridges are second to none. That's why we three Warnerites devote so much of our time and energy on maintaining the health of the Warner River!

Respectfully submitted,

*Ken Milender, Chair
Warner River Local Advisory Committee*



Lake Sunapee region VNA & Hospice

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

- Provided skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and in-home supportive care to 33 residents;
- Provided free/reduced cost in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents; visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 65% of cost);
- Provided 14 months of bereavement programming to hospice families after the death of their loved ones at no cost, including virtual bereavement support groups so that families and the community could safely access this vital assistance;
- Residents continued to benefit from our growing Palliative Care program, helping to navigate serious illnesses with an emphasis on symptom management and personal goals;
- Foot Care clinics expanded in 2022 both in the number of locations (Bradford, Charlestown, Claremont, Hanover, Lebanon, New London, Newport) and the frequency of clinic hours in response to a growing need and lack of access to this service;
- Wellness Clinics were provided in four area towns (Claremont, Bradford, Lebanon, Hanover).

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

With gratitude,

Jim Culhane, President & CEO



Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

Central NH Regional Planning Commission

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Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. Ken Milender and Ben Inman are the Town’s representatives to the Commission.

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

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

- Provided circuit rider planner technical assistance and plan review assistance to the Planning Board as requested.
- Continued to assist the Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee. Primary tasks included assistance hosting a public hearing to gather public input, mapping and GIS support, various technical assistance, and assistance developing a draft report.
- Provided the Corridor Committee with information regarding the NHDOT’s Local Public Agency (LPA) process for implementing transportation projects administered by the town.
- Continued the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in coordination with the NH Office of Planning and Development and the other eight NH regional planning commissions.
- Supported the Warner Groundwater Protection Committee’s efforts for evaluation of need, public outreach, and development of a proposed Groundwater Protection Ordinance and overlay district.
- Assisted in the development of Hazard Mitigation Plans in five communities under the Building Infrastructure and Resilient Communities (BRIC) 2020 program and provided continued hazard mitigation plan implementation assistance in communities throughout the region. The update of the 2019 Warner Hazard Mitigation Plan will begin in 2023.

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- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2022, CNHRPC held five TAC meetings. The CNHRPC TAC solicited projects for the NHDOT 2025-2034 Ten Year Plan, and received and ranked project submittals for possible inclusion in the Ten Year Plan.
- Participated in a range of regional and statewide bicycle and pedestrian planning activities related to trails, sidewalks, bike lanes and bike shoulders, roadway surfacing, and safety. Assistance to local trail organizations and trail committees is a key component to this work.
- Provided coordination assistance to the CommuteSmart NH program that works to support transportation demand management services and rideshare coordination across the state utilizing Agile Mile transportation demand management (TDM) software.
- Conducted over 240 state and local traffic counts throughout the region. In Warner, staff completed 12 counts in 2022.
- Continued to work with communities on Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) development. Tasks include the identification and mapping of natural resources and the development of methods to overlay and quantify the relative value of natural resources in the community. Interactive online StoryMaps were developed to communicate results.

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



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Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main Street, Warner, NH , Held Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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Beginning at seven o'clock in the morning and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ALMONERS OF THE FOSTER & CURRIER FUND 1 For 3 years

Janice Cutting 449

BUDGET COMMITTEE 2 For 3 years

Michael Cutting 432

Write-in Harold Blanchette* 9

Write-in Richard Bixby 4

BUDGET COMMITTEE 1 For 1 years

Robert E Blake 416

CHANDLER RESERVATION 1 For 4 years

Gerald Courser 466

MODERATOR 1 For 2 years

Ray Martin 463

SELECTMAN 1 For 3 years

Christine Frost 423

SELECTMAN 1 For 1 years

Samuel J S Bower 441

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST 1 For 6 years

Michael K Brown * 261

Karen Coyne 163

TRUSTEE OF PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY 3 For 3 years

Michael K Brown 393

Sherry Colfer 380

Teresa Hathaway 378

TRUSTEE OF TOWN CEMETERIES 2 For 3 years

Mary Cogswell 419

Donald H Wheeler 399

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND 1 For 3 years

Robert E Blake 421

** Winner by majority vote*

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Article 2- Failed

QUESTION 2: YES [] 122 NO [X] 360

BY PETITION: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the text of Article II B-4 of the Warner Building Code: remove section four, regarding minimum square footage, and appropriately renumber the following sections and; amend Article XIV-B(3) of the Warner Zoning Ordinance to remove the phrase “an area of no less than 300 square feet.” (Not recommended by the Planning board 5-1.)

Article 3 - Failed

QUESTION 3: YES [] 100 NO [X] 382

BY PETITION: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to Table 1: Use Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to reflect multi-family workforce housing as a permitted use in R2, C-1, and INT. (Not recommended by the Planning board 6-0.)

Article 4 - Failed

QUESTION 4: YES [] 122 NO [X] 364

BY PETITION: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the text of Article VII of the Warner Zoning Ordinance: replace “the individual family’s” with “residential” and; to the amendment of Table 1: Use Regulations, to reflect multi-family dwellings, and the conversion of existing structures into multi-family dwellings, and permitted uses in R-3 and OC-1. (Not recommended by the Planning board 6-0.)

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL

Moderator Ray Martin opened the meeting. He announced the results of the Town and the Kearsarge Regional School District voting of the previous day. 503 townspeople voted, approximately 25% of the Town’s registered voters. Moderator Martin outlined the rules of the meeting, saying he would follow a modified version of Roberts Rules of Order and included the information that people not present could watch and listen to the meeting via a free Zoom link but only those physically present in Town Hall could participate.

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,615,000 (Two Million, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of making repairs, rebuilding, and improving certain Town roads, including the drainage of such roads, including Schoodac Road, Poverty Plains Road, Pumpkin Hill Road, Mason Hill Road, North Village Road, and other such Town roads the Selectboard determines need such work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,615,000 (Two Million, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) through taxation for the interest payment on the bonds and notes. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.) 2/3 ballot vote required to pass.

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Moderator read Article 5. Motion to move Article. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Moderator announced a needed change to language in this article. Last year, the State Legislature passed a law that reduced the level of acceptance among voters for a bonding article; bonds formerly needed to be supported by 2/3 (or 66%) of the voters, but under the new law, that rate has been reduced to 3/5 (or 60%) of voters' acceptance. (This problem was noted just earlier today by the NH Department of Revenue Administration.)

Moderator asked for a motion to amend Article 5 to strike the 2/3 vote and state 3/5 ballot vote required. Moved. Second.

Article 5 Amended - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,615,000 (Two Million, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of making repairs, rebuilding, and improving certain Town roads, including the drainage of such roads, including Schoodac Road, Poverty Plains Road, Pumpkin Hill Road, Mason Hill Road, North Village Road, and other such Town roads the Selectboard determines need such work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,615,000 (Two Million, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) through taxation for the interest payment on the bonds and notes. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.) *3/5 ballot vote required.*

Moderator read Article 5 as amended. Motion to move Article. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Selectman Carson said this article would allow the Town to get several road projects done. Town Meeting voters typically approve roughly \$250,000 to \$300,000 annually to pay for these bigger projects, usually done by outside contractors. "At that rate, we don't get a lot of projects done," he said. This year, the Selectboard worked with Director of Public Works (DPW) Road Agent Tim Allen to find a better way. Since loan interest rates are currently low, by putting these six projects together, at an annual interest rate of 3.27% (and with construction costs estimated to rise about 7% annually) the Town could save roughly \$660,000, Carson said. The other factor driving this approach is that the federal government is expected to provide funds for highway projects this coming year, and when those funds become available there will be considerable competition among building contractors, which could result in higher costs; the sooner the projects are put out to bid, the more likely it is that the Town will be able to secure projects being completed. In addition, by taking in a bid for all six projects at once, the Town will realize additional savings by the "economy of scale" formula.

DPW Tim Allen said he and the administration have been talking about this idea for the last two or three years. Securing the loan would "give us a little more commitment to roadwork," he said. (In 1996, the Road Committee listed 10 projects that needed work

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and, in the subsequent 28 years, three of those 10 have still not been done.) Allen said his goal would be to get these six projects designed and “shovel-ready” as soon as possible. Allen said he created a list that analyses work needed to repair and maintain all the roads of Warner; and the cost was roughly \$7 million. If the Town approves this bond, he said, and move ahead with the same concept in the future, it may be able to maintain the roads reasonably well for many years. “I think in the long run, it’s going to save the Town money,” he said of the bond.

David Bates asked if the proposal would “prevent more costly degeneration” of the Town’s roads. Allen answered that it would.

Martha Bodnarik congratulated Allen on his work, but in view of the current Russia-Ukrainian conflict and anticipated rise in oil prices, she was skeptical about the estimated costs. “Prices of oil are skyrocketing,” she said, “and hot top goes up 1% when oil goes up .7%.” She suggested the Town might end up being able to pay for only two of the four major projects.

Allen said even if two of the projects had to be set aside, the bond “is still a better way to do (pay for) the work.” Selectman Sam Bower said he recognized the validity of Bodnarik’s comment. “I just don’t know if there’s any way we can predict exactly when prices will go down,” he said. Jim Sherman noted that oil prices “dropped like a rock today,” and he expects the federal government to find a way to stabilize oil costs by the end of 2022.

Steve Bridgewater, motion for an amendment to Article 5:

Take out the words “*making repairs, rebuilding, and improving certain Town Roads, including the drainage of such roads*” and add “*for the purpose of engineering and rebuilding of Schoodac Road, Poverty Plains Road, Pumpkin Hill Road, Mason Hill Road, and North Village Road only.*” Then take out the words “*other such Town Roads the Selectboard determines need such work*”, replace with “*all engineered plans, cost estimates, and contract bids would then be reviewed by the previously established road committee before contracts are awarded. The Selectboard would reward contracts after review*” and then continue with the wording of the Warrant Article.

Steve stated the Town needs to “fine tune” to specify that the money can only be spent on those roads.

Article 5 as Amended - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,615,000 (Two Million, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of engineering and rebuilding of Schoodac Road, Poverty Plains Road, Pumpkin Hill Road, Mason Hill Road, and North Village Road only. All engineered plans, cost estimates, and contract bids would then be reviewed by the previously established Road Committee before contracts are awarded. The Selectboard would reward contracts after review, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,615,000 (Two Million, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) bond or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize

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the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) through taxation for the interest payment on the bonds and notes.

Moderator read Article 5 as amended. Motion to move Article. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Discussion on Amendment.

Rebecca Courser asked for clarification that the Selectboard as the governing body has the authority to spend the money, so they must be involved. Moderator confirmed the Selectboard would have the final say, as that section of wording in the Article would stay the same.

James Gaffney: there is no language in the Article that directs the funds to go into either a Capital Reserve Fund or another account so that there can be accountability. These funds are not going to be expended in one year; they will be expended over a number of years. If these funds do not go into an account that can be monitored, audited etc, there is a greatly increased chance the funds would be expended for other purposes. I would like the person who submitted the amendment, to consider further amending the Warrant Article.

Moderator asked Steve Bridgewater if he would consider adding the language. Steve stated that wording is in the Article. James Gaffney said he would like a separate account.

Susan Henley asked when funds are ear marked for a certain project and money is not spent at the end of the year, where do remaining funds go? Christine Frost stated that this is a loan. Funds will be carried over annually and can only be spent on what the original loan was obtained for. The money would be in a separate account.

Andrew Bodnarik wanted to know if this is a Capital Reserve Account or a special account? Christine Frost said it is not a Capital Reserve Account, it is a loan.

Rebecca Courser, move the question on the amendment. Voice vote to move the question. Second. Passed.

Moderator explained voting is on the Amendment to Article 5. Voice Vote. Passed.

Moderator opened the polls at 7:02 PM. for one hour for ballot vote as required on Amended Article 5.

Article 6 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,675,514 (Three Million, Six Hundred Seventy Five Thousand, Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars) as the 2022 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

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Moderator read Article 6. Motion to move Article 6. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Selectman Christine Frost noted this budget represents a 4.9% increase over last year's. Only 95% of last year's budget was spent - due to several factors including a decrease in staffing hours related to the coronavirus pandemic, as well as energy-related challenges. The 2022 budget includes an increase of Town staff and employees received wages increases, she said.

Budget Committee Chair Mike Cutting reviewed the Operating Budget: the difference between what was approved for 2021 and what was spent was \$159,412, which goes back into the general fund and can be used to reduce the tax rate. He showed a pie chart of where the budget is spent, he explained the 2021 total anticipated spending equaled the Operating Budget, plus the funds approved in warrant articles, (both approved at Town Meeting) for a total of approximately \$4.1 million. 2021 revenue estimates were a little higher than \$1 million; Cutting emphasized the Town always estimates revenue conservatively. Another slide showed how the property tax rate in Warner over the last eight years has fluctuated between \$9.96 (in 2019) to last year's \$8.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Cutting explained: Last year's lower rate was possible due to the Board of Selectmen applying approximately \$225,000 from the general fund balance to reduce taxes. The budget plan is to maintain enough (money) to be fiscally responsible and have enough funds to pay the bills. The state recommends a municipality keep between 5% and 17% of its total budget costs (town, county and school district budgets) in its general fund balance. Town leaders have aimed to have approximately \$1 million in the general fund balance and achieved that last year.

The 2022 tax rate will depend on how voters vote on warrant articles tonight. The total amount of the warrant articles being considered is over \$1 million; but if the construction bonding article passes, a more general road repair article on the warrant could be passed over and the total will drop to approximately to \$824,000. If all the warrant articles are passed, the total amount the Town would need to raise from taxation for 2022 is approximately \$3.48 million, an increase of approximately 12.3% over the 2021 amount raised by taxation.

Open for questions:

Martha Bodnarik: urged voters to reject the annual operating budget article proposed. The Town would then use 2021's budget, which would be sufficient since it resulted in a surplus. The Town owns about \$2 million in properties that can be sold. Bodnarik complained: the Town lost an "excellent bookkeeper" that has not been replaced, saying the bookkeeper fills an important role for the Town and that person "takes the temptation away from anybody to misappropriate funds." She noted the Bookkeeper's Report, which has previously appeared in the annual Town Report, is not available this year. Bodnarik also complained that the Board of Selectmen approved pay increases for employees before Town Meeting, so the official legislative body (i.e., Town Meeting voters) did not have a chance to review that idea beforehand.

Regarding the Town-owned properties Bodnarik mentioned, Cutting said the old Fire

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Station on East Main Street is on the verge of being sold for approximately \$175,000. Cutting said considering the current shortage of workers the Board of Selectmen proposed the pay increases: a 4.2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and a possible 2% merit pending a satisfactory review; this is the first time the Town has ever included a merit program in its salary structure.

Selectboard Chair Carson said the Town is currently upgrading its more than 20-year-old financial systems. They are working with someone who knows both the old and new systems; when the new system is up to date, the Board will hire a new bookkeeper.

Selectboard Chair Carson addressed the pay increases: like everyone else, Town employees are impacted by the current rise in inflation. To retain and attract good employees is why they initiated the merit raise program. Wage increases have always begun at the beginning of the year with the idea that, if the annual operating budget is not approved, the Selectboard will find some other way to keep the pay increases. "We've got to treat our employees well," Carson said.

Mary Pelkey said the current COLA is a little more than 5% and the Town is only providing a 4.2% COLA increase, and a possible 2% merit increase. Mike Cutting said the Town feels merit raises are appropriate for employees who are doing a good job.

David Bates said Cutting's property tax numbers are not adjusted for inflation. "If you adjust for inflation, it's basically flat," he said, which means the Town is actually spending "less and less every year."

A citizen said local property values are continuing to increase. Nick Clark said, as assessed property values go up, "We're actually being taxed more for the same property."

Regarding the Town-owned lands, Judy Newman-Rogers said the Board is currently reviewing a contract with an auction company to put three pieces of Town-owned properties up for sale. "And that money will go into the general fund to be used in the fall tax setting review (to lower taxes)," Cutting explained.

Martha Bodnarik said her objection is not that the Board awarded pay increases, but that the Board is instituting the increases before budget approval at Town Meeting.

James Gaffney said the Town received \$155,000 in each of the last two years from the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) pandemic relief program. He said he's suggested the Selectboard come up with a specific plan about how it wants to spend the money, but that has not occurred.

Andy Bodnarik said his main concerns about the pay raises and the spending of surplus funds is simply that the Board of Selectmen does not make that information explicit to residents.

Chris Perkins, motion to move the question. Second. Voice vote. Motion Passed.

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Moderator read Article 6 again. Voice Vote. Article 6 Passed.

Ed Mical, Motion: to Move Article 16 Forward. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to establish a Transportation Alternative Program Matching Grant Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for design engineering in support of Warner's Transportation Alternative Program connecting the downtown village district to the Interval District, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,111 (Ninety-Five Thousand, One Hundred-Eleven Dollars) to be place in that fund? The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2; Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 16. Motion to move Article. Second. Voice Vote. Passed.

James Gaffney, motion to amend: to replace the wording with, “*Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the existing capital reserve fund established in 2020 for study and engineering of the possibility of creating a sidewalk connecting the downtown area with exit 9. Further, shall the Town instruct the Selectboard to establish a committee to lead the study, gather information and report back to the town the feasibility and impacts of such a project. 50% of the members of this committee shall be owners of property along the Main Street route that could be impacted. This committee shall present findings to the Town at Town Meeting 2023. The Selectboard shall solicit volunteers for this committee publicly on the Town website within 30 days of passage. Further, shall the Town vote to repeal 31:95-b authority provided by the town in 2002 town meeting. Effective upon passage.*”

James Gaffney presented RSA 31:95-b for information:

Appropriation for funds made available during year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any town or village district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing, indefinitely until specific rescission of such authority, the board of selectmen or board of commissioners to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town or village district meeting, unanticipated money from the state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

The following shall apply:

(a) Such warrant article to be voted on shall read: “Shall the town (or village district) accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town (or village district) at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen (or commissioners) to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town (or village district) meeting, unanticipated money from a state,

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federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?”

(b) If a majority of voters voting on the question vote in the affirmative, the proposed warrant article shall be in effect in accordance with the terms of the article until such time as the town or village district meeting votes to rescind its vote.

II. Such money shall be used only for legal purposes for which a town or village district may appropriate money.

III. (a) For unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$10,000 or more, the selectmen or board of commissioners shall hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the relevant municipality at least 7 days before the hearing is held.

(b) The board of selectmen may establish the amount of unanticipated funds required for notice under this subparagraph, provided such amount is less than \$10,000. For unanticipated moneys in an amount less than such amount, the board of selectmen shall post notice of the funds in the agenda and shall include notice in the minutes of the board of selectmen meeting in which such moneys are discussed. The acceptance of unanticipated moneys under this subparagraph shall be made in public session of any regular board of selectmen meeting.

IV. Action to be taken under this section shall:

(a) Not require the expenditure of other town or village district funds except those funds lawfully appropriated for the same purpose; and

(b) Be exempt from all provisions of RSA 32 relative to limitation and expenditure of town or village district moneys.

James stated 31:95-b is a provision in New Hampshire law that allows the Selectboard to accept unanticipated funds. The consequences of repealing this authority from 2002 are that the Town will be forced to plan ahead. If they want to accept grant money, they must come before the town with a warrant article a year in advanced. They would have to come before the town and state what the funds will be used for. It allows for open transparent government and for everyone to participate in the process. It is not a large burden on the Town or Selectboard. It will help prevent what has happened to date with this project.

Gaffney discussed the final clause in his proposed amendment. “*RSA 31:95b is a provision in New Hampshire law that allows the Selectboard to accept unexpected funds – grant money, anything you can imagine from the federal government. They’re ‘unanticipated funds,’*” he explained. “The consequences of repealing this authority that we gave them in 2002, is that the Town will be forced to plan ahead. It means that if we want to accept grant money, it means we have to come forward with a warrant article, just like any other warrant article, a year in advance and say, ‘This is our intent, and this is the permission we’d like to have,

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to accept “x” amount of money to do “x, y, and z” purpose,” he said. “It allows for open, transparent government. It allows for everybody to participate in the process. If they don’t ask in advance, then they have two other options: they can come to the Town at the next Town Meeting and ask for permission to accept and expend those funds, or they can have a special Town Meeting sometime during the course of the year,” Gaffney explained. “This is not a large burden on the Town. It’s not a large burden on the Selectboard. And it will prevent what has happened to date with this project.” Some citizens applauded the amendment.

Andy Bodnarik second the motion to amend.

Moderator Martin said the first part of the amendment is appropriate, because it pertains directly to Article 16. However, the second part, regarding the repeal of RSA 31:95b, could be considered later in the meeting, or as a separate article under “New Business.” Martin ruled the two parts should not be together in the proposed amendment.

Gaffney argued the two parts are appropriately combined because they are germane to the original Warrant Article 16. Martin said he was ruling that the second part cannot be joined to the first and that it could be proposed later in the meeting. Moderator Martin said his ruling could be brought to the floor for a vote.

Kimberley Edelmann said if the two sections were combined into a single article, the whole article might be disqualified by NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in their review after the meeting closed.

Martha Mical, Motion: to separate the language in the amendment that states, “Finally, shall the Town vote to repeal RSA 31:95b authority provided by the Town in 2002, at Town Meeting, effective on passage.”

Moderator Martin asked the meeting if it agreed with his ruling that the two “divergent topics” should be separated. Moderator said he would accept bringing up the proposed RSA 31:95-b language later in the meeting as a motion under new business.

In a voice vote, the meeting concurred with the moderator. Moderator then opened discussion on the now-amended amendment.

Michelle Kendrick questioned whether \$5,000 would be enough to pay for a feasibility study. “Five thousand dollars just isn’t going to do it,” Selectboard Chairman Carson said.

Janice Cutting said Hillsboro looked at doing a similar sidewalk/multi-use path project with a TAP grant several years ago. That Town broke down the costs between the feasibility study, the design work, and the engineering work; the estimated cost of the feasibility study was listed at \$31,000, and the route was longer than the one being addressed in Article 16. “It can be done,” she said.

David Bates said he would prefer to have the road construction done by a professional civil engineer.

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Gaffney said: the money the Board is requesting is for a TAP “matching fund,” grant (i.e., the Town pays 20% of the total costs and the grant pays 80%). This action was taken without the Town voting on it. If the proposed design engineering work is completed, and the Town later decides against building the sidewalk/multiuse path, the matching grant funds disappear. The Town would have to pay for the engineering study.

Selectman Carson reminded the group that the Board has been talking about this project for some years, and the discussions always included matching funds. Just as the Town did when planning to construct the Barbara Annis Roundabout on Rte. 103, funds have been put aside for the last few years to help pay for the project. If the Town approves the Article and later decides against moving forward, that money would be used to reimburse the State for the cost of the design engineering work.

Andy Bodnarik said his problem with the proposal is one of process. He said the fund was set up for one purpose but would now be used for a different purpose, if the project moves forward under this article. He said the criteria used for TAP grants focus on multi-use (i.e., pedestrian and bicycle) paths. However, those kinds of paths are not recommended for running adjacent to main thoroughfares like Rte. 103. “You don’t have the room,” he said, and the application wouldn’t be rated as high as it currently is if the Town’s application didn’t refer to two deaths in that area that “are unrelated to the project you’re talking about,” Bodnarik said.

Carson said the Selectboard wanted to look at all possibilities for the proposed path. That included a multi-use path, although there is a good chance the design engineering work would come back with a finding that advises only a sidewalk just as it could indicate even a sidewalk is not advisable. “Until we do the study (proposed in Article 16), we won’t know,” he concluded.

A Citizen pointed out that DPW Director Tim Allen spoke earlier in the meeting about the challenge that his department has now maintaining its roads. The citizen also criticized how the Selectboard handled a recent informational meeting with local property owners along the proposed route, saying, “You couldn’t answer the questions” the local homeowners proposed.

Mike Kinshaw suggested that Gaffney change the language in his proposed amendment from simply “*fifty-percent (50%)*” of local property owners to “*at least fifty-percent (50%)*” local property owners.

Gaffney accepted the change, and **Moderator Martin asked if it could be considered a friendly amendment to Gaffney’s amendment. Kinshaw answered yes, and the motion was quickly seconded.**

Moderator closed voting on the Bond Article 5 at 8:02 PM. Ballots were counted.

Motion Passed on Article 5 –Amended, 129-34, more than 3/5 total votes as required.

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One resident asked if there has been a pedestrian count on the proposed route. Carson said it had been done in the past, but those numbers are not available at this time.

Martha Bodnarik said she would not favor spending one more dollar for this project. She said there's no demonstrated need for the sidewalk, no accidents that she's heard of that were related to pedestrians or bicycles on Main Street, and that people who own homes in the area would be "harshly impacted" by the sidewalk and are not in favor of the project. Finally, she said there is nothing in the commercial area off Interstate 93's exit 9 that would draw children from the village and necessitate a sidewalk.

Emma Bates said people underestimate the number of walkers along Main Street in "all kinds of weather." "I've seen seniors from the senior citizens housing walking in the snow," she said. "I see kids walking back and forth from school, including my own... This is a very well used road. There are lots of people who don't have transportation to get down to buy their groceries. They also walk to get to work down there, because that's where most of the jobs in Warner are. If we're not providing a safe way to get down there then I think we're doing a disservice to our Town," she said. "So I'm against the amendment." Some residents applauded after Bates' remarks.

Rebecca Courser, motion to move the question.

Moderator Martin asked the audience and in a unanimous voice vote, the citizens answered in the affirmative.

Moderator Martin said they would vote on the amendment to Article 16; the amendment, proposed by Gaffney, would replace all the language in the original amendment. Andy Bodnarik asked Moderator Martin for a show of hands vote and Martin agreed.

Moderator stated the amendment to Article 16 up for vote:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the existing capital reserve fund established in 2020 for study and engineering of the possibility of creating a sidewalk connecting the downtown area with exit 9. Further, shall the Town instruct the Selectboard to establish a committee to lead the study, gather information and report back to the town the feasibility and impacts of such a project. Up to 50% of the members of this committee shall be owners of property along the Main Street route that could be impacted. This committee shall present findings to the Town at Town Meeting 2023. The Selectboard shall solicit volunteers for this committee publicly on the Town website within 30 days of passage.

The moderator asked those in favor of the amendment to Article 16, to raise their hands with a pink paper ballot. **Martin said the vote was too close to insure a correct count and proposed using a paper ballot. Voice Vote. Paper Ballot Passed.**

Moderator announced the vote on the amendment to Article 16 passed, 78-74.

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Discussion was then on the now Amended Article 16. Moderator read Article 16 as amended.

Discussion on article as amended. One resident asked if the Town would lose its opportunity to win the TAP grant, if the voters reject the proposal at this meeting. In that case, the Town could lose roughly access to approximately \$900,000, he said.

Gaffney said the Board of Selectmen could still possibly accept the TAP grant unless the Town Meeting approves his proposal to repeal acceptance of RSA 931:95A later at this meeting.

Moderator said if the Town turns down the TAP grant, it would be up to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to decide what to do since they award the grant. "They could pull it back, or they could award it to another town," he said. There is also the possibility that the DOT could give Warner another year to study the issue.

Selectboard Chair Carson said the amended article is "not really workable" for the proposed project. He said \$25,000 would not get the Town the information it needs to move forward because it wouldn't be enough to get the proposed design engineering work completed. "I think (the amendment) was designed to squash the sidewalk. I'd recommend voting this down," he said. "I think the sense of the meeting is that the sidewalk is dead."

Harry Seidel said without the original-proposed design engineering study being done, there's no chance the Town will get the TAP grant, even if the citizens want it later.

Tim Blagden said the Town has applied for the TAP grant and it's currently "in the process of being approved." "It was the top (rated) project in the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning District," and the fourth best in the State, he said. "So we've competed and we've won. So, that money will come to the Town, if the Town chooses to accept it. What's extremely unfortunate is, as part of the grant," there is approximately \$100,000 required to do the required engineering design study to decide specifics like: Should it be a sidewalk or a multi-use path? What side of the road should it be on? Should it cross the road at any point in time? "That work can't be done for \$25,000, it's going to take the (roughly) \$100,000," Blagden said. Without the more expensive study, the Town "can't make an informed decision" about the project. If the Town moves forward with the project, 80% of the money would be refunded through the TAP grant. If it is decided not to move forward, the capital reserve fund would pay for the study, he said.

Sam Milender said he's been living at 98 West Main Street for some years. "The first time I heard of this proposal was a month ago," he said.

One resident asked how many people along the West Main Street area were contacted for their input about the project. Selectboard Chair Carson said the Board held an informational meeting for residents about two weeks ago. There was some vocal disapproval heard to that remark. But Carson said the project has been discussed at the last two annual Town Meetings as well as other public meetings. It's been listed in the Capital Improvement Plan

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for several years, and it was noted in the Master Plan some years back.

Another person asked why the residents who would be impacted were only contacted two weeks ago. Some citizens applauded.

Gaffney said the project came to the Planning Board in 2020 listed as an “urgent need” for the Town. “We gave them \$10,000, they did nothing,” he said. “The same thing happened in 2021.” He added that the amended article would give the Town the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the proposed project to the Board of Selectmen.

David Bates said from the beginning, the Town said there would be an opportunity for local residents to voice their thoughts about the proposed project after an engineer was involved and present to hear all the questions and concerns. Several attendees applauded the remark.

Moderator Martin asked if the majority would be in favor of moving the question. The response was unanimously affirmative. Martin directed voters to cast their ballots with the white paper on Amended Article 16.

Article 16 as Amended

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the existing capital reserve fund established in 2020 for study and engineering of the possibility of creating a sidewalk connecting the downtown area with exit 9. Further, shall the Town instruct the Selectboard to establish a committee to lead the study, gather information and report back to the Town the feasibility and impacts of such a project. At least, 50% of the members of this committee shall be owners of property along the main street route that could be impacted. This committee shall present findings to the Town at Town Meeting 2023. The Selectboard shall solicit volunteers for this committee publicly on the town website within 30 days of passage.

While the ballots were being counted, Moderator Martin announced he’s decided it would be improper to have a separate vote at this meeting regarding the clause in the original amendment, i.e., repealing the Town’s acceptance of RSA 31-95-b in 2002. “I’m ruling it is out of order,” Martin said, explaining that it hadn’t been properly noticed before this meeting, and its passage could impact other grants already in process. He said it could be brought up at a future meeting.

Gaffney objected, saying the change would not hinder the Town from accepting other grants, it would not be a burden to the Town’s governance and it would “provide the entire Town with transparency.”

Martha Bodnarik asked if the meeting, under “Article 23 – Business” could direct the Board of Selectmen to neither apply for nor accept any other grants related to the sidewalk/multi-use path project until the committee mentioned in the amended Article 16 makes a report. Martin said that would have the same impact as Gaffney’s proposal to reject RSA 31-95-b.

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Andy Bodnarik said Martha Bodnarik's proposal would only impact future Selectboard actions, not grant actions that are already in process.

Article 16 as Amended - Failed 99-40.

Andrew Bodnarik made a point of inquiry.

Restrict reconsideration on Articles 5, 6, and 16 as amended. Second. Voice Vote. Restrict reconsideration Passed.

David Bates, motion to move Article 17 forward. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$56,000 (Fifty Six Thousand Dollars) to the previously established Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Fund? This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1.)

Moderator read Article 17. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed

Parks & Recreation Department President Apryl Blood said the Town's skate park at Riverside Park was constructed about 15 years ago. The Rec Department has diligently worked to keep the facility properly maintained but last spring, when the staff was planning to replace one of the larger side panels, it was found that the substructure was rotted through. It was determined the structure was unsafe and a liability for the Town. The Parks & Rec Board had been trying to figure out how much life was left in the facility, but the members now had to move forward with how to fix it in a way that would provide the Town with longevity and with the least amount of maintenance. One option they considered was concrete, but that would cost about triple the cost of wood; and if there is a crack in a concrete panel, the whole panel has to be replaced. The second option considered was steel, which is warranted for 20 years; the total price, for installation and materials, is \$108,445.75. Wood was also considered, but the same problems the facility now has would likely arise again.

Tim Blagden, a member of the Parks & Rec Board of Directors, said the article proposes money to pay for one-half of the project, with the goal of asking for the other half at next year's Town Meeting but prices are rising quickly.

Tim Blagden, motion to raise the figure in the article to the full price of \$108,445.75. Second.

Moderator Martin directed discussion to the amendment.

Mike Kinshaw asked if any portion would be raised through taxation. Martin said the amendment does not address changing the language in the original article; funds would come from the Town's unassigned fund balance. Michael Kinshaw asked if the whole amount \$108,445 is going to come from the unassigned fund balance. Moderator confirmed.

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Seth Henley asked how recently the Board received its cost estimates. Blood said in December and the steel price is valid until spring.

David Bates commented that Riverside is one of the few parks within walking distance for youngsters who live in the village. It's important for children to have safe places to play.

Andy Bodnarik said if the amendment passes, the expenditure is doubled and that means more money coming out of the unassigned fund balance. He asked if that money was available. Selectman Bower said that would be possible, especially since Article 16 was defeated earlier in the meeting. He added he would support the amended article to raise the expenditure to \$108,445.75.

After more discussion, Budget Committee Chairman Mike Cutting offered some observations. The impact of doubling the skate park expenditure is "roughly 34-cents per \$1,000 (of property value)," he said. That means, using the average value of a home property in New Hampshire (\$400,000), the increase would be roughly \$125 - \$140 on a tax bill.

Martha Bodnarik asked how many residents would benefit from the skate park improvement. Blood said she didn't have a precise number but a variety of people use the park on an ongoing daily basis.

Jerry Marsh asked about the cost of pressure treated wood. Blood said the Department doesn't have much funding for maintenance, so that impacted the Board's decision to go with steel.

Rebecca Courser moved the question. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed

Moderator called for a vote on the Amendment to Article 17:

To raise the figure in the article to the full price of \$108,445.75.

Voice Vote. Amendment to Article 17 - Passed

Moderator read Article 17 as amended.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$108,445 (One Hundred Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Five Dollars) to the previously established Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Fund? This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation.

Voice Vote. Voice Vote to close for Moderator to determine. Moderator asked for Hand Vote. Article 17 as amended. Passed.

Article 7

Passed Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,400 (Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

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Moderator read Article 7. Motion to move Article. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Selectboard member Sam Bower explained this was an annual appropriation established to fund the Towns required Property Revaluation, which occurs every five years.

Moderator read Article 7. Voice Vote. Article 7 Passed.

James Gaffney, motion to move Article 22 forward. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Article 22 - Failed

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be raised from surplus funds from the Town General Funds to replace the existing transfer station compactor. Funds shall be placed in the existing transfer station facility project capital reserve fund. This article has been submitted by Petition. (Not Recommended by the Selectboard, 0-3; Not Recommended by the Budget Committee, 0-7.)

Moderator read Article 22. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

Discussion Followed.

Gaffney said he submitted this article and it came out of the Budget Committee's annual review process. "At the time, the Selectboard had not made any recommendations to provide any funding to deal with the (Transfer Station's) compactor, which has been reported in the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) for years as being near the end of life," i.e., seriously damaged, he said. It frequently breaks down and needs to be replaced. "What this (article) does is instruct the Town to put one on order," he added, noting that Transfer Station Foreman Varick Proper says it would take approximately six months before a replacement is available; if the current one becomes completely inoperable, the Town could spend its "entire Operating Budget" to deal with the resulting problems (until the newer one is installed). The new compactor costs approximately \$60,000," Gaffney said.

Selectman Bower pointed out that the Selectboard and Budget Committee members do not recommend this article, nor does Foreman Proper. Bower said Proper disagrees with the request to "replace the existing compactor" and would prefer two operating compactors in the future; and there is sufficient money in the Transfer Station's Capital Reserve Fund to pay for one. Bower said Article 13, which has not yet been considered yet, addresses concerns related to this article, and will "save the Town \$20,000. It is supported by Foreman Proper, all the members of the Selectboard, and the entire Budget Committee.

One resident asked about the second compactor. Selectman Bower noted the Selectboard is working on a plan to reorganize the Transfer Station, as Proper has indicated is needed. The redesign will help with issues including site safety, traffic, and recycling of materials, Bower said. The Board is talking with engineering firms and hoping to come up with three

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options: a small, simple redesign; a medium-sized redesign; and a larger one that might include a composting facility to Warner as well as other nearby communities.

One citizen noted that New Hampshire is surrounded by three states that have composting programs: Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. Another citizen, who's worked on the Town's current compactor, spoke in favor of the current article. He said it would ensure a workable compactor is available if the current one becomes inoperable. Both Andy Bodnarik and Gaffney spoke in favor of the article saying, "We need the compactor."

Martha Bodnarik said she trusts the judgment of the Budget Committee and Foreman Proper about adding funds to the current Capital Reserve Fund. She spoke against the article.

Selectboard member Christine Frost said there is \$80,000 in the Transfer Station's Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectboard is working on the engineering study, and is looking forward to presenting plans at next year's annual Town Meeting for the voters' consideration.

Motion to move the question. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Moderator read Article 22. Voice Vote. Article 22 Failed.

Seth Henley, motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 7, 17, and 22. Second. Voice Vote. Motion to restrict Passed.

Article 8 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Preservation of Town Records? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 8. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed. No discussion.

Voice Vote. Article 8 Passed.

Article 9 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 9. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

Police Chief William Chandler explained this was to keep the department's ongoing vehicle repair/replacement schedule moving forward.

One resident asked if the Town has given any further consideration to purchasing a Tesla

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(electric) vehicle. He said his research indicates that it would be a good investment. Police Chief Chandler said his own research indicates that, while there are advantages, he isn't yet convinced it would be a beneficial purchase for the Town at this time.

James Gaffney, motion to move the question. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed

Moderator Read Article 9. Voice Vote. Article 9 Passed.

Article 10 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 10. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

DPW Director Tim Allen said he asked to have an increase to this annual request to help replenish the Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, so the department can continue to move forward with relevant design work.

Moderator read Article 10. Voice Vote. Article 10 Passed.

Article 11 - Passed Over

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund contingent upon Article 6 not passing? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator asked for a vote to Pass Over Article 11.

Motion to Pass Over Article 11. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Article 12 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 (One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 12. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

DPW Director Allen said two department trucks are in "dire need of replacement." He's working on purchases but this article will allow the department to order one of the trucks now; the purchase will actually occur in 2023.

Moderator read Article 12. Voice Vote. Article 12 Passed.

Article 13 - Passed

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Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Project Capital Reserve Fund? This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 13. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

Selectman Bower said, as was discussed earlier, the Selectboard, the Budget Committee and Foreman Varick Proper are in favor of this article. Selectboard Chair Carson said this \$80,000 would pay for part of the engineering design work. (The money for the new compactor is already part of a different capital reserve fund.)

James Gaffney asked about the original language of the relevant capital reserve fund. Moderator Martin said the 2021 Town Meeting established this fund. Selectboard member Christine Frost said the Board is hoping to engage an engineering company to do a redesign study of the facility. The Board has requested that the company make a public presentation of its proposal.

Martha Mical, motion to move the question. Second. Voice Vote. Motion Passed

Moderator reread Article 13. Voice Vote. Article 13 Passed.

Article 14 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established land Conservation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 14. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

Conservation Commission Chairman Nancy Martin showed a slide presentation outlining the Commission's ongoing work and its importance to the Town. The \$25,000 in this article will primarily be used to support conservation efforts at the Blue Moon Berry Farm, one of the Town's few remaining working farms and the site of one of the highest environmental habitats in New Hampshire.

Rich Cook, who has been working on the project, said the Commission's role would be to pay for an appraisal of the property. The Five Rivers Conservation Trust Board, which is based in the Concord area, will submit a grant application to the NH Farm Fund; that money will provide \$20,000 for the property easement. The Commission will then look to the NH Land and Conservation Heritage Investment Program for the balance of the easement, although the landowners are providing the easement at approximately 40% of its market value, Cook explained.

Moderator read Article 14. Voice Vote. Article 14 Passed.

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Article 15 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,678 (Ninety Six Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 15. Motion to move Article. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Fire Chief Jonathan France said the money would be used for apparatus for the firefighters.

Moderator read Article 15. Voice Vote. Article 15 Passed.

Article 18 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Employees Expendable Health Trust Fund? This fund is used to partially reimburse participating town employees for deductible health expenses. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 18. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed. No Discussion.

Voice Vote. Article 18 Passed.

Article 19 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 19. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

Selectboard member Sam Bower said this article comes up regularly at Town Meeting. The fund is a kind of “safety net” for the Town, to deal with unexpected expenses (e.g., legal costs).

Moderator read Article 19. Voice Vote. Article 19 Passed.

Article 20 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,800 (Thirty Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator Read Article 20. Motion to move Article. Second. Motion Passed.

Chief France explained this fund was created several years ago to deal with the increased cost of equipment.

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Moderator Read Article 20. Voice Vote. Article 20 Passed.

Article 21 - Passed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$69,000 (Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Library Building Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0.)

Moderator read Article 21. Motion to move the Article. Second. Motion Passed

Library Trustee Michael Simon said the Board is still dealing with problems related to updating the HVAC system in the Pillsbury Free Public Library building. It was originally recommended the Library Board propose articles to fund the project over three years; this would have been the third year, but the costs have risen significantly since the original estimate. During a brief discussion, Librarian Nancy Ladd said as many people know, “costs are crazy” right now, so a fundraising event held two years ago didn’t produce a significant amount of income.

Ralph Parsons, motion to amend Article 21 to add \$24,000 to the \$69,000 for a total of \$93,000. Second. Discussion on Amendment followed.

Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment. Voice Vote. Amendment to Article 21 Passed

Moderator read Article 21 as amended:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$93,000 (Ninety-Three Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Library Building Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund?

Motion to move the question. Second. Voice Vote. Article 21 Passed as Amended.

Article 23

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

Hearing no further business, Moderator asked for a Motion to Adjourn the 2022 Annual Town Meeting of Warner. Meeting Adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Transcribed by Ray Carbone.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele L Courser,
Warner Town Clerk*

Resident Birth Report

Date and Place of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name Mother's Name
01/11/2022 Concord, NH	Beatrix Pearl Courser	Ian James Swahn Sadie Margaret Courser
01/19/2022 Concord, NH	Emma-Mae Marie Lepenven	Timothy Donald Lepenven Jr Kristi-Lee Marie Lepenven
01/20/2022 Concord, NH	Seamus Christopher Wamser	Shawn Christopher Wamser Shannon Marie Wamser
02/12/2022 Manchester, NH	Natalie Mae Justiniano Lovejoy	Kenneth Alberto Justiniano Perez Heather Marie Lovejoy
02/12/2022 Concord, NH	Archer Oliver Southern	Kyle Richard Southern Kelsey Marie Southern
02/14/2022 Concord, NH	Juniper James Raymond	Stephen James Raymond Kimber Stannard Raymond
03/17/2022 Concord, NH	Thomas James Kenyon	Michael James Kenyon Kathleen Grace Kenyon
03/25/2022 Concord, NH	Isla Mack Sanders-Dobrowski	Luke Donald Lloyd Dobrowski Margaret Hesse Sanders
05/19/2022 Concord, NH	Lukas Ash Jensen	Brandon Christopher Belmore Moenster Jensen Briana Lee Clark
06/08/2022 Concord, NH	James Edward Gautier	Nathaniel Edward Gautier Rebecca Ann Gautier
06/28/2022 Concord, NH	Oliver Jack McMahon	Zachary Christopher McMahon Mamie Marie Nixon
07/17/2022 Concord, NH	Allison Henry Bates	Jason Truscott Bates Dayna Martin Bates
07/24/2022 Concord, NH	Brayden William Munson	Gage Kenneth Munson Alexandra Marie Munson
09/07/2022 Concord, NH	Violet Rosemary Fournier	James Scott Fournier Kayley Isabel Fournier
09/12/2022 Concord, NH	Jaxson Richard Willey	Richard Harvey Willey Jr Martha Jane Dawson
10/14/2022 Concord, NH	Rory Jane Austin	Dennis Troy Austin Jr Emily Michelle Austin
11/03/2022 Concord, NH	Maeven Verna Doerr-Barnes	Kevin Randall Doerr Katherine Anne Barnes
11/13/2022 Manchester, NH	Elliot Ryan Inman	Benjamin Henry Inman Kaitlin Ryan Inman

Resident Death Report

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name Mother's Name
01/09/2022 Warner, NH	Mary Ann Mason	N	Robert Jackson Geneth West
01/12/2022 Concord, NH	Carol M Pletcher	N	George Montgomery Elizabeth Unknown
01/20/2022 New Boston, NH	Todd C Johnson	N	John Johnson Marilyn Hanson
01/22/2022 Warner, NH	Carol Ann Smith	N	Edward Rasp Anna Davis
02/14/2022 Concord, NH	Ann Marie Whiting	N	Forest Weeks Murial Mcdonald
02/22/2022 Boscawen, NH	Benita Ann Flanders	N	Raymond Gilman Lena Melanson
02/23/2022 Epsom, NH	Philip H Doughty	Y	Clarence Doughty Pauline Dorcey
03/08/2022 Warner, NH	Philip Warren Cantara	Y	Philip Cantara Madolin Locke
03/10/2022 Boscawen, NH	William Franklin Bailey	Y	Ralph Bailey Nellie Clark
03/12/2022 Warner, NH	Caroline W Reed	N	Ken Withee Caroline Littlefield
03/16/2022 Concord, NH	Peter L Jameson Sr	N	Lyndon Jameson Selma Hammar
03/16/2022 Warner, NH	Ernest James Jensen	Y	John Jensen Herta Neiderkrum
03/21/2022 Lebanon, NH	Paul Joseph Goneau	Y	Arthur Goneau Lillabelle Tellier
04/08/2022 Warner, NH	Diane E Moran	N	Alphee Lavoie Germaine Langlois
04/14/2022 Concord, NH	Grace Beverley Rosita Howell	N	St Clair Cummins Aurora Alleyne
04/15/2022 Concord, NH	John V Brannon Jr	N	John Brannon Anna Belle Marvel
04/23/2022 Concord, NH	Derek Carter Pershouse	N	Aubrey Pershouse Edith Wood
04/24/2022 Warner, NH	Patricia May Osgood	N	Edward Rossiter Alice Hurd
05/01/2022 Warner, NH	Lillian Pascucci	N	Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown

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Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name Mother's Name
05/03/2022 Concord, NH	Barbara Irwin Powell	N	Richard Irwin Mary Irwin
05/17/2022 Warner, NH	William Hugh Mcquillan	Y	Alexander Mcquillan Madeleine Mclaughin
05/24/2022 Concord, NH	Raymond Brunt	Y	Earl Brunt Alice Lanning
05/24/2022 Webster, NH	Timothy Edward Couture	N	John Couture Jeanne Simonds
06/05/2022 Warner, NH	Gary W Bailey	N	Winston Bailey Elizabeth Morgan
06/11/2022 Rindge, NH	Benjamin John Dabuliewicz	N	John Dabuliewicz Susan Benoit
07/30/2022 Warner, NH	Marjorie Mary Gorman	N	Arthur Gorman Gertrude Finnegan
07/31/2022 Warner, NH	Peter Francis Savlen Jr	Y	Peter Savlen Martha Cahill
08/03/2022 New London, NH	Nicholas John Clark	N	David Clark Maryanne Peck
08/19/2022 Warner, NH	Preston Dean Colbath	Y	Paul Colbath Pauline Stanley
08/28/2022 Concord, NH	Kenneth John Mayette	N	Harold Mayette Evelyn Aulis
09/07/2022 Concord, NH	Charles Ivan Heath	N	Calvin Heath Charlotte Eastman
09/09/2022 Concord, NH	Alva Carlson	N	Axel Soderholm Beda Enstrom
09/13/2022 Warner, NH	Rosemary B Chandler	N	Horton Chandler Elizabeth Snow
10/17/2022 Warner, NH	Ronald Santarpio	Y	Romeo Santarpio Zita Gaviani
10/29/2022 Warner, NH	Virginia Sherlock Bastien	N	John Sherlock Adele Furtek
11/06/2022 Concord, NH	Herbert N Smith	Y	Chester Smith Beatrice Barton
11/12/2022 Warner, NH	Nelson Henry Aldrich	N	Roy Aldrich Hilda Crouse
12/09/2022 Warner, NH	Roswell Francis Busby II	Y	Roswell Busby Sr Viola Gilmore
12/15/2022 Warner, NH	Robert J Trinity	Y	Joseph Trinity Ella Unknown
12/17/2022 Lebanon, NH	Patrick J Powers	N	John Powers Dorothy Hamm

Resident Marriage Report

Date & Place	Name	Residence
09/03/2022 Newport, NH	Christopher M Abair Elizabeth M Bushaw	Warner, NH Warner, NH
09/03/2022 Warner, NH	Tyler J Conners Alexandra F Colby	Warner, NH Warner, NH
09/17/2022 Claremont, NH	Eugene J Duquette Irene M Molloy	Warner, NH Warner, NH
10/31/2022 Warner, NH	Mark R Allen Stacey E Kolb	Warner, NH Warner, NH

Warner Village Water District

**Annual Report
2022**

Commissioners

Peter E. Newman – 2023
Shaun Murphy – 2023
Daniel Lavoie - 2024

Clerk

James McLaughlin – 2023

Treasurer

Christine Perkins – 2023

Deputy Treasurer

Open

Moderator

Kathleen Carson – 2023

Water Village District Staff

Superintendent - Charles Come, Jr
Operator – Vacant
Administrative Assistant - Ray Martin

As always, the Commissioners invite the public to attend their bimonthly meetings, held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 AM at the Treatment Plant located at 55 West Joppa Road.

2023 Town Warrant

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WARRANT OF THE WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT 2023 ANNUAL MEETING THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Warner Village Water District in the Town of Warner, in Merrimack County, in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Warner on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of March next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose one Commissioner for two years.
2. To choose one Commissioner for three years.
3. To choose a moderator for two years.
4. To choose a Clerk and a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of five hundred eight thousand six hundred seven dollars (\$508,607.00) for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the District's water and sewer systems. (Recommended by the District Commissioners and the Budget Committee).
6. To see if the District will vote to raise the District's water and sewer rates 3% from \$6.24 to \$6.43 per thousand gallons metered for water rates and from \$13.21 to \$13.61 per thousand gallons metered for sewer rates.
7. To transact any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 22th day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

Commissioners
HAROLD BLANCHETTE
SHAUN MURPHY
DANIEL LAVOIE

A true copy of warrant – Attest:
Commissioners
HAROLD BLANCHETTE
SHAUN MURPHY
DANIEL LAVOIE

Warner Village Water District Commissioners' Report

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During 2022 the District has been working on many projects to meet the needs of our customers and safe discharge of treated waste water from the Treatment Plant.

The Solar Array electric production project approved at the 2016 Annual Meeting has been in operation since July 1, 2016. The Solar Array continues to meet the design expectations producing 137,350 kilowatt hours of electricity in 2022 for an annual savings of approximately \$15,000 in electricity costs. Including the cost of the loan, the electricity savings and the revenue received, the array is meeting the expected savings and total cost projections.

The District is still in the process of seeking approval for the final engineering and construction of a ground water discharge system to be located on a parcel of land adjacent to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The District will begin testing the site in the Spring of 2023 and submit the results for final approval of the ground water discharge system design and construction to begin in Spring of 2024.

During the summer of 2022 the District completed the repair of 10 manholes located in the downtown area. The repairs have reduced the infiltration of water into the sewer collection system, resulting in cost savings by not treating rain water seeping into the system.

The Commissioners would like to recognize the year-long work by our employee, Charles Come, Jr., Plant manager. Through his efforts and expertise, District expenses were kept under budget for 2022. The District has been seeking a full or part time employee to assist Chuck in running the system. Please call if you are interested.

The District has accepted the resignation of long term Commissioner Pete Newman. Pete will not run for another term. Pete has served the District for longer than anyone can recall. Thank you Pete. Also, the District is honoring Peter Savlen, Commissioner who died in the Spring of 2022. Peter contributed his expertise and knowledge to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the District. Peter was replaced by Shaun Murphy.

The Commissioners wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the various Town Departments for their spirit of cooperation between the Town and District in matters that affect all citizens of Warner.

As always, the Commissioners invite the public to attend their bimonthly meetings, held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 AM at the Treatment Plant on Joppa Road.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Newman, Chairman
Peter Savlen, Commissioner
Dan Lavoie, Commissioner*

Warner Village Water District

Balance Sheet for year ending December 31, 2022

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ASSETS

Cash on hand, December 31, 2022		\$	115,634.35
Accounts Receivable:			
Water/Sewer Rents	\$	41,663.11	
Receivables-unbilled est.	\$	<u>46,900.00</u>	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$	<u>88,563.11</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	204,197.46

LIABILITIES As of 12/31/2022

Generator Replacement	\$	14,294.00	
Ground Water Discharge	\$	66,653.00	
Town Hall Sprinkler Engineering	\$	14,414.00	
USDA RD Bond Clarifier	\$	271,613.00	
Sugar River Bank-2016 Truck	\$	2,087.00	
Sugar River Bank-Solar Array	\$	210,008.00	
USDA RD Bond Geneva St.	\$	33,302.00	
Sugar River Bond Latting Lane	\$	369,414.00	
Sugar River Bank-2019 Truck	\$	14,167.00	
Sugar River Bank Line of Credit	\$	<u>97,369.00</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	<u>1,093,321.00</u>

EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES		\$	(889,123.54)
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VALUE OF VILLAGE DISTRICT PROPERTY
(per audit year end 12/31/2021)

Plant Building	\$	303,153.00	
Water/Sewer Mains	\$	360,224.00	
Plant Equipment	\$	1,839,986.00	
Land	\$	<u>140,700.00</u>	
TOTAL PROPERTY		\$	<u>2,644,063.00</u>

Net Position		\$	1,754,939.46
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Warner Village Water District

Receipts & Payments for year ending December 31, 2022

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SOURCES OF REVENUE:

Property Taxes	\$ 184,875.00	
Water Supply Charges	95,335.00	
Sewer User Charges	186,723.00	
Service Charges	1,406.00	
Sale of Meters	2,787.00	
Interest on Investments	117.00	
Tie-in Fees	4,000.00	
Miscellaneous	-	
Back Flow Testing	2,805.00	
Carbon Credits	5,528.00	
Net Metering from Solar Array	3,736.00	
From Surplus	0.00	
From Bonds & Notes	0.00	
From Federal Grants	30,000.00	
From State Grants	<u>21,265.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 538,577.00

LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>486,182.00</u>
NET INCOME	(52,395.00)
PLUS CASH ON HAND 12/31/20	<u>62,969.00</u>
CASH ON HAND 12/31/21	\$ 115,364.00

EXPENDITURES

Administrative:

Salaries	\$ 22,726.00	
Office Expense	12,008.00	
Audit	6,300.00	
Legal	0.00	
FICA/Medicare	8,937.00	
Employee Benefits	19,733.00	
Retirement	13,117.00	
Insurance	8,540.00	
Memberships/Education	1,033.00	
State Licenses/Fees	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE		\$ 92,394.00
Contingency		<u>\$ 115.00</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE + CONTINGENCY		\$ 92,509.00

Warner Village Water District

Water & Sewer Expense for year ending December 31, 2022

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Water System:

Salaries	\$ 28,228.21	
Meters	0.00	
Building Materials & Repairs	1,216.47	
Miscellaneous	-	
Electricity - Storage Tanks	506.69	
Tools	235.28	
Electricity - Royce Well	12,129.08	
Propane - Pump House	305.29	
Chemicals	9,142.65	
System Maintenance	1,640.78	
Testing/ Back Flow	1,680.00	
Water Systems Plus	5,500.00	
Repairs - Outside Contractors	<u>21,951.09</u>	
TOTAL WATER		\$ 82,535.54

Sewer System:

Salaries	\$ 65,865.81	
Lab Expense	16,891.79	
Supplies	56.39	
Truck Gas	3,652.24	
Truck Maintenance	1,473.33	
Sewer Materials	175.09	
Equipment Repairs	4,688.30	
Uniforms	516.72	
Chlorine/Chemicals	14,819.74	
Electricity - Plant	9,683.13	
Safety Equipment	107.67	
Miscellaneous	-	
Tools	251.81	
Building Maint. & Repair	1,078.71	
Service - Outside Contractors	17,365.80	
Sludge Removal	20,464.11	
Electricity - Pump Station	911.61	
Maintenance - Pump Station	420.00	
Propane - Plant	3,569.48	
Testing - EPA/State	<u>1,958</u>	
TOTAL SEWER		\$ 163,949.73

Warner Village Water District

Long Term Debt for year ending December 31, 2022

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Long & Short Term Debt:

Bond Principal - Geneva	\$ 4,759.00
Bond Principal - Generator	2,899.14
Bond Principal - Latting Lane	23,032.71
Loan Principal - Clarifier	10,760.00
Loan Principal - Solar Array	12,304.83
Loan Principal - Ground Water Dis.	6,764.92
Loan Principal - Town Hall Water Ln	2,415.97
Loan Principal-2016 Truck	6,149.96
Loan Principal-2019 Truck	5,690.87
Bond Interest - Geneva St.	1,712.74
Bond Interest - Generator	660.66
Bond Interest - Latting Lane	12,795.45
Note Interest - Clarifier	7,692.00
Note Interest - Solar Array	5,607.21
Loan Interest - Ground Water Dis.	1,541.48
Loan Interest - Town Hall Water Ln	550.55
Note Interest-2016 Truck	143.92
Interest Line of Credit-Discharge	4,138.19
Note Interest-2019 Truck	669.13
Annual payment RTE 103 Land	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	<u>\$ 111,551.00</u>

Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment	3,899.00
New Construction	30,000.00
System Improvements	
To Capital Reserve Fund	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 486,186.00</u>

Warner Village Water District

Sources of Revenue for year ending December 31, 2022

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Revenue Source	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Estimated 2023
Federal Grants	\$1,873,000.00	51,265.00	0.00
Water Supply System Charges	99,000.00	95,335.00	99000.00
Sewer User Charges	186,000.00	175,088.00	186000.00
Pump Surcharge	11,600.00	11,635.00	12000.00
Other Charges	2,000.00	4,193.00	5000.00
Interest on Investments	45.00	117.00	100.00
Other Misc. Revenues	8,000.00	4,000.00	4700.00
Precinct Tax	175,000.00	184,875.00	185000.00
Carbon Credits	2,100.00	5,528.00	3300.00
Net Metering	3,200.00	3,736.00	3700.00
Back Flow Income	2,800.00	2,805.00	2900.00
From Capital Surplus	5,000.00	0.00	7000.00
From Bonds/Notes	-		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,367,745.00	\$538,577.00	\$508,700.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Mike Cutting, Chairman

David Minton

Christine Frost, Selectboard

Robert Blake

Dave Bixby

Harold Blanchette

Michelle Kendricks

Ray Martin, Precinct Rep.

Warner Village Water District

2022-2023 Budget

APPROPRIATIONS	APPROP 2022	SPENT 2022	WVWD BUDGET 2023	BC REC. 2023
Executive	\$22,000.00	\$22,726.00	\$23,800.00	\$23,800.00
Financial Administration	\$17,500.00	\$18,308.00	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
Legal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Personnel Administration	\$46,480.00	\$41,787.00	\$49,315.00	\$49,315.00
Insurance	\$9,900.00	\$8,540.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
Regional Assoc.Dues& Lics.	\$1,400.00	\$1,033.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Other (Contingency)	\$1,000.00	\$115.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Sewage Collection/Disposal	\$180,200.00	\$163,950.00	\$199,900.00	\$199,900.00
Water Services	\$44,550.00	\$42,621.00	\$52,450.00	\$52,450.00
Water Treatment & Other	\$56,600.00	\$39,915.00	\$44,300.00	\$44,300.00
Principal - Long Term Bonds	\$75,074.00	\$77,777.00	\$75,746.00	\$75,746.00
Interest - Long Term Bonds	\$36,052.00	\$35,511.00	\$33,896.00	\$33,896.00
Machinery, Vehicles, Equip.		\$3,899.00		
New Construction	\$3,000.00			
System Improvements	\$1,873,000.00	\$30,000.00		
To Capital Reserve Fund		0.00		
TOTAL	\$2,367,256.00	\$486,182.00	\$508,607.00	\$508,607.00

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