

2023
Annual Report
of the
TOWN OF WARNER,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Warner, NH

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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, 2023

Population (2018 Office of Strategic Initiatives)	2,907
Number of Registered Voters	2,101

Town Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 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 Non-emergency - (603) 456-2122
148 West Main St. Fire Chief: Jonathan France wfd@warnernh.gov

Police Department Non-emergency - (603) 456-3433
180 West Main St 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 .. Kathleen Frenette 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 – 3:00 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
Harry Seidel, Chair, hseidel@warnernh.gov
Faith Minton, fminton@warnernh.gov
Allan N. Brown, abrown@warnernh.gov

Selectboard meetings are held every other Tuesday at 5:00 pm, or more often as needed.

Highway Department (603) 456-3366
190 Route 103 West
Director of Public Works/Road Agent: Timothy Allen, dpw@warnernh.gov

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.

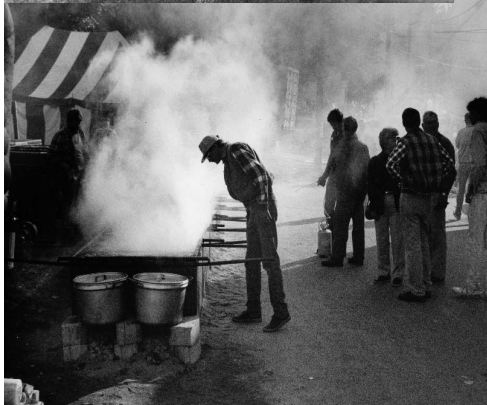
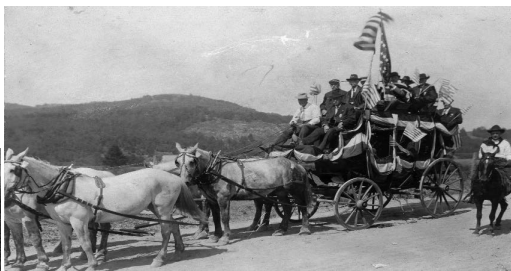
Wood Bank.....(603) 456-2298 ext 1
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm or email selectboard@warnernh.gov
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and evenings call - (603) 748-5182

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

- Townspeople Past & Present -



Dedication



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Town Report Facilitator - Judith Newman-Rogers

Elected Town Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds	
Jere Henley	2024
Janice Cutting	2025
Penny Courser	2026
Budget Committee	
Jonathan Lord (Resigned).....	2026
James Sherman (Appointed).....	2024
Michelle Kendrick	2024
Aarika Reynolds (Resigned)	2024
Richard Bixby (Appointed).....	2024
Michael Cutting, Chair.	2025
Harold Blanchette.....	2025
Robert Blake.....	2026
Water Precinct Representative - Ray Martin	
Select Board Representative – Christine Frost (Resigned)	
Allan N Brown – (Appointed)	
Chandler Reservation Committee	
Stephen Hall.....	2024
Jonathan D. France	2025
Gerald B. Courser	2026
Allison P. Mock	2027
Moderator	
Ray Martin	2024
Assistant Moderator (Appointed)	
Ben Frost	2024
Select Board	
Jody Sloane (Resigned)	2024
Allan N. Brown (Appointed)	2024
Christine Frost (Resigned).....	2025
Faith Minton (Appointed).....	2024
Harry Seidel.....	2026
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	2024

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	
Michael Simon, Chair.....	2024
Nathan Kendrick, Treasurer	2024
Dana Myskowski, Vice Chair	2024
Teresa Hathaway, Recording Secretary	2025
Sherri Colfer	2025
Michael Brown	2025
Jan Gugliotti	2026
Lois Shea	2026
David Elliott	2026
Alternate	Vacant
Librarian: Nancy Ladd	
Trustees of Town Cemeteries	
Gerald B. Courser	2024
Penny Sue Courser.....	2024
Mary E. Cogswell	2025
Thomas Boudette	2025
Kenneth W. Cogswell	2026
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Dan Watts.....	2024
Robert Blake.....	2025
Judith Newman-Rogers	2026

Elected Warner

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Kearsarge Regional School District

Warner Representatives

Kenneth Bartholomew 2024
Emma Bates..... 2026

Warner Representatives to Municipal Budget Committee

Michelle Kendrick 2024
Patrick McGowen..... 2026

**State Representative
Merrimack County, District 8**

Tony Caplan
Sherry Gould
Stephanie R. Payeur

Appointed Town Officers

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Name	Term
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Building Inspector	
Tom Baye	2026

Compliance Officer	Vacant
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Central NH Regional Planning Commission Representatives	
Ben Frost	2026

Central NH Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)	
Tim Blagden	

Central NH Regional Planning Commission Representative to State Energy Data System (SEDS) Board	
Charlie Albano	

Concord Regional Solid Waste Representative	
Varick Proper	2024
Alternate	Vacant

Conservation Commission	
Michael Amaral	2024
Kenneth Cogswell	2024
Doug Allen	2025
Susan von Ottengen	2025
Alice Chamberlain	2025
Nancy Martin, Chair	2026

Conservation Commission Alternates	
Jody Sloane	2024
Jackie Germain	2024
Scott Warren	2025
Phil Stockwell	2026

Emergency Management	
Edward F. Mical, Director	Ron Piroso, Deputy Director

Fire Department	
Fire Chief Jonathan France	
Deputy Ed Raymond	Deputy Brian Monaghan
Captain Mike Henley	Captain Paul Raymond
Captain Dan Fisher	Lieutenant Steve Raymond
Lieutenant Calvin Rogers	Lieutenant Peter Ladd
EMS Captain Peter Wyman	EMS Lieutenant Sean Toomey

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

Members of Fire & Rescue

John Hill	Tim Wilson	Jeff Allison
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	Ernie Nichols	Sydney Boyer
Anthony Nichols	Stephen Hall	Katy Toomey
Sean Nichols	Richard Colfer	Hayden Manning
Tristian Deking	Stephanie Allison	

Chief Forest Fire Warden

Paul Raymond (P) (603) 608-9606

Deputy Wardens

Stephen W. Hall (P) (603) 456-3357
Daniel Fisher (P) (603) 456-3208
Jonathan France (P) (603) 456-2883
Ed Raymond (P) (603) 456-3770
Ernie Nichols (P) (603) 456-3266
Charles Baker (603) 456-3837
Kalvin Rogers

*(P) – able to write burning permits
For a Fire Permit on-line: Nhfirepermit.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 Christine Frost (Resigned)
Allan N. Brown (Appointed)

Overseer of Public Welfare

Elizabeth Labbe 2025

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kelly Henley 2024
Vacant 2024
Scott Blasingame 2025
Apryl Blood 2025
Tim Blagden 2026
Select Board Representative, Christine Frost (Resigned)
Faith Minton (Appointed)

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

Name	Term
Planning Board	
Karen Coyne, Chair	2024
James Gaffney	2024
Ian Rogers (Appointed)	2024
David Bates	2025
Benjamin Inman (Resigned)	2025
Pat Goneau (Resigned)	2025
Dustin Chamberlain (Appointed)	2025
Benjamin Frost, Chair (Resigned)	2026
Andrew Bodnarik	2026
Selectboard Ex-officio	
Jody Sloane (Resigned)	2024
Harry Seidel (Appointed)	2026
Planning Board Alternates	
Neil Nevins (Resigned)	2024
Ian Rogers (Appointed)	2024
(Moved to Full Member).....	2024
Dan Emanuele (Resigned)	2025
Michael Smith (Appointed)	2025
George Pellitterri (Resigned)	2026
Dustin Chamberlain (Moved to Full Member).....	2026
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Harry Seidel, Vice Chair	
(Resigned to be an Alternate)	2024
Dereck Narducci	
(Moved Up from Alternate)	2024
Beverley Howe	2024
Jan Gugliotti	2025
Lucinda McQueen	2025
Barbara Marty, Chair	2026
Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternates	
Sam Carr.....	2026
Derek Narducci (Moved to Full Member)	2024
Harry Seidel (Appointed)	2025

Selectboard Appointed Committees

Agricultural Commission

Robert “Bob” Bower William “Bill” Hanson Chair - Vacant

Alternates

Catherine Aranosian Michael Biagiotti Samuel Bower

Jennifer Courser James Zablocki

Select Board Representative Allan N Brown

Conservation Commission Representative Michael Amaral

Planning Board Representative James Gaffney

Corridor Committee (Disbanded)

Rhonda Rood Casey Milender Sam Milender

Michael K. Brown Tim Blagden Arlon Chaffee

Select Board Representative Christine Frost, Chair (Resigned)

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Charles Albano, Chair Bret Ingold Neil Nevins Mark Govoni

Graham Pellettieri Sara Johnson Faith Minton Clyde Carson

Selectboard Representative Harry Seidel

Conservation Commission Representative Nancy Martin

Energy Committee, Absorbing Community Power Committee Members

George Packard Neil Nevins Clyde Carson Jan Gugliotti

Selectboard Representative Harry Seidel

Mink Hill Recreation Study Committee

Sarah Allen, Landowner & Chair Peter Bates Trail Snails

Rebecca Courser, Historical Society David Minton Landowner

Nancy Martin Conservation Commission Andy Duncan Landowner

Gerald Courser Chandler Forest Arlon Chaffee Cyclist

Vincent Pagano Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Select Board Representative Christine Frost (Resigned) Faith Minton (Appointed)

Road Committee

Public Works Director Tim Allen Emergency Management Director Edward Mical

Police Chief William Chandler Kenneth Cogswell, Member At Large

Select Board Rep. Christine Frost (Resigned) Allan N. Brown (Appointed)

Budget Committee Rep. Michael Cutting Fire Chief Jonathan France

Ground Water Protection Committee

Alice Chamberlain Andrew Bodnarik Ray Martin

Town Administrator Diane Ricciadelli

Warner Municipal Records Committee

Michele Courser Town Clerk Ginger Marsh Treasurer Nancy Ladd Librarian

Marianne Howlett Tax Collector Elizabeth Labbe Assessing Clerk

Select Board Representative Faith Minton (Appointed)

Warner River Local Advisory Committee

Ken Milender, Chair Laura Russell Christopher Spann-Weitz

Summary of Expenditures 2023 – 2024

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	2023	2023	2024
	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommended Appropriations</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office - Office of the Selectmen's Office	\$ 205,161	\$ 235,082	\$ 246,617
Elections	\$ 5,179	\$ 3,664	\$ 8,247
Finance	\$ 78,365	\$ 81,223	\$ 89,500
Tax Collector	\$ 59,952	\$ 60,690	\$ 41,996
Treasurer	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,298	\$ 5,500
Town Clerk	\$ 88,423	\$ 92,019	\$ 92,143
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$ 1,700	\$ 699	\$ 1,700
Assessing	\$ 53,618	\$ 122,017	\$ 47,274
Legal Expenses	\$ 12,000	\$ 23,930	\$ 25,000
Benefits Administration	\$ 168,804	\$ 185,032	\$ 623,907
Land Use Office	\$ 45,271	\$ 38,161	\$ 44,003
General Government Buildings	\$ 58,818	\$ 47,352	\$ 70,336
Cemeteries	\$ 29,500	\$ 26,700	\$ 32,500
Insurances	\$ 102,264	\$ 102,265	\$ 119,562
Outside Agencies	\$ 21,026	\$ 21,215	\$ 21,026
Police/Animal Control	\$ 621,981	\$ 487,545	\$ 444,811
Ambulance	\$ 83,008	\$ 87,035	\$ 85,318
Fire	\$ 227,637	\$ 208,149	\$ 236,812
Building Inspection	\$ 5,545	\$ 6,649	\$ 25,895
Emergency Management	\$ 15,825	\$ 13,675	\$ 10,375
Highway Department	\$ 1,308,069	\$ 1,270,029	\$ 1,107,516
Street Lighting	\$ 11,501	\$ 11,562	\$ 9,201
Solid Waste Disposal - Transfer Station	\$ 292,694	\$ 275,140	\$ 319,722
Health Department	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,345	\$ 1,400
Outside Agencies	\$ 10,606	\$ 12,630	\$ 10,606
Welfare Department	\$ 36,533	\$ 58,432	\$ 37,292
Parks & Recreation	\$ 40,990	\$ 33,390	\$ 39,747
Pillsbury Free Library	\$ 217,499	\$ 217,499	\$ 218,360
Memorial Day	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Conservation Commission	\$ 15,437	\$ 14,371	\$ 1,037
Debt Service - Principal	\$ 364,024	\$ 372,765	\$ 396,868
Debt Service - Interest	\$ 172,161	\$ 165,536	\$ 139,316
Other Debt Service - Hopkinton Land Fill Closure	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,797	\$ 8,000
Total Operating Budget:	<u>\$ 4,369,592</u>	<u>\$ 4,284,895</u>	<u>\$ 4,563,087</u>

Summary of Expenditures 2023 – 2024 (cont)

<u>Capital Reserve and Trust Funds:</u>	<u>2023 Deposited</u>	<u>2023 Spent</u>	<u>2024 Warrant</u>
Bridges CRF	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 47,070
Employee Expendable Trust Fund	\$ 23,000	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Equipment CRF	\$ 36,800	\$ -	\$ 37,000
Fire/Rescue Vehicles CRF	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 125,000
Hwy Equipment CRF	\$ 50,000	\$ 220,561	\$ 136,659
Hwy Rd Construction Projects CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Kearsarge Mtn Rd Alt Route CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land Conservation Fund CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Bldg CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Old Fire Building Renovation	\$ -	\$ 7,202	\$ -
Parks & Recreation CRF	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ -
Police Vehicle CRF	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Preservation of Town Records CRF	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Property Revaluation CRF	\$ 32,287	\$ -	\$ 115,000
Town Hall Improvements	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Station CRF	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation Alternative Program Matching Grant CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation Grant CRF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Capital Reserve Funds:	<u>\$ 537,087</u>	<u>\$ 229,163</u>	<u>\$ 555,729</u>
<u>Other Taxes Assessed</u>	<u>2023 Estimvate</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Estimate</u>
KRSD - SAU #65 - School Tax	\$ 5,161,361	\$ 6,100,716	\$ 6,194,404
Merrimack County Tax	\$ 835,545	\$ 812,257	\$ 812,257
Warner Village Water Precinet Tax	\$ 184,875	\$ 185,123	\$ 185,123
Town Taxes Paid (Tax, Interest, Sale & Notification Costs)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of NH (Vital Record Fees, Marriage Licenses, etc.)	\$ 3,813	\$ 3,813	\$ 3,813
NH Fish and Game	\$ 5,299	\$ 5,299	\$ 5,299
Total Other Taxes Assessed:	<u>\$ 6,190,893</u>	<u>\$ 7,107,208</u>	<u>\$ 7,200,896</u>
<u>Refunds/Other Expenditures</u>		<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Estimate</u>
Highway Construction Project	\$ -	\$ 56,654	\$ 900,000
ARPA Funds Expended	\$ -	\$ 122,646	\$ 71,846
ARPA Highway Funds Expended	\$ -	\$ 69,888	\$ 25,701
ARPA Bridge Funds Expended	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Conservation Commission	\$ -	\$ 38,023	\$ -
Tax Abatements	\$ -	\$ 68	\$ -
	\$ -	<u>\$ 288,278</u>	<u>\$ 997,547</u>
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	<u>\$ 11,097,572</u>	<u>\$ 11,909,545</u>	<u>\$ 13,317,259</u>

Solar Array Fund:

	<u>Amounts</u>
Balance at 1/1/2023	\$ 37,311.55
Deposits - 2023	\$ 29,202.09
Expenditures - 2023	\$ -
Transfer to Municipal Account	\$ 19,519.21
Balance at 12/31/2023:	<u>\$ 46,993.73</u>

Note: The financial reports for 2023 are unaudited.
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Summary of Revenues 2023 – 2024

	2023	2023	2024
	Revised Revenues	Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues
Taxes - Non Property			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 21,430	\$ 30,513	\$ 30,000
Yield Tax	\$ 7,611	\$ 35,584	\$ 18,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$ 13,389	\$ 17,852	\$ 17,850
Excavation Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Taxes	\$ 559	\$ 373	
Interest and Penalties	\$ 21,405	\$ 42,512	\$ 32,000
Taxes Subtotal	\$ 64,394	\$ 126,834	\$ 97,850
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 600,000	\$ 621,109	\$ 615,000
Building Permits	\$ 9,145	\$ 9,375	\$ 9,200
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,135	\$ 15,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees Subtotal	\$ 629,145	\$ 646,619	\$ 639,200
State Sources			
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$ 185,400	\$ 279,129	\$ 185,400
Bridge Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Highway Block Grant	\$ 148,800	\$ 166,964	\$ 148,800
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 2,373	\$ 2,373	\$ 2,400
Other	\$ 191,146	\$ 284,867	\$ 15,000
Other - Solar	\$ -	\$ 29,114	\$ 25,000
State Sources Subtotal	\$ 527,719	\$ 762,447	\$ 376,600
Charges for Service			
Income from Departments	\$ 40,927	\$ 71,025	\$ 51,000
Charges for Service Subtotal	\$ 40,927	\$ 71,025	\$ 51,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -
Interest on Investments	\$ 73,300	\$ 41,356	\$ 70,000
Other	\$ 120,748	\$ 81,959	\$ 45,600
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal	\$ 194,048	\$ 123,415	\$ 115,600
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Sources			
Highway Construction Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Sources Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues:	\$ 1,456,233	\$ 1,730,340	\$ 1,280,250

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Selectboard Report 2023

The more living patterns there are in a town, the more it comes to life as an entirety, the more it glows, the more it has this self-maintaining fire, which is the quality without a name.

Christopher Alexander

2023 has been a lively year for Warner. Looking toward 2024 Warner’s 250th anniversary, the selectboard salutes you, the residents of Warner. You make Warner the hopeful place that it is. Your selectboard is committed to listening to you and acting with positive energy to deliver the services you need. As always, we encourage you to get involved in activities and boards. Seek out that friendly spirit of engagement and historical connection to the community that makes Warner hum.

Warner is charmed to have a top-notch Town Hall office staff, Library, Police Department, Fire and Rescue Department, Transfer Recycling Station, Highway Department, Water and Sewer Department, and dedicated Emergency Management and Recreation directors. This team of individuals are truly the unsung heroes who deliver for Warner every day.

Warner has much to be proud of, after all, “something wonderful is happening in Warner” Jim Mitchell. Our residents and visitors are fortunate to be entertained and have their spirits lifted by the Fall Foliage Festival, Kearsarge Klassic (Bike event), Historical Society events, Maple Syrup festival, Spring Into Warner and lively summer park and stage concerts at Main Street Warner Inc. Community Park Amphitheater.

Residents witnessed an unusual sequence of events in 2023’s summer months. Two selectboard members resigned, the morning after a selectboard meeting where revisions to a contract with the Warner Connects Food Pantry and Clothes Closet were disclosed. The resignations triggered a governmental problem for Warner as a lone select person has no authority to conduct town affairs. NH Statute does, however, confer the right to petition NH Superior Court for appointment of an interim select person. A petition for an interim selectboard member to be appointed was submitted to NH Superior Court so the business of the Town could continue. At the following selectboard meeting the resigned members attended and announced they were rescinding their resignations and acting as members of board, made a motion to terminate Warner’s Town Administrator. Ultimately, Superior Court ruled the resignations could not be rescinded and appointed Faith Minton to be the interim selectboard member serving until the Town Election in March 2024.

NH Municipal Association’s legal team advised Warner regarding the protocol for the appointment of a third selectboard member. Remarkably, eight able candidates volunteered to serve the town, public interviews were held, and Allan Brown was subsequently appointed to serve until the 2024 March Town Election.

The events of the summer of 2023 can certainly be retold from varying points of view. They have been the subject of numerous 91-A requests, and differing accounts have run in social media and print media. Warner has paid a high price for this. It has affected the morale of staff and volunteers and according to financial review, estimates show the cost to taxpayers roughly in the tens of thousands of dollars in legal and unproductive office labor.

Selectboard Report 2023 (cont.)

Warner's Town Administrator, a dedicated professional, delayed a transition to a new position in another town to provide support to Warner and the lone remaining selectperson during the legal process of appointing new board members. Warner contacted Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) to secure an interim TA while it moved forward to create a process to hire a replacement for the departing TA. MRI provides tailored services and support for NE communities. Butch Burbank, a well-heeled TA with leadership as a Town Manager, Selectperson and in Police and Fire departments, stepped in with ease and brought the calm Warner needed.

MRI also oversaw Warner's search for a new TA. They reviewed the field of candidates to reduce the number meeting Warner's requirements. Next, the town's team, composed of (4) residents and Hopkinton's TA, a well-respected local TA who could easily recognize candidates with the "right" qualities, recommended two candidates. The board interviewed the two finalists selecting Kathleen Frenette to be Warner's new Town Administrator. Kathleen Frenette began serving Warner in mid-February.

Warner remains a strong and resilient community. Complemented by a permanent TA your selectboard is moving forward with positive energy and supportive initiatives that are inherently good and will deliver for us.

On the heels of COVID, Warner's downtown, has seen a restaurant rebirth. Cafe One East, a coffee house serving espresso drinks, from-scratch made baked goods, and more is a fun place to play games, hang out, and listen to the occasional "Open Mic". Reed's North, an American tavern, with its creative and fun spin of NE comfort food, craft beer, Whiskey Wall, Thursday Trivia Night, and live music shows has delighted patrons. The Local, an old favorite of many residents is back on Main Street, serving their famous hand-crafted burgers, sandwiches, and pulled pork. They feature a rotating selection of beers and their motto "It's where your friends are" continues to be relevant. Lastly, Charlie Mac's Pizzeria our much-loved pizzeria remains the anchor for pizza lovers.

Community Power will be live in Warner this March. The Warner Community Power Committee has diligently followed a process of delivery that has taken years of committed endeavor. All Eversource customers will automatically be enrolled in Community Power and enjoy lower rates (8.1 cents/Kwhr) as well as options to get 50% or even 100% renewable electric power for slightly higher rates. Look for a more detailed explanation about Community Power elsewhere in the Annual Report.

CAI mapping is coming to Warner in late summer 2024. Warner's town maps are being updated with GIS software and will be in a digital format. Significantly, the mapping will be linked to the internet so the information will be available for planning/engineering purposes with layers for specific features such as rivers and flood plains. Additionally, CAI mapping will be a strong enhancement for the Planning Board and potential economic development inquiries.

Selectboard Report 2023 (cont.)

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Warner’s antiquated assessing program hindered the ability to shop competitively for new assessors, and the upcoming 2025 town-wide “property revaluation” obliged the town to invest in fully functional modern digital assessing software and required conversion from our system. After a search of possible options, Warner has signed with Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. Making the conversion during a period when the “revaluation” is occurring will provide a beneficial financial discount.

Late in 2023 Marianne Howlett, our experienced Tax Collector of 42 years, tendered her retirement. She served Warner with skill and judgment that transcends tax collection. Coincidentally, a review of the tax collecting system, much like the assessing system, has given way to review new options that streamline NH state tax collecting standards. Avitar’s tax collecting system, which is also fully integrated with Avitar’s assessing system, was the best choice for Warner. The application of the integrated software in addition to training on procedures for both tax collection and assessing, deliver savings to the town.

Warner was approached by American Tower, the company leasing town-owned land for a communications tower. American Tower requested to buy out the lease and after review, the selectboard decided to accept a lump sum payment of \$600,000 for the easement of the existing leased premises. These funds are classified as unanticipated funds and when they are received will be put in the unreserved fund balance.

Under the guidance of Robert Blake, our town finance staff and the Trustees of the Trust Funds, the town’s capital reserve and expendable trust funds have been invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP), a safe and liquid vehicle approved by the NH Bank Commissioner which has realized far higher interest rates for the town. For comparison, earned interest on a similar balance in 2022 was \$3,619 and in 2023 was \$45,628.

Warner welcomes Mentis Science into the former Walker Power location on Depot Street. Mentis is a unique company with ingenuity and innovative engineering. Mentis Science was outgrowing its facilities in Manchester. After a tour of the downtown with residents and assistance from the Warner Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Mentis Science chose Warner for its location and infrastructure on site. Mentis serves the Aerospace industry with decades of defense experience, which includes prosthetic development.

Warner is also the headquarters of MadgeTech whose mission is to be the industry leader in providing state-of-the-art data logging solutions. MadgeTech harnesses creativity, ingenuity, and relentless pursuit of the latest technology available to lead the world in the design and production of dataloggers. President and Founder, Norm Carlson, who was raised in Warner, continues to personally visit his loyal customers in over 100 countries.

Selectboard Report 2023 (cont.)

Warner's economic vitality is strengthened by its successful and innovative companies such as MadgeTech and Mentis Science. We salute their scientific ingenuity and are proud they have chosen to locate in Warner.

Your selectboard serves you, the residents, with thoughtfulness and dedication. We do our best to manage the municipal affairs of the town with transparency and respect for civility. We are excited to be introducing new systems and technology that will improve our service to you. But most importantly, Warner's future will shine brightly because residents care; this is the magic, and this is Warner's secret.

Respectfully submitted,

*Warner Selectboard
Harry Seidel, Chair
Faith Minton
Allan N. Brown*



Old Town Hall

Report of the Town Administrator

I write to you having left my position as Town Administrator, for a new professional opportunity, and feeling grateful for my time in Warner.

Staff positions remained consistent in Town Hall with each department continuing to provide excellent service to residents.

We started the year with a new phone system, utilizing Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology, providing an easier way to communicate between town offices, the ability to take your calls on the road, and recognizing a savings to the town's phone bill.

The year 2023 was a big year for grants in many areas. Two rail-trail grants, totaling more than 3 million dollars, were supported by the selectboard to work in collaboration with the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail. A grant from the NH Fish and Game to replace culverts on Red Chimney Road required an easement from a resident; the easement was secured by Nancy Martin and Tim Allen who demonstrated tremendous dedication to a successful outcome. Due to the extent of the work on the culverts, an additional 100k in GOFERR funds are designated for Warner's portion of the project that spans three towns and 5 culverts. The Rosa Valpey grant funds were used to purchase bikes for the Simonds school. A NH GOFERR grant purchased AEDs for the Town. The Land Use Office, Planning Board and Ground Water committee worked in collaboration with the Central New Hampshire Planning Commission for a housing grant and a ground water study grant, which passed overwhelmingly at town meeting in March 2022. Under Chief Chandler's leadership, the Police Department accepted two grants to defray the costs of emergency response equipment. And finally, a Moose Plate grant was awarded from the state to repair the historic town hall slate roof. Grants help to reduce the tax burden, and unanticipated revenue can be used to offset the tax rate the following year when the unanticipated revenue, and any unspent operating funds from the previous year, are added to the fund balance. Please attend Town Meeting to vote on the budget, and warrant articles, as your vote contributes to setting the tax rate next October for the December 2024 tax bill.

In order to manage Department of Transportation grants, DPW Director Tim Allen, and Director of Finance, Clyde Carson, received Local Public Agent (LPA) certification from the state. LPA certification is only available for full-time employees and a minimum of 2 employees is the requirement for a town to manage state grant funds.

The Warner Community Center became the home of the Boys and Girls Club's Day Care, with many improvements made to the building and playground to meet the state's daycare requirements.

In the first 10 months of 2023, I had the opportunity to serve three different select boards. The current board, Harry Seidel, Faith Minton, and Allan Brown have been outstanding in their support and setting the example of service before self. I am grateful to Directors (Chiefs Chandler and France, and Directors Carson and Allen) for your steady and kind leadership styles which has helped me to better serve the town and support the staff.

Report of the Town Administrator (cont.)

These successes would not be possible without the excellent work of all the staff, volunteers, elected officials, and committee members who dedicate themselves to Warner. All of Warner's departments and projects are supported by the town hall staff in one way or another. Thank you to this small but dedicated team of professionals in town hall.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Town Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Ricciardelli

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TOWN OF WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

The following is a discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Warner, New Hampshire for the year ending December 31, 2022. 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, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current assets	\$ 6,444,673	\$ 3,574,562
Capital assets	<u>11,535,718</u>	<u>11,741,715</u>
Total assets	<u>17,980,391</u>	<u>15,316,277</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>364,590</u>	<u>390,287</u>
Long-term liabilities	6,423,463	4,007,503
Other liabilities	<u>798,223</u>	<u>496,332</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,221,686</u>	<u>4,503,835</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>211,524</u>	<u>489,985</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	9,132,142	9,142,648
Restricted	2,744,725	551,788
Unrestricted	<u>(965,096)</u>	<u>1,018,308</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 10,911,771</u>	<u>\$ 10,712,744</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 balances of debt and restricted donations.

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Statement of Activities

The Town's net position increased by \$199,027 during the current year. Total revenues of \$4,860,476 exceeded expenses of \$4,661,449.

Changes in net position for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 77,633	\$ 52,766
Operating grants and contributions	333,839	136,613
Capital grants and contributions	45,604	
General revenues:		
Property and other taxes	3,005,246	2,627,319
Licenses and permits	610,555	629,477
Grants and contributions	261,693	217,350
Interest and investment earnings (losses)	(15,808)	37,301
Miscellaneous	540,296	241,391
Total revenues	<u>4,859,058</u>	<u>3,942,217</u>
Expenses		
General government	988,170	830,404
Public safety	1,010,279	986,619
Highways and streets	1,891,642	1,287,140
Sanitation	288,708	241,916
Health and welfare	42,164	37,411
Culture and recreation	296,008	247,460
Conservation	12,854	16,175
Interest and fiscal charges	131,624	76,939
Total expenses	<u>4,661,449</u>	<u>3,724,064</u>
Increase in net position before gains and contributions	197,609	218,153
Contributions to permanent fund principal	1,400	
Gain on disposal of capital assets	18	14,595
Change in net position	199,027	232,748
Net position, beginning of year	<u>10,712,744</u>	<u>10,479,996</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 10,911,771</u>	<u>\$ 10,712,744</u>

Property and other taxes brought in \$3,005,246 in revenues. Licenses and permits generated \$610,555 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, 2022 increased from the previous year by \$903,664 or 23%.

The Town's expenses cover a range of services. The largest expenses were for highways and streets (41%), public safety (22%), and general government (21%), which accounted for 84% of total expenses. Total expenses recognized during the year ended December 31, 2022 increased from the previous year by \$937,385 or 25%.

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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 \$5,356,931. A detail of the fund balance components at year end are detailed on page 30 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

The General Fund balance increased \$2,709,615 from December 31, 2021. The majority of this increase was a result of note issuance in the current year and remaining unspent proceeds at year end.

Non-major Governmental Funds

The total fund balance of \$504,137 in the non-major governmental funds is designated for the purposes of the individually established funds. The largest portion of this represents the balance in the Permanent Funds (\$211,614 or 42%), Chandler Reservation Fund (\$139,025 or 28%) and the Conservation Commission Fund (\$95,085 or 19%). The total fund balance in the other governmental funds increased by \$29,203 or 6% from December 31, 2021.

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 \$83,925, representing unanticipated ARPA funds of \$263,180 reduced by unspent ARPA funds of \$179,255 carried forward to 2023. Actual revenues and other financing sources on the budgetary basis were higher than the budgeted amount by \$214,763 or 5%.

The original appropriations decreased by \$2,051,035 representing unanticipated revenue of \$263,180 reduced by approved appropriations of \$2,314,215 carried forward to 2023. During the year, the Town under expended its budget by \$104,539 or 2%. 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.

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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, 2022 amounts to \$17,553,922. Accumulated depreciation amounts to \$6,018,204, leaving a net book value of \$11,535,718. 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, 2022, the Town of Warner had four outstanding notes payable on the fire station, fire truck, solar array, and construction loan for a combined total of \$5,018,575 and a financed purchase obligation on the highway grader for \$1.

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, 2022, the Town’s net pension liability is \$1,593,256 and the Town’s net OPEB liability is \$79,555.

Additional information on the Town’s long-term obligations can be found in Notes 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS”

In 2022, Warner continued to experience economic stability, reflecting state trends. The town’s economy is a mix of agriculture, small businesses, and tourism, and remained resilient. Local businesses adapted to challenges resulting from COVID-19 and inflationary pressures. The tourism sector, which includes attractions like Mount Kearsarge, the Warner Village Historic District, several museums and the annual Warner Fall Foliage Festive, contributed to the town’s economic activity.

The Selectboard and Budget Committee have continued to work together to minimize the impact of inflation on Town portion of the tax rate 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 and leasing programs. The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) coordinates with local business organizations, state agencies

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and the Regional Planning Commission to effectively promote Warner as a strong, viable community in which businesses can expand and prosper. The committee has focused on attracting a childcare center to meet the high demand for those services from local residents.

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, 2023

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CASH:

Sugar River - Municipal Account	\$ 3,211,560.97	
- Payroll	\$ 32,191.81	
- Highway Construction Account	\$ 1,981,037.61	
- Town Clerk Account	\$ 2,185.20	
- ARPA Funds	\$ 72,903.01	
- Solar Array	\$ 46,993.73	
TOTAL CASH:		\$ 5,346,872.33

OTHER ASSETS:

Uncollected Taxes	\$ 458,958.45	
Unredeemed Taxes	\$ 146,950.49	
Allowance for uncollectable taxes	\$ 34,000.00	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 33,103.72	
Due to/From Other Funds	\$ 29,865.31	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS:		\$ 702,877.97
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 6,049,750.30

LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2023

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Accounts Payable	\$ 78,579.50	
Accrued Payroll	\$ 66,967.97	
Health Insurance Surplus Payable	\$ 9,323.14	
Due to/From Capital Projects Fund	\$ 9,303.51	
Due to/From Escrow	\$ -	
Other Liabilities	\$ 75,191.12	
School District-Tax Payable	\$ 2,184,294.22	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:		\$ 2,423,659.46

FUND BALANCE - 12/31/23

Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 3,567,960.84	\$ -
Committed Fund Balance	\$ 36,850.00	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 21,280.00	
Assigned for Encumbrances	\$ -	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE ACCOUNTS:		\$ 3,626,090.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:		\$ 6,049,750.30

Note:

The financial reports for 2023 are unaudited.
This information is subject to change, errors and omissions.

Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness

As of December 31, 2023

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<i>Authorized Debt:</i>	<i>Issued Date</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Original Loan Amount</i>
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust-Fire Truck	9/23/2010	9/1/2025	\$ 376,000.00
CDFA-SolarArray	6/22/2017	3/30/2030	\$ 250,000.00
Sugar River Bank-Fire Station (refinanced in 2021)	2/1/2021	8/1/2038	\$ 2,316,691.05
Sugar River Bank- Highway Construction Project	4/15/2022	7/15/2032	\$ 2,615,000.00

<i>Authorized Debt:</i>	<i>Notes Outstanding Balance 1/1/2023</i>	<i>Principal Payments 2023</i>	<i>Notes Outstanding Balance 12/31/23</i>
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust-Fire Truck	\$ 84,457.04	\$ 29,774.13	\$ 54,682.91
CDFA-Solar Array	\$ 158,855.08	\$ 20,315.81	\$ 138,539.27
Sugar River Bank-Fire Station	\$ 2,052,220.19	\$ 111,187.32	\$ 1,941,032.87
Sugar River Bank -Highway Construction Project	\$ 2,615,000.00	\$ 205,875.36	\$ 2,409,124.64

Note:

The financial reports for 2023 are unaudited.

This information is subject to change, errors and omissions.

Assessing Department Report

This has been a monumental year for Warner's Assessing Department. We brought our Tax Maps up to GIS standards and committed to hosting them online. We are also transitioning to a new, more efficient Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal system (CAMA) called Avitar. Our new licensed assessors are also from Avitar Associates – they will be handling all our licensed assessing needs, such as pick-ups and abatement recommendations. Our assessors will host monthly town office hours, but you can also make an appointment about specific property questions. Please contact the office with any questions, concerns, or any assessing needs.

Phone: 603-456-2298 Ext: 3 ~ Email: Assessing@WarnerNH.gov

Warner's Exemptions and Credits -

★ **Veteran's Tax Credits:**

- Veterans' - \$500
- All Veteran's - \$500
- Service-Connected Disability - \$1400
- Surviving Spouse - \$700
- Combat Service - \$500
- Certain Disable Veteran's - 100% of property tax

★ **Elderly Exemption** – Depending on the age of the resident \$50,000, \$75,000, or \$100,000 of your value is removed from assessment of the property – for low-income elderly residents.

★ **Blind Exemption** - \$15,000 of value is exempted from the assessment of the property's value – for legally blind residents.

★ **Solar Exemption** – the value of a resident's assessed solar [or wind] energy system is exempt from assessment of property taxes – any resident can access this exemption.

Totaling - \$3,366,617

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Labbe, she/her
Assessing Clerk*

Summary of Inventory Valuation

As of December 31, 2023

<u>Land Value</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Current Use	23,541.14	\$1,843,366
Discretionary Preservation Easements	0.35	\$7,019
Residential land	3402.1	\$83,574,841
Commercial Lane	373.99	\$6,078,650
Total Taxable Land	27,317.58	\$91,503,876
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	6,803.67	\$10,877,890
 <u>Building Value</u>		
Residential	0	\$192,126,430
Manufactured Housing	0	\$2,903,770
Commercial Lane	0	\$36,278,291
Discretionary Preservation Easements	8	\$81,000
Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$231,389,491
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$19,196,229
 Utilities		 \$7,648,400
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$330,541,767
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$3,366,617
Net Valuation		\$327,175,150

WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

<u>Land Value</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Current Use	28.2	\$3,550
Discretionary Preservation Easements	0.08	\$1,749
Residential	233.75	\$11,754,911
Commercial	22.17	\$3,956,690
Total of Taxable Land	284.2	\$15,716,900
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	41.62	\$1,346,020
 <u>Building Value</u>		
Residential	0	\$27,319,260
Manufactured Housing	0	\$25,600
Commercial	0	\$20,675,750
Discretionary Preservation Easements	1	\$25,145
Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$48,045,755
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	0	\$6,361,130
 Utilities		 \$1,835,660
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$65,598,315
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$642,980
Net Valuation		\$64,955,335

Schedule of Town Property

As of December 31, 2023

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

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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
03-023	Pleasant Pond Road - Department of Works	\$ 186,550.00
03-052	Route 103 East - Cemetery	-
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
07-009	Route 103 East - Parks & Rec	\$ 130,650.00
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	Schoodac Road	\$ 55,950.00
09-002	Bean Road	\$ 46,500.00
09-003	Silver Lake - Parks & Rec	\$ 61,160.00
09-006-1	Mink Hill Lane	\$ 54,500.00
09-009	Mink Hill Lane - Chandler Reservation	\$ 1,125,400.00
09-012	Mink Hill Lane	\$ 86,500.00
09-023	North Village Road	\$ 45,330.00
09-024	North Village Road	\$ 45,180.00
09-025	North Village Road	\$ 62,600.00
10-023-2-3	Waldron Hill Road	\$ 52,670.00
10-030-2-4	Waldron Hill Road	\$ 53,000.00
10-030-2-5	Waldron Hill Road	\$ 63,180.00
10-038	Riverside Park - Parks & Rec	\$ 186,330.00
10-057	Parade Ground Cemetery Road - Cemetery	-
10-087	Route 103 East - Cemetery	-
11-035	Schoodac Road - Cemetery	-
12-033	Horne Street	\$ 56,500.00
12-054	Collins Road - Cemetery	-
13-003-8	Bean Road	\$ 46,850.00
13-006	Bean Road - Chandler Reservation	\$ 169,000.00
13-013	Bean Road - Cemetery	-
14-006	West Main Street - Police Station	\$ 488,690.00
14-024	Kearsarge Mountain Road	-
14-046-1	Bartlett Loop	\$ 51,650.00
15-008	Mason Hill Road - Cemetery	-

Schedule of Town Property (cont.)

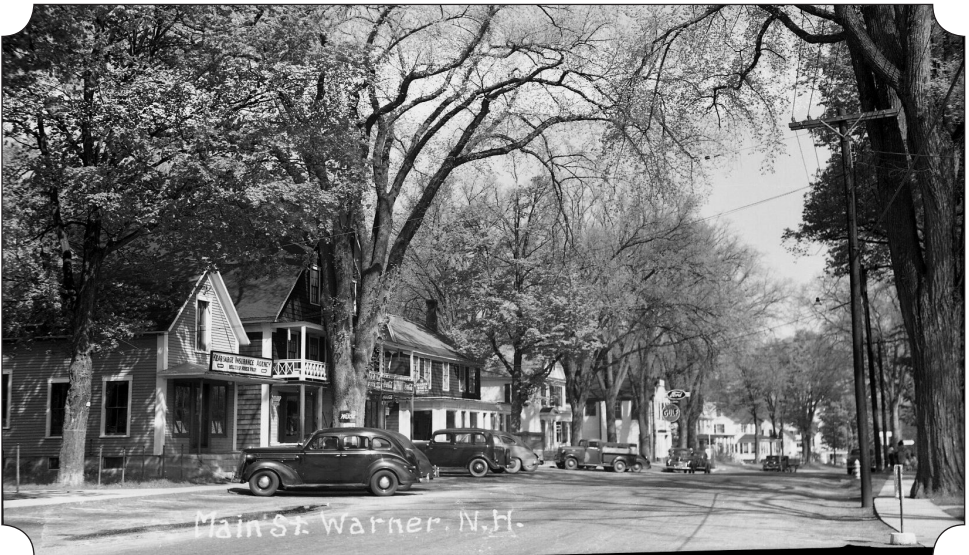
As of December 31, 2023

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16-004	Route 103 West	\$ 17,070.00
16-024	Route 103 West	\$ 14,170.00
16-025	Laing Bridge Lane	\$ 60,600.00
16-046	Melvin Mills Road	\$ 4,950.00
16-062	Route 103 West - Cemetery	-
17-003-6	Route 103 West - Department of Works	\$ 1,034,280.00
17-009	Route 103 West - Cemetery	-
17-015	Route 103 West	\$ 6,860.00
17-017	Route 103 West	\$ 150.00
17-028	Retreat Road - Cemetery	-
17-034	Route 103 West	\$ 21,340.00
18-002	East Sutton Road	\$ 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
18-016	North Road	\$ 61,250.00
18-024	Kearsarge Mountain Road - Cemetery	-
19-003	Old Pumpkin Hill Road - Cemetery	-
19-037	Couchtown Road	\$ 108,250.00
20-008	Kearsarge Mountain Road - Cemetery	\$ -
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
31-001	East Main Street - Library	\$ 1,036,910.00
31-006	Kearsarge Street Extension - Cemetery	-
31-029	Kearsarge Mountain Road - Old Fire Station	\$ 58,120.00
31-031	Kearsarge Mountain Road	\$ 60,300.00
31-055	East Main Street - Town Hall	\$ 1,154,320.00
31-063-3	Pumpkin Hill Road	\$ 31,200.00
32-014	Depot Street	\$ 3,330.00
32-017	West Main Street - Cemetery	-
32-018	Cemetery Lane - Parking Lot	\$ 45,800.00
32-019	Cemetery Lane - Parking Lot	\$ 6,670.00
32-030	West Main Street - Old Graded School	\$ 890,640.00
34-015	West Main Street - Fire Department	\$ 2,171,190.00
34-024	Chemical Lane	\$ 29,700.00
ON-17-003-6	Route 103 West - Transfer Station	\$ 128,860.00

Town of Warner Tax Rate

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Municipal Rate per Thousand	\$8.50	\$9.29	\$10.28
County Rate per Thousand	\$2.43	\$2.56	\$2.48
Local School Rate per Thousand	\$13.57	\$15.27	\$17.10
State School Rate per Thousand	<u>\$1.81</u>	<u>\$1.30</u>	<u>\$1.86</u>
Total Rate per Thousand	\$26.31	\$28.42	\$31.72
Precinct Tax per Thousand	\$2.72	\$2.86	\$2.85



Town Clerk's Report

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2024 is a big year with 5 elections. The first is the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, the Town Election is Tuesday, March 12, 2024, with Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 starting at 6 PM. The State Primary is Tuesday, September 10, 2024 and the General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Any registered voter willing to help on any of these election dates, please contact the Town Clerk's office. All elections are located in the main room in the Town Hall, and voting hours are 7 AM – 7 PM. If you are unable to come in and vote on that day, you may vote by absentee ballot.

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, with updated rabies vaccination(s). 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" web page 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.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele Courser
Town Clerk*

Town Clerk's Report (cont.)

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$614,639.25
	Boat Permit Fees	1,593.96
	Off Highway Road Vehicle Permit Fees	4,847.00
		<u>621,080.21</u>
3290	Dog Licenses	\$4,876.45
	Dog Fines	1,150.00
	Dog Penalties	137.00
	Marriage Application	1,150.00
	UCC	810.00
	Vital Record Searches	2,110.00
	Miscellaneous License, Permits, Fees	517.08
	On Line Fee (Motor Vehicle)	482.00
	On Line Fee (Vital, Dog)	163.45
	Hunting and Fishing Licenses	709.00
		<u>\$12,104.98</u>
	Other Miscellaneous Revenue	96.20
	Webster Motor Vehicle Fees	59,144.07
	TOTAL:	<u>\$692,425.46</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele L Courser

Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report

Year Ending December 31, 2023

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	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Years
Debits			
Uncollected Taxes			
Beginning of Year	2023	2022	2021...
Property Taxes		\$458,957.88	
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Excavation Tax			
Interest			
Penalties			
Other Charges			
Property Tax Credits		(6,826.37)	
Taxes Committed This Year			
Property Taxes	\$10,473,008.94		
Land Use Change Tax	30,513.00		
Yield Taxes	26,737.78	14,490.14	
Excavation Tax		373.00	
Other Charges	50.00		
Overpayment			
Property Taxes	536.49	1,237.35	
Land Use Change Tax	620.00		
Yield Taxes		83.04	
Refund Interest/Penalties	67.76		
Interest			
Collected Interest	2,794.09	12,792.54	
Penalties			
Lien Costs		2,259.00	
Total Debits	\$10,534,328.06	\$483,366.58	\$0.00

Tax Collector's Report (cont.)

Year Ending December 31, 2023

Credits	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Years
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	2023	2022	2021...
Property Taxes	\$10,019,278.96	\$309,596.79	
Land Use Change Tax	30,513.00		
Yield Taxes	26,737.78	8,929.13	
Interest	2,539.90	12,792.54	
Penalties			
Excavation Tax		373.00	
Conversion to Lien		145,571.57	
Cost not Liened		459.50	
Other Charges			
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	2,863.20		
Land Use Change Tax	620.00		
Yield Taxes		965.30	
Excavation Tax			
Interest	131.83		
Inventory Penalties			
Other Charges			
Current Levy Deeded	1,922.23		
Uncollected Taxes End of Year			
Property Taxes	462,672.84		
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes		4,678.75	
Excavation Tax			
Penalties & Fees	240.12		
Property Tax Credit Balance	(13,191.80)		
Total Credits	\$10,534,328.06	\$483,366.58	\$0.00

Tax Collector's Report (cont.)

Year Ending December 31, 2023

Debits	Last Year's Levy		Prior Years
	2022	2021	2020...
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance at Beginning of Year		\$70,350.69	\$76,599.62
Liens Executed During Year	\$151,629.66		
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	4,810.27	8,603.74	35,380.61
Total Debits	\$156,439.93	\$78,954.43	\$111,980.23
Credits Remittance to Treasurer:			
Redemption	\$71,912.40	\$39,806.28	\$74,330.48
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	3,846.43	6,407.89	10,878.27
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	491.84	1,923.85	24,609.27
Liens Deeded to Municipality	1,841.52	1,732.69	1,882.09
Balance End of Year	78,347.74	29,083.72	280.12
Total Credits	\$156,439.93	\$78,954.43	\$111,980.23

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

List of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 2023

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	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Prior</i>
Map 1 Lot 10	\$210.82		
Map 1 Lot 11	1,074.95		
Map 3 Lot 2	201.48		
Map 4 Lot 2	4,252.85		
Map 6 Lot 56	6,035.35		
Map 7 Lot 13	52.18		
Map 8 Lot 6	2,011.57		
Map 8 Lot 21	10,952.39	\$4,261.40	
Map 9 Lot 17	2,168.91	2,018.35	
Map 10 Lot 44	3,409.88		
Map 10 Lot 45	3,272.31	3,062.69	
Map 10 Lot 55-1	1,242.20		
Map 11 Lot 44	24.61		
Map 14 Lot 16	408.27		
Map 15 Lot 56	5,561.19		
Map 16 Lot 6-1	9,100.51	8,450.42	
Map 16 Lot 41	4,580.95	4,278.81	
Map 19 Lot 9	2,631.11		
Map 21 Lot 2	4,881.31		
Map 22 Lot 5	84.60	99.95	\$88.95
Map 26 Lot 3	8,129.39	3,447.95	
Map 32 Lot 10A	3,064.24	2,868.70	191.17
Map 32 Lot 11	318.34	280.30	
Map 34 Lot 23	3,773.34		
On-03-024-22PLE	568.82		
On-32-010A	336.17	315.15	
Totals	\$78,347.74	\$29,083.72	\$280.12

Report of the Town Treasurer

Statement of Income

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	Municipal \$3,434,656.71	Payroll \$31,645.18	Town Clerk \$2,030.52
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Selectboard

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$17,852.16
Business Licenses, Permits, and Filing Fees	-
Building Permits	\$9,374.88
State of NH Reimbursements	\$4,785.38
Police - FFF	\$10,630.13
Meals & Room Tax	\$279,128.77
Highway Block Grant	\$166,964.49
Refunds	\$1,081.65
State and Federal Forest Land Reimb.	\$2,373.36
Other Grants (EM, Hwy, TS, CC, PD...)	\$63,433.65
Land Use Fees	\$2,363.00
Sale of Town Property	\$100.00
Police - Insurance Reports	\$420.00
Rent of Town Property	\$53,260.52
Misc. Revenue	\$5,058.64
Police - Special Detail Reimbursement	\$1,168.00
Franchise Fees	\$24,830.12
ARPA Bridge Grant Funds	\$169,577.32
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	\$7,467.91
Contributions / Donations	\$500.00
TS - Vendor Recycling Checks	\$23,139.97
TS - Fees (Demolition, Vouchers, Misc.Cash)	\$14,905.00
TS - Fees (Non-resident Fee)	\$525.00
Hwy Revenue - NRRA	\$1,256.16
Other (Misc. Revenues)	<u>\$900.13</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS - BOARD OF SELECTMEN **\$861,096.24**

Town Clerk

Motor Vehicle, Boat & OHRV Permit Fees	\$680,224.28
Other Agencies, Permits, and Fees	
Miscellaneous Revenue (Including NSF Fees)	\$12,201.18
Motor Vehicle Return / Rebate	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS - TOWN CLERK **\$692,425.46**

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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Tax Collector

2023 Property Tax	\$10,472,647.82
2023 Property Tax Interest	\$15,202.00
Property Tax - Prior Years	
Property Tax Interest - Prior Years	
2023 Land Use Change Tax	\$30,513.00
2023 Land Use Change Tax Interest	\$95.87
Land Use Change Tax - Prior Years	
Land Use Change Tax Interest	
2023 Timber Tax	\$35,666.91
Timber Tax - Prior Years	
Timber Tax Interest	\$34.57
Property Tax Redemption	\$186,049.16
Property Tax Redemption Interest	\$21,132.59
Gravel Pit Excavation Tax	\$373.00
Gravel Pit Excavation Tax Interest	
Fees, Tax Lien	\$2,259.00
NSF Fees	

TOTAL RECEIPTS - TAX COLLECTOR **\$10,763,973.92**

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$12,317,495.62**

EXPENDITURES **\$11,909,545.00**

Deposited to Conservation Commission **\$30,513.00**

BANK STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Distributed as follows: Sugar River Bank

Municipal	Payroll	Town Clerk
\$2,336,814.12	\$32,191.81	\$2,185.20

Note: The financial reports for 2023 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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BEAUTIFICATION FUND

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$5,514.66
Interest Earned	\$21.72
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$247.48</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$5,288.90

CHANDLER RESERVATION ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$103,724.15
Interest Earned	\$415.66
Deposits	
Expenses	<u> </u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$104,139.81

CHANDLER RESERVATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$34,852.29
Interest Earned	\$137.72
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$1,455.82</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$33,534.19

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$95,555.28
Interest Earned	\$367.73
Deposits	\$30,513.00
Expenses	<u>\$38,968.00</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$87,468.01

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$3,877.25
Interest Earned	\$15.69
Deposits	
Expenses	<u> </u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$3,892.94

NORTH ROAD TOWN FOREST

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$8,494.84
Interest Earned	\$34.38
Deposits	
Expenses	<u> </u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$8,529.22

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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PLANNING BOARD FEES ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$578.29
Interest Earned	\$2.34
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$580.63

PARKS & RECREATION ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$6,348.91
Interest Earned	\$25.41
Deposits	\$2,400.00
Expenses	\$750.26
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$8,024.06

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$11,594.13
Interest Earned	\$46.92
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$11,641.05

GRANT FUNDS

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$207,951.79
Interest Earned	
Deposits	\$10,749.15
Expenses	\$145,797.93
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$72,903.01

COMET LLC.

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$2,577.34
Interest Earned	\$2.95
Deposits	
Expenses	\$2,058.75
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$521.54

SOLAR ARRAY

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$37,311.55
Interest Earned	\$177.84
Deposits	\$29,024.25
Expenses	\$19,519.91
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	\$46,993.73

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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MADGETECH ESCROW

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$773.79
Interest Earned	\$3.13
Deposits	
Expenses	
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	<u>\$776.92</u>

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ACCOUNT

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2023	\$2,004,584.74
Interest Earned	\$38,744.89
Deposits	
Expenses	<u>\$62,292.02</u>
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2023	<u>\$1,981,037.61</u>

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds Capital Reserves

As of December 31, 2023

Created	Capital & Expendable Funds	January 1, 2023	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawn	December 31, 2023
July 1, 2008	Bridge Repair / Replace	\$217,147.69	\$125,000.00	\$5,825.55	\$11,000.00	\$336,973.24
March 13, 2002	Cemetery ETF	6,200.54	-	25.10	-	6,225.64
March 1, 2015	DPW Facility Improvements	192,914.26	-	5,102.50	-	198,016.76
July 12, 2010	Dry Hydrants	17,560.47	-	230.46	-	17,790.93
March 13, 2013	Employee Health Insurance ETF	1,033.15	23,000.00	9.29	-	24,042.44
November 1, 2000	Fire / Rescue Vehicles	292,934.71	130,000.00	8,114.19	-	431,048.90
January 1, 2011	Firefighters Equipment	42,008.50	36,800.00	354.48	24,925.00	54,237.98
March 8, 2000	Forest Fire ETF	47,824.40	-	671.69	-	48,496.09
December 1, 1994	Highway Equipment	316,328.81	50,000.00	7,660.23	220,561.00	153,428.04
December 1, 2006	Highway Road Construction	350,399.35	-	9,224.48	1,909.25	357,714.58
March 1, 2017	Infrastructure Matching Funds	5,085.21	-	20.58	-	5,105.79
December 9, 2020	Kearsarge Mountain Alternate Rte.	12,041.00	-	48.74	-	12,089.74
March 1, 2015	Library Building	71,019.48	-	1,846.31	3,023.25	69,842.54
December 1, 1972	New Waterloo Equipment	11,757.65	-	47.59	-	11,805.24
December 1, 2003	Old Fire Building Renovation	7,175.51	-	26.29	7,201.80	-
December 9, 2020	Parks & Recreation	4,636.06	-	20.97	-	4,657.03
July 7, 2009	Police Vehicles	54,044.11	15,000.00	1,431.66	-	70,475.77
December 1, 2001	Property Revaluation	59,590.64	32,287.00	1,607.96	-	93,485.60
March 1, 2016	Records Preservation	23,575.81	20,000.00	67.85	18,731.00	24,912.66
September 1, 2012	Rosa Valpey Memorial	3,477.21	-	4.88	3,482.09	-
July 1, 2008	Town Hall Improvements	20,962.96	30,000.00	91.50	-	51,054.46
July 11, 2011	Transfer Station Equipment	55,391.91	25,000.00	556.53	77,260.00	3,688.44
December 15, 2021	Transfer Station Facility Project	100,083.51	50,000.00	2,747.77	475.78	152,355.50
December 9, 2020	Transportation Improvement Grant	20,071.51	-	81.23	-	20,152.74
N/A	William D. Davis Savings	7,258.39	-	10.18	7,268.57	-
	Totals	\$1,940,522.84	\$537,087.00	\$45,828.01	\$375,837.74	\$2,147,600.11

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds

As of December 31, 2023

Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	GAIN/ LOSS	TRANSFERS/ WITH-DRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
	Coal Hearth Cemetery	\$880.82	\$-	\$(1.02)	\$-	\$879.80
Various	Schoodac Cemetery	8,013.88	-	(9.17)	-	8,004.71
Various	Davisville Cemetery	12,443.65	-	(14.74)	-	12,428.91
Various	Lower Warner Cemetery	2,500.24	-	(2.96)	-	2,497.28
Various	Waterloo Cemetery	1,287.14	-	(1.51)	-	1,285.63
Various	Tory Hill Cemetery	1,149.12	-	(1.42)	-	1,147.70
Various	Melvin Mills Cemetery	272.17	-	(0.32)	-	271.85
Various	New Waterloo Cemetery	33,636.50	400.00	(40.09)	-	33,996.41
Various	Pine Grove Cemetery	64,530.42	-	(87.41)	9.34	64,452.35
	TOTAL TOWN CEMETERIES	124,713.94	400.00	(158.64)	9.34	124,964.64
	Almoners of the Foster Currier Funds					
1942	Currier, Walter S.	4,743.10	-	(5.20)	-	4,737.90
1897	Foster, John (1)	6,928.96	-	(7.60)	-	6,921.36
	Subtotal	11,672.06	-	(12.80)	-	11,659.26

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds

As of December 31, 2023

INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	MARKET VALUE
BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENDED & FEES	ENDING BALANCE			
\$68.55	\$32.68	\$(7.07)	\$94.16	\$973.96	\$131.95	\$1,105.91
624.08	297.37	(64.01)	857.44	8,862.15	1,200.51	10,062.66
962.67	461.67	(99.23)	1,325.11	13,754.02	1,863.28	15,617.30
194.66	92.79	(19.92)	267.53	2,764.81	374.56	3,139.37
97.32	47.67	(10.25)	134.74	1,420.37	192.42	1,612.79
89.49	42.64	(9.13)	123.00	1,270.70	172.15	1,442.85
23.31	10.16	(2.21)	31.26	303.11	41.06	344.17
2,482.95	1,244.62	(267.38)	3,460.19	37,456.60	5,074.31	42,530.91
15,867.66	2,769.85	(599.12)	18,038.39	82,490.74	11,175.09	93,665.83
20,410.69	4,999.45	(1,078.32)	24,331.82	149,296.46	20,225.33	169,521.79
97.26	164.22	(132.38)	129.10	4,867.00	659.34	5,526.34
142.07	239.87	(193.35)	188.59	7,109.95	963.19	8,073.14
239.33	404.09	(325.73)	317.69	11,976.95	1,622.53	13,599.48

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2023

Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	GAIN/LOSS	TRANSFERS/WITH-DRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
	Library Funds					
1961	Andrews, Alice G	1,355.16	-	(1.50)	-	1,353.66
1929	Cheney, Perry H (2)	1,355.16	-	(1.50)	-	1,353.66
1897	Foster, John (2)	4,065.45	-	(4.49)	-	4,060.96
1974	Miner, Walter P	677.55	-	(0.73)	-	676.82
1958	Mitchell, Lawrence	271.04	-	(0.31)		270.73
1936	1/2 of Runels Fund Income (2)	13,313.57	-	(14.80)	530.60	13,829.37
	Subtotal	21,037.93	-	(23.33)	530.60	21,545.20
	Kearsarge Regional High School Funds					
1900	Ancient School Fund	830.73	-	(0.92)	-	829.81
1963	Clough, Zora	4,065.45	-	(4.49)	-	4,060.96
1870	Flanders, Phoebe	1,158.64	-	(1.29)	-	1,157.35
1946	Thompson, Arthur	10,535.03	-	(11.58)	-	10,523.45
1936	1/2 of Runels Fund Income (1)	13,313.57	-	(14.80)	530.60	13,829.37
	Subtotal	29,903.42	-	(33.08)	530.60	30,400.94

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2023

INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	MARKET VALUE
BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENDED & FEES	ENDING BALANCE			
27.79	46.91	(37.81)	36.89	1,390.55	188.38	1,578.93
27.79	46.91	(37.81)	36.89	1,390.55	188.38	1,578.93
83.36	140.75	(113.45)	110.66	4,171.62	565.13	4,736.75
13.89	23.46	(18.90)	18.45	695.27	94.19	789.46
5.56	9.38	(7.58)	7.36	278.09	37.67	315.76
426.46	466.16	(331.77)	560.85	14,390.22	1,949.46	16,339.68
584.85	733.57	(547.32)	771.10	22,316.30	3,023.21	25,339.51

17.03	28.75	(23.20)	22.58	852.39	115.47	967.86
83.36	140.75	(113.45)	110.66	4,171.62	565.13	4,736.75
23.76	40.13	(32.34)	31.55	1,188.90	161.06	1,349.96
216.02	364.72	(294.03)	286.71	10,810.16	1,464.46	12,274.62
426.46	466.16	(331.78)	560.84	14,390.21	1,949.46	16,339.67
766.63	1,040.51	(794.80)	1,012.34	31,413.28	4,255.58	35,668.86

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2023

Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	GAIN / LOSS	TRANSFERS / WITH-DRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
Simonds School Funds						
1993	Bartlett Trust Fund	50,632.91	-	(92.40)	-	50,540.51
Scholarship Funds						
1982	Warner Grange	5,420.62	-	(11.22)	-	5,409.40
1970	Willis, Edward S	35,126.39	-	(38.18)	-	35,088.21
	Subtotal	40,547.01	-	(49.40)	-	40,497.61
Miscellaneous Funds						-
1929	Cheney, Perry H (1)	1,355.23	-	(7.86)	-	1,347.37
1924	Neely, Robert S	13.57	-	(0.51)	-	13.06
1900	Parsonage Fund	502.76	-	(0.55)	-	502.21
1900	Public Land Fund	1,245.89	-	(1.36)	-	1,244.53
1926	Tewksbury & Trumbull	813.07	-	(5.34)	-	807.73
1940	Redington, Ida M Trust	18,221.39	-	(20.00)	-	18,201.39
1900	William D. Davis Savings	-	4,348.27	(5.03)	(586.06)	3,757.18
	Subtotal	22,151.91	4,348.27	(40.65)	(586.06)	25,873.47

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2023

INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	MARKET VALUE
BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENDED & FEES	ENDING BALANCE			
34,233.25	2,912.32	(1,222.91)	35,922.66	86,463.17	11,713.25	98,176.42
4,837.35	353.38	(75.57)	5,115.16	10,524.56	1,425.77	11,950.33
289.75	1,205.08	(1,057.92)	436.91	35,525.12	4,812.62	40,337.74
5,127.10	1,558.46	(1,133.49)	5,552.07	46,049.68	6,238.39	52,288.07
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5,819.85	247.19	(52.84)	6,014.20	7,361.57	997.28	8,358.85
455.34	16.15	(3.48)	468.01	481.07	65.17	546.24
10.31	17.41	(14.04)	13.68	515.89	69.89	585.78
25.55	43.14	(34.76)	33.93	1,278.46	173.19	1,451.65
4,065.13	168.04	(35.92)	4,197.25	5,004.98	678.03	5,683.01
72.03	630.20	(134.76)	567.47	18,768.86	2,542.64	21,311.50
-	132.67	2,894.20	3,026.87	6,784.05	919.04	7,703.09
10,448.21	1,254.80	2,618.40	14,321.41	40,194.88	5,445.24	45,640.12

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2023

Year Created	FUND AREAS	PRINCIPAL				
		BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	GAIN / LOSS	TRANSFERS/ WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
	Runels Funds					
1936	Runels Fund - 1/2 to School, 1/2 to Library	46,291.19	-	-	-	46,291.19
1899	Cap Gains & Income from Fidelity, 1211 sh. Fidelity Puritan	11,404.29	-	1,150.88	(1,150.88)	11,404.29
	Subtotal	57,695.48	-	1,150.88	(1,150.88)	57,695.48
	Maintenance & Repair					
1972	New Waterloo Cemetery Maint.	7,717.05	-	(19.63)	-	7,697.42
1991	Davisville Cemetery Maint.	1,552.52	-	(3.66)	-	1,548.86
	Subtotal	9,269.57	-	(23.29)	-	9,246.28
	Trust Funds Totals	\$367,624.23	\$4,748.27	\$717.29	\$(666.40)	\$372,423.39

2023 Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2023

INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	MARKET VALUE
BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENDED & FEES	ENDING BALANCE			
1,088.55	-	-	1,088.55	47,379.74	6,418.58	53,798.32
-	540.79	(540.79)	-	11,404.29	20,255.14	31,659.43
1,088.55	540.79	(540.79)	1,088.55	58,784.03	26,673.72	85,457.75
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10,227.35	618.18	(132.17)	10,713.36	18,410.78	2,494.13	20,904.91
1,782.01	114.87	(24.57)	1,872.31	3,421.17	463.47	3884.64
12,009.36	733.05	(156.74)	12,585.67	21,831.95	2,957.60	24,789.55
\$84,907.97	\$14,177.04	\$(3,181.70)	\$95,903.31	\$468,326.70	\$82,154.85	\$550,481.55

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 12th day of March next (2024) 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 increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?”
YES [] NO []
- Article 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Warner Zoning Ordinance Article XV Non-Conforming use by replacing the existing language with: A. Non-Conforming Lots and B. Non-conforming Structures and C. Non Conforming Uses? The purpose is to expand the definition of different types of legal non-conforming entities to include lots, structures and uses. To provide better clarity of the types of nonconforming entities. To align Article XV frontage and setbacks more closely with regulations present in multiple districts. Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4 to 2. YES [] NO []

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024, 6:00 PM

Article 04 Town Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,563,087 (Four million, five hundred sixty-three thousand eighty-seven dollars) as the 2024 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 (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 05 Citizen Petition

Citizen Petition Article shall we adopt the provisions of RSA32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year’s actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%? This is a petitioned warrant article. (Not Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee, 7-0) 3/5 Majority Vote Required

Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner The State of New Hampshire

Article 06 Citizen Petition

Petitioned Article shall the Town of Warner vote to suspend construction of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail in Warner until the Warner Conservation Commission has had sufficient time to study and evaluate the likely environmental impact of the trail on the Warner River ecosystem and inform Warner residents about the projected ecological consequences of the trail and make recommendation to avoid harm: in particular as it concerns rare, vulnerable and endangered species? (Not Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 07 Citizen Petition

Petitioned article to see if the town will vote to allow Warner Connects NH (Warner Area Food Pantry and Family Closet) to conduct their nonprofit (EIN XX-XXX3224) operation rent free. This action would commence at the end of their current lease and would continue, in their current space, as long as they are servicing the people of our community. (Not Recommended by the Selectboard 3-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0)

Article 08 Citizen Petition

Petitioned article to see if the town will vote to require the Selectboard, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Budget Committee to post a Zoom video, and/or audio recording, on the Town Website as soon as possible, following each of their public meetings. Each posting to have a separate and unique link under the menu "Residents/Meeting recordings" which shall remain on the town website for at least six months. (Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0) Majority Vote Require

Article 09 Record Preservation Capital Reserve Fund

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 (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 10 Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner The State of New Hampshire

Article 11 Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,070.00 (Forty-Seven Thousand Seventy Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, and to further offset \$47,070.00 coming from unassigned fund balance which represents the additional bridge grant money already received? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Requires

Article 12 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0 (Recommended by Budget Committee, 7-0) Majority vote required.

Article 13 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,659 (Thirty-six Thousand, six hundred Fifty-nine Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and further to offset \$36,659 coming from unassigned fund balance which represents the additional Highway Block Grant money already received? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 14 Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 15 Fire Fighters Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 (Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 16 Fire & Rescue Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund

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 Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Town Warrant (cont.)

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

Article 17 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$115,000 (One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, and further to offset \$115,000 coming from the unassigned fund balance? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 18 Solar Exemption

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 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 (6-1) Majority Vote Required.

Article 20 Business

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

Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of February, 2024.

Warner Selectboard

Harry Seidel, Chair

Faith Minton

Allan N. Brown

Budget Committee

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As I begin to develop this report, I begin to reflect on past Budget Committee years and the challenges that have faced us. Some years brought extensive challenges and frustration. This year really became a collaboration in the budget process between the departments, the Board of Selectmen, and the Budget Committee.

The departments came to the budget process prepared and with very responsible planned budgets. The Board of Selectmen attended every Budget Committee meeting (the first I can ever remember) ready to collaborate and cooperate in the development of a responsible 2024 Budget for the Town of Warner.

The budget process involves three processes.

- Operating Budget
- Capital Budget
- Revenue

With the economy still experiencing high inflation, the 2024 Operating Budget reflects a 4.476% increase over 2023. The BOS came to the process with a 32.91% decrease from the 2023 Capital Budget But the revenue has become the serious issue.

With the lack of revenue from the Federal Government

With the lack of supplemental revenue support from the State of New Hampshire

We find a 15.667% decrease in estimated revenue for 2024 vs. the 2023 revenue.

While the Budget Committee fully understands the impact that the decreased revenue will have on the estimate tax rate, we also feel that further reductions many result in an impact on services to the Town of Warner, a decision that must be made by residence of Warner going forward.

I would like to Thank all the members of the Budget Committee, Selectboard and Department Heads for their efforts in the budget process and a SPECIAL Thank you to the residence of Warner that participated in the Budget process.

Regards,

Michael Cutting, Chairman

Robert Blake – Vice Chairman

Allan Brown–BOS Rep.

Ray Martin – Warner Village Water District Rep.

Michelle L Kendrick Richard Bixby Jr.

Harold Blanchette James Sherman

Emergency Management

Are you aware of a new Statewide Notification System in New Hampshire? Effective January 1, 2024, the State of New Hampshire transitioned to a new emergency notification system, Genasys Protect. This system replaces the Code Red system. To ensure you receive public safety messages from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, and the Town register or update your information today. Please visit the NH Department of Safety home page at <https://www.dos.nh.gov>.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and members of the public began meeting in the fall of 2023 to update Warner's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The committee is working with Central Regional Planning Commission on the update. FEMA has again changed the requirements for the new plan. Instead of 6-9 meetings, we are now scheduled to hold 12-15 meetings. Meetings are posted on the Town's website and at several locations in town. The meeting normally are about 2 hours. Meetings are held in person and via Zoom. The revised Plan needs to be approved to maintain eligibility to receive State and Federal grants. Please volunteer to participate.

In July, the Town sustained damage to several roads due to heavy rain. Warner's Emergency Operations Center was opened to assist the Highway Department in providing the public with road closures. NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management requested damage estimated from all communities to determine if the State could submit paperwork for a disaster declaration. Working with the Public Works Director, the Town submitted damage estimates at \$50,000.00 to the State. However, Merrimack County did not meet the threshold necessary to qualify for disaster assistance.

In 2022, an Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) was approved to install cameras outside at the Emergency Operations Center (Fire Station) and to install a buzz-in system for the entry door into the administrative portion of the building. Due to parts back order, the systems did not get installed until 2023. Re-imbursement funds (\$21,675.65) were received in the fall of 2023. Another EMPG application for Emergency Operations Center equipment (Computers and an OWL) is in process. It is anticipated that this grant will be approved this Spring.

The Emergency Management Team continues to exercise our local plan. We did hold a Table-Top Exercise in November of 2022. EOC activation drill was planned for late 2023, but did not happen. This drill is now planned for late March. NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management personnel will be facilitating this drill.

To help you prepare for an emergency, please consider the following:

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- Are you signed up for Warner Alerts? See the Town's web site to sign up. This is your source for posting of low volume items relating to emergencies. Items that have been posted include road closures, downed power lines, water emergencies, and warming center information.
- 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](https://www.ReadyNH.gov); or contact me. Additionally, this web site allows people to sign up for emergency alerts or download the app on your phone.

Emergency Management (cont.)

I would like to thank Ron Piroso Deputy EM Director, the Board of Selectmen, all Town Departments, individuals, and organizations involved with emergency management for your continued support and cooperation during the year. Especially, the Hazard Mitigations Committee for your efforts in working to update Warner's Hazard Mitigation Plan. By continuing to work together, we will be bettered prepared when disaster strikes.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Mical

Director

East Joppa Road Flooding July 2023



Highway Department

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I would like to begin by thanking the staff at the Highway Department for all they do. Every year brings a new plate full of issues and this crew rises to the occasion no matter what. Thank You.

2023 was once again a very busy year. January and February mother nature gave us 19 snow, sleet or freezing rain events. Nothing big but time consuming. March we dealt with 7 snow events. March 13 -15 we had an 18" heavy wet snow storm that took down lots of trees and tree branches all over Town and it took a couple weeks to clean up debris. November and December we dealt with another 8 snow, sleet or freezing rain events for a total of 34 events for the 2023 season. We used 935 tons of salt and 3685 yards of sand to get to the goal post. Glad to see spring arrive.

In March the Town of Hopkinton invited us to join them in a Culvert Certification course which all the Highway crew participated in and acquired their certification to install culverts. April, we went into cleaning mode. Washing trucks and equipment, snowplows and sanders. Getting street sweeper ready to start clean up downtown of winter sand. Posted Class V roads to 6 tons load limits, Class VI roads for no wheeled vehicles during mud season. As things dried, we started road grading and gravel as needed. While things were drying out from spring time thaw we moved to Fred Hill's pit on the Plains Road to screen out 2500 yards of winter sand to replenish our pile.

May, we concentrated on street sweeping downtown and precinct, we had some roadside ditch repairs to make on Pumpkin Hill and Schoodac Road from some spring rain wash; started some road grading and roadside ditching (West Roby, Melvin, Old Main, Denny Hill Road); culvert cleaning about town and moving winter sand to stockpile at shop.

June, we started to work on planned summer projects. Melvin Road from the intersection with Bible Hill to the bottom of the hill at S turn (about 2800') we replaced all cross culverts, (7), installed 2800' of 6" under-drain along the uphill side of Melvin to cut off the run off from collecting under the road bed. This drainage work was done in anticipation of doing an 8" reclaim of pavement in August. We also changed one cross culvert on Stagecoach Loop and re-worked the approach to Stagecoach on the Bradford end. Also did prep work for grinding and re pave so we can plow this section of road, existing pavement all broke up and out of shape. Finished moving winter sand from Hill pit to highway facility.

July was spent continuing with under-drain on Melvin. On the 16th of July we dealt with a 5" rain storm that caused about \$40,000 worth of damage about town. Brown Rd, Parade Ground Cemetery Rd were the worst. All roads were passable the day of the storm but we spent two to three weeks doing final repairs. Changed the cross culverts (3) on Denny Hill Rd and installed a drop inlet. This work also in prep of reclaim of existing pavement in August. Spent some time on gravel roads grading and graveling about town.

August, GMI Asphalt came to town to do an 8" reclaim of Melvin and Stagecoach Loop. This process grinds the existing hot-top and mixes it in with existing road base material. This allows for re grading and shaping, adding material where needed and compaction. Once

Highway Department (cont.)

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that was done they paved with 2 ½” of base hot-top. This process was done on both roads. Once the base sits through the winter, we see if any settling exists then the topcoat will be applied. Denny Hill Rd, same process was done. Once the drainage was addressed there was an 8” grinding, grade, compact and 2 ½” base hot-top applied. There was a small piece of Old Main included in this process at the intersection of Denny to correct a drainage issue. This project also will sit through the winter before finish hot-top will be applied. School Street was next on the list. The crew repaired or reset all the drainage grates on drain manholes, dealt with an abandoned manhole and GMI did a Mill and Fill process with this road. Because of curbing and grade concerns they removed 1 ½” of existing hot-top, did a ½” shim from Main St to Denny Hill Rd then applied a 1 ½” finish hot-top. Once these four paving projects were done we went to work finishing up shoulders, ditch lines, topsoil and seeding on these particular projects.

September was spent making sure paving projects were completed. We had a few projects left to fix from the storm damage in July. Henniker Road on the Schoolhouse lane end had wash caused from faulty culvert pipes so we replaced cross culverts on Cross Road and Henniker Road, ditched and added gravel to that section to keep water in ditch line. Changed cross culvert on Connors Mill Road in the area of the A frame which also acts up during heavy rain. Continued grading and gravel to finish up areas damaged from July storm.

October we got the mowing tractor out and worked on the West side of Town. Replaced cross culverts on Couchtown dirt section and North Road. We have always turned around in Harry Heseltons driveway in the Winter which was becoming a problem so we built a turnaround across the street on land the Town has.

November mowing tractor continued, worked on removing some trees at highway facility to improve parking and snow removal in front of building. Road grading to get ready for winter. We took delivery of new dump truck which was ordered last year (22) on November 13th There was a rain storm mid November that washed a 24” cross culvert on Morse Lane that was temporarily fixed and replaced in December. Rest of month preparing for winter.

December was spent getting ready for winter. Another rain storm in December caused a few issues and trees and limbs down. 2023 was the eighth wettest year on record.



Respectfully submitted

*Timothy W. Allen – Director of
Public Works.*

Overseer of Public Welfare Report

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2023 has seen a steady need for housing - units are scarce and expensive. Increased food and fuel costs put a real pinch on all of our budgets. We have seen an increase in need for assistance, especially with housing costs.

While times are tough, we are lucky to have an amazing team providing vital resources and supports - Merrimack County Human Services, NH Capital Region Habitat for Humanity, Contoocook Carries, K.R.E.M., Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners, United Church of Warner, CAP's Housing Stabilization team, CAP's Fuel Assistance programs, the Warner Wood Bank, and the Warner Food Pantry - just to name a few. Thank you to all who do so much!

Contact Info: 603-456-2298 Ext 1229 or 603-456-3004 ~ Help@WarnerNH.gov

*Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Labbe, she/her
Overseer of Public Welfare*

<i>Assistance Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Housing	\$41,039.02
Heating	\$349.99
Electrical	\$1,367.20
Burial/Cremation	\$3700.00
Miscellaneous General Assistance (water, gas, food, etc...)	\$116.00
Total Assistance Rendered	\$46,572.21

Warner's 250th Birthday of Incorporation 2024



By the time you read this town report we will have celebrated our kick-off event in January and our spaghetti dinner and *Snow Train* presentation at the town hall in February. We have planned events throughout the year and hope you will be able to attend several of them. Lawn signs with the logo are available for \$15 at the Warner Historical Society and at our events. Pick up a *Favorite Corner of Warner* pamphlet at the town hall, Pillsbury Free Library, Warner Historical Society, Sugar River Bank or Café One East. Drive, walk, hike or paddle to your favorite spot, take a photograph and post it on your social media with #warnernh250 or e-mail to info@warnerhistorical.org.

March 16 & 17 **NH Maple Weekend** – the town hall is **Maple Central** featuring a pancake breakfast Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 – 11 am and maple syrup tasting and judging by the public from 9 am – 3 pm. Be sure to pick up a map to sugar houses, buy a t-shirt, eat in our local restaurants, and visit the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum to observe how Native Americans made syrup and maple sugar.

April 4 – the Warner Historical Society invites you to a **Community Conversation, “Why Warner?”** An opportunity to share our stories about how and why each of us and/or our families came to Warner. Come and share; come and listen; come and enjoy each other’s company. Warner Town Hall 7 pm

April 6 – the Warner Agricultural Commission will be sponsoring a presentation about **Warner’s Agriculture: Then and Now**. Learn about Warner’s past agricultural products and what farmers are producing today. Warner Town Hall 7 pm

April 12 – the N.H. Telephone Museum is co-sponsoring the **Warner Women’s Oral History Project** dramatic reading, *“It Had to Be Done, So I Did It!”* based on interviews with Warner women and their work, 1983-1991. The Warner Bicentennial quilt and the history project quilt based on women’s work will be displayed. United Church of Warner 7 pm

May 1 – *Then and Now Warner Native American Artifacts* lobby exhibit opens on May 1 from 10 am-4 pm and will be on display this summer. Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum

May 18 – *Spring Into Warner* – A “cake reveal” at Sugar River Bank, and the unveiling of the Dalton and Waterloo covered bridge signs carved by Jim McLaughlin with structural support made by Rhett Courser.

Warner's 250th Birthday of Incorporation 2024 (cont.)

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May 27 – **Memorial Day parade**, program, Kearsarge Regional High School Band, and an open house at the American Legion.

June 14 – **Flag Day** – flags displayed along Main Street thanks to the American Legion.

June 15 – the **250th exhibit** opens at the Upton Chandler House Museum from 10 am – 4 pm. The Museum is open Tuesdays 1-4 pm and Saturdays 10 am-1 pm through mid-October.

Nick's Other Band - food and raffle Jim Mitchell Park sponsored by Weaver Brothers 5-8:30 pm.

Last Day of School – drone photographs of Simonds Elementary School students.

July 4 – **Pancake Breakfast** at the United Church of Warner 7:30 – 11 am. A blueberry and strawberry bake sale, and the American Legion renewing memberships and selling flags.

August 25 – **Old Fashioned Church Service** at the Lower Warner Meeting House at 10 am. This service is open to all. Come dressed in historical costume, watch out for the tithing man who might give you a rap on the head or a tickle under the nose if you fall asleep!

September 8 - **Read Warner's Town History** by Walter Harriman and join in for a book discussion at the town hall at 4 pm.

September 14 – **The official Incorporation Day and Town Picnic** at Riverside Park from 4 – 6:30 pm. Caleb Parsons will read the proclamation, veterans will be recognized, and music by the Hopkinton Town Band. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, pickles, and a beverage will be served. Sponsored by Greenleaf Irrigation.

October 6 - **Celebrating Warner's Black History Bus Tour** in conjunction with the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. 1 pm meet at the Soldier's Monument. Register with the blackheritagetrailnh.org

October 11, 12 & 13 – Fall Foliage Festival parade theme “Happy Birthday Warner!”

October 14 – **Indigenous People's Day** – Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and the planting of a Liberty Tree Elm in the arboretum.

November 11 – a **Veteran's Day** program with Ted Young and Rebecca Courser. TBD

December 7 – **Warner's Festival of Trees**

December 21 – **Closing Ceremony** at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum with a bonfire, hot chocolate, s'mores and sending our resolutions for the 300th birthday into the sky!

Warner's 250th Birthday of Incorporation 2024 (cont.)

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Other events will be added throughout the year. The *Warner, NH 1880-1974* town history is being reprinted with new photographs being added throughout the publication. A town history from 1974-2024 is being researched and written but will not be available this year. A Warner coloring book is being created along with a Warner newsletter based on excerpts from the *Kearsarge Independent* for each month of the year. T-shirts and hats are being designed. The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges is preparing a booklet about the town's existing and former covered bridges.

We hope you will enjoy these activities and learn more about Warner's rich history.



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 also like to thank the Warner Highway and Police Departments for their continued support this past year, their assistance is greatly appreciated.

We had 601 incidents in 2023, which was an increase from 2022 and our busiest year to date.

<u>Type</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fire	14	20
Rescue & Emergency Medical	370	408
Hazardous Condition	20	19
Good Intent & Service Calls	92	112
False Alarm & False Calls	46	42
Total	542	601

This past year Matt Boyer and Seth Henley resigned from the Department. We thank each one for their effort while with us and hope their future endeavors go well.

We were excited to bring on Hayden Manning and Sydney Boyer to the department. Hayden is an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Sydney is an Emergency Medical Technician.

Ryan Brown obtained his Emergency Medical Responder certification, and we are proud of his accomplishment.

The department reminds residents to clearly mark their homes with their 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 in this. See the Town website for further information.

We also urge residents to maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their homes for their 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 they 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.

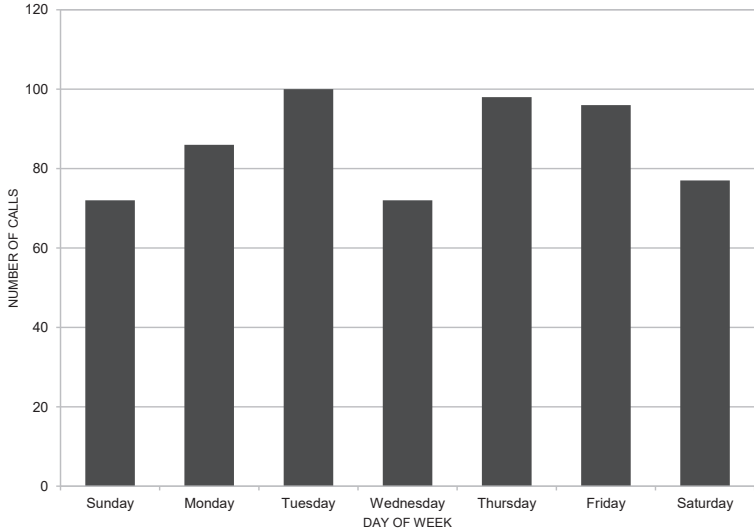
Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan D France
Fire Chief*

Warner Fire and Rescue Report (cont.)

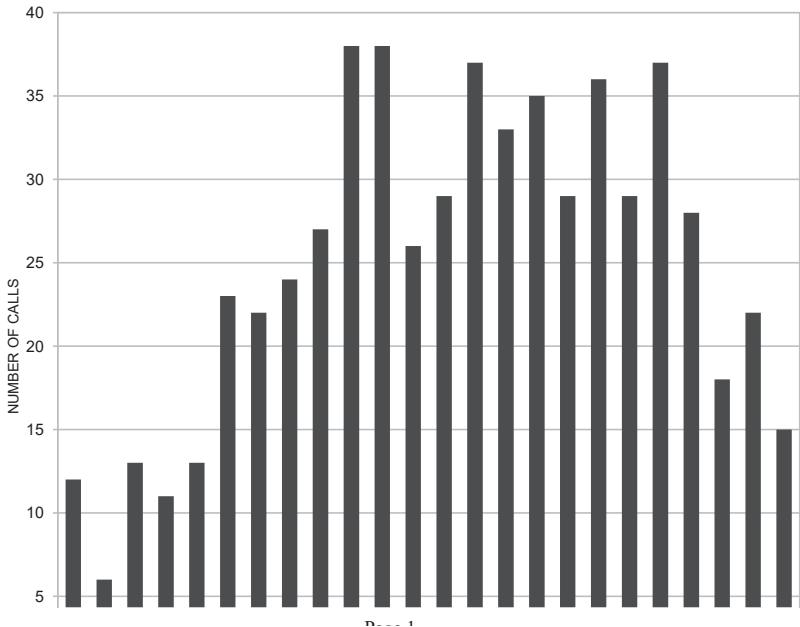
Sunday	72
Monday	86
Tuesday	100
Wednesday	72
Thursday	98
Friday	96
Saturday	77

CALLS BY DAY OF WEEK-2023



00:00	12
01:00	6
02:00	13
03:00	11
04:00	13
05:00	23
06:00	22
07:00	24
08:00	27
09:00	38
10:00	38
11:00	26
12:00	29
13:00	37
14:00	33
15:00	35
16:00	29
17:00	36
18:00	29
19:00	37
20:00	28
21:00	18
22:00	22
23:00	15

CALLS BY TIME OF DAY-2023



Report of Forest Fire Warden & State Forest Ranger

This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able to team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

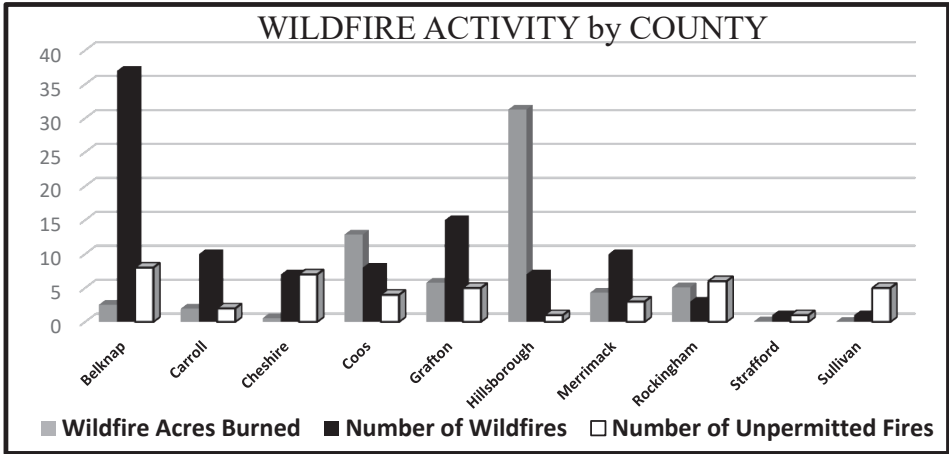
This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, place them in a covered metal container until they are completely out. Many homes in NH are located in the wildland urban interface, the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year NH sees fires that threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always **B**e **C**areful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect NH forest resources. For more information, contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdf/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



Report of Forest Fire Warden (cont.)

2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4

Capital Mutual Aid Annual Report

The 2023 annual report is prepared as a summary of general activities and events occurring through December 31, 2023

The Compact serves 24 communities in 4 counties, the operational area is 852 square miles, resident population is 148,491, Equalized Property Valuation is over 25.5 billion dollars (and we also respond to communities beyond our member area.)

The Compact provides 24/7 emergency dispatch service, (contracts with the City of Concord Fire Department's Communications Center; operating budget was \$ 1,610,710,(provided by the member communities and we continue to apply for Grant Funds); began investigating the future replacement of our aging radio system (we hired a consultant, sent representatives to Washington DC to seek assistance with funding). In October we went live with our new Computer Aided Dispatch software (CAD). This project required a massive amount of work to gather updated information for entry into the new system.

The Compact and Hazmat Team have received over 3.9 million dollars in grant funding since 1999 used for communications improvements, training, and equipment.

During 2023 an order was placed to secure the Class B foam response unit and a supply of Class B foam for all Compact fire agencies, funded by a Homeland SHSP grant. We received a partial shipment of foam and expect the remainder and equipment to arrive during 2024.

During 2023 a new part-time Deputy Chief Coordinator position was filled by Guy Newbery, an excellent addition who is implementing training opportunities and working on several projects.

The Chief & Deputy Coordinators responded to 642 incidents, provide command post assistance at mutual aid incidents, aid all departments with response planning, updating addressing information, and we represent the Compact with several organizations related to public safety.

Compact officers serving during 2023 were:

- President, Chief Jim Morse, Henniker
- Vice President, Deputy Chief Ed Raymond, Warner
- Secretary, Deputy Chief Guy Newbery, Canterbury
- Treasurer, Chief Jeff Yale, Hopkinton

The Central New Hampshire Hazmat Team represents 59 Capital Area and Lakes Region communities and is ready to assist or respond to hazardous materials. The Team responded to 23 hazmat incidents during 2023, a significant increase over 2022.

Visit the Compact website at <https://www.capareafire.org/> for incident photos, news, scheduled events, training info, SOGs and department profiles.

All departments are encouraged to send a representative to all Compact meetings. Your input is needed. A detailed activity report is attached. Send questions or comments to me. I thank all departments for their cooperation.

Capital Mutual Aid Annual Report (cont.)

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gilbert, Chief Coordinator
CAPITAL AREA FIRE COMPACT

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

<i>2022 Incidents vs. 2023 Incidents</i>				
ID #	Town	2022 Incidents	2023 Incidents	% Change
50	Allenstown	851	884	3.9%
51	Boscawen	272	281	3.3%
52	Bow	1,351	1,096	-18.9%
53	Canterbury	301	342	13.6%
54	Chichester	583	547	-6.2%
55	Concord	10,644	10,378	-2.5%
56	Epsom	1,123	1,161	3.4%
57	Dunbarton	264	265	0.4%
58	Henniker	1,103	1,142	3.5%
59	Hillsboro (includes Windsor)	1,135	1,281	12.9%
60	Hopkinton	1,402	1,372	-2.1%
61	Loudon	1,195	923	-22.8%
62	Pembroke	359	342	-4.7%
63	Hooksett	2,604	2,630	1.0%
64	Penacook RSQ	1,067	1,094	2.5%
65	Webster	222	219	-1.4%
66	CNH Haz Mat	11	23	109.1%
71	Northwood	774	771	-0.4%
72	Pittsfield	954	1,011	6.0%
74	Salisbury	174	152	-12.6%
75	Weare	521	839	61.0%
79	Tri-Town Ambulance	1,425	1,379	-3.2%
80	Warner	541	601	11.1%
82	Bradford	218	193	-11.5%
84	Deering	288	265	-8.0%
86	Washington	187	207	10.7%
		29,569	29,398	-0.6%

Compact Coordinators	642	642	0.0%
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Additional Dispatch Center Activity

****Ring Time Summaries are dependent upon 1.5 Rings of the Phone**

Inbound Telephone Calls	51,402	54,324	5.7%
Outbound Telephone Calls	8,175	7,928	-3.0%
Total Telephone Calls	59,577	62,252	2.7%
Fire Alarm Systems Placed out of, or in service for maintenance	5,264	2,867	-45.5%

Police Department

As always, I wish to thank and commend my staff on the Warner Police Department for their hard work and continued commitment to the department and community.

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

In 2023 the department applied for a 100% funded New Hampshire Department of Justice Congressional Spending Grant. Our department was subsequently awarded \$25,000.00. A portion of these funds were utilized for the purchase of four digital radar speed signs for our community. Two of these signs are permanently located on the east and west side of town upon approaching our downtown area. The other two signs will be utilized in various areas of concern in our town. Our hope is to successfully influence driver behavior and reduce speeding. These signs collect data which will assist our department in determining areas that need extra attention, by patrol units, when it comes to enforcing speed limits.

The other portion of these funds were utilized to purchase and install repeater units in our three cruisers. These repeaters greatly enhance our portable radio communications when officers are outside their cruiser, therefore, enhancing officers safety.

The department also applied for and received funds from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Grant. These funds were utilized toward the replacement of officer issued vests which is required every five years.

The police department in coordination with Simonds Elementary School will be implementing a new Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) program in the school. This educational program in the fifth grade will help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, drugs or engage in violence. The certified instructor of this ten week program will be Corporal Bruce Barton.

We wish to remind all drivers to adhere to “Use of Mobile Electronic Devices While Driving”

(RSA 265:79-c) “No person, while driving a moving motor vehicle upon a way or temporarily halted in traffic for a traffic control device or other momentary delay, shall use any hand-held mobile electronic devise”

We continue to encourage anyone who observes anything suspicious, to contact police. “If you See Something, Say Something”

I would like to thank the residents and businesses of Warner for their continued support and assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

*William E. Chandler
Chief of Police*

Police Department (cont.)

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ACTIVITY ANALYSIS 2023

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
ACCIDENTS	49	52
ASSIST MOTORISTS	61	56
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS	78	72
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	810	312
<u>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>492</u>
 <u>OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY</u>		
INVESTIGATIONS	455	462
DEPARTMENT ASSIST'S	501	408
WARRANTS	5	10
ARRESTS	48	35
<u>TOTAL ACTIVITY</u>	<u>1009</u>	<u>915</u>
 <u>DISPATCH USAGE/CALLS</u>	 <u>3736</u>	 <u>2663</u>

Warner Transfer and Recycling Report

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	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Cost</i>
AC/Refrigeration	266 units	2012.00	2128.00	
Construction/Demo	97.62 tons	4218.00	10,738.20	
Electronic Waste	7.49 tons	1845.00	3996.13	
Propane		76.50	523.50	
Small Engine		76.50		
Furniture		2745.00	MSW	
Mattress/Boxspring		3020.00	MSW	
Tires		1557.00	261.00	
Bulk Waste		32.30	MSW	
Municipal Solid Waste			76,091.15	
Total Waste	1000.30 tons	15,582.30	93737.98	
Glass	60 tons est.			5100.00
Cardboard	44.89 tons	1057.88		3815.65
Mixed Paper	66.55 tons	2809.43		5656.75
Plastic	11.74 tons	584.78		997.90
Aluminum	8.81tons	7821.45		748.85
Precious Metals	535 lbs	1126.68		22.73
Scrap Metals	66.85 tons	9057.67	668.54	5682.25
Steel Cans	Scrap metal			
Batteries	1629 lbs	203.63		69.23
Vegetable Oil		no sales		
Total Recycling	259.92 tons	22661.52		
Transportation			45,927.25	
Total Revenue		38243.82		
Total Expense				
Total Avoidance			140333.77	22093.36

Pillsbury Free Library

Report of Chair and Vice Chair, Board of Trustees 2023

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The Pillsbury Free Library has enjoyed another successful year with the opportunity to build on previous work by our staff, Circle of Friends, and trustees.

Having the new HVAC system of energy-efficient mini split heat pumps in place has enabled us to fine-tune heating and cooling the various sections of the building as weather conditions fluctuate. The library is often used by residents as a cooling or warming place when temperatures spike or plummet. We are also maintaining and adjusting the previous boiler system to supplement heat as needed.

Progress has continued in many areas through the diligence of our trustees and staff. We continually update library policies; we offer programs on many topics in conjunction with outside resources, and our Technology Committee has begun development of a new mobile-friendly website that will facilitate better access to our resources for the community.

The library's Circle of Friends sponsored a "Night with Creators." Writers Ian Rogers and Dana Myskowski and Artists Mimi Wiggin and Denise Green each spoke about their creative process—how they began and how they produce their art. The evening enjoyed a full house; it is hoped this event will continue to in the coming years.

Our professional staff, led by our dedicated and resourceful library director, continues to provide a high level of service to the Warner Community, always in a pleasant and friendly manner. Our children's librarian leads many school-year programs, as well as a spring theatrical play and summer activities to keep Warner youngsters engaged throughout the year. Often when we meet new residents, they have already discovered our library and gush about the resources and the wonderful staff.

The support of Warner residents through allocating funding for necessary capital improvements and the generous response to our Annual Appeal and other donations throughout the year enable the library to continue to thrive. We appreciate the more than 1,000 online subscribers to the weekly e-newsletter, which has become an invaluable tool to share information with the community; we thank Nancy Ladd, Library Director, for continuing with the newsletter that she launched during the pandemic.

Thank you for helping make Pillsbury Free Library such a valued part of our delightful town!

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report

Library Activities and Statistics

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2023 was a busy year for programs, with a wide variety of online and in person offerings. Children's Librarian Sue Matott continued weekly story hours, monthly after school crafts, and seasonal school visits, and has added a monthly Pokemon group. In May 2023 Sue produced the annual children's play, *Charlotte's Web*, with help from Chris Martiello and Kendra West-Senor. The Summer Program theme was "All Together Now" featuring kindness, and participating children read 793 books and chapters in 6 weeks! Our youth volunteer was Amelia Phillips. Summer guest presentations included Warner's Matt Esenwine, and Squam Lakes Science Center brought animals (thank you NH Telephone Museum for use of the parking lot).

Offerings for adults included UNH Extension programs on gardening and composting, a talk and a movie on Lyme Disease, and a Juneteenth presentation. Reed's North kindly hosted a "Warner Wednesday" fundraiser and "Bingo" night on a Banned Books theme in October, and the Fall Festival Book and Bake sale was a great success in spite of the weather. Monthly Writer's Workshops with David Elliott began in July and are on-going. We also held programs on testing well water, a monthly book group, and 2 sewing projects.

Our two sound muffling single-person "privacy booths" have been used regularly for online tutoring, telehealth, Zoom chats, and as study space. Copy and scanning services, tax forms, Wi-Fi, and computers are also popular. 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.

Museum and Park Passes were used 65 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 Ella Cademartori moved on in February 2023 (congrats on her new child!) and Casey Milender joined us in her stead. Marcia Moyer, Deb Reznicek, Lynn Madigan and Rachel Parsons continued as Substitutes for when Roger Robbins, Sue Matott, Casey or Nancy Ladd are busy.

Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report (cont.)

Library Activities and Statistics

Circulation (checkouts)	2022	2023
Adult books (incl. eBooks*)	5982	6338
Children's / YA books	8953	8594
Magazines (incl. Online)	710	675
Audio/video (incl. Online*)	6475	5469
Total	22120	21076

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

Collection size	Owned 12/2022	Added 2023	Removed 2023	Owned 12/2021
Books and bk/CD set	28937	760	1315	28382
eBooks on readers**	14	0	0	14
Audiobooks on CD**	522	22	0	544
Music	101	0	7	94
Video/DVDs*	2670	62	119	2613
Magazine/news subscriptions.**	33	0	1	32
Microfilm	107	0	0	107
Other (Kits, puzzles, games)	44	8	0	57
Total	32428	852	1442	31843

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

Library Offerings	Usage /Attendance	Details
Library Cards	664 used in library	New: 114 , Removed: 84 , Total cards: 2710
Library Visits	9677 visits	Adult areas plus children's section - some duplication.
Digital Borrowing	167 patrons active	3434 audio books, 1701 e-books, and 425 e-magazines
Computers	284 times used	Plus wireless use both inside and outside the building
Equipment Borrowed	94 times used	Projector, media players, Chromebooks
Interlibrary Loans	1534 items shipped	913 items borrowed, 621 lent to other libraries
Children's Programs	126 programs	2366 total attendance
Adult Programs	49 programs	1084 total attendance
Frank Maria Meeting Rm	141 times used	By local groups and the library for programs and meetings
Privacy Booths	73 times used	31 in 2022
Weekly e-Newsletter	1025 subscribers	Plus 40 print version (Up from 979 as of Dec. 25, 2022)

Pillsbury Free Library Director's Report (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, Linda Hartman, Jacoby Carr, Shawna Murdough, Susan Jenna, and the many others who helped with various projects in 2023. The Circle of Friends were especially active, assisting with not only the book and bake sales and the Annual Flea Market fundraiser, but also by organizing a delightful "Author and Artist" evening. Thank you also to Dimentech.com for free hosting of our <https://warner.lib.nh.us> website and emails.

Most of all, thank you to library users for your friendly library visits, 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

2023 Report of Income and Expenses

January to December 2023

Income

Copier/Printer Income	\$602.74
Donations, Grants, and Rebates *	\$12,529.91
Fines & Fees	\$481.99
Government, State and Local **	\$217,799.00
Interest Income	\$15,064.98
Trusts, Town and Library	\$584.85
Transfers from Capital Reserves ***	\$3,023.25

Total Income \$250,086.72

Expenses

Copier/Printer Expenses	\$1,610.47
Capital Expenses	\$3,923.25
Collections	\$15,979.19
Donations/Grants Expended	\$2,367.20
Programs & Operating Expenses ****	\$10,378.39
Personnel	\$191,184.51
Building Maintenance and Operations	\$24,589.37

Total Expenses \$250,032.38

Net Income/Expense \$54.34

Notes

- * Includes Misc. Credits and Other Income
- ** Includes \$300 from State grant
- *** From previous year CRF

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
Mike Brown, Assistant Treasurer

Pillsbury Free Library Treasurer's Report

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	<u>Balance 1/1/23</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>
<u>Report of Trust Funds</u>				
Eleanor Cutting Fund	\$39,098.23	\$2,041.10	\$0.00	\$41,139.33
Frank Maria Fund	\$7,900.63	\$51.50	\$0.00	\$7,952.13
Mary Martin Children's Fund	\$6,398.96	\$40.28	\$0.00	\$6,439.24
Lloyd & Annie Cogswell Fund	\$27,710.06	\$1,450.20	\$0.00	\$29,160.26
Richard & Mary Cogswell Fund	\$115,645.97	\$3,212.39	\$166.16	\$118,692.20
J&J Hand Fund	\$1,002.27	\$1,008.08	\$0.00	\$2,010.35
Ida Redington Fund	\$16,778.42	\$75.66	\$0.00	\$16,854.08
Carol Pletcher Fund *	\$0.00	\$102,497.69	\$0.00	\$102,497.69
Total Trust Funds	\$214,534.54	\$110,376.90	\$166.16	\$324,745.28
 <u>Report of Non-Lapsing Funds</u>				
Copier/Printer Fund	\$207.66	\$603.18	\$745.17	\$65.67
Fines and Fees Fund	\$1,431.30	\$532.05	\$90.00	\$1,873.35
Donations Fund *	\$129,534.04	\$14,565.10	\$102,866.47	\$41,232.67
Total Non-Lapsing Funds	\$131,173.00	\$15,700.33	\$103,701.64	\$43,171.69
 <u>Report of General Operating Funds</u>				
General Operating Fund	\$31,568.42	\$224,092.62	\$246,247.71	\$9,413.33
Total of All Funds	\$377,275.96	\$350,169.85	\$350,115.51	\$377,330.30

Footnotes

* Carol Pletcher donation received in 2022, transferred to dedicated account in July 2023.

** Deposits and Withdrawals do not include transfers between sub-accounts within individual funds.

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC)

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In 2023 the Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) used grant funds from the NH Department of Environmental Services to develop educational materials about Warner’s ground water resources. The WCC examined 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 convened informational meetings, published newsletters, and submitted to the planning board a Groundwater Protection Ordinance that was passed at the March 2023 town meeting.

Warner’s Conservation Plan (2010) needs revision. In 2023 the WCC began work with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) to update the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI), a key part of the conservation plan. The WCC will defer long-range strategic planning until the revised NRI is completed. In the interim, the NRI subcommittee has been working on an assessment tool to help identify and prioritize areas worthy of future conservation efforts, if willing landowners come forward.

Extensive multi-year initiatives by NH Fish and Game and Trout Unlimited have identified native (non-stocked) brook trout occurrences in the Warner River watershed. These wild trout are sometimes isolated by poorly functioning culverts that create barriers to the movement of the trout and other aquatic animals, such as amphibians. Some of these same culverts were also identified as vulnerable to failure in flood events. A successful grant application by NH Fish and Game secured funds to replace a vulnerable culvert in Ballard Brook, with construction expected to begin in 2024. Once completed, the new culvert will protect trout, as well as town roads and private properties nearby.

Stream monitoring along the tributaries to the Warner River has entered a new phase where water quality and native trout habitats will be measured periodically. Monitoring equipment for town use has been provided by Trout Unlimited for this purpose. Stream monitoring is a citizen volunteer effort led locally by the WCC. Volunteer training will be held this spring with trips to the streams beginning shortly thereafter. If you would like to volunteer to be a stream monitor, please contact Nancy Martin.

In 2023 the WCC collaborated with UNH Cooperative Extension on a project, Taking Action for Wildlife, to construct an interpretive trail with post markers (with QR Codes linked to content) installed along the Woods Walk, a one-mile loop trail at Chandler Reservation, website <https://warner.nh.us/woods-walk/>. This spring the Taking Action for Wildlife group will plant a pollinator “garden” at the former Ski Tow site on Mink Hill Lane.

The WCC engaged a Kearsarge Regional High School senior to digitize all Warner’s conservation easement monitoring reports to reduce paper and take advantage of the technological skills of our local young people. The student’s initial presentation on digitizing WCC records looks promising.

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) (cont.)

In 2023 the WCC had representation on several other town committees, including the Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, and Agricultural Committee, as well as the Ausbon Sargent Preservation Land Trust Roundtable and the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

In 2023 Warner's Land Use Office reported a total of 16 Intent to Cut timber permits and 7 shoreland/wetlands permits. Four of the shoreland/wetlands permits were associated with an Intent to Cut. WCC reviews these permits to ensure wetland and wildlife impacts are considered.

If you are interested in the work of the commission, stream monitoring, or in monitoring properties with conservation easements 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
- Vacant - Chair
- William "Bill" Hanson

Alternate Members:

- Samuel Bower
- Michael Biagiotti
- James Zablocki
- Catherine Aranosian
- Jenny Courser

Other Members

- Selectboard Representative - Allan N Brown
- Conservation Commission Representative - Michael Amaral
- Planning Board Representative - James Gaffney

Warner Community Power Committee

Mission Accomplished!

After more than a year of hard work by Warner Community Power Committee volunteers, 2023 Town Meeting participants were asked "... 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."

And the town said **"Yes."**

As a result, 80% of all Warner households and small businesses who previously paid Eversource rates for power supply will automatically be opted into the Warner Community Power plan. Starting in March, 2024 these residents will benefit from lower electric supply rates, ability to choose their mix of renewable and non-renewable sources, and control future decisions involving electric supply.

When Eversource upgrades its data collection systems, net metered customers will be eligible to opt-into the plan. Current users of other third-party suppliers can opt-in at any time. And of course, automatically opted-in customers can opt-out at any time. And opt-in again. And opt-out again, with no penalty. Supplier changes will be recognized at the start of each monthly billing period.

Now that Warner Community Power has successfully launched, the Community Power Committee has been absorbed back into The Warner Energy Committee. Committee volunteers are ready to step in if a need arises, and the Committee will be a liaison between the Town Select Board and Community Power Coalition of NH, our supply and services manager for the town's plan.

Watch the Energy Committee page on the Warner Town website, though, for new energy-related proposals aimed at cutting energy cost and impact while providing better services to Warner residents and businesses. A few potential innovations that the Energy Committee is investigating include:

- Improvements to the Warner Emergency Firewood Bank, especially in the area of firewood delivery for our less mobile residents
- Replacing downtown streetlights with LED fixtures that use significantly less energy, and are engineered to better light up Main Street and sidewalks while minimizing upward light pollution
- Any other concepts that our residents would like to have considered. The public is welcome to attend our monthly meetings which are noticed in the Town website and Pillsbury Free Library website. Better yet, we invited anyone with an interest in making Warner a poster child for smart energy decisions is invited to become a volunteer committee member.

*Clyde Carson, Jan Gugliotti, Neil Nevins, George Packard, Energy Committee members.
Harry Seidel, Select Board representative.*

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

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In 2016 the Select Board established the Warner Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). The purpose of this committee is:

“To support the existing business community and to encourage economic growth that serves local needs, is environmentally responsible, fits aesthetically with the town’s historic architecture, and provides a net increase in municipal revenue” (Warner Master Plan).

The Committee emanated from Master Plan recommendations and further states “that an economic development committee is to advise and implement economic development activities and provide an official liaison between the town and the business community”.

This past year the EDAC initiated a number of actions to create a more vibrant community and stimulate the local economy.

The Main Street Mural Project - In 2024, Warner celebrates its 250th Anniversary, known as the Sestercentennial. After almost 2 years of work the mural was completed and continues to provide a glimpse to Warner’s past.

As a component of the original grant application to the NH Council of the Arts, a mural was completed at Simonds Elementary School with muralist Jyl Diane Dittbenner. This mural now appears in the hallway at the school. A great hands-on art experience for the students.

Murals provide another opportunity to celebrate our community’s history, art, and to bring visitors to Warner to support local businesses. *Our mural will be an integral component of our 250th celebration this year.*

2. Child Care - The Warner Early Learning Center is now completing its first full year of child care. Most recently the Center has begun offering newborn care. The Boys and Girls Club has been a wonderful partner in securing quality childcare in our community. Located in our Community Center it provides easy access. EDAC continues to work with the Boys and Girls Club as it continues to provide services.

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

3. Mentis Sciences - An engineering firm which provides advanced material design and manufacturing capabilities to Department of Defense customers. Mentis specializes in the design, development and testing of advanced composite materials with a goal of providing unique flexibility and testing of advanced and prototyping for various composite applications. This aerospace manufacturing company is located in the building that was formally occupied by Warner Power. EDAC had been involved in the initial stages of bringing them to Warner approximately one year ago. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

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4. Kearsarge Regional High School Internships - Mentis Sciences and the Warner Early Learning Center (Boys and Girls Club) -The EDAC met with the Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) superintendent and staff this past year to assess what their interest was in working with our community to create internships with local businesses.

Mentis Sciences who operated a sophisticated internship program when they were previously located in Manchester was most interested as well as the Boys and Girls Club who operates our Warner Early Learning Center. KRHS ELO staff are now working with both businesses to develop internships in both early learning and engineering for high school students.

Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) are a means of acquiring knowledge and skills through instruction or study that is outside the traditional classroom methodology. The purpose of extended learning opportunities is to maximize student achievement and meet diverse pathways for learning.

5. 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, Head Start, Alcoholics Anonymous, yoga, senior center, Community Action services, food pantry, used clothing and home schoolers to mention a few. 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 select board to discuss our intention of evaluating the building’s use, and receiving their approval to research grant opportunities.

EDAC has viewed the Community Center as an important building that could provide the Town with critical space and a wide range of community and business opportunities. Two reports were completed that addressed potential energy improvements and space/interior fit-up issues.

The building is in need of maintenance, and safety improvements. As a Town building it also needs to address ADA compliance. If Warner wants to fully utilize the building an investment needs to be made.

During this past year both EDAC and the Board of Selectman agreed that the best way to move forward is to determine what the community would like to do with this building and how it is to be used to conduct “community listening sessions”. These sessions will provide a foundation to decide what the building could be used for and see if we want to make an investment in our future.

Grants and Town funds could be used to: upgrade broadband/internet services, improve electrical capacity, make energy use improvements (including solar) and improve building access, ADA compliance, 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:*

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

Possible Uses:

Multi-purpose classrooms	Lounge/Conference rooms	Art Gallery	
Maker space	Co-working space	Wellness space	Remote worker space
Youth activities	Business	Movies/films	Adult Education
Town offices	Childcare		

*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.*

6. Warner Pharmacy and Medical Services - The EDAC is currently looking at possible replacements for our pharmacy which closed after many years of outstanding service to the community and exploring the opportunities to provide extended medical services.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Albano, Chair

EDAC members: Clyde Carson, Bret Ingold, Harry Seidel (Selectboard), Faith Minton, Sara Johnson, Nancy Martin, Graham Pellettieri, Neil Nevins, and Mark Govoni

Warner Planning Board

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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 2024-2029 capital improvements program (CIP). The CIP was adopted by the board and then presented to the Select Board 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 20 meetings. It reviewed a variety of applications for land development, including minor and major subdivisions, a voluntary merger, lot line adjustments, a site plan modification, a sign application, and several conceptual consultations. At the request of the Select Board, the Planning Board created the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC), based on a HOP grant received by the town to help facilitate the rewrite of chapter 4, the housing chapter, of Warner's Master Plan.

The Planning Board built a charter for the HAC whose role is to gather feedback from the town and submit it to the Planning Board to help them in the rewrite of the housing chapter. The housing advisory committee works alongside the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission who is advising on opportunities in community outreach.

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 tireless 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,

*Karen Coyne
Chair*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment serves Warner residents by hearing appeals involving variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and administrative decisions related to the zoning ordinances. In addition to hearing applications the Board accomplished a rewrite of the ZBA Rules of Procedure and is in the process of updating the 4 applications. Meetings are open to the public and available via Zoom.

The Board is comprised of volunteers from the Warner community. There are five regular members and up to five alternate members who replace regular members when absent or if they need to recuse themselves because of a conflict of interest. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month

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 to answer land use questions and help navigate land use applications.

This year the Board welcomed Derek Narducci and Sam Carr as members.

Voting Members

Jan Gugliotti
Beverly Howe
Lucinda McQueen
Barbara Marty, Chair
Derek Narducci, Vice Chair

Alternate Members

Sam Carr
Harry Seidel

A big thanks to these responsible and committed members of the ZBA for their diligent work on the appeals 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. There are openings for additional alternates. If you are interested in joining the ZBA please fill out a volunteer form linked below.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Marty, Chair

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

Volunteer Interest Form: https://warner.nh.us/tow/downloads/Volunteer_Interest_form.pdf

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

2023 Building Permits

3	Addition	17	Electrical, Plumbing, Insulation
1	Apartment: New	0	Garage Attic Improvement
1	Barn: New	6	Garage: New
2	Bathroom: New	1	Gas Line: New
0	Building Permit Renewals	3	Generator: New
3	Burner, New or Replacement	0	Generator: Upgrade
1	Carport	2	Hot Water Tank: New or Replacement
0	Cell Tower Equipment Replacement	6	House: New on Raw Land
1	Cell Tower Equipment Upgrade	1	House: Replace With New After a Fire
0	Commercial: Addition	2	House: Replace With New After Removal
1	Commercial: New Construction	4	Mini-Split Installation
0	Commercial: Remodel	0	Pool: Above Ground
1	Conversion: Barn to Apartment	1	Pool: In Ground
2	Conversion: Basement	4	Porch, New or Replacement
1	Conversion: Gas to Oil	2	Shed: New
1	Conversion: Oil to Electric	10	Solar: Ground Mount, New
1	Conversion: Oil to Propane	0	Solar: Ground Mount, Replacement
2	Deck: New	8	Solar: Roof Top, New
5	Deck: Replacement	0	Solar: Roof Top, Replacement
2	Demolition Permit	2	Tank, LP & Feed to House, New
3	Electric Vehicle Charger: New	1	Tank, LP Replacement
1	Electrical Service Underground	3	Tank, Oil & Feed to Furnace Replacement
4	Electrical Service Upgrade	0	Wood Stove Installation

Go to the Warner website, warnernh.gov for Building Application and additional information:

911 Number Assignment Application
 Floodplain Development Ordinance
 Class VI Road Policy
 Building Permit Application
 Septic - Frequently Asked Questions
 Fee Schedule

Certificate of Occupancy
 Building Code Ordinance
 Residential Energy Code
 Driveway Permit
 Building Setback Reference Chart
 Zoning Ordinance

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

When a Building Permit is required: Additions, change in use or occupancy, new room or space, enlarging a room or space, dormers, expansion or changes to electrical, plumbing, mechanical or fire protection systems, new or replacement structures larger than 200 square feet, pools, decks, garages, carports, etc, structural changes or repairs

*The Town has adopted and follows State Building Codes.

Building Department (cont.)

A Demolition Permit: Required when removing all or part of a structure.

Projects exempt from needing a Building Permit are:

Structures less than 200 square feet (but must comply with set-backs), fences less than 6 feet high, retaining walls less than 4 feet high, water tanks supported on grade if capacity is 5,000 gallons or less, painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, similar finish work, pre-fabricated swimming pools less than 24 inches deep, swings, playground equipment, window awnings that do not project more than 54 inches, decks less than 200 square feet and less than 30 inches above grade at any point.

Questions?

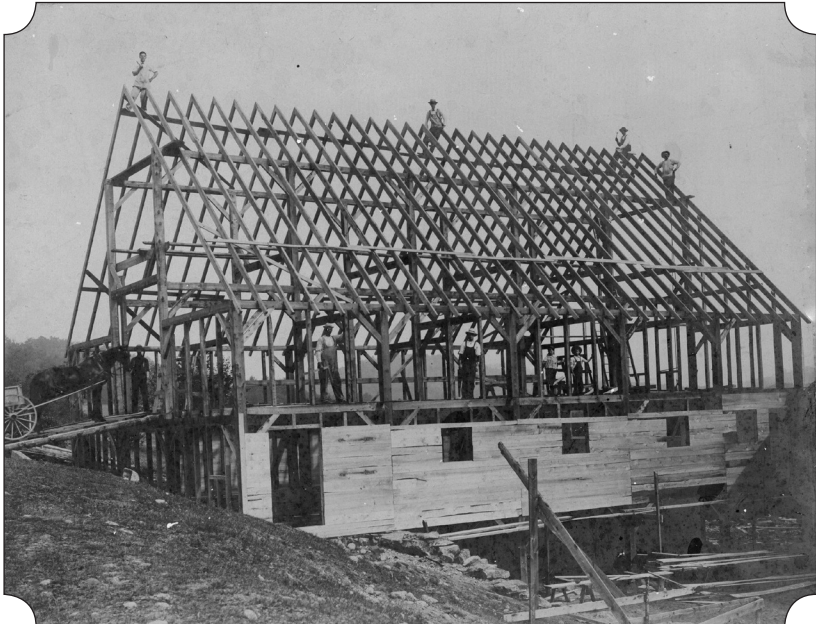
Selectboard's office, (603) 456-2298 ext. 1

Building Inspector, Tom Baye (603) 848-5750.

warnernh.gov, Building Department

Schedule an Inspection:

Building Inspector, Tom Baye (603) 848-5750.



Willaby Colby Barn

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.

Our new skate park installed at Riverside Park has been well received and used. Many families have stopped to tell us how much they love it. We are working with the HS Art Club to add painted murals on the ramp sides that will incorporate our park activities. This is a way to engage with the youth in our community by giving back.

Bagley Field offers areas for frisbee, soccer, volleyball, and ice skating. Our town youth group, WYSA, has a very successful fall soccer program there yearly. The ice rink continues to be a town favorite throughout the winter. Our rink is up this year and dictated by mother nature so let us hope for a cold season this year. The maintenance is done by our faithful volunteer Griffin Manning and his fellow volunteers. Please take a moment to thank them if you pass them by.

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. Our water aerator is helping to keep the flow of water moving to improve water quality. We still hope to provide swimming lessons in the future and adding some other activities like Bocce.

A friendly reminder there is a Town Ordinance at Bagley Park, Riverside Park, Simonds Elementary School ground and CAP playground that **ALL Dogs** must be leashed and all dog waste must be cleaned up. People not complying with this 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 Rail Trail sections located at Bagley Park, between West Joppa Road Bridge and Depot St, and from Old Warner Rd heading to Contoocook, are seeing more use as well. We will hopefully be adding another section to the trail this year. The Town of Warner does not fund the creation or maintenance of the Rail Trail, but many members of our community volunteer labor, equipment and make financial donations. The Rail Trail is a non-profit entity and if you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Tim Blagden at tsblagden@clsrt.org. To make a financial donation go directly to: <https://clsrt.org/donate>

The Old Ski Tow is used annually for local sledders, with the snow base finally here, the sledding hill is back in use. This is located at the cul-de-sac at the end of Mink Hill Lane.

All our parks in Warner are in constant use, and continue to grow. The dedicated volunteer Parks and Recreation directors take pride in the facilities and are delighted by the level of use by residents. We appreciate all the volunteers through the local adult recreation and youth sports community for all the time and help they provide. We are proud to continue to host WYSA Baseball, WYSA Softball, Co-Ed Adult Softball, Older School PE,

Warner Parks and Recreation (cont.)

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Outdoor Pickleball, Kearsarge Wildcat Football, Cheerleading, WYSA Soccer programs, Ice Skating, and general use.

We want to hear from residents about facilities they would like to see in town. Residents have requested bocce and croquet courts, for disc golf, for outdoor exercise equipment, for a pump track for bicycles and for 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 <http://www.warnerparksandrec.com/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WarnerParksAndRecreation/> @WarnerParksAndRecreation

We want to welcome Jason Dymont, our new park maintenance person with the Town, he jumped right in and did an amazing job this past year. We appreciate him taking such great care of all the parks and providing a place of pride for visiting towns and patrons. Thank you also to our public works department for their assistance in all our park related work, especially Tim Allen for his supervisory role.

We also want to thank the HS volunteers that help over the school year in giving back through community service hours to our parks and programs.

Parks and Recreation has been a part of the Adopt a Highway program since 2015. We oversee a section on Route 103 in Warner, from Exit 7 to Farrell Loop. We thank all the volunteers that have helped keep this up. 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 parent 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.

Trustees of Town Cemeteries

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The Trustees of Town Cemeteries are responsible for the condition and maintenance of Warner's thirty large and small cemeteries. New Waterloo Cemetery along Route 103 is the town's only active cemetery with approximately 130 remaining burial plots. People interested in purchasing a cemetery lot can obtain information at Warner's town website, www.warnernh.gov. On the same webpage one will also find links to the locations of the many older town cemeteries by scrolling to the 2011 Master Plan's Community Facilities map. In addition, the Warner Historical Society and its website, www.warnerhistorical.org, has cemetery records for New Waterloo, as well as several other Warner cemeteries.

We feel very fortunate to have Warner residents Lane Monroe and Gary Young continue to perform the excellent maintenance on our town cemeteries. This years wet summer proved very challenging, but Gary and Lane kept up with the mowing and line trimming, along with much needed limbing and pruning during the fall season, especially at Schoodac, Davisville, and New Waterloo Cemeteries.

The Trustees wish to extend our thanks to members and associates of Legion Post #39 for their annual placement of American flags on graves of veterans in Warner cemeteries for Memorial Day. Legion participants also place Christmas wreaths at selected town cemeteries.

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

Respectively submitted,

Thomas Boudette

Gerald B. Courser

Penny Sue Courser

Mary E. Cogswell

Kenneth 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.

During the past year, the Warner Historical Society has kept a close eye on its mission and has worked hard to fulfill its promises. Our devoted and tireless volunteers, our members, the Board of Directors, our new Executive Director, Kris Mueller, and the friends of the historical Society have all contributed to our success. We are very grateful for all these combined efforts.

The 2023 Exhibit, “The Village of Davisville” was a fascinating exploration of thousands of years of our local history. The artwork of Fernanda and Giselle Harrington served as a visual clue to many artifacts and stories that have been collected. 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 our town. Special thanks to the artists who donated their work to the Historical Society’s collection and to Mary Cogswell, who supported the framing of this work. This addition to our collection goes far in meeting the criteria of our mission.

Last year, Lynn Clark announced that she would need to step down as the Executive Director. We began the process of finding a new Executive Director. Our Search Committee included Ralph Elwell, Past President of the Board, Penny Courser, Co-Chair of the Barn Sale, Heather Mitchell, Executive Director of the Hopkinton Historical Society, Molly Wyeth, Board member and Co-Chair of the Barn Sale, and me. We are grateful to these people who provided both their time and wisdom. At a reception last spring, we congratulated Lynn Clark on a job very well done and welcomed Kris Mueller as our new Executive Director.

As we look to 2024, we are excited to participate in celebrating Warner’s 250th anniversary of its incorporation. We will be offering many events and programs that will “bring people together” to share, learn about, and celebrate the history of Warner.

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 (WLAC) is pleased to report on its work for the calendar year 2023. This Committee has statutory authority (RSA 483:8-a) to advise state and local governments on federal, state, and local permit applications and other environmental issues within the Designated Warner River Corridor, which extends for ¼ mile outward from each riverbank as the main stem of the river flows through our five riverfront towns: Bradford, Sutton, Warner, Webster, and Hopkinton. Committee members work with citizens and state and local officials to promote thoughtful stewardship of this treasured element of our natural and social landscape.

One of the main tasks of the Committee is to provide its perspective on town permits within the corridor as described above. This year, the Committee provided comments on permits issued in the towns of Bradford, Sutton, and Warner. We have received thoughtful responses to our comments from residents, town officials, and state regulators. WRLAC has also provided its unique perspective to NH DOT officials on the Davisville Bridge reconstruction project, and to DES about the launch of the Instream Flow Study Management Plan. The Committee also discusses and tries to find ways to encourage communities to address river-related problems such as flooding, run-off, and erosion.

WRLAC also maintains communication with members of state agencies whose work is related to ours. We have written in support of a culvert restoration project in tributary brooks spearheaded by NH Fish & Game. This project will increase the health and resilience of the river, both the water itself as well as the creatures who live in and near the river. In addition, members of this Committee have participated in the Volunteer River Assessment Program, sponsored by NH DES. This program provides an opportunity for citizen scientists to assist in assessing the quality of the river's water. In its 7th year, the data continue to show that the quality of the water is, for the most part, excellent. The raw data sets are available at DES's Volunteer Assessment Programs webpage, as well as WLAC's website (www.wlac.com). However, with increased pressure from human development and changes in weather patterns, we are reminded that the river and its ecosystem, while resilient in many ways, are dependent on a natural balance that must be maintained over time.

This Committee has also engaged with our neighbors across the five towns. Early in the year, we heard from advocates of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail project as well as citizens concerned about the impact of a rail trail on the riverine communities. We also have the good fortune to have a dedicated member of Trout Unlimited on our Committee who keeps us informed about that organization's work and its partnership with state agencies like NH Fish & Game. These two organizations will soon provide an opportunity for the five riverfront towns' citizen scientists to gather data through macroinvertebrate surveys in the Warner River. With support from local organizations like TU, MainStreet Bookends, and the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum, WRLAC has worked to raise its visibility in the community by having a booth at the Warner Fall Foliage Festival and the Warner Palooza business event at the MKIM.

During the past year, the Committee has found itself discussing how it can get the information it needs in order to be more effective. Thus, for the coming year, we will

Warner River Local Advisory Committee (cont.)

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be working to create stronger ties to, and better coordination with our communities' hardworking and dedicated local agencies and committees whose work is related to ours. This includes staying in touch with the five towns' conservation commissions, planning boards, water precincts, road committees, and selectboards. There is also work that can be done in analyzing data in order to continue to learn about the health of the river and its relationship to its human neighbors. Finally, we hope to increase the number of representatives on the Committee. We invite interested members of the community to join us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Russell, WLAC Secretary

Warner River Local Advisory Committee

Bradford: Marlene Freyler, Rebecca Herman, Mike Howley

Sutton: Peter Savickas, Treasurer

Warner: Laura Russell, Secretary; Christopher Spannweitz

Webster: George Embley

Hopkinton: Daniel Morrissey, Chair



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. Ben Frost and Derek Narducci were the Town's representatives to the Commission in 2023.

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 2023, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Warner and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Provided development review assistance as requested.
- Assisted with the development of Hazard Mitigation Plan updates in several communities under the Building Infrastructure and Resilient Communities (BRIC) 2020 and 2021 programs and provided continued hazard mitigation plan assistance to communities throughout the region. CNHRPC staff provided assistance to the Warner Hazard Mitigation Committee to initiate the development of Warner's 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Supported the Warner Groundwater Protection Committee's efforts to develop the Groundwater Protection Ordinance, including the preparation of public outreach materials.
- Worked with the Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) to develop a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for the Town. Additionally, CNHRPC provided the WCC with an evaluation of the conservation value of 43 town owned properties, including listing and mapping these properties for presentation and decision making regarding their potential future use. The project will be completed in early 2024.
- Completed the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in coordination with the NH Office of Planning and Development and the other eight NH regional planning commissions. In Warner, staff provided assistance to the Housing Advisory Committee to initiate the development of the Master Plan Housing chapter update.

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- Provided support to the Economic Development Committees (EDCs) across the region, including meeting coordination, agenda development, volunteer coordination and work plan identification. Staff also coordinated the update of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Project priority list.
- Assisted with the completion of the Mink Hills Recreational Study after more than two years of coordination with Warner citizens, town officials, and area stakeholders of the Mink Hills. The study contains an overarching review of the area, as well as stated issues and recommendations to help steward recreation in the Warner Mink Hills while preserving and protecting the unique ecological and historical area.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2023, CNHRPC held five TAC meetings. The CNHRPC TAC solicited projects for the NHDOT 2025-2034 Ten Year Plan (TYP) and received and ranked project submittals for possible inclusion in the TYP. TAC representatives and CNHRPC staff then represented community priorities during the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) TYP hearing process. Staff advocated for the advancement of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funded projects in the draft TYP, including a project to construct a portion of the Warner Rail Trail.
- 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.
- 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. In 2023, the CommuteSmart NH program saved commuters almost \$200,000 as a result of 36,000 reduced trips.
- Conducted over 211 state and local traffic counts throughout the region. In Warner, staff completed ten counts in 2023.
- Provided assistance related to the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program for communities in the region, including the proposed road maintenance plan, additional paving scenarios for comparison, and forecast of future road conditions under each scenario.
- Assisted regional boards and committees with utilizing the preliminary updated floodplain data for the Contoocook and Merrimack River watersheds and coordinated with various CNHRPC towns to update to their flood ordinances.

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.

Warner Area Food Pantry and Family Closet

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

For the past year Warner Connects NH has shown that with more help, we can help more. Even in the face of economic headwinds and continued inflation, our volunteers and our board found ways to help more people in our community than ever before.

We hope you are also motivated to helping our team fight hunger wherever it lives in our community. Please visit our website for our complete Annual Report for 2023.

With Gratitude,
The Board of Directors

OUR MISSION

The mission of Warner Connects NH is to improve the health and well-being of area residents in need by providing access to healthy foods, nutrition education, and clothing.

OUR CLIENTS – 2023 Year End Totals

Our clients are qualified through USDA guidelines as they already receive social services for income-based need and/or assistance programs (i.e.: fuel assistance, food stamps, WIC, etc.), either through the state or federal agencies. We are able to service clients once a week.

Warner Residents: 2459 individuals Surrounding Towns: 753 individuals

Percents for the Year: Adults: 46% Seniors: 37% Children: 17%

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:	Directors:	Operation Coordinators:
Jonathan Lord – Chair	Brinda Balassone	Apryl Blood, Food Pantry Coordinator
Apryl Blood – Vice Chair	Amelia Gardner	Patty Anderson, Family Closet Coordinator
Joanna Moore – Treasurer	Patty Anderson	
Lianne Roux – Secretary		

LOOKING AHEAD

We desire to stay in our space at the Warner Community Center for as long as the Town of Warner has ownership of this building. Based on the economic impact of Warner Connects NH to the area population, we appreciate the continued support from the voters in our community. We look forward to continuing our work in conjunction with the Town Welfare Office to assist people in need, all without monetary support from the Town. The welfare office is required by law to assist in crisis/emergency including food and shelter.

Warner Area Food Pantry and Family Closet (cont.)

A petition warrant article is being submitted for Town Meeting. It states: "To see if the town will vote to allow Warner Connects NH (Warner Area Food Pantry and Family Closet) to conduct their non-profit (EIN 85-4243224) operation rent free. This action would commence at the end of their current lease and would continue, in their current space, as long as they are servicing the people of our community." We invite you to come to town meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 6pm.

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE, 49 West Main Street, Saturday, March 9th from 10-1pm. Bring a non-perishable item to be entered into a raffle.

We are located at: 49 West Main Street, Warner, NH 03278,
Mailing: P.O. Box 402, Warner, NH 03278

website is: www.warnerconnectsnh.org

See our website for updated newsletters throughout the year.

Donations: monetary donations through our website, in person or by mail.

We are a certified 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, which assures all your donations are tax deductible.

We are 100% Volunteer Run.

Food Pantry:

Client Service Hours are: Tuesday, 4-6pm and Thursday, 11-1pm.

Office Hours are: Tues-Thur. 10-3pm. (donation drop offs and signups)

A storage cabinet outside the pantry, a box at Sugar River Bank and a bin at Market Basket are available for non-perishable donations.

Phone: (603) 456-2053

Email us at: warnerpantry@gmail.com

Family Closet:

Store Hours: Wednesday and Saturday 10-4pm.

Closed the month of January annually.

Donations: accepted during open hours. (Current Season

Donations Accepted in 2 white kitchen trash bags max, or 2 boxes equal size)

Phone: (603) 456-2183

Email us at: familyclosetwvnh@gmail.com

2023 Town Meeting Minutes

Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main Street, Warner, NH , Held Tuesday, March 28, 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.

ALMONERS OF THE FOSTER & CURRIER FUND	1 For 3 Year(s)	Penny Sue Courser	566
BUDGET COMMITTEE	2 For 3 Year(s)	Robert E. Blake	469
		Jonathan Kittredge Lord	468
BUDGET COMMITTEE	1 For 1 Year(s)	Richard Bixby, Jr.	487
CHANDLER RESERVATION COMMITTEE	1 For 4 Year(s)	Allison P. Mock	528
SELECTBOARD	1 For 3 Year(s)	Karen Coyne	236
		*Harry G. Seidel	364
SELECTBOARD	1 For 1 Year(s)	Jody Sloane	437
TRUSTEE OF PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY	3 For 3 Year(s)	Bradford Bloom	187
		*David Elliott	426
		*Jan Gugliotti	320
		*Lois Shea	416
TRUSTEE OF TOWN CEMETERIES	1 For 3 Year(s)	Kenneth W. Cogswell	533
TRUSTEE OF TOWN CEMETERIES	1 For 2 Year(s)	Thomas Boudett	507
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND	1 For 3 Year(s)	W/I Judith Newman-Rogers	11
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND	1 For 1 Year(s)	Daniel Watts	494

*Winner by majority vote

W/I – write in

Article 2 - Passed

QUESTION 2: YES [X] 477 NO [] 114

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 - Passed

QUESTION 3: YES [X] 384 NO [] 197

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.

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ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL

Ray Martin, the Moderator, called the meeting to order, the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance; Ralph Elwell and his group played Happy Birthday at the stage with kazoos for Warner's 250th Birthday. Ray read the Town, Zoning, and School election results. Donald Williams asked residents to test their wells for contamination after confirming it in his own. Sam Bowers said the Library will have information on Well Test Kits.

Sam gave a briefing on the State of the Town: rising prices, the effect on residents and businesses, saying, "our community grew. We should be proud of our town, tonight we will talk about Warner's future." He thanked employees, residents, and volunteers, adding, "Warner is our Home".

Christine Frost thanked the three Selectboard Members for their service. Clyde Carson, who served 14-years, Sam J S Bower filled a board vacancy and Lois Shea, who stepped in for Clyde, when he took the position of Finance Director.

Ray explained the rules of the meeting. People on zoom can listen but cannot participate.

Article 4 - Passed

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 the general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 4. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Budget Committee Chair Michael Cutting gave a presentation on the operating budget. Discussion followed.

James Gaffney was told the \$300,000 increase in cost service or debt was the interest and principle payment from the construction loan.

When John McGilvery asked about Town bank funds Ray explained the money is swept out every night to maintain funds under the FDIC \$250,000 Insurance maximum.

Michael answered David Bates that the Town is breaking even on the Solar Array and recycling. He said we sell to Public Service at retail price, as retail price goes up, we make more money, we usually breakeven but are a little bit ahead this year. The revenue from recycling fluctuates drastically month to month, the prices are low and it is not a good market right now.

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Charlie Albano asked about selling Town owned land. Michael said 3 parcels of land and the Fire Station on E. Main Street sold for a total of \$290,000. He added that selling property is a Selectboard decision.

Michael responded to David Gray saying employees received a 3% COLA, a July 2% merit after a performance was possible, health and dental insurance would be covered by the Town 100% and an Employee Health Trust is available to cover 50% deductibles, something that's been in place for years. David wanted justification for the increases overall. Michael stated it was to retain employees in this economic climate. David was concerned the Selectboard approved this without bringing it to the town for a vote. Trisha Gray was told health coverage was only for full-time employees.

Lois Shea thanked Principal Stokes for providing daycare at Simond's School, so parents could attend the meeting tonight.

Ray and Nancy THANKED the Town for the Dedication in the Town Report.

Moderator read Article 4. Motion to Move Article. Article 4 Passed with Voice Vote.

Article 5 - Passed

“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.)

Moderator read Article 5. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Clyde Carson gave a presentation on Article 5. Discussion followed.

Bill Hanson questioned why Community Power was 22% less than Eversource, when Direct Energy was 50% lower. Clyde said companies have attractive rates up front, but include a contract, this is how they make money over time. Community Power may not be the lowest cost provider but will be consistently lower than the default provider Eversource.

Seth Henley asked if the rate for the power from the solar array is affected. Clyde stated the Transfer Station and Water Precinct Solar Arrays will stay with Eversource, because they have a good deal.

Bob Holmes asked if residents with solar panels they would not be automatically enrolled in Community Power and would have to opt in? Clyde stated that is correct. Bob said

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at the moment, there is no understanding as to what this deal would do with any credit residents get with solar.

George Packard said that no understanding is incorrect; the Coalition is working very hard with Eversource to settle how owners of solar panels will enter the program.

James Gaffney stated concerned the article stated no tax dollars will be expended, but the agreement says the Selectboard shall administer this; the Selectboard are in charge of administering and making things happen. James said: We pay them out of our tax dollars. How can we say this isn't going to cost taxpayers anything? It simply is not true, because all the people working in Town Hall, using electricity, heating, cooling, phones, and IT to administer this program. The plan itself which is posted on the town website, which the Selectboard allegedly adopted on January 31, 2023 says that Community Power shall not be responsible for any cost, customers who choose not to participate in Warner Community Power shall not be responsible for any cost associated with the program, apart from the incidental cost incurred by the town prior to the point at which the program starts producing revenue from their participating customers. So until they are declared profitable, we are on the hook for this. Everybody, not just the people who remain in the program. The whole plan is predicated on lack of detail. We do not know how much this is going to cost, there is no reference on how the money is going to be handled or where it is going to be deposited. Why are we an early adopter of this, why don't we sit back for a couple years and watch other towns figure out how this happens, let them make the mistakes. If this is still a good idea in a couple years then we can revisit it with a sharpened plan.

Clyde stated there is no cost to the Town, the cost associated is spread across additional rates that you pay as a customer.

Sam stated the Selectboard will be in the negotiation phase as we go through finalizing contracts, right now, your provider Eversource makes the decisions and sets the rates. With this program, Warner will have a voice in some of that process. I want to reiterate the one sentence in this article that does say no tax dollars will be used at the time of launch or it will not go forward.

James said the warrant article says one thing, and we have heard another thing from the sponsors, but the plan is a legal document. The warrant says the Selectboard shall administer, this is a legal document, it is binding, you cannot change this without coming before the town to amend it. The two statements contradict each other. It says that no tax dollars will be spent, but then the Selectboard shall administer. They are in direct conflict with each other.

Sam said the goal of the program is to reduce rates. The Town of Warner will not open its check book. It is part of the duties of the Selectboard to help its residents and to lower costs for residents.

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Christine Frost said the RSA's dictate what the Selectboard shall do, it is pretty ominous that we hire people to take care of the roads, etc. and this is just part of the duties.

Bill Balsam said if we can get lower rates from Direct Energy, this doesn't seem like the solution.

David Bates says he was at the hearing when this bill was proposed, a NH Consumer Advocate for rates was at the Committee Hearing to testify. He said this was NH's best shot to lower rates because deregulation has never provided NH with the promised lower electric rates. NH has some of the most expensive electric rates in the country.

Michael Amaral asked to Move the Question. Voice Vote. Motion to Move Question Passed.

Martha Mical called for Paper Ballot. Voice Vote. Motion for Paper Ballot Passed.

Moderator read Article 5. Paper Ballot. Article 5 Passed Yes – 145 No – 67.

Article 6 - Passed

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 applications which require matching taxpayer funding. Submitted by petition. (Not Recommended by the Selectboard, 0-3.)

Moderator read Article 6. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded. Discussion followed.

James Brown read a statement about how he found out the town wanted to build a sidewalk/multi-use path and the process that was used. James was concerned about the negative impact on the residents. He suggested shoulders on either side of the road, which would be maintained by the State at no cost to the town then invest money into projects that all residents would use or benefit from like the Transfer Station. James said he submitted this warrant article to cease the project.

John Leavitt asked for a point of clarification saying: I read this as no sidewalk/multi-use path.

Ray Martin said the Article says cease development of sidewalk/multi-use path, that is correct.

Arlon Chaffee said the Master Plan referenced the Community Survey, and 75% of respondents supported the bicycle and pedestrian path linking Exit 9 to Warner Village. Four Warrant Articles have been presented: 2018 – passed, 2020 – passed, 2021 – passed, and 2022 - failed. Out of the failed article, a recommendation was made to form a Corridor Committee by the Selectboard. The Corridor Committee was comprised of people that live within the corridor between Roslyn Ave and Exit 9.

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Martha Bodnarik added that last year's article asked for a committee to study this, and it was defeated. The Selectboard chose to ignore what the Town voted on and have a Study Committee anyway.

John McGilvry said he applied for the Corridor Committee, and at the Selectboard's meeting was informed that if you are against this, you need not apply.

James Gaffney made a Motion to Move Article. Seconded. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

James Gaffney called for Paper Ballot. Voice Vote. Motion for Paper Ballot Passed.

Moderator read Article 6. Paper Ballot. Article 6 Passed Yes – 104 No – 96.

Article 7 - Passed

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 the Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 7. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Jonathan France talked on Article 7. Discussion followed. **Voice Vote. Article 7 Passed.**

Ed Mical made a Motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Article 4, 5, 6, 7. Seconded. Passed.

Article 8 - Passed

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 the Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 8. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Jonathan France talked on Article 8.

Ed Mical made a Motion to Move Question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Moderator read Article 8. Article 8 Passed with Voice Vote.

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Article 9 - Passed

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 the Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 9. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Tim Allen talked on Article 9. Discussion followed.

Call to Move Question. Article 9 Passed with Voice Vote.

Article 10 - Passed

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 the Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 10. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Tim Allen talked on Article. Discussion followed.

James Gaffney made a Motion to Move Question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

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

Article 11 - Passed

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

Moderator read Article 11. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Tim Allen talked on Article. Discussion followed.

Rebecca Courser made a Motion to Move Question. Seconded. Voice Vote. Motion Passed.

Moderator read Article 11. Article 11 Passed with Voice Vote.

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Article 12 - Passed

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

Moderator read Article 12. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Tim Allen spoke on Article 12. **Article 12 Passed with Voice Vote.**

Article 13 - Passed

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

Moderator read Article 13. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Lois Shea spoke on Article 13. **Article 13 Passed on a Voice Vote.**

Article 14 - Passed

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

Moderator read Article 14. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Samuel J S Bower spoke on Article 14. **Article 14 Passed with Voice Vote.**

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Article 15 - Passed

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 the Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 15. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Christine Frost spoke on Article 15. **Article 15 Passed with Voice Vote.**

Rebecca Courser made a Motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Voice Vote. Restrict Reconsideration Passed with Voice Vote.

Article 16 - 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 the Preservation of Records? (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 16. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Michele Courser spoke on Article 16. **Article 16 Passed with Voice Vote.**

Article 17 - Passed

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

Moderator read Article 17. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Chief Chandler spoke on Article 17. **Article 17 Passed with Voice Vote**

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Article 18 - 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 Budget Committee, 5-0; Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0.)

Moderator read Article 18. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Lois Shea spoke on Article 18. **Article 18 Passed with Voice Vote.**

Article 19 - Passed

Shall the Town of Warner vote to readopt the provisions of 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.)

Moderator read Article 19. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Elizabeth Labbe spoke on Article 19. **Article 19 Passed with Voice Vote.**

James Gaffney made a motion to Restrict Reconsideration on Articles 16, 17, 18, 19. Restrict Reconsideration Passed with Voice Vote.

Article 20 - Passed

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 the Selectboard, 3-0.) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read Article 20. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Elizabeth Labbe spoke on Article 20. **Article 20 Passed with Voice Vote.**

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Article 21 - Passed

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 the Selectboard, 3-0.) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read Article 21. Motion made to Move Article. Seconded.

Samuel J S Bower spoke on Article 21. **Article 21 Passed with Voice Vote.**

Article 22

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

Hearing no further business, Moderator asked for a Motion to Adjourn the 2023 Annual Town Meeting of Warner. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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
01/04/2023 WARNER, NH	HALLIE MAE WARDELL	CHRISTOPHER DAVID WARDELL KATHRYN BABSON WARDELL
01/22/2023 CONCORD, NH	ELLIS DIANE WILSON	TIMOTHY CLARK WILSON SARAH NONA WILSON
02/22/2023 CONCORD, NH	GRACIE NICOLE PARENTI	PATRICK FRANCIS PARENTI KAYLA NICOLE PARENTI
03/11/2023 LEBANON, NH	JAMES BELIN LEIGH- BROWN	NICHOLAS BELIN BROWN HANNAH WYNNE LEIGH-BROWN
03/20/2023 CONCORD, NH	HAZEN CHRISTOPHER SALYER	CHRISTOPHER DONALD SALYER ROSALIE ANN DIRISIO
03/28/2023 LEBANON, NH	RHYS DAVID GAGNON	RYAN DAVID GAGNON ERICA PAISNER GAGNON
04/30/2023 CONCORD, NH	LUCY JEAN DUVAL	NATHAN MICHAEL DUVAL HANNAH JEAN DUVAL
05/11/2023 MANCHESTER, NH	DEVYN RANDOLPH LUX	DANIEL TYLER LUX NICOLE KATHERINE LUX
09/23/2023 CONCORD, NH	JACK PRESTON LOUK- MCNUTT	NICHOLAS BLAIR MCNUTT TAYLOR BROOKE LOUK
10/30/2023 CONCORD, NH	KYLAR ETHAN MERRING	BRADLEY CHRISTOPHER MERRING JORDAN LYNN MERRING
11/08/2023 CONCORD, NH	SIMON WILLIAM SHALDA	DUNCAN WILLIAM SHALDA ANNA V SHALDA

Resident Death Report

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name Mother's Name
01/03/2023 WARNER, NH	BARBARA ANN JOHNSON	N	GEORGE HAWKINS JEWEL KEESE
01/05/2023 WARNER, NH	FRANCES ANTOINETTE GARDNER	N	LUCA FERRAGAMO PHILOMENIA SPINA
01/06/2023 SUNAPEE, NH	MILDRED LOUISE CAMPMAN	N	WILLIAM DARK MURIEL WEEKES
01/15/2023 KEENE, NH	LINDA ELLA HILL	N	GORDON ABBOTT JANICE BOUCHARD
01/17/2023 CONCORD, NH	HARRY FREMONT ANDERSON JR	N	HARRY ANDERSON SR ALICE FLANDERS
01/25/2023 LEBANON, NH	RONALD A MORRISON SR	N	MICHAEL KNIGHT RUTH MORRISON
02/17/2023 WARNER, NH	BARRY STEPHEN SKINNER	Y	WARD SKINNER BARBARA BERRY
03/07/2023 CONCORD, NH	BRUCE CARLSON	N	FREDERIC CARLSON ALVA SODERHOLM
03/10/2023 WARNER, NH	DOLORES T BOIRE	N	RAYNALDO GRENIER OLIDA MONTMINY
04/08/2023 WARNER, NH	JOHN E DABULIEWICZ	Y	JOSEPH DABULIEWWICZ A DOROTHEA HAINES
04/27/2023 CONCORD, NH	LINDSEY MARIE GREENLAW	N	RICHARD GREENLAW BRENDA WHIPPLE
05/04/2023 CONCORD, NH	STEVEN WINTHER LINDBLOM	N	CHARLES LINDBLOM ROSE WINTHER
05/18/2023 NASHUA, NH	RONALD PHILLIP BERNARD JR	N	RONALD BERNARD SR SHARON FOOTE
05/28/2023 WARNER, NH	RODNEY H KNIGHT	Y	RODERICK KNIGHT SHIRLEY GREENWAY
06/10/2023 CONCORD, NH	VALERIE R MORCOM	N	MOE GONZALES ESTHER ORTA
06/30/2023 WARNER, NH	LORRAINE GLORIA LEATHERS	N	LEO DIGNAM LENA MORIN
07/16/2023 WARNER, NH	WILLIAM MCCARTHY	N	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
08/02/2023 BOSCAWEN, NH	EUGENE LANE MONROE	N	CLIFTON MONROE LOIS LANE
08/14/2023 WARNER, NH	DAISY GUERIN	N	ADAM KULAS ELEANOR CHMURA

Resident Death Report (cont.)

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name Mother's Name
08/22/2023 WARNER, NH	MARY ANN STICKNEY	N	FREDERICK HART HELEN LACOSS
09/09/2023 WARNER, NH	ALEXANDER G SPILIOTIS	Y	GEORGE SPILIOTIS KATHERINE KANELOS
09/13/2023 WARNER, NH	KAREN PETER	N	WILLIAM GETTY LETHA KIMBLE
09/21/2023 WARNER, NH	DOROTHY ELLEN MARTEL	N	PHILIP MARTEL DOROTHY MOTTRAM
10/03/2023 WARNER, NH	VIRGINIA THEODORA FERGUSON	N	CLEMENT KALOYANIDES BELLE SARGENT
10/05/2023 WARNER, NH	BENJAMIN ARTHUR BIGELOW	N	BRIAN BIGELOW CRYSTAL CARLISLE
10/06/2023 WEST LEBANON, NH	LORI CHRISTINE GARRETT	N	RONALD ALLARIE JULIE NELSEN
10/09/2023 WARNER, NH	ERNEST EDWARD NEWCOMBE JR	Y	ERNEST NEWCOMBE SR ELEANOR TODD
10/10/2023 WARNER, NH	MARTHA A THOITS	N	HOWARD SOPER VERNONA WATSON
11/12/2023 WARNER, NH	JAMES C DAY	N	JAMES DAY MARY PRESEDA
11/19/2023 BOSCAWEN, NH	PAULINE NORMANDE RIVARD	N	RUDOLPH DOMON IRENE SAMSON
12/19/2023 WARNER, NH	LYNN C PERKINS	Y	HARRY PERKINS MARGARET GARNSEY
12/25/2023 WARNER, NH	LUCILLE M SMITH	N	DENNIS COTE BLANCHE MAYOTTE

Resident Marriage Report

Date & Place	Name	Residence
02/17/2023 WARNER, NH	JONATHAN FITCH STONE KELLY LYN RAMIREZ	WARNER, NH PROVIDENCE, RI
03/08/2023 CONCORD, NH	DUSTIN JOEL BENNETT KRISTAL ELIZABETH WHITTEMORE	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
06/03/2023 HILLSBOROUGH, NH	CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ROY JULIE CHRISTINE DECELLE	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
06/03/2023 EXETER, NH	IAN PATRICK VASQUEZ BERNADETTE MARIE KLUCINEC	CONCORD, NH WARNER, NH
06/10/2023 DURHAM, NH	SARAH PATRICIA MACDONALD AUSTIN TYLER WINSLOW	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
06/16/2023 HENNIKER, NH	CHRISTOPHER PATRICK BAILEY MEG CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
06/24/2023 FRANKLIN, NH	ANTHONY WYANDS III JESSICA JEAN SHARPE	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
07/22/2023 NEWBURY, NH	RYAN DAVID GOSELIN LAUREN BETH GIBBONS	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
08/04/2023 NEWPORT, NH	JOHN PAUL THOMAS COLEMAN ELISE CHRISTINA MULDOON	WARNER, NH GLADWYNE, PA
08/12/2023 NEW LONDON, NH	RYAN ALDERIC VIOLETTE ABIGAIL ANN RYAN	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
08/25/2023 HENNIKER, NH	DYLAN MAKAY POLONIA FARRAH ELIZABETH WILSON	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
09/01/2023 WARNER, NH	TACCARA LYDIA HORN MATHEW SCOTT STACY	WARNER, NH WARNER, NH
10/21/2023 WARNER, NH	NATALIE RENE HOFFMAN KEVIN MICHAEL MONTROY	WEARE, NH WARNER, NH

Warner Village Water District

Annual Report 2023

Commissioners

Harold Blanchette – 2024
Shaun Murphy – 2025
Daniel Lavoie - 2024

Clerk

James McLaughlin – 2024

Treasurer

Christine Perkins – 2024

Deputy Treasurer

Open

Moderator

Kathleen Carson – 2025

Water Village District Staff

Superintendent - Charles Come, Jr
Operator – Tylor Come
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.

Town Warrant Warner Village Water District

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**WARRANT OF THE WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
2024 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 nineteenth 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 Clerk and a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of five hundred six thousand eight hundred seventy nine dollars (\$506,879.00) for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the District's water and sewer systems. (Recommended by the District Commissioners and the Budget Committee).
5. 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-four.

Commissioners

HAROLD BLANCHETTE

SHAUN MURPHY

DANIEL LAVOIE

A true copy of warrant – Attest:

Commissioners

HAROLD BLANCHETTE

SHAUN MURPHY

DANIEL LAVOIE

Warner Village Water District

Balance Sheet for year ending December 31, 2023

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ASSETS

Cash on hand, December 31, 2023		97,412.43
Accounts Receivable:		
Water/Sewer Rents	\$ 46,314.88	
Receivables-unbilled est.	\$ 25,000.00	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$ 71,314.88
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 168,727.31

LIABILITIES

As of 12/31/2023

Generator Replacement	\$ 14,294.00	
Ground Water Discharge	\$ 33,353.00	
Town Hall Sprinkler Engineering	\$ 11,912.00	
USDA RD Bond Clarifier	\$ 260,555.00	
Sugar River Bank-Solar Array	\$ 197,407.00	
USDA RD Bond Geneva St.	\$ 28,543.00	
Sugar River Bond Latting Lane	\$ 345,597.00	
Sugar River Bank-2019 Truck	\$ 8,252.00	
Sugar River Bank Line of Credit	\$ 97,369.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 997,282.00

EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES		\$ (828,554.69)
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VALUE OF VILLAGE DISTRICT PROPERTY **(per audit year end 12/31/2022)**

Plant Building	\$ 299,321.00	
Plant Equipment	\$ 2,212,472.00	
Construction in Progress	\$ 29,424.00	
Land	\$ 140,700.00	
Total Property		\$ 2,681,917.00
Net Position		\$ 1,853,362.31

Warner Village Water District

Receipts & Payments for year ending December 31, 2023

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SOURCES OF REVENUE:

Property Taxes	\$185,123.00	
Water Supply Charges	97,696.00	
Sewer User Charges	184,028.00	
Service Charges	3,457.00	
Sale of Meters	475.00	
Interest on Investments	278.00	
Tie-in Fees	0.00	
Miscellaneous	-	
Back Flow Testing	1,870.00	
Carbon Credits	3,707.00	
Net Metering from Solar Array	6,124.00	
From Surplus	0.00	
From Bonds & Notes	35,000.00	
From Federal Grants	-	
From State Grants	<u>21,731.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 539,489.00

LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>543,727.00</u>
NET INCOME	(4,238.00)
PLUS CASH ON HAND 12/31/22	<u>114,960.00</u>
CASH ON HAND 12/31/23	\$ 110,722.00

EXPENDITURES

Administrative:		
Salaries	\$25,037.00	
Office Expense	12,548.00	
Audit	6,300.00	
Legal	0.00	
FICA/Medicare	11,306.00	
Employee Benefits	23,225.00	
Retirement	16,347.00	
Insurance	12,305.00	
Memberships/Education	1,639.00	
State Licenses/Fees	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE		\$ 108,707.00
Contingency		<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE + CONTINGENCY		\$ 108,857.00

Warner Village Water District

Water & Sewer Expense for year ending December 31, 2023

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Water System:

Salaries	\$36,826.00
Meters	0.00
Building Materials & Repairs	-
Miscellaneous	-
Electricity - Storage Tanks	558.00
Tools	522.00
Electricity - Royce Well	14,797.00
Propane - Pump House	-
Chemicals	7,351.00
System Maintenance	6,641.00
Testing/ Back Flow	1,920.00
Water Systems Plus	8,000.00
Repairs - Outside Contractors	<u>13,335.00</u>

TOTAL WATER

\$ 89,950.00

Sewer System:

Salaries	\$85,927.00
Lab Expense	15,734.00
Supplies	20.00
Truck Gas	3,774.00
Truck Maintenance	3,114.00
Sewer Materials	341.00
Equipment Repairs	771.00
Uniforms	1,689.00
Chlorine/Chemicals	12,481.00
Electricity - Plant	8,358.00
Safety Equipment	1,143.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
Tools	752.00
Building Maint. & Repair	1,780.00
Service - Outside Contractors	9,955.00
Sludge Removal	18,578.00
Electricity - Pump Station	1,709.00
Maintenance - Pump Station	500.00
Propane - Plant	3,252.00
Testing - EPA/State	<u>2,332.00</u>

TOTAL SEWER

\$ 172,220.00

Warner Village Water District

Long Term Debt for year ending December 31, 2023

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Long & Short Term Debt:

Bond Principal - Geneva	\$4,759.00
Bond Principal - Generator	3,002.27
Bond Principal - Latting Lane	23,816.27
Loan Principal - Clarifier	11,058.00
Loan Principal - Solar Array	12,628.59
Loan Principal - Ground Water Dis.	7,005.53
Loan Principal - Town Hall Water Ln	2,501.92
Loan Principal-2016 Truck	2,088.90
Loan Principal-2019 Truck	5,916.22
Line of Credit Principal	35,000.00
Bond Interest - Geneva St.	1,498.76
Bond Interest - Generator	557.53
Bond Interest - Latting Lane	12,011.89
Note Interest - Clarifier	7,394.00
Note Interest - Solar Array	5,283.45
Loan Interest - Ground Water Dis.	1,300.87
Loan Interest - Town Hall Water Ln	464.60
Note Interest-2016 Truck	12.36
Interest Line of Credit-Discharge	5,015.65
Note Interest-2019 Truck	443.78
Annual payment RTE 103 Land	3,000.00
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	<u>\$144,759.59</u>

Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment	
New Construction	27,940.63
System Improvements	14,789.04
To Capital Reserve Fund	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$543,727.22</u>

Warner Village Water District

Sources of Revenue for year ending December 31, 2023

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Revenue Source	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Estimated 2024
Federal Grants	\$ -	21,731.00	0
Water Supply System Charges	99,000.00	97,696.00	99000
Sewer User Charges	186,000.00	172,309.00	185000
Pump Surcharge	12,000.00	11,719.00	12000
Other Charges	5,000.00	3,457.00	3500
Interest on Investments	100.00	278.00	300
Other Misc. Revenues	4,700.00	475.00	2000
Precinct Tax	185,000.00	185,123.00	185000
Carbon Credits	3,300.00	3,707.00	3800
Net Metering	3,400.00	6,164.00	6100
Back Flow Income	2,900.00	1,870.00	3000
From Capital Surplus	7,000.00	0.00	7200
From Bonds/Notes	-	35,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 508,400.00	\$ 539,529.00	\$ 506,900.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Mike Cutting, Chairman

Jim Sherman

Allan Brown, Select Board

Robert Blake

Rick Bixby

Harold Blanchette

Michelle Kendrick

Ray Martin, Precinct Rep.

Warner Village Water District

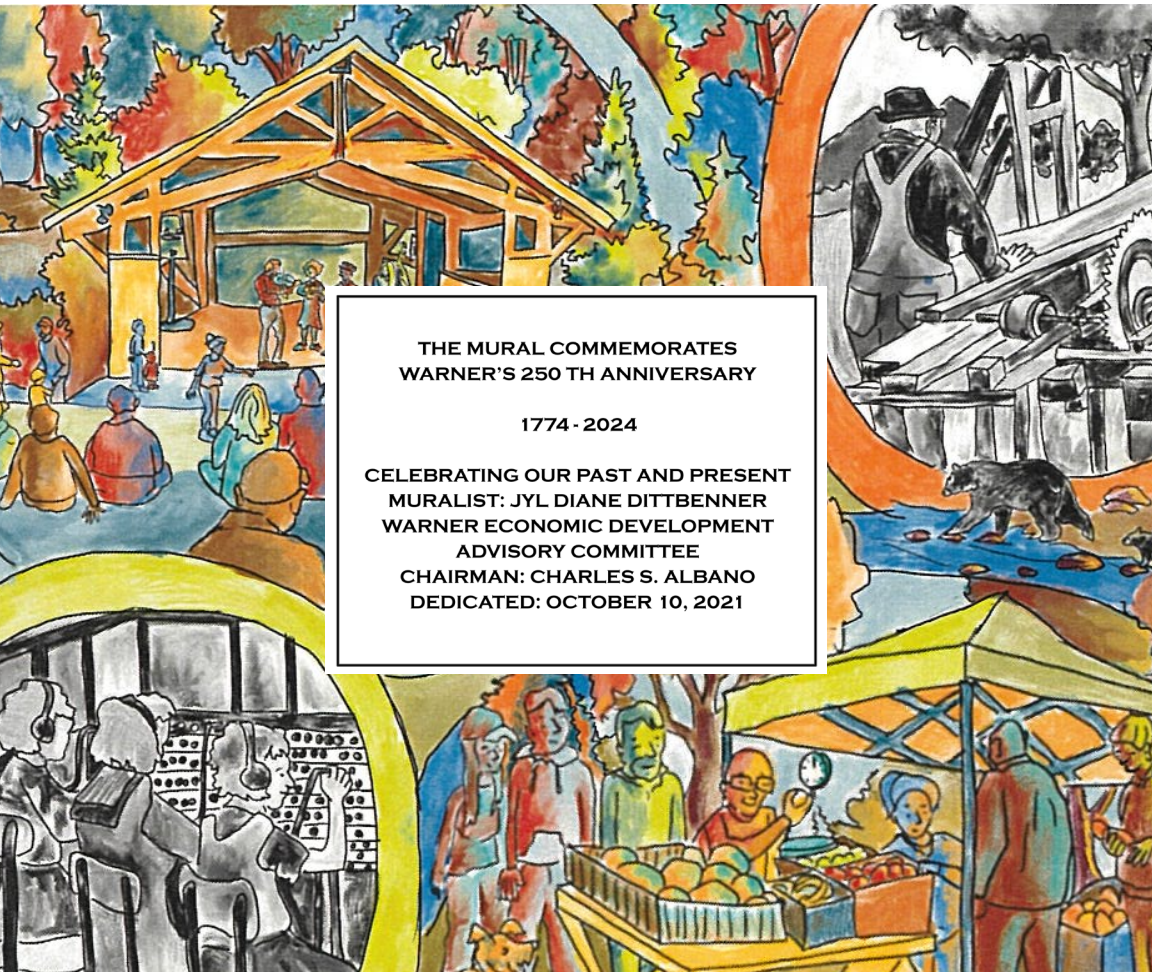
2023-2024 Budget

APPROPRIATIONS	APPROP 2023	SPENT 2023	WVWD BUDGET 2024	BC REC. 2024
Executive	\$23,800.00	\$25,037.00	\$23,800.00	\$16,500.00
Financial Administration	\$16,500.00	\$18,848.00	\$16,500.00	\$1,000.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$49,315.00
Personnel Administration	\$49,315.00	\$50,878.00	\$49,315.00	\$9,500.00
Insurance	\$9,500.00	\$12,305.00	\$9,500.00	\$1,200.00
Regional Assoc.Dues& Lics.	\$1,200.00	\$1,639.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Other (Contingency)	\$1,000.00	\$150.00	\$1,000.00	\$199,900.00
Sewage Collection/Disposal	\$199,900.00	\$172,220.00	\$199,900.00	\$52,450.00
Water Services	\$52,450.00	\$52,703.00	\$52,450.00	\$44,300.00
Water Treatment & Other	\$44,300.00	\$37,246.00	\$44,300.00	\$75,746.00
Principal - Long Term Bonds	\$75,746.00	\$110,777.00	\$75,746.00	\$33,896.00
Interest - Long Term Bonds	\$33,896.00	\$33,984.00	\$33,896.00	\$23,800.00
Machinery, Vehicles, Equip.				
New Construction	\$1,801,000.00	\$27,645.00	\$1,773,355.00	\$1,773,355.00
System Improvements		\$14,789.00		
To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0.00		
TOTAL	\$2,309,607.00	\$558,221.00	\$2,281,962.00	\$2,281,962.00



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WARNER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN: CHARLES S. ALBANO
DEDICATED: OCTOBER 10, 2021