



**ANNUAL REPORT - TOWN OF WAKEFIELD
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**



About our Cover...

2024 marks the 250th Birthday of the Town of Wakefield! We kicked off the year-long festivities in January by unveiling the updated Welcome to Wakefield sign at the Meadow Street/Route 16 intersection, showing that we are celebrating this year our 250th Birthday! Special events will continue throughout the year, so please be watching on Facebook: Wakefield New Hampshire 250th and our website Wakefield250.com to see dates and times for events so you can join us as we celebrate our fabulous Town!

Quite by accident, Holden Mangano—a student at Paul School—has become part of this celebration. When assigned a project by his Art Teacher, Holden chose to draw a Holiday Scene which included the Town Hall. We give Holden highest marks for his fabulous rendition, and certainly hope that his Art Teacher did as well!

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December 31, 2023

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Chris Sununu

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Maggie Hassan Jeanne Shaheen

US Representative
Chris Pappas

State Senator
Joseph (Jeb) Bradley

Representatives to the General Court
Lino M Avellani; Mike S Belcher; Michael
Costable; and Mark E McConkey

APPOINTED POSITIONS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Dino Scala

CODES ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH OFFICER

Victor Vinagro (resigned)

Peter Gosselin

POLICE CHIEF

Michael Fenton

ROAD AGENT

Brock Mitchell

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Wilbur "Buck" Ryan

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Todd Nason

FIRE CHIEF

Todd Nason

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Rhodes Haskell, Jr.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Wayne Robinson, Jr.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Greg Hall	Term Expires 2024
James Keating IV	Term Expires 2024
Sherry Hatch	Term Expires 2025
Don Cheever	Term Expires 2025
Daniele West (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
Tiffani Drena (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
Beth Hayes	Term Expires 2026
Robert Shepherd (Alternate)	Term Expires 2026
John Myers (Alternate)	Term Expires 2026
Ed Ball (Alternate)	Term Expires 2026

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Donna Ackerman	Term Expires 2024
Relf Fogg	Term Expires 2024
Joshua Fuller, (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
David Silcocks, (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
Rick Wehrhan	Term Expires 2026
Rob Hewins	Term Expires 2026

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Judith DesRoches	Term Expires 2024
Annie Robbins, (Alternate)	Term Expires 2024
Robert Baxter	Term Expires 2024
Donald Stewart	Term Expires 2025
George Frothingham	Term Expires 2025
Tristan Plummer, (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
Graham Baker, (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
John Crowell	Term Expires 2026

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Rick Poore	Term Expires 2024
Pam Wiggin	Term Expires 2024
Nancy Bancroft (Alternate)	Term Expires 2024
Jeanne Loughan (Alternate)	Term Expires 2024
Philip Twombly	Term Expires 2025
Nancy Britton	Term Expires 2025
Connie Twombly	Term Expires 2025
Paul Zayac, (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
Geoffrey Denley, (Alternate)	Term Expires 2025
Carroll Shea	Term Expires 2026
Nancy Hall	Term Expires 2026

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Currently there are no members

ASSESSOR

Rosemary Stewart	Term Expires 2024
Relf Fogg	Term Expires 2025
Ken Paul, Sr.	Term Expires 2026

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Priscilla Colbath (appointed)	Term Expires 2024
Howard Knight	Term Expires 2024
David Mankus	Term Expires 2024
Thomas Daniels	Term Expires 2024
John Parker	Term Expires 2025
Dennis Miller	Term Expires 2025
Marc Taliaferro	Term Expires 2025
Elizabeth Conner (resigned)	Term Expires 2026
Jerry O'Connor	Term Expires 2026
Joshua Fuller	Term Expires 2026

PLANNING BOARD

Doug Stewart	Term Expires 2024
Tom Dube	Term Expires 2025
David Silcocks	Term Expires 2025
Dick DesRoches	Term Expires 2026

TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY

Julie Kessler	Term Expires 2026
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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

David Tibbetts	Term Expires 2024
Jackie Keating	Term Expires 2025
Philip Twombly	Term Expires 2026

**2023 ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT
FEBRUARY 4, 2023
FIRST SESSION**

Town Moderator, Rick Dill, opened the meeting at 9:10am. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Selectman Ken Fifield did the invocation and then three young ladies, Grace Krafton, Elsa Wolfe and Hayden Pelletier, led us with the National Anthem.

Moderator Dill introduced the Town Clerk, Valerie Ward, Town Administrator, Dino Scala, Chair of the Board of Selectmen; Charlie Edwards, Select Board Members Mark Duffy and Ken Fifield. Town Council, Stephen Whitley of Drummond Woodsum, was introduced and then The Budget Committee introduced themselves; Bob Ouellette (School Board Representative), Marc Taliaferro, Tom Daniels, Elizabeth Conner, Howie Knight, Dave Mankus, Jerry O'Connor, Priscilla Colbath, Denny Miller, John Parker. Peter Kasprzyk (Water Department Representative) was not in attendance.

Moderator Dill stated that the polls will be open at 8am and closing at 7pm on March 14th here at the Opera House of the Town Hall. Rules were stated. Mr. Moderator introduced Phil Twombly for the traditional "Bill Twombly motion". This session of the Town Warrant be adjourned by 12 noon, and that no article be taken up for consideration after 11:50 AM. In the event that all articles in the warrant have not been acted upon, the Moderator is authorized to reconvene this session at a date, time and place which meets the approval of the majority of the voters present. Relf Fogg seconded the motion. Motion passed

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified of the First and Second Session of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

You are notified to meet for the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held in the Town Hall Opera House, 2 High Street,

Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to debate, propose and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

You are also notified of the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect town offices and to vote by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles that may be amended at the first session to be held at the Town Hall on March 14th at 2 High Street, Sanbornville, NH polls will open at 8am and close at 7pm.

Moderator Dill stated Articles 2-7 are Warrant Articles to Amend the Wakefield Zoning Ordinance. These cannot be changed at this point. There was a public hearing on these articles. If anyone has any questions they can be explained. There were no questions.

Moderator Dill read Article 8.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) for the purpose of constructing and outfitting a Multi-Generational facility; Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid and/or donations, if any, which may be available for said project, to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0 and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1 (3/5 ballot vote required.) Estimated tax impact: \$0.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for 2022.

Selectman Edwards move the article. Selectman Fifield seconded the motion. Charlie introduced Parks and Rec Director Wayne Robinson. Mr. Robinson stated that there is a better plan and a lower price this year. There have been many presentations on this and feels that most people understand the plan.

Mr. Fogg stated he would like to see more fund raising done. He used the example of the Gafney Library and the Wakefield Food Pantry and Clearview TV getting their needs met by user fees, not burdening the tax payers, so people who cannot access the building will not be burdened with the tax increase. He is very concerned for tax payers that are struggling with the current economy and how divisive this has been within the community. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 9.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500) to be added to the Parks & Rec Field Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of upgrading fields at the Ballpark Complex. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-2. (Majority vote required.) Estimated tax impact: \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$2457.43

Selectman Edwards move the article. Selectman Fifield seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund was created for maintenance and improvements of the ballfields, currently we have one field that needs to be regraded due to a drainage issue, and Parks and Rec is looking to create an area for the public to watch the games.

Budget Committee Member, Jerry O'Connor stated that the Parks and Rec is asking for a lot of money this year. He stated that this will strap taxpayers and a Dog Park going in as well.

Mr. Robinson corrected him, and stated that the new Dog Park did not cost the tax payers anything. It was done with donations and fund raising. It is 90% complete and waiting for fence to be installed, which is already paid for.

Ms. Twombly asked what the current balance is in the CRF - \$2,457.23.

Mr. DeColfmacker stated how bad some of the fields are right now and the children could get hurt if these do not get fixed. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 10

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Owned Boat Launch Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of improving and repairing any and all Town owned boat launch areas and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required.) Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Charlie explained this is a new Capital reserve which would set aside money to improve and repair town owned boat launches and town owned waterfront areas. Currently the town is also seeking State Grants that are specific to this same type of project. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 11

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact: \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$158.53

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained that this fund was created to repair and rebuild bridges in town. Our priority was the Bridge on Canal Road which was on the 'red list' from the state. This bridge along with a bridge on Witchtrot Road have been replaced. The State has given us a one-time Bridge Block Grant of \$100,000 which we have received but is not reflected the above balance. He stated that the DPW Director, Brock Mitchell was here to answer any questions.

Ms. Cleveland asked about the Maple Street Bridge and how the banking is now collapsing. DPW Director Brock Mitchell stated these funds are strictly for bridges, repairing the banking will not come from these funds. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 12

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-6. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$45,585.79

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this is for Town Highway Equipment besides the Highway Trucks. There was no discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 13

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$22,540.79

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund is setting aside money to replace our Highway trucks used for plowing and sanding and all of our road repairs. Currently we are scheduled to replace our first truck in 2026. There was no discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 14

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.28 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Current Balance: \$130,058.14

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund is used for the yearly Projects that the DPW has scheduled for paving, repairs and resurfacing of town roads. Mr. Moody asked about where the money will be spent, and asked about the work to be done on Bonnyman Road. Mr. Mitchell responded and said that \$50,000.00 will be used on Bonnyman. He expects to cut some trees, replace the catch basin and install some drain pipes. The road will not be reconstructed at this time but we will put some money into it.

Mr. Miller stated this was money was brought down from \$500,000.00. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 15

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-1.

(Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$11,075.93

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund has been set up to replace any heavy Equipment used at the Transfer Station. The town recently purchased a used backhoe, no large pieces of equipment are scheduled to be purchased in the immediate future. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 16

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$34,300.64

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund was created for the continued improvements of the transfer station. Currently we are scheduled to finish construction on a building to hold our recycled materials and keep them out of the weather, which in turn gives the town more on the returns. This fund has helped us repave and restructure the flow of traffic at the transfer station.

Mr. Miller asked if the plan is to enclose the recycle area. Mr. Mitchell answered him by telling him it has been started and it will be down and behind.

Moderator Dill read Article 17

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Trucks Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping vehicles for the Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend

from this fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$0.00 New Fund

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund is being created specifically for the replacement of the “roll off” truck which is a recent purchase for the town. The cost to replace this type of truck will be approx. \$180,000.00. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 18

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Wastewater Treatment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$125,726.95

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund has been created for the change over to a town waste water treatment plant. There is no date from the state for this change over, however it seems to be a certainty some time in years to come.

Mr. Mitchell stated this money will not get us a new treatment plant but it will show the State of NH that we are trying to prepare for it. He stated that he has been talking with Department of Environmental Services and we will need to make some changes soon. Discussion ensued. Brock Mitchell stated he will be looking for grants he would expect it to cost around 5-7 million and it will be mandated from the state so we need to be planning for this now.

Moderator Dill read Article 19

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Ambulance

Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact: \$0.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$59,041.04

Mr. Fifield moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Fifield explained this fund is for future replacement of the town ambulances. Currently the town is scheduled for replacing one of these vehicles in 2027. Replacement costs approx. \$300,000.00.

Chief Nason corrected the statement and said it was scheduled for 2026. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 20

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact: \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$310,292.64

Mr. Fifield moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Fifield explained this fund is for the replacement of the town's fire trucks. The town is scheduled to replace a truck in 2027. Replacement cost is approximately \$600,000.00.

Chief Nason said that a rescue truck was ordered two years ago. They are holding the price. The delay is due to COVID. The next truck to be replace would be Engine 2 and it would cost \$400-\$800,000.00. He was asked about a ladder truck and said they cost between \$1.5-1.8 million. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 21

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to establish an East Wakefield and Union Precincts Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to both facilities and to raise and appropriate Twenty-Three Thousand (\$23,000) to be placed in this fund. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: New fund

Mr. Fifield moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Fifield explained this fund is being created for the repairs and maintenance of the East Wakefield and Union Fire Stations. Currently the Union Station is in need of a new roof, at the approximate. cost of \$40,000.00.

Mr. Scala asked if the Selectmen would make a motion to change the word "Precincts" to "Fire Departments". Mr. Edwards made the motion; Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

Mr. Fogg questioned the word "Fire Departments". Mr. Scala asked the Selectmen if we could change it to "Stations". Mr. Edwards made the motion to accept the word 'Stations'. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. It will read "Fire Stations". Motion passed.

Discussion ensued of the work needed to be done. The old part of the roof in Union needs shingles only and the overhead doors would get upgraded for \$23,000.00. He was asked if we would ever man another station. It was stated that we would have to have six more people to staff another station.

Moderator Dill read Article 22.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$34,525) to be added to the Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of

Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The current balance is \$1,530.32

Mr. Duffy moved the article. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Mr. Duffy explained this fund is for the cost of treating the lakes in town that are currently battling invasive species such as milfoil and coy fish. There was no discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 23.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$191.21

Mr. Fifield moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Fifield explained this fund is for the yearly replacement of a Police cruiser with an approximate cost of \$35,000 plus outfitting. There was no more discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 24.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$58,500) to be added to the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$16,256.24

Mr. Fifield moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Fifield explained this fund is for the ongoing maintenance and improvements of the Public Safety Building. In 2022 the roof was

replaced on this building with the funds coming from this reserve. Next item scheduled is the expansion of the “sally port” and resurfacing of the Fire Station garage floor. There was no discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 25

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.002 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$4,880.57

Mr. Duffy moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Duffy explained this fund is dedicated to software upgrades or emergency equipment replacement such as the Town Hall server. There was no further discussion.

Moderator Dill read Article 26

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$31,671.15

Mr. Duffy moved the article. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Mr. Duffy explained this fund was created for the Town Hall maintenance and improvements. Currently the Town Hall is in need of a new roof, as the roof is losing more and more shingles with each heavy storm. We plan to get quotes this spring for a job to be completed this year. Mr. Edwards explained that a roof such as the one on the Town Hall should not have regular shingles on it because it gets weather that ordinary houses do not get. A lifetime shingle would be more expensive but it will last as it should.

Moderator Dill read Article 27

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$29,216.73

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund is for a State mandated software upgrade for our Assessing Department.

It was stated that even if this gets voted down, we would have to come up with the money because it is a state mandate. Mr. Fogg corrected the wording; it is not software; it is to comply with the RSA and have the contract filled.

Moderator Dill read Article 28

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the Greater Wakefield Resource Center Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$29,749.09
Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards explained this fund is for the maintenance and repair of the Wakefield Resource Center located in Union. The town is responsible for any repairs on the outside of the building. Currently this building is in need of a new roof. Quotes received in 2022 show that if this article passes, we should be able to replace the roof in 2023.

There was discussion if the activities could get moved out of the Wakefield Resource Center and into a new community building, would the town be willing to sell the building in Union. Mr. Duffy explained

how the town has helped save this old building as it has in the past with other buildings, but buildings cost the town money. If that was the case he would vote 'yes'.

Moderator Dill read Article 29

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Balance: \$22,082.51

Mr. Fifield moved the article. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Fifield explained this fund is for the maintenance of our town cemeteries which includes grading, tree removal and general repairs. He then recognized Phil Twombly for the wonderful job he does taking care of the cemeteries.

Mr. Twombly stated that the money will be used to take down some large pines in the Lovell Lake Cemetery. The Wakefield DPW will help and that will save money.

Moderator Dill read Article 30

Article 30: Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to: (1) readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per year; and also (2) readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, II, previously adopted, for an All Veterans' Tax Credit at Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per year? If readopted, both the All Veterans' Tax Credit and the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit will be \$750.00 per year. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Majority vote required.)

The Moderator asked Ms. Bickford from the Assessing office, to speak to this article. She explained that currently the Veterans Tax Credit is

\$750.00 in Wakefield. That is the most the State will allow. Last year the RSA was amended by the state. The State is making the town readopt the \$750.00 credit or it will be brought down to \$50.00. It was stated that the Selectmen do support this article.

Moderator Dill read Article 31

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Wakefield, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$64,000 (currently \$56,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age, \$86,000 (currently \$75,500); for a person 80 years of age or older, \$107,000 (currently \$94,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000; or if married, a combined net income of less than \$37,000 and own assets not in excess of \$150,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required.)

Ms. Bickford stated that we currently have an elderly exemption. We are changing the limits and the amounts of the exemption.

Mr. Knight spoke to this. He stated that the last time it was adjusted was in 2012. Inflation has gone up 24% since 2012 and it is time to readjust. There are approximately 18 families that this would affect. This will help them stay in their homes. Discussion ensued.

Moderator Dill read Article 32

Article 32: By Petition: To see if the Town will vote and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) as matching funds to repair the Drew Mill Dam in Union, NH. This sum will match a \$65,000 grant from Land 7 Community heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) which has already been received by Union village Community Association (UVCA – a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity) thus assuring the

continuation of the Drew Mill Pond for fire protection, conservation and historical value. These combined funds represent the total cost of repairs. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1. (Majority vote required.)

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. The Petitioner, Mr. House was recognized. Mr. House named a few typos he would like to be corrected. He went on to describe the dam from 1878 made of granite and the reasons it should be preserved. There was discussion made of funds going to a 501 (c) 3 that does not benefit the town. Mr. Duffy made a motion to changing the wording to read “The expenditure of funds is contingent upon the town and UVCA reaching a written agreement on installation and use of a dry hydrant for use by the Town Fire Department and also to provide a public access to a park area”. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. House stated that these were the ideas that UVCA had all along. Changing a warrant was questioned – Town Council explained as long as the subject matter does not change, a petition article can be changed. Mr. O’Connor read a list of 13 of the nonprofits we as taxpayers fund to differentiate funding nonprofits in general as opposed to nonprofits that our welfare director indicates she uses to provide services to residents in need in a more cost-effective manner than the town paying for outright. Mr. Kenny, of Governor’s Council stated he has spoken to DRA and was told as long as there is a public benefit, DRA would allow the town to expend the funds. Discussion ensued. Legal Counsel recommends putting the correction to the typos into the motion. Changes were added to the motion; Change 7 to & and v to V and h to H. Vote was taken and it passed.

Moderator Dill read Article 33

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth herein, totaling \$7,697,739? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,874,366 which is

the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and VI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$6.68 per \$1000 of assessed valuation; Default Budget estimated tax impact: \$5.97 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Mr. Edwards moved the article. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Fogg wanted the voters to know this is an increase of \$1,225,327. Mr. Scala stated that if it goes to a default budget there are things that must get paid such as the bond for the new DPW Building. It was asked about the 'Undesignated Fund', Mr. Knight stated it was \$2.3 million at last year's audit.

Moderator Dill read Article 34.

Article 34: To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

There were no comments. Mr. Knight made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:43.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie J. Ward
Town Clerk

2023 TOWN PAYROLL

EMPLOYEE	EARNINGS	EMPLOYEE	EARNINGS
Aldrich, Kaylee	\$6,167.41	Garland, Seth	\$77,717.47
Alie, Julia	\$1,085.50	Goldthwaite, Jennifer	\$117.00
Anthony, Garrett	\$70,409.21	Gore, Joseph	\$18,525.83
Beckwith, Stephen	\$45,465.59	Gosselin, Peter	\$59,355.35
Beveridge, Brad	\$63,257.11	Gould, Mollica	\$2,115.71
Bickford, Cynthia	\$64,783.88	Gutierrez, Mario	\$144.72
Bodah, Antoinette	\$39,679.66	Gutierrez, Melissa	\$154.65
Boggs, Eric	\$224.88	Hall, Alyssa	\$45,008.32
Brabant, Joseph	\$71,587.28	Haskell, Rhodie	\$4,754.77
Brabant, Mathieu	\$27,901.54	Hope, Emily	\$1,405.59
Brodeur, Nicole	\$24,025.71	Huestis, Dalton	\$45,844.52
Burkett, Joseph	\$91,461.24	Jendrock, Brandon	\$73,354.23
Castaldo, Anthony	\$1,098.00	Kinville, Caleb	\$15,354.53
Chagnon, Brett	\$49,199.11	Kinville, Calvin	\$2,971.57
Chase, Kellie-Ann	\$1,023.75	Knight, Robin	\$50.52
Cherry, Trevor	\$80,410.96	Landry, David	\$24,511.59
Chouinard, Derek	\$50.80	Laughy, Michael	\$63,702.80
Coates III, Benjamin	\$6,706.42	Lavoie Jr., Arron	\$2,813.04
Colbath, Priscilla	\$2,538.95	Lawton, Adam	\$61,913.52
Collins, Mary	\$71.57	Libby, Dawson	\$14,841.78
Cotreau, David	\$153.08	Llewellyn, Peter	\$23,618.69
Cotreau, Dawson	\$2,562.12	Lyle, Thomas	\$59,881.27
Cotton, Charles	\$56,685.48	MacMillan, Emma	\$5,879.88
Cunningham, John	\$6,824.15	Marcoux, Amber	\$27,676.98
Cyr, Clayton	\$3,252.00	Martino, Matthew	\$70,078.44
Daigle, Michelle	\$54,313.69	McKellar, Jaden	\$469.00
Devine, Liam	\$37,637.72	McLain, Connor	\$58,582.38
Dill, Richard	\$200.00	McMullen, Stephen	\$85,492.14
Duffy, Mark	\$4,000.00	McNulty, Thomas	\$73,712.16
Edwards, Richard	\$4,000.00	Mitchell, Brock	\$87,456.89
Eldridge, Tyler	\$3,072.00	Mix, Thomas	\$446.60
Fales, Dylan	\$6,226.95	Moore, Daniel	\$20.32
Fenton, Michael	\$85,006.46	Moore, Michael	\$9,040.18
Fifield, Kenneth	\$4,000.00	Morrill, Laurel	\$4,508.07
Flayham, Jean	\$63.86	Mulkern, Larissa	\$44,333.24
Fogg, Arlene	\$2,944.92	Nason, Dean	\$937.19
Fogg, Relf	\$600.00	Nason, John	\$185.58
Frechette, Donald	\$1,513.59	Nason, Todd	\$18,031.91

EMPLOYEE	EARNINGS	EMPLOYEE	EARNINGS
Nichols, Angie	\$56,892.47	Stewart, Rosemary	\$600.00
Oakes, Nicholas	\$51.02	Stolarski, Raymond	\$46,203.96
Olberg, Tyler	\$61,641.38	Thompson, Tmothy	\$8,070.55
Oswalt, Joseph	\$33,862.80	Toy-Caron, Nicole	\$902.97
Ouellette, Sandra	\$73.68	Trepanier, Courtney	\$1,680.10
Ouellette Jr., David	\$53,671.44	Twombly, Philip	\$109.46
Parsons, Scott	\$52,934.89	Twombly, Richard	\$453.20
Paul, Jeanne	\$33,361.03	Van Husen, William	\$50.52
Paul Jr., Kenneth	\$9,455.12	Vinagro, Victor	\$35,355.64
Paul Sr., Kenneth	\$600.00	Waldron, Christophe	\$82,669.27
Pelletier, Maryellen	\$362.56	Wallingford, Kaylee	\$5,364.51
Perkins, Andrew	\$1,463.04	Ward, Mattison	\$6,152.89
Petsche, Steven	\$398.05	Ward, Valerie	\$64,609.19
Pevear, Frank	\$64,721.39	Wheeler, Jarrod	\$4,293.55
Pierce, Jared	\$345.44	Williamson, Janet	\$2,005.67
Pierce, Joseph	\$65.26	Wolfe, Tyhler	\$1,288.07
Place, Matthew	\$4,442.04		
Robinson, Wayne	\$65,303.97		
Rowell, Jared	\$23,842.37		
Ryan, Wilbert	\$6,930.00		
Sammarco, Gary	\$30,658.49		
Scala, Dino	\$81,591.94		
Schnurbush, Barbara	\$48,251.32		
Seldin, Beth	\$723.59		
Silcocks, David	\$957.52		
Silcocks, Micheala	\$111.24		
Skelly, David	\$2,110.20		
Sylvia, Laurie	\$971.29		
Smith, John	\$34,900.48		
Soucy, Michael	\$61,283.50		



Wakefield
Summary Inventory of Valuation

Reports Required: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

Note: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

For assistance please contact:
 NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
 (603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

Assessor
Rodney Wood (R.B. WOOD & ASSOCIATES)

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
Rosemary Stewart	Chair Board of Assessors	
Kenneth Paul	member Board of Assessors	
Relf Fogg	member Board of Assessors	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Cynthia Bickford	522-6205	assessingdept@wakefieldnh.com

Preparer's Signature



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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	11,744.00	\$1,113,537	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	141.49	\$9,185	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	10,709.76	\$1,130,222,400	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	448.91	\$14,870,700	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	23,044.16	\$1,146,215,822	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,079.45	\$33,783,900	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$1,044,726,500	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$30,038,000	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$39,517,000	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$1,114,281,500	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$26,753,400	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$18,861,200	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$2,279,358,522	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$2,279,358,522	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	4	\$60,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	14	\$1,059,500
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	4	\$4,000
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	14	\$134,200
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$1,257,700
21A	Net Valuation			\$2,278,100,822
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$2,278,100,822
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$2,278,100,822
22	Less Utilities			\$18,861,200
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$2,259,239,622
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$2,259,239,622



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Utility Value Appraiser

GEORGE E. SANSOUCY

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOP	\$2,292,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,292,900
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$16,568,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,568,300
	\$18,861,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,861,200



Veterans' Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$750	264	\$191,250
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$2,000	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$2,000	27	\$54,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$750	50	\$36,750
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		341	\$282,000

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

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Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties: _____

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties: _____

Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)
 Granted/Adopted? No Structures: _____

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties: _____

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties: _____

Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties: _____
 Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted: _____
 Total Exemption Granted: _____

Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties: _____
 Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a: _____
 Current Assessed Value: _____



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	476.19	\$186,264
Forest Land	7,906.85	\$756,698
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	2,890.07	\$160,287
Unproductive Land	72.70	\$1,638
Wet Land	398.19	\$8,650
	11,744.00	\$1,113,537

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	5,328.85
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	2.05
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	172
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	328

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$19,990
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 100.00 %	Dollar Amount: \$0
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$19,990
Monies to General Fund		\$0

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	7.00	\$2,975
Forest Land	134.49	\$6,210
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	0.00	\$0
Unproductive Land	0.00	\$0
Wet Land	0.00	\$0
	141.49	\$9,185

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	128.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	0.00
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	3
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	4



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F					
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation	
0	0	0.00	\$0		

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D					
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation	
0	0	0.00	\$0		

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
<i>This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.</i>				

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$0.00	0.00
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$0.00	0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
<i>This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.</i>	

Notes

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY - 2023

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$3,228,400
<i>2 High Street</i>	
Public Safety Building, land and buildings	\$2,645,600
<i>2017 Wakefield Road</i>	
Fire Department, land and buildings	
Union	\$ 127,900
<i>236 Main Street</i>	
Sanbornville (included in Public Safety Building)	
East Wakefield	\$ 242,700
<i>21 Sanborn Road</i>	
	\$ 370,600
Highway Department, land and buildings	
<i>1488 Wakefield Road</i>	\$ 1,988,200
Parks and Recreation	
Annex Bldg (Parks & Rec)	\$ 279,600
<i>132 Meadow Street</i>	
Town Beach	\$ 591,100
<i>1 Cemetery Road</i>	
Sanbornville Playground	\$ 63,000
<i>Map 180 Lot 109</i>	
	\$ 933,700
Sewer Plants and facilities	\$ 179,500
<i>(1685 White Mtn. Highway - sewer plant and two lift stations located at 35 Meadow Street & 2392 White Mountain Highway)</i>	
Landfill, land and buildings	\$ 355,000
<i>330 Rines Road</i>	
All lands and buildings acquired through	
Tax collector's deed	\$ 1,279,600
All other property	\$ 4,817,400
	<u>\$15,798,000</u>

2023 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND							
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022						6,786,521.65	
(TD Bank and Profile Bank)							
2023 REVENUE:							
PROFILE & TD DEPOSITS (Tax Collector, Town Clerk & Bookkeeper)						16,502,285.84	
PROFILE & TD DEPOSITS - CREDIT CARDS						2,590,887.58	
TD BANK INTEREST						103,221.74	
TD BANK TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds, Deposits & C/C)						11,203,000.00	
TD BANK Bank Error Cashing Checks Adjustment						0.00	
TOTAL						37,185,916.81	
2023 EXPENSES:							
SELECTMEN ORDERS PAID						(19,406,893.50)	
PROFILE BANK AND TD BANK SERVICE CHARGES, RET'D CHECK FEES & CHECK PRINT FEE						(488.66)	
PROFILE AND TD BANK RETURNED CHECKS						(5,705.40)	
PROFILE BANK TRANSFERS TO TD BANK						(11,214,609.99)	
PROFILE AND TD BANK MISC ADJUS DUE TO BANK ERRORS						0.00	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023						6,558,219.26	
Profile Bank Balance as of 12/31/23						673,471.28	
TD Bank Balance as of 12/31/23						5,884,747.98	
TOTAL BANK BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023						6,558,219.26	

WAKEFIELD PARKS & RECREATION TD BANK FUND					
	BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023				\$58,914.82
	TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)		207,447.63		
	TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)		(130,221.87)		
	INTEREST		2,394.27		
	BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023				\$138,534.85

WAKEFIELD CONSERVATION TD BANK FUND					
	BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023				\$268,572.58
	TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)		20,070.40		
	TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)		(4,520.27)		
	INTEREST		7,509.81		
	BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023				\$291,632.52

WAKEFIELD HERITAGE TD BANK FUND					
	BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023				\$82,362.57
	TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)		3,785.00		
	TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)		(9,539.94)		
	INTEREST		2,182.87		
	BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023				\$78,790.50

WAKEFIELD SEWER TD BANK FUND									
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023									\$154,197.08
TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)							139,639.27		
TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)							(102,527.44)		
INTEREST							4,449.60		
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023									\$195,758.51

WAKEFIELD ESCROW TD BANK FUND									
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023									\$3,295.74
TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)							1,575.00		
TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)							(2,377.88)		
INTEREST							53.33		
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023									\$2,546.19

CABLE FRANCHISE TD BANK FUND									
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023									\$74,254.31
TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)							44,474.04		
TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)							(15,000.00)		
INTEREST							2,368.29		
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023									\$106,096.64

POLICE DETAIL TD BANK FUND									
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023									
\$16,199.09									
TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)									
16,312.00									
TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)									
(9,884.26)									
INTEREST									
494.65									
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023									
\$23,121.48									

POLICE FORFEITURE TD BANK FUND									
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023									
\$7,436.14									
TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)									
0.00									
TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)									
0.00									
INTEREST									
198.21									
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023									
\$7,634.35									

CAPITAL PROJECTS TD BANK FUND									

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023									
									\$777,300.58

TRANSFERS IN (From Various Town Funds)									
								0.00	

TRANSFERS OUT (To Various Town Funds)									
								(691,921.81)	

INTEREST									
								6,668.76	

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023									
									\$92,047.53

Respectfully Submitted,									
Laurel A. Morrill, Treasurer									
Jeanne Paul, Deputy Treasurer									

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Auto and Boat Permits (1023 boats registered 2023)	\$1,344,285.97
State Motor Vehicle Fees	\$ 544,300.11
Titles	\$ 2,942.00
Municipal Agent Fee	\$ 34,123.00
Vital Records	\$ 4,090.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 10,307.50
Filing Fees	\$ 10.00
Animal Control Fines	\$ 2,464.00
Fish and Game	\$ 8,596.00
Marriage	\$ 1,300.00
UCC Filing	\$ 881.00
Pole Licensing Fee	\$ 10.00
Mailing Fees	\$ 4,618.00
NSF Bank Fees	\$ 150.00
NSF Penalty Fees	\$ 60.00
Redeemed NSF Checks	\$ 1,755.40
Parking Tickets	\$ 0.00
Voter Checklist	\$ 25.00
Total Payments to Treasurer	\$1,959,917.98

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program is offered annually. Eligible resident homeowners, regardless of age, receive relief from a portion of the State Education Tax, which is included in our property tax rate. The filing period is May 1st – June 30th. The forms will be available at the town hall by the end of April, provided the State funds the program. The Legislature will vote on this program in April. For more details, please contact my office.

The office accepts partial payments for taxes. Many people find it easier to make smaller payments more often rather than trying to save for a larger amount twice per year. If anyone is interested in taking advantage of this option, please feel free to contact my office to make arrangements.

As always, anyone having tax questions is encouraged to call the office. The telephone number is (603) 522-6205, extension 305.

The office hours are: Monday-Friday 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Visit wakefield.nhtaxkiosk.com to view and pay your tax bill online.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Nichols
Certified Tax Collector



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning Jan 1, 2023 and ending Dec 31, 2023

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

Instructions

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

For Assistance Please Contact:

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

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: WAKEFIELD County: CARROLL Report Year: 2023

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name ANGIE Last Name NICHOLS
 Street No. 2 Street Name HIGH STREET Phone Number (603) 522-6205
 Email (optional) taxcollector@wakefieldnh.com



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020	
Property Taxes	3110		\$821,565.46			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$31,490.00			
Yield Taxes	3185		\$6,186.67	\$670.83		
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$7,832.87	\$1,350.55	\$499.15	
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$30,553.61)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2022	
Property Taxes	3110	\$15,325,303.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$5,000.00	
Yield Taxes	3185	\$701.82	\$3,809.87	
Excavation Tax	3187	\$208.00		
Other Taxes	3189	\$30,740.81	\$45,805.78	

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$16,030.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$4,858.44	\$35,138.50	\$283.50	\$79.47
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$15,347,288.46	\$956,829.15	\$2,304.88	\$578.62
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
	2022	2021	2020	
Property Taxes	\$13,315,858.02	\$686,783.64		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$19,990.00		
Yield Taxes	\$701.82	\$9,996.54	\$670.83	
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$4,788.44	\$29,636.50	\$283.50	\$79.47
Penalties	\$70.00	\$5,502.00		
Excavation Tax	\$208.00			
Other Taxes	\$22,664.73	\$46,698.70	\$1,205.92	\$499.15
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$152,438.37		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
	2022	2021	2020	
Property Taxes	\$18,094.00	\$785.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$1,591.01			
Current Levy Deeded	\$3,088.44	\$49.31	\$134.52	



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$2,006,367.58			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$6,441.63	\$4,949.09	\$10.11	
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$32,585.21)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$15,347,288.46	\$956,829.15	\$2,304.88	\$578.62

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$1,985,183.20
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$199,360.92



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$115,783.50	\$75,216.46
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$169,963.26		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$1,591.33	\$9,236.40	\$19,515.41
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$171,554.59	\$125,019.90	\$94,731.87

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$28,233.97	\$45,329.52	\$69,034.59
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$1,591.33	\$9,236.40	\$19,515.41
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				\$150.51
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$6,674.33	\$6,828.97	\$5,350.41
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$135,054.96	\$63,625.01	\$680.95
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$171,554.59	\$125,019.90	\$94,731.87

For DRA Use Only

Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$1,985,183.20
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$199,360.92



WAKEFIELD (459)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Angie

Nichols

1/4/2024

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

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

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

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

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

Angie Nichols

Preparer's Signature and Title

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD VENDOR HISTORY FOR 2023

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
125 Maintenance & Fence Inc	\$6,039.94	Apex Construction Inc	\$57,000.00
2 Way Communications Srvc	\$647.00	Applied Industrial Technologies	\$869.82
603 Property Maintenance	\$8,062.50	Aquaboggin	\$1,180.00
A/D Instrument Repair Inc	\$5,336.35	Arsenault Heating & AC LLC	\$185.00
AAA Police Supply	\$2,478.00	ASCAP	\$438.67
Abrahamson, Kathy	\$300.00	ATG Seabrook	\$2,352.55
AccuFund Inc	\$1,480.00	Atlantic Recycling Equipment	\$3,366.67
Ackerman, Donna	\$28.27	AutoZone	\$194.74
Acton Ridge LLC	\$120.00	Avellani, Lino	\$2,347.18
Admiral Fire & Safety Inc	\$662.67	Avitar Associates	\$19,993.00
Advanced Scale Inc	\$12,564.40	AXL Inc	\$200.00
Air Cleaning Specialists of NE	\$1,715.00	Axon Enterprise, Inc.	\$5,257.54
Airgas USA LLC	\$9,802.48	B.H. Cameron Septic Service	\$450.00
Albert Dana Morse IV	\$19,705.00	Badger Plumbing, Heating	\$243.00
Allen, Christopher	\$100.00	Baling Wire Direct	\$3,711.56
Almeida, Michael	\$360.00	Ballard Truck Center	\$1,991.40
Alton Motorsports Company	\$2,256.00	Belleau Lake Prop Owners	\$10,000.00
AMG Printing & Mailing LLC	\$197.50	Ben's Uniforms	\$9,199.36
Andrew J Foss Inc.	\$1,100.00	Bickford, Cynthia	\$375.98

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Black Line Printing & Apparel	\$581.25	Certified Computer Solutions	\$52,629.50
Blacksmith Printing	\$201.03	Chappell Tractor	\$29,271.90
BLIMP	\$7,500.00	Charter Communications	\$24,637.24
Bodah, Antoinette	\$26.99	Chase, Kellie	\$340.00
Brenntag Lubricants Northeast	\$801.85	Chasse, Catherine	\$60.00
Brodeur, Nicole M	\$3.42	Cintas	\$733.12
Brox Industries Inc	\$22,985.74	City of Rochester	\$2,224.19
BSN Sports	\$5,096.06	CivicPlus Inc	\$3,292.90
Burke Quarry LLC	\$1,383.34	Clairmont Asphalt Paving	\$16,000.00
Burrows, Steve	\$575.00	Clearview Community TV Serv	\$15,000.00
BYBSA	\$351.21	CMP Home & Property Maint	\$33,000.00
C.A.B. Innovations	\$1,200.00	Cohen Steel Supply	\$1,334.70
CAI Technologies	\$7,950.50	Colbath, Priscilla	\$70.54
CN Brown	\$409.90	Colbath, Richard	\$60.00
Calico Graphics	\$8,034.80	Collins Sport Center Inc	\$776.55
Campbell, Lindsey	\$4.50	Collins, Kelley	\$40.00
Carroll County Oil LLC	\$885.80	Colonial Municipal Group	\$82,934.34
Carroll County Registry of Deeds	\$692.54	Comstar	\$13,711.24
Carroll County Sheriff's Dept	\$83.25	Comstock, Kenneth	\$12.00
Carroll County Treasurer	\$1,600,278.00	Conway Office Solutions	\$8,377.27
Carrot-Top Industries Inc	\$1,361.92	Conway Parks & Rec Dept	\$550.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Corelogic Services	\$10,832.00	Doe, Steven	\$1,001.82
Cormier, Paul	\$340.00	Donahue Tucker & Ciandella	\$248.47
Courtney, Jason	\$60.00	Donna Kerwin Lane	\$10,750.00
Couture, Gabryele	\$300.00	Donovan Equipment Co Inc	\$5,922.72
Couture, Paul	\$600.00	Douglas & Carolyn Sedille	\$60.00
Covino, Natalie	\$60.00	Downs Revocable Trust of 2020	\$60.00
Cowen, Charles	\$277.00	Drummond Woodsum	\$24,181.29
Crowell's Painting & Drywall	\$3,500.00	Dube Plus Construction	\$180.00
Crowell's Towing & Repair	\$19,909.19	East Coast Electronics Recycl	\$975.00
Crystal Rock LLC	\$2,602.85	Eastern Analytical Inc	\$1,859.00
Cuso Home Lending	\$5.00	Eastern Minerals Inc	\$75,469.49
Custom Truck Capital	\$31,236.00	Eastern Propane	\$552.90
Daigle, Michelle	\$360.00	Eastern Wear Parts	\$1,881.00
Dame Electric LLC	\$995.00	Edmond & Deboral Arcand	\$60.00
Davis, Janet	\$62.80	Edwards Builders	\$180.00
Davis, Jill	\$838.00	Elms, Linda	\$200.00
Dead River Company	\$341.16	Emergency Medical Products Inc	\$12,069.73
Dependable Pest Solutions	\$215.00	Emergency Services Marketing	\$660.00
Devine, Liam	\$25.00	EMSAR	\$1,382.80
Diana Spaulding	\$150.00	Equipment East	\$1,360.00
Dill, Rick	\$99.04	ESO Solutions Inc	\$1,633.00
DiPrizios Garage, Inc	\$1,761.56	Espy, Cindy	\$40.00

Vendor Name	Payments	Vendor Name	Payments
EverSource Energy	\$105,773.65	GC/AAA Fence Company	\$15,261.00
Farmington 500	\$506.50	GENH Basketball League	\$350.00
Fastenal Company	\$686.81	George E Sansoucy PE LLC	\$9,875.00
Fenton, Michael	\$18.00	Gilmanon Winery & Vineyard	\$732.76
Fields Motorcars of Florida Inc	\$279.80	Gosselin, Peter	\$360.00
Firematic Supply Co Inc	\$14,788.43	Grafix Shoppe	\$277.00
First National Bank	\$57,230.04	Granite State Gate Systems	\$140.00
Firstlight	\$2,393.66	Gray, Terry	\$10.00
Fisher Auto Parts	\$180.19	Great Bay Graphics	\$58.00
FleetPride	\$970.28	Great East Lake Imp Assoc	\$5,000.00
Fogg, Arlene	\$330.00	Greater Wakefield Chamber	\$25.00
Fogg, Relf	\$1,000.00	Greater Wakefield Resource	\$20,000.00
Folkersen, Jon	\$60.00	Griffin, Kate	\$20.00
Fosters Material Inc	\$911.76	Hales Professional Turf Service	\$32,900.00
Fox Randie	\$45.00	Health Trust	\$921,901.47
Freedom Printers LLC	\$485.37	Hewins, Robert	\$356.57
G W Brooks and Sons Inc	\$43,077.00	Holden Engineering & Survey	\$14,374.90
Gafney Library Inc	\$111,090.00	Hope, Emily	\$143.92
Garland, Seth	\$122.45	Howard P Fairfield LLC	\$2,242.28
Gary Gottaschalk & Meliss Lewis	\$60.00	Howe Two Lawncare & Land	\$1,285.00
Gatehouse Media Mass	\$16.49	Hubbard Consulting LLC	\$2,000.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Hudson, Mark	\$180.00
Hughes, William E	\$200.00
Hunter, Bruce	\$3,551.00
Hydro GeoChemical Solutions	\$7,146.60
IDS- Identification Source	\$497.50
Impact Fire Services LLC	\$172.00
Industrial Burner Services LLC	\$731.50
Industrial Protection Services	\$4,598.81
Innovative Roofing NH LLC	\$42,750.00
International Code Council Inc	\$20.00
International Institute of Muni Ck	\$185.00
Interstate Billing Services	\$3,830.44
Interware Development	\$702.00
Invoice Cloud	\$225.00
Irving Energy	\$64,945.20
Irving Oil Marketing	\$1,674.87
Janson, Steven	\$119.18
Jeff & Nancy Perkins	\$495.00
Jefferson Solutions Inc	\$4,025.00
Jeffrey Steven Hughes	\$275.00
Jerome, Shawn	\$550.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Johnson Controls Fire Protection	\$2,533.65
Jon & Julie Howell	\$60.00
Jordan Equipment Co	\$834.20
Joshua L Clements	\$8,000.00
JP Pest Services	\$1,010.00
JWB Tools	\$912.75
Kallenback, Walter	\$875.00
Karcher, Wendy	\$60.00
Kaz's Fine Lines	\$3,737.50
Kenney Communications	\$5,898.80
Kevin & Bonnie Crowe	\$60.00
Kimball Midwest	\$2,383.32
Knight Security Alarm Co Inc	\$528.00
Kuech, Pat	\$80.00
L & P Electric LLC	\$320.00
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus	\$13,923.60
Lakes Region Septic Service	\$800.00
Langs HVAC	\$11,823.12
Lapierre Septic Service	\$300.00
Laurent Door Systems	\$545.80
Lavertue, Larry	\$1,680.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Lawton, Adam	\$40.00	Martel Overhead Doors Inc	\$435.00
LEAF Capital Funding LLC	\$1,945.68	Matthew & Rachel Kelley	\$60.00
Leif Loren Crook	\$60.00	McClure, Andrew	\$671.00
Lareta LLC	\$2,719.00	McConkey, Mark	\$3,080.00
Lexipol	\$1,293.76	McDonough, Coleman	\$446.00
LHS Associates Inc	\$4,275.60	McFarland Ford of Rochester	\$656.63
Libby, Dawson	\$126.90	Mckenna Septic LLC	\$8,400.00
Life Safety Fire Protection	\$1,992.00	Meroski, Gina Golden	\$90.00
Llewellyn, Peter	\$20.00	Metropolitan Life Ins Co	\$215.01
Longmeadow Farm	\$8,617.61	Middleton Building Supply	\$32,222.14
Lovell Lake Association	\$4,650.00	Miller, Gabrielle	\$45,358.92
Lovell Lake Food Center	\$1,706.78	Minuteman Press	\$436.82
MA Bean Associates LLC	\$232,000.00	Mitchell 1	\$3,908.00
Mailings Unlimited	\$6,434.05	MKG Enterprises	\$1,485.00
Maine Energy Systems LLC	\$5,822.00	ML Brady Consulting & Constr	\$643,281.50
Maine Oxy	\$798.93	Monarch Mountain Minerals	\$22,307.72
Maine Wildlife Park	\$295.00	Motorola Solutions Inc	\$28,092.54
Mancini, Richard	\$250.49	Mr Drew & His Animals Too	\$270.00
Marc & Cynthia Lejeune	\$60.00	Mulkern, Larissa	\$360.00
Marcoux, Amber	\$124.59	Municipal Resources Inc	\$4,637.07
Marshwood Boys Youth Basket	\$200.00	Murray, Grace	\$80.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Myers, John	\$80.00	NH Fish & Game Dept	\$9,606.50
MyRecDept.com	\$2,995.00	NH Municipal Assoc	\$200.00
Nancy L Dee	\$2,355.00	NH Preservation Alliance	\$50.00
NEACTC	\$35.00	NH Public Works Assoc	\$100.00
NEMCI & A Treasurer	\$1,100.00	NH Tax Collectors Assoc	\$140.00
NE Assoc of Chiefs of Police	\$100.00	NHLWAA	\$45.00
New England Coffee	\$725.97	NHRS	\$13.85
New England Ladder Testing	\$715.00	NHTCA	\$110.00
New England Recreation Group	\$295.00	NHTCA/NHCTCA Joint Cert	\$75.00
New England Truck Tire	\$778.50	Nichols, Angie	\$68.12
New England Vehicle Outfitters	\$1,262.00	North Coast Services LLC	\$14,058.42
NH Fisher Cats	\$605.00	Northeast Arbor Tec	\$2,700.00
New Style Homes	\$60.00	NorthEast Mailing Systems LLC	\$254.28
Newcomb, Brenda	\$40.00	Northeast Resource Recovery	\$2,366.35
NH Assoc of Conservation Com	\$750.00	Northern Tire & Alignment	\$995.82
NH Assoc Chiefs of Police	\$200.00	Norway Bank	\$142.00
NH Assoc Assessing Officials	\$45.00	NRRA	\$545.72
NH Building Officials Support	\$50.00	Nyberg, Britta	\$15.00
NH Dept of Revenue Admin	\$30.00	Onsite Drug & Alcohol Services	\$331.50
NH Electric Co-op	\$201.12	Ossipee Aggregates	\$8,993.16
NH Electric Cooperative	\$19.97	Ossipee Concerned Citizens	\$13,540.75

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	\$21,154.93	Prodigy	\$1,050.00
Ossipee Valley Mutual Aid	\$6,000.00	Profile Bank	\$1,482.00
Ouellette, David	\$109.69	Province Lake Association	\$4,375.00
Palmer & Sicard Inc	\$3,947.08	Province Lake Road Holdings	\$150.55
Paul, Jeanne	\$24.90	Province Line Associates LLC	\$535.63
PC Development Realty Trust	\$258.74	Psychological Resources	\$300.00
Pete's Tire Barn Inc	\$3,383.76	Purchase Power	\$288.19
Pierce, Walter	\$1,250.00	Quality Fire Protection	\$536.50
Pike Industries Inc	\$74.34	Quill Corporation	\$2,214.03
Pine River Pond Association	\$3,000.00	R.B. Wood & Associates	\$71,250.00
Pioneer Manufacturing Co	\$192.78	RC Brayshaw & Co LLC	\$1,479.00
Pioneer Mechanical Inc	\$1,128.00	Robert & Diane Proulx	\$60.00
Pitney Bowes	\$786.12	Robert & Orietta Shimansky	\$60.00
Pomeroy, Thomas M	\$300.00	Robinson, Wayne	\$360.00
Pontem Software	\$1,550.00	Rochester Babe Ruth	\$680.00
Portland Sea Dogs	\$800.00	Rochester Ford	\$77.00
Power Up Generator Service	\$590.00	Rochester Truck	\$1,520.00
Powers Generator Service	\$3,228.62	Rodney & Donna Baker	\$252.77
Pratt, Sandy	\$40.00	Ron Curriers Hilltop Chevrolet	\$2,072.00
Prest, Ann	\$80.00	Ross, James	\$6.00
Primex	\$145,026.00	Runnells, Jeffery	\$60.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Ryan Wilbert	\$46.51
Rymes Propane & Oil	\$1,354.58
S.A. McLean & Sons	\$20.00
Safe Sitter Inc	\$133.20
SAI Site Acquisition LLC	\$506.49
Salmon Falls Construction LLC	\$25,000.00
Salmon Press LLC	\$4,670.00
Sanbornville Auto	\$35,715.37
Sanbornville Water Dept	\$450.00
Sanford Radiator	\$1,072.39
Scala, Dino	\$120.03
Schnurbush, Barbara	\$599.55
Seacoast Business Machines	\$905.57
Seacoast Learning Collaborative	\$1,300.00
Seacoast Overhead Doors Inc	\$664.00
Seacoast Security Inc	\$451.50
Sebastian Septic Service	\$3,000.00
Seven Lakes Marine Service LLC	\$48.90
Seven Oaks Drafting & Design	\$157.50
SIG Sauer Inc	\$425.00
Smith, John	\$67.39

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Songo River Queen II	\$720.00
SOS Systems	\$1,080.00
Southport Printing Company	\$133.25
Southworth-Milton Inc	\$1,343.85
Stanley Elevator Company	\$3,466.00
Staples	\$16,209.17
Staples Credit Plan	\$56.45
State of NH Criminal Records	\$50.00
State of NH DMV	\$15.00
Stevens, Michael	\$400.00
Stone Hill Municipal Services	\$738.29
Strafford Regional Planning	\$7,720.12
Stratham Tire	\$3,339.26
Strogen's Service Experts	\$1,227.33
Sugarloaf Ambulance/Rescue	\$541.29
Sullivan, Jack	\$980.00
Superior Plus Propane	\$444.90
Sussann Foster Brown Studio	\$270.00
The Country Sweep	\$195.00
The Kindness Animal Hospital	\$321.00
Thomas E Huckins LLC	\$8,000.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Thomas V Naro & E Yamanaka	\$27.00	Tru Blu Auto	\$84.00
Thomas, Maynard	\$36.42	Tut's Trophies & Awards	\$9.50
Thornton, Jeffrey W	\$850.00	Twombly, Connie	\$623.77
Tim Christian Electric	\$210.00	UNH Technology Transfer Ctr	\$200.00
TMDE Calibration Labs Inc	\$675.75	UNH 4-H Camp	\$3,201.00
Town of Brookfield	\$1,009.00	Union School House Realty	\$60.00
Town of Middleton	\$27,112.00	United Healthcare	\$161.44
Town of Wakefield, Prop Taxes	\$2,950.90	University of Maine 4-H Centers	\$291.00
Town of Wakefield, Sewer	\$1,076.78	Upton & Hatfield LLP	\$7,242.00
Toy-Caron, Nicole	\$50.48	US Bank Equipment Finance TH	\$6,841.57
Tracings Graphics & Screen Printi	\$3,080.80	US Postal Service	\$210.00
Treasurer State of NH	\$6,647.15	USABlueBook	\$576.82
Treasurer State of NH Vital Rec	\$3,368.00	USDA	\$1,103.07
Treasurer State of NH Fuel	\$107,284.78	USDA-RD	\$2,206.14
Treasurer, State of NH	\$372.00	Vachon Clukay & Company PC	\$15,500.00
Treasurer, State of NH Animal	\$3,422.50	Verda, Kathleen	\$60.00
Treasurer, State of NH DES	\$200.00	Verizon Connect NWF Inc	\$1,133.30
Treasurer, State of NH DOL	\$700.00	Verizon Wireless	\$8,188.78
Treasurer-State of NH DOT	\$20.00	Vinagro, Victor M	\$342.53
Tremblay, Gary	\$60.00	Wade Excavation	\$60.00
Triumph Roofing Inc	\$12,200.00	Wakefield Glass Company	\$297.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Wakefield Library Assoc	\$9,000.00
Wakefield Projects Inc	\$11,000.00
Wakefield School District	\$8,609,215.00
Walnut Printing Specialities Inc	\$1,568.00
Ward, Valerie	\$353.40
Waste Management of NH	\$282,312.79
Water Industries Inc	\$221.96
Waugh, Peter	\$400.00
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	\$1,680.00
Wentworth Health Partners	\$27.00
Weston Auto Body	\$11,575.10
Whitehouse Sr., John	\$60.00
Whitney Consulting Group LLC	\$4,000.00
Williams, Shawn	\$35.00
Windy Ridge Corporation	\$309.00
Winn, Robert	\$45.29
Winnepesaukee Drug Consortium	\$679.00
Zoll Medical Corporation	\$345.00

Tax Rate Breakdown

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
TOWN	2.14	2.85	2.77	2.95	2.65	2.91	3.21	3.25
SCHOOL	4.51	4.59	5.33	5.57	5.94	5.81	5.98	6.04
COUNTY	0.94	0.98	1.09	0.97	1.04	1.07	1.14	1.38
STATE ED.	2.22	2.23	2.50	2.48	2.32	2.49	2.41	2.39
TOTAL	9.81	10.65	11.69	11.97	11.95	12.28	12.74	13.06
NET TOWN TAX BASE	995,864,046	1,000,269,465	873,625,060	904,093,066	905,305,589	886,664,228	889,777,831	894,619,377
SALES ASSESS RATIO	99.20%	105.60%	100%	100%	109.30%	103%	101.90%	97.50%
TOWN	3.39	2.98	3.08	3.18	3.29	3.52	3.48	1.72
SCHOOL	5.87	5.92	5.11	6.24	5.97	5.66	6.06	3.33
COUNTY	1.40	1.46	1.11	1.12	1.22	1.22	1.28	0.70
STATE ED.	2.28	2.29	1.96	1.93	1.90	1.94	1.43	1.10
TOTAL	12.94	12.65	11.26	12.47	12.38	12.34	12.25	6.85
NET TOWN TAX BASE	900,407,523	909,497,316	1,100,079,865	1,105,746,467	1,115,150,573	1,127,207,926	1,138,295,771	2,259,240
SALES ASSESS RATIO	94.70%	89.40%	101.00%	93.50%	86.80%	72.50%	61.20%	

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In Wakefield, 2023 was full of challenges that sent the Town's elected officials down a path of many "first time decisions" which had us searching for answers on how to proceed and, of course, what would be the best action for the Town and its citizens.

In the March election the voters voted in a Default Budget over the requested Operating Budget. When this happens, we, the Board of Selectmen, are faced with the option of having a "Special Meeting" and a re-vote on just the operating budget. This is a long, cumbersome method, and the Selectmen felt it better to use the Default Budget numbers to move forward with the will of the voters. In doing so the Board of Selectmen had to make up a difference of approximately \$880,000--the amount between the requested Operating Budget and the Default Budget. This presented several challenges as we were tasked to create an entirely new budget. Some of the actions taken were hiring freezes, stops on merit and COLA increases for all employees and reductions in overtime, cuts in department hours, as well as Town Hall employees working four days a week and a reduction in their hours. There were also cuts in several Parks and Recreation events throughout the year, and department scheduled maintenance for buildings and equipment; and several road projects were placed on hold.

Fire/EMT and Police were shorthanded at the start of the year and had difficulty filling the slots they had; and this transpired into longer hours for staff to fill the gaps and more overtime for those departments. With both Fire and Police experiencing increases in calls in 2022, we braced for more calls with less staff, but all the while they continued to service the community with professionalism and integrity.

The DPW team also faced some challenges with their budget being reduced and the road repair capital reserve being defeated as well. It is easy to say the last thing the town needed was a late April flood, let alone three more throughout the year! The storms in 2023 had taken an enormous toll on our culverts, bridges and roads. In Late April and early May Wakefield saw several roads closed due to being impassable and one closed due to a bridge being washed away entirely. The DPW team along with the Transfer station did rise to occasion and did the best they could with limited materials and equipment to get the roads back open and rebuild not one, but two bridges. A job well done, thank you!

The Town Clerk and Building and Code Departments saw some increases in their revenues, which helps offset the expenses side to operating the Town. This being done while they were short staffed and shortened hours. We appreciate all they do and their continued professionalism as they interact with the citizens of our town.

The Tax Collector and the Assessing Department saw a massive uptick in questions from the public as the new valuation for the town's properties was released in late fall. Around the same time, sadly, Cindy Bickford--our Assessing Tech of over 25 year--left her position here in Wakefield. Her experience and knowledge will be missed and we wish her all the best. We thank both departments for their expertise in their positions.

The Parks and Recreation Department, in order to make their new budget work, had the hard decision of cutting some summer programs, trips and concerts throughout the year. Even with the reduction in programs, the Rec Department saw high numbers of kids participating in summer camp and after school programs; and we hope to continue this trend as more kids sign up for camps and sports. As of this writing we are close to seeing the completion of the new ballfield Pavilion centrally located between all of our ballfields. This pavilion will have a snack shack and bathrooms, along with several picnic tables and benches for families to watch the games and share in the fun. This could not have been built were it not for a tremendous group of volunteers and generous donations making it possible for this project to be completely free of any tax dollars and completed by a NH grant.

All in all, although it was a very challenging year, the Town and its employees did rise up to the occasion and performed above and beyond. We would like to thank all of the Town employees for doing more with less and through it all still working with outstanding service and professionalism for the townspeople of Wakefield.

Please visit the town website at www.wakefieldnh.com to stay up to date with meetings, notices and events.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard "Charlie" Edwards, Chairman
Mark Duffy, Board Member
Kenneth Fifield, Board Member

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

A total revaluation was conducted in 2023 as required by law (RSA 75:8). A total revaluation is whereby the municipality attempts to align what it estimates the value of each individual property within the municipality with what that property's true market value is.

The following is available on the Assessor's website:

- An explanation of the revaluation process
- A list of qualified sales
- A complete list of all property assessments
- A letter from the Town Administrator
- Our tax rates from 2019-2024

If you feel your property is not assessed correctly, you may download an Abatement Form from the Assessor's website. It must be submitted to the Assessor's Department by March 1, 2024.

With deep regret, we announce that our Assessing Technician, Cindy Bickford, has resigned. She always served the Town with efficiency and courtesy. We will miss her.

The Board meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 9:30 A.M. If you would like to meet with the Board, please contact the Assessing Office directly. The Assessing Office can be reached at assessingdept@wakefieldnh.com or (603)522-6205 X300.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemary Stewart, Chairperson
Kenneth S. Paul
Relf Fogg

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The accounts of the Town of Wakefield for the year 2023 will be audited in March 2024. The Auditor's Report is expected to be completed in Summer 2024 and will be available for public inspection at the Selectmen's office, once received.

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF WAKEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2022

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,186,955	\$ 777,301	\$ 667,449	\$ 4,631,705
Investments	1,242,533		329,661	1,572,194
Taxes receivable, net	543,584			543,584
Accounts receivable, net	83,059		69,118	152,177
Due from other governments	120,232			120,232
Due from other funds			75,112	75,112
Prepaid items	238,526			238,526
Tax dedeed property	10,323			10,323
Total Assets	<u>5,425,212</u>	<u>777,301</u>	<u>1,141,340</u>	<u>7,343,853</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	-	-	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 5,425,212</u>	<u>\$ 777,301</u>	<u>\$ 1,141,340</u>	<u>\$ 7,343,853</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 185,968	\$ 350,000	\$ 2,921	\$ 538,889
Accrued liabilities	250,408			250,408
Due to other funds	56,623		18,489	75,112
Payable from restricted assets	2,792			2,792
Advance from grantors	338,464			338,464
Total Liabilities	<u>834,255</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>21,410</u>	<u>1,205,665</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Property taxes collected in advance	30,555			30,555
Uncollected land use change taxes	31,490			31,490
Uncollected property taxes	363,700			363,700
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>425,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,745</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	248,849		81,889	330,738
Restricted	151,949	419,292	338,273	909,514
Committed	1,247,173		699,768	1,946,941
Assigned	50,924	8,009		58,933
Unassigned	2,466,317			2,466,317
Total Fund Balances	<u>4,165,212</u>	<u>427,301</u>	<u>1,119,930</u>	<u>5,712,443</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,425,212</u>	<u>\$ 777,301</u>	<u>\$ 1,141,340</u>	<u>\$ 7,343,853</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

WAKEFIELD CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT 2023

I would like to thank Cory Pike, our cemetery maintenance person, for the excellent work in keeping the cemeteries in Wakefield in very good condition this year.

A big thank you to Dave Tinkham, John Myers, the Wakefield Beautification Projects, the Wakefield Congregational Church men's group, as well as the VFW group for placing new American flags on all the graves of veterans in our Lovell Lake Cemetery as well as the numerous outlying cemeteries in May, prior to Memorial Day.

There were 14 Cremation burials and 5 full burials in 2023. There was only one burial plot sold in Stone Hedge Cemetery in 2023. Each plot is 4' x 10', and costs \$800.00. If anyone is interested in buying a plot, please contact one of the Trustees.

Several private burial grounds are available for adopting. Please contact one of the Trustees for more information.

Our goals for 2024 are:

- Repair more monuments in Lovell Lake Cemetery and other burial grounds.

- Three large pine trees hopefully will be removed from Lovell Lake Cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip Twombly, Chairman/Sec
David Tibbetts
Jackie Keating
Aaron Nason, Alternate

**BUILDING INSPECTION, SHORELAND &
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

PERMITS ISSUED:	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
NEW HOMES/GARAGES	60	48
DEMO/REBUILT	19	18
ADDITIONS/DECKS	34	40
COMMERCIAL	4	2
DEMOLITION	21	22
SIGNS	2	1
RENOVATIONS	7	18
RENEWALS	7	10
ELECTRICAL	189	193
PLUMBING	49	65
MECHANICAL	200	222
SHORELAND	42	50
SOLAR	13	25
MISC.	65	58
POOLS	5	1
CERT. OF OCCUPANCY	<u>60</u>	<u>46</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>714</u>	 <u>819</u>

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED in 2022 \$142,142.97

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED in 2023 \$134,176.81

In 2023, the Building/Code/Shoreland Department conducted 783 compliance inspections and investigated multiple Citizen Complaints.

Changes to the Department this past year included staff and a temporary reduction in hours and days of service. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Pete Gosselin assumed additional duties as Shoreland Officer and Health Officer mid-year following the departure of Victor Vinagro, whose expertise and service to the town was greatly appreciated. In his absence,

Administrative Assistant Larissa Mulkern, took on additional duties as temporary Land Use Clerk for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment until Amber Marcoux joined the staff in that position in the Fall of 2023. We all look forward to serving the public with full staffing in 2024!

Permits are required per Wakefield Zoning Ordinance 2019 Article 36.

A reminder that appointments are required for submission of building, demolition, shoreland, or land use (subdivision, conditional use, variance, etc.) applications, and in-office or on-site consultations. The office is in the lower level of the town hall with easiest accessibility from the parking lot behind the building off Meadow Street. Electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits are available on a walk-in basis during regular office hours: Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Building permits and other applications are available at our office during regular business hours, and are downloadable from the Town's website at: www.wakefieldnh.com, through the **Forms & Documents** link under **Citizen Action Center** on the home page.

If you have questions or concerns with any building or code enforcement issues, call the office at 603-522-6205, ext. 309, or email Pete Gosselin at bldginspector@wakefieldnh.com.

Lastly, we would like to thank you for your continued patience and support during this challenging past year and offer our best wishes for a safe and healthy 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Gosselin
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement/
Health Officer/Shoreland Officer

Larissa Mulkern
Administrative Assistant
Code, Building & Land Use Department

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Wakefield Fire/Rescue Department operates with 7 full time Firefighter/AEMT's and 22 call members who work in conjunction to cover calls.

In 2023 the department saw a decrease in calls. The department was dealing with staffing shortages as well as a default budget. The default budget restricted the department to mostly payroll, maintenance and repairs of apparatus and equipment repairs. In 2023 the department again saw occasion of covid-positive cases within the department which led to rescheduling and backfilling shifts, but at no time did we have a loss of coverage for emergency services for the townspeople of Wakefield or Brookfield.

The Wakefield Fire Department is one of the busiest municipal combined fire/ambulance services in Carroll County. The Department has responded to a total of 1177 calls in 2023, a 17% decrease over 2022. The number of EMS calls show a slight decrease, while fire calls show an increase. EMS calls in 2023 were 737; Fire calls in 2023 were 440.

Medical Calls	737	Water/Ice Rescue's	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	91	Fire, Misc.	8
Public Assist	26	Alarm Activations	43
Building Fires	25	Chimney/Furnace Fires	2
Car Fires	1	Brush Fires	3
Illegal Fires	9	Mutual Aid	61
Service calls	17	Spills, Leaks, Hazards	16
Good Intent	22	Water/Steam Leak	2
Power Lines	22	Misc. calls	5
Carbon Monoxide	4	Smoke Investigation	41
Severe Weather	40		

Areas of town: Total Calls Fire/EMS:

Sanbornville (Zone 1)	423	East Wakefield (Zone 2)	496
Union (Zone 3)	64	Brookfield (Zone 4)	104

Wakefield is a member of the Ossipee Valley Mutual Aid Association, which covers most of the towns in southern Carroll County. We also have mutual aid relationships with our neighbors across the border in Maine and those in Strafford County.

Listed below are the members of the Wakefield Fire Rescue Department. I would like to thank them for their dedication and their families for the support and understanding for the long hours.

Fire Officers

Rhodes Haskell, Deputy Chief	Brad Beveridge, FF/AEMT(Career)
Ken Paul Jr, Captain, FF/EMR	Mike Moore, Lieutenant FF/EMR

Career Personnel

Stephen McMullen, FF/AEMT	Joseph Burkett, FF/AEMT
Frank Pevear, FF/AEMT	Joe Brabant, FF/AEMT
Liam Devine, FF/AEMT	Matt Brabant, FF/EMT

Call Personnel

Janet Williamson, Paramedic	Jarrold Wheeler, FF/Paramedic
Ray Stolarski, FF/Paramedic	John Cunningham, FF/Paramedic
Dawson Libby, FF /Paramedic	Andrew Perkins, FF /AEMT
Dawson Cotreau, FF / EMT	David Skelly, FF / EMT
Courtney Trepanier, FF	Steve Petsche, FF
Dave Cotreau, FF	Dean Nason, FF
Dave Silcocks, FF	Arron Lavoie, FF
John Nason, FF	

Auxiliary Members

Dan Moore, FF/EMT

Derek Chouinard, FF Paramedic

Eric Boggs FF

Caitlin Chouinard, FF

My thanks and gratitude to the Sanbornville Firemen's Association, and the members of the department that assist in raising money through out the year. All funds that are raised go toward the purchase of new equipment.

The replacement plans for our ambulances are set up on a 5-year rotation schedule. This allows the department to purchase one new ambulance every five years. This is due to the number of miles they accumulate over that time period. The Fire apparatus we have on a 20-25-year rotating replacement plan. The Department's newest Ambulance was put into service in early 2022 and the Department's new rescue has been ordered and is expected to be delivered February 2024.

The officers and members of the Wakefield Fire Rescue Department want to thank all the town departments and the citizens of Wakefield. We appreciate and value your help and support throughout the year. Thank you all!

Check your smoke and CO detectors; also check your heating systems and chimneys for any issues. Help us to help you in an emergency, make sure your house numbers are visible from the street. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe and have a healthy 2024.

Respectfully submitted

Todd C. Nason, Chief

Wakefield Fire Rescue Department

Gafney Library

The highlight for the Gafney in 2023 was the opening of the new, 2,600 square foot Cynthia A. Beaver Wing in February. The new wing features a large youth area including a designated teen space. New comfortable seating in the Alden Young Reading Room was a hit for those reading, playing cribbage and doing homework.

Due to the budget cuts in March, a new programming position to create organized programs in the new community room was put on hold, the literacy program was eliminated, hours were cut, and staff pay reduced. One-time donors contributed enough to open back to 25 hours per week and restore staff pay in late June. It is hoped that in the new budget year, will bring a variety of programs for all ages in the new community room, and restoration of the literacy program.

From February 5, 2023, through December 201st:

- 6,959 patrons were served.
- 15,868 items were checked out.
- 8,285 electronic items (eBooks, audiobooks, movies, tv shows, magazines, comics) were checked out remotely by patrons using a personal phone, laptop and/or tablet.
- 765 interlibrary loans were borrowed by us from other NH libraries.
- 536 interlibrary loans were borrowed from us by other NH libraries.
- 328 new library cards were issued.
- \$198,402 was saved by Wakefield and Brookfield patrons by borrowing items from the Gafney instead of buying them (as calculated using a library value calculator based on retail value data in our library system).
- 97 people had taxes prepared in our AARP tax prep program.
- 9 monthly art exhibits and receptions were organized by Library Assistant/Exhibit Coordinator, Peter Abate.
- 14,000 minutes were read by 53 youth signed up for the summer reading program organized by Youth Coordinator Susan Dansereau, and just under 800 books were read.

- Food Pantry collection of donated items
- In the community room: 15 area library directors met twice; Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours; HiSET Testing.
- Serviced two offsite book clubs, providing multiple copies of books monthly

Our appreciation goes to the Friends of Wakefield Libraries (FOWL) whose purpose is to raise funding and provide support to both the Gafney and Wakefield Free Library. FOWL provided funding for Hoopla (electronic eBooks, audiobooks, movies, comics, magazines and tv shows), the summer reading program materials, newspapers, and BookPages (readers advisory) subscription for the Gafney.

The Gafney Board of Trustees and Staff are truly grateful for the huge financial and moral support we received in 2023 from our Wakefield and Brookfield communities. Board members are: Dick DesRoches, President; Aru'vah Ferrill, Vice President; Tom Cassidy, Treasurer; Cathie Chasse, Secretary; Sharon Theiling, Corresponding Secretary; Julie Kessler, Wakefield Trustee; Tom Lavender, Cait Mills, Jennifer Rich, Heather Wilcauskas and Alternate Chuck Hodsdon. Former Trustees Janet Gould and Barbara Wadleigh, recently retired from the Board, deserve a very large thank you for their many years of service.

We look forward to the future, to the many new programs and services the Gafney will provide for the Wakefield and Brookfield communities as your library, where people gather, learn, and grow.

Finally, on a personal note, I will be retiring on June 30, 2024. The joy and feedback I've received from all of you over the past 25 years is immeasurable, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Beryl Donovan, Library Director

GAFNEY LIBRARY	2023	*2023 YTD
Operating Income/Expense	Budget	Jan to Dec
Income	Request	Gafney
Town of Brookfield Support	16,000	14,000
Town of Wakefield Support	187,600	111,000
Fundraising	9,659	9,991
Annual Appeal	12,341	12,610
Interest Income	200	192
Grants & Misc Assorted	2,000	7,233
Book Sales, Donations, Copier/Fax	1,500	3,962
Membership Dues-Non Resident Fees	200	200
Sub-total	229,500	159,188
Emergency Fundraising		56,500
Total Income	229,500	215,688
Expense		
Programs	29,000	2,730
Contracted Services	19,000	12,634
Facilities and Equipment	14,000	14,910
Technology	5,000	6,508
Operations	24,000	24,299
Insurance Expenses	10,000	11,420
Travel and Meetings	500	434
Payroll Wages and Taxes	128,000	102,228
		8,149
Total Expense	229,500	175,164

***2023 Year End- there will still be a few Dec bills to record**

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission continues its work of identifying, protecting and preserving Wakefield's historic sites both built and natural. We are continually adding to our exhibits at the East Wakefield School, the Heritage Centre at the Lovell Union Grange building and all sites at Heritage Park in Union. The Park is the home of the 1903 railroad plow car, the 1912 Railroad Station, the restored Freight House, the last remaining B&M wooden water tower and the recently acquired Wentworth Cobbler Shop. This year we have completed roofing and painting maintenance at the East Wakefield School, the installation of the cedar shingles on the Cobbler Shop, removing the in-line gutters at the railroad station to prepare for replacement, replaced siding on and painted the plow car. We also purchased and had installed the first 96 feet of iron fence by the railway tracks at Turntable Park. There is still approximately 200 ft left to complete the job that will protect and separate the Park from the tracks. We hope the Town or another group will realize how much better it looks than the old chain link fence and provide funding to complete the job as our work is primarily funded by donations and our fundraising efforts.

From July – September the East Wakefield School, one of the last operating one room schools in NH, and the Grange building at Wakefield Corner are open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10-12. All sites at Heritage Park in Union are open Saturdays and Sundays from noon – 4pm. You will be truly amazed at how much of Wakefield's history is depicted and preserved at these sites. Stop by and browse at your leisure or participate in a private tour by one of our docents.

The Freight House Crew has expanded their working HO model of the five railroad stations and the railroads and surrounding countryside as found in Wakefield in 1909. They now have another hands-on working model that children can operate.

We held one Historic District hearing requested by the Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society as they are undertaking a massive restoration project on the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Heritage weaver, Craig Evans, demonstrated weaving on the barn loom which is exhibited at the Heritage Centre again this year. His presentation is always a huge success and this year was no exception. We again opened for the public and hosted Tour de Chooch on Thanksgiving weekend. This is a group of railroad modelers and railroad buffs primarily from MA and NH who travel to see other quality modelling projects in MA, NH, and NY. We are proud of our exhibits and are honored to share them as a recognized host.

Since 2024 is the 250th birthday of the incorporation of the Town of Wakefield, we will be expanding our historic programs and events. We will offer narrated tours of our historic sites and a full day of events on Heritage Day, August 10. Please check our website for details and other upcoming events as we finalize our plans.

www.historicwakefieldnh.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Wiggin, Chair

Philip Twombly

Connie Twombly

Snooky Shea

Nancy Hall

Rick Poore

Mark Duffy, Selectmen's Rep

Jeanne Loughan, Alternate

Nancy Bancroft, Alternate

Nancy Britton, Alternate

Craig Farley, Alternate

Geoffrey Denley, Alternate

LAND USE DEPARTMENT

The Land Use Department contains the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Planning and Zoning Boards reviewed and acted upon a total of 41 Land Use applications during the year. Total Land Use fees collected for both boards total \$12,097.42 in 2023.

Cases included the following:

Major Subdivisions	1
Minor Subdivisions	1
Boundary Line Adjustments	4
Conceptual Review	12
Notice of Merger	4
Conditional Use Permit	10
Variance	7
Appeals to ZBA	2

The Land Use Department, including both the Planning Board and Zoning Board, guides many applicants through the entire permitting process with the Land Use Clerk serving as the liaison. Amber Marcoux joined the department this past Fall as Land Use Clerk, following the departure of Land Use Clerk/Shoreland Officer/Code Enforcement Officer Victor Vinagro, whose knowledge and service to the town and its citizens was heartily appreciated. The department continues to utilize expertise provided by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. SRPC Executive Director Jennifer Czysz or other SPRC staff members attended Planning Board and ZBA meetings this past year, provided plan review notes to the boards and assisted with the proposed updates to the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board consists of four elected members and a member of the Board of Selectmen; the board can appoint up to four alternates to serve when needed.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Five alternates can also be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as needed.

The Planning Board meets twice per month on the first and third Thursday, in the Town Hall. The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the second Thursday of the month on an as-needed basis. The public is invited to attend all meetings either in person or via the Zoom link posted on each meeting agenda. The Land Use Department is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Amber may be reached at 603-522-6205, ext. 312, or via email at landuseclerk@wakefieldnh.com. All application forms, as well as active ZBA and Planning Board applications and Notices of Decision, are available on the Town website at www.wakefieldnh.com.

Both Land Use boards work hard to balance the rights of property owners with the protection of residents and surrounding land values in town. The value of clean lakes in town as it relates to recreational uses and property values cannot be understated and the boards work to protect these important resources. We welcome any questions or comments regarding planning and zoning regulations. We appreciate input from citizens as we try to represent the entire Town in our rules and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Marcoux
Land Use Clerk

Wakefield Parks & Recreation

It's been another crazy year for the Wakefield Recreation Department! Things were a little different with a default budget and some things "took a hit" but we made it through. We were unable to have the fireworks and the weekly summer evening concerts. A few of the regular bands did donate their time and played for free!

Regardless of that, our programs continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Our basketball teams, baseball teams, softball teams and soccer teams continue to grow and improve. We had over 400 kids participate in just those programs alone! We are busting out at the seams from all of our activities. The after-school program is thriving. After school the kids play games, do homework, make crafts and have an occasional field trip.

Our summer camp continues to be a huge success, with campers enjoying trips to local area attractions, special events and trips to the state parks & the town Beach. Most days we are over capacity! We also had many exciting entertainers at Turntable Park.

We will try to have the fireworks show this year. It again will be before the fourth so people can enjoy them as well as other shows in surrounding towns. The date for this year's show will be on July 2nd with a rain date of the 7th.

Breakfast with Santa was huge for us again this year. It is also a lot of work--thank you, Alyssa! The venue of the town hall opera house is perfect. It makes it much easier for us for set up and pick-ups.

The basketball courts, skatepark and disc golf course continue to get a lot of activity. Pickleball is thriving in Wakefield, with the game being played multiple days of the week. This continues to be a great addition to our programs.

Our Annual Golf Tourney was held at Indian Mound Golf Course and was sold out again. Proceeds will go toward offsetting costs of our programs, field upgrades and other needs of the Rec. We had 124 golfers participate in a perfect sunny day!

We were able to apply for and receive a grant for a pavilion to be built at the Ballpark. Ground was broken in October and the project is hoped to be done by April. This will have 3 bathrooms, a concession stand, storage and a covered open area with 8-10 picnic tables. This is being built at **NO** cost to the taxpayer. We are hoping to reduce electric costs with new updated LED lighting and also save money by not having to rent porta-potties. There will also be free outdoor Wi-Fi for people to enjoy while at the Ballpark

The Recreation Department would like to thank the countless volunteers, sponsors, donors and coaches for their incredible dedication to the Town of Wakefield. Without the help of these people our programs would not be so successful. I would also like to take the time to thank the local businesses that continue to support Parks and Recreation in our community. If you have any ideas or suggestions of programs you would like to see in the future, please stop by the Recreation Department.

Recreation...the benefits are endless.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Robinson, Recreation Director
Alyssa Hall, Assistant Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Wakefield Police Department has navigated this year like any Emergency Responder would: we answered every call! Regardless of staffing shortages and budget cuts, all shifts were covered and calls were answered. Every Police employee, sworn and civilian, stood by the town and conducted themselves as true professionals.

The Wakefield Police Department continued its long-running standard of enforcing and educating travelers on the road. We participated in the Office of Highway Safety Initiatives, which included Speed Enforcement, Driving Under the Influence, Distracted Driving, Join the Clique, and U Drive U Text U Pay details. These initiatives, combined with focused speed checks and utilizing our speed radar trailers, were effective tools in slowing down drivers and promoting safe driving habits. For the first time in the last few years, The Office of Highway Safety is reporting a reduction in speed-related motor vehicle fatalities.

The Wakefield Police Department hosted our first Highway Safety Day/Touch a Truck event at the Wakefield Public Safety Building. We worked with The Office of Highway Safety, Crowell's Towing, Wakefield Fire and Rescue, and Pine Knoll Racing for a great day of educating and demonstrating the effects of speed-related accidents. The children enjoyed a great demonstration of how the fire department conducts an extrication from a vehicle involved in an accident. A special thank you for free pizza from the Poor People Pub and ice cream from Lovell Lake Food Center.

The Wakefield Public Safety Building has received permission from the Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant to replace our Generator. This will replace the original generator that was installed when the Public Safety Building was built in 2000. This is vital as the Public Safety Building operates as an Emergency Shelter when there are large storms and emergencies. This year our

building was opened up on multiple occasions as an emergency shelter.

Training continues to be a priority for the Wakefield Police Department. Despite the budget constraints, we were able to send Sgt. Jendrock and Officer Martino to Sig Sauer Tactical SWAT II Training. We are hoping in 2024 to be able to offer more training opportunities. Officers conducted their annual Use of Force Training with practical life-like scenarios where air soft tools and certified officers were used for these scenarios. It was a big success and will be part of our annual use-of-force training moving forward.

Officer Thomas McNulty was voted Officer of the Year after only his first year with our department. Officer McNulty has been a police officer for 10 years and brings a wide knowledge of law enforcement experience. He is community-driven and has a passion for motor vehicle enforcement. Congratulations Officer McNulty!

In 2023, K9 Officer Martino and Echo participated in several search warrant assists for drugs and were called out on multiple tracks. The importance of our K-9 program here in Wakefield remains a priority.

Our newest officer, Stephen Beckwith completed his 16-week academy training and was certified by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council as a full-time police officer. Officer Beckwith is local to the Wolfeboro area and we are happy to have him and his family now part of our police family.

We look forward to a happy and healthy 2024!!

Respectfully,
Chief Michael Fenton

The statistical data for 2023 are listed below:

Arrests of Interest:

Assault	13	Involuntary Emergency Admission	11
Burglary	4	Liquor Law Violations	0
Theft	6	Drug Related Charges	2
Criminal Threatening/Intimidation	11	Domestic Violence Related	11
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	2	Open Warrants	12
DWI	24		

Crimes and Investigations	2021	2022	2023
Calls for Service	10,738	10,446	11,420
Burglary	8	12	4
Criminal Trespass	16	28	22
Theft	69	41	44
Criminal Mischief	22	21	14
Arrests	182	185	160
Motor Vehicle Thefts	5	1	1
Domestic Violence Related Cases	7	40	46
Sexual Assault Related Cases	6	9	5
Motor Vehicle Activity	2094	1705	1905
Accidents	130	118	133
Animal Control Calls	366	374	288
Motor Vehicle Incidents	98	101	85

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2023 was met with some unanticipated budget restraints faced by all departments. This made it very tough for us to get our planned road work completed. The budget, mixed with several severe weather incidents, has us a little behind; but we hope to be able to make big strides towards catching up starting this spring.

2023 did, however, allow us to complete the construction of our new DPW building, which the staff is grateful to the townspeople for allowing us to build. We have already started to service the police and other Town vehicles. Moving forward, this will provide a fantastic service to the Town and save money, as most things can be done in-house instead of being outsourced to be worked on.

As most know, we were hit with some very severe storms this past summer, which took a toll on a lot of our Town roads. We will be working to get them back into shape as well as paving and upgrading some of our other areas.

The Transfer Station has been a big topic for some time now. To date, the Transfer Station has gone from generating minimal revenue to generating either side of \$300,000 in revenue per year, depending on the year. This is a complete win for the Town as all revenues generated go back to the townspeople to off-set their taxes each year. In the coming months look to see some new signage and a few smaller changes which will hopefully enhance your Transfer Station experience.

On behalf of The Town of Wakefield Department of Public Works, I would like to thank the residents of Wakefield for their continued support and understanding. We are a small department with a big demand who strives to do the best we can to provide the best service possible.

I would also like to thank all the other departments and all staff for their dedication and efforts in keeping the community safe and moving.

Last, I would like to thank Mike Soucy for all his dedicated years to the Town of Wakefield at both the Transfer Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. His knowledge of both will be greatly missed. We wish him well in his retirement!

Respectfully submitted,

Brock Mitchell
Director of Public Works

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of the Trust Funds are responsible for the prudent investment of the capital reserves and trust funds of the Town of Wakefield. The primary objective is preservation of capital with a secondary goal of maximizing earnings subject to safety constraints. The actions of the Trustees and the investment vehicles used are regulated by the State of New Hampshire, with an annual reporting requirement to the Department of Revenue Administration and the Attorney General's Office. The entire portfolio consists of monies for the Town cemeteries, Town capital reserves, school capital reserves and Wakefield's water department, with an aggregate balance as of December 31, 2023 of \$2,442,335.99. The funds are currently managed by TD Wealth Management and typically invested in U.S. Treasury bonds or notes, U.S. government agency bonds, high grade corporate bonds, or bank CDs.

The Wakefield Cemetery Fund is comprised of many small funds for the care of individual cemetery plots. The Cemetery Trustees are responsible for the actual care and maintenance of these plots using the income earned from the Trust Funds. The fund balance as of December 31, 2023 is \$334,406.24.

The Trustees are also responsible for the investment of the Capital Reserve Funds that the voters of Wakefield approve each year. All new reserves and additional contributions as voted, approved, and received in 2023 have been deposited into the appropriate funds.

From time to time the Trustees are called upon to determine if a proposed use of reserve funds falls within the purpose as defined by the language of the original warrant article and supporting Town or school meeting minutes. The determination of the Trustees is reported to the Selectmen before any disbursement of funds is allowed.

The following Capital Reserve Funds are currently in place and the balances are as of December 31, 2023:

Transfer Station Facility	\$33,100.78
Highway Truck Reserve	\$99,897.02
Bridge Const. Reserve	\$77,214.28
Fire Trucks Reserve	\$331,824.14
Landfill Reserve	\$288,301.37
Ambulance	\$121,512.84
Transfer Station Equipment	\$36,924.10
Highway Heavy Equipment	\$46,229.83
Town Hall Improvements	\$83,486.45
Police Vehicles	\$5,208.62
Invasive Species	\$1,659.00
Waste Water Treatment	\$153,147.23
Technology Fund	\$7,517.24
Cemetery Maintenance	\$31,433.12
Emergency Management	\$14,896.21
Forest Fire Management	\$5,334.37
Cemetery Water Supply and Irr	\$8,049.65
E Wake/Union Precincts	\$23,624.60
Highway Road Projects	\$117,118.79
Security Devices	\$11,741.72
Assessing Statistical Updates	\$388.11
Cemetery Mtnc-EFT	\$20,818.57
GWRC Building	\$119.18
Public Safety Building	\$16,483.72
Highway Garage	\$39,930.39
Cardiac Monitors	\$12.14
Parks & Rec Field Maintenance	\$3976.34
Transfer Station Trucks	\$5135.78
Boat Launches – ETF	\$10,271.57

The following funds are held for the School District:

School Transportation	\$16,505.33
School Roof	\$1,069.84

School Disabled Child	\$101,715.86
School Technology Fund	\$157,986.35
School Boiler	\$130,230.11
School Judy Nason Memorial	\$9,964.58
School Security Fund	\$73,356.53
School Gym Floor	\$8,109.93
School Maintenance Contingency	\$10,222.87
Building Repair/Maint/Equip For New SAU Office	\$.02
Parking Lot/Sidewalk Maint	\$16.19
Building Renovation ETF	\$4,005.73
Well Replacement	\$30,565.13
Maintenance Building	\$61,130.25
Paving of 76 Taylor Way ETF	\$76,744.12

The following funds are held for the Water Department:

Water Dept Main Replacement	\$750.48
Water CRF Emergency Reserves	\$71,406.10
Water Dept CRF Technology	\$40,127.15
Water Dept Well Water	\$40,127.15
Matching Grant Fund	\$12,945.12

In 1997 the Carl Siemon Scholarship Fund was established for Wakefield students. Several scholarship awards are made each year. Since these funds were privately donated funds, in 2017 the Trustees voted to change their investment standard from the Prudent Man Rule to the Prudent Investor Rule under RSA 564-B:9-901 – RSA564-B:906. These funds are also managed by TD Wealth Management. The balance as of December 31, 2023 is shown below.

Carl Siemon Scholarship Fund	\$179,530.26
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The Trustees are always welcoming interested citizens to join the Board as alternates or members. We meet at the Town Hall when necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Mankus, Chair
Jerry O'Connor
Howie Knight

Wakefield Library Town Report

This was a challenging year for our Historic Library. The vote to not approve the Town budget affected us greatly. Our requested and approved budget line was cut by 40%.

We would like to use this report to thank everyone who stepped up to help us navigate this past year. A big thank you to our anonymous donors (you know who you are), a big thank you to the Friends of the Wakefield Libraries, who helped pay for some maintenance that had to get done, and a big thank you to the volunteers who helped us with upkeep and fundraising. We look forward to resuming full operation in 2024.

All in all, it was a unique year, but we got through it. We look forward to celebrating the Town's 250th anniversary this year.

Respectfully Submitted

Wakefield Library Assoc. Board of Trustees,

Nancy Bancroft

Pam Wiggin

Nancy Hall

Lauren Brown

Christopher Bancroft

Cathie Chasse

Niki Toy-Caron, Librarian

WAKEFIELD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Annual Report 2023

*In memory of Joan Bozuwa, Lillian Brown, Ann Spencer Faris,
Margaret Harvey, and Helen C. Spencer*

INCOME

Donations/Book Sales		2,121.42
Town of Wakefield		9,000.00
Profile Bank Interest		<u>10.82</u>
Total Income		11,132.24

EXPENDITURES

2023 Budget

4,000	Salary	4,486.00
625	IRS & NH Payroll Taxes	521.30
1,000	Books and Subscriptions	306.70
0	Archival Material	0.00
1,000	Eversource	531.38
3,000	Fuel	1,944.99
2,700	Insurance	3,119.00
0	Handicap Access Fund	0.00
1,500	Maintenance (Routine)	2,117.58
0	Maintenance – Major Repair	0.00
750	Office Expenses	862.42
<u>600</u>	Telephone	<u>573.44</u>
 15,175	Total Expenses	 14,462.81

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Doe Hall

Department of State Division of Vital Records Administration Resident Birth Report 01/01/23 - 12/31/2023

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
Bourne, Harpper Lee Mary	01/15/23	Dover, NH		Chase, Samantha Jean
Cheney, Charlotte Lois	03/06/23	Dover, NH	Cheney, Michael Joseph	Gricci, Danielle Marie
Rice-Comeau, Aliza Florence	03/22/23	Portsmouth, NH	Comeau, Daniel Jay	Rice, Carol Jean
Goslin, Kowen Victor	04/08/23	Dover, NH	Goslin, Derek Roy	Comfort, Amber Patricia
Caswell, River Austin	04/19/23	Dover, NH		Caswell, Ashley Elizabeth
Bona, Madeline Marie	04/23/23	Dover, NH	Bona, Craig Alan	Gaudette, Victoria Page
Fisher, Ezri Dru Jessi	05/24/23	Dover, NH	Fisher, Andrew John Frederick	Fisher, Jessica Ann
Stackpole, Michael Rowen	05/25/23	Dover, NH	Stackpole, Michael Ryan	Stackpole, Kaylyne Marie
Plasencia, Tate Andrew	06/21/23	Dover, NH	Plasencia, Zachary James	Plasencia, Paige Lauren
Cyr, Lainey Grace	06/22/23	Dover, NH	Cyr, Hayden Henry	Eastman, Madison Lynn
Pitts, Kinsley Brooke	06/25/23	Dover, NH	Pitts, Christopher Weylin	Pitts, Caitlyn Mary
Tripaldi, Richard James	06/28/23	Dover, NH	Tripaldi, Richard Joseph	Lirette, Brianna Carlene
Howard, Chase David	07/02/23	Dover, NH	Howard Jr., David James	Spurling, Nicole Marie
Drena, Addison Marie	07/17/23	Dover, NH	Drena, Michael Joseph	Drena, Tiffani Ann
Trepanier, Colton Todd	07/17/23	Dover, NH	Trepanier, Daniel Paul	Trepanier, Courtney Lyn
O'Connor, Sloane Maeve	08/01/23	Dover, NH	O'Connor, Michael William	O'Connor, Erica Lynn
Wolforth, Piper Jacqueline	08/11/23	Dover, NH	Wolforth, Jonathan Tyler	Wolforth, Melanie Elizabeth
Peterson, Elyse Swain	08/14/23	Dover, NH	Peterson Jr., James Michael	Swain, Melissa Ann
Joy, Osiris Wyatt-Avery	08/29/23	Dover, NH	Joy, Ryan Jason Michael	Taylor, Dakota Leigh
Skelly, Reese Irene	08/31/23	Dover, NH	Skelly, David Jonathan	Skelly, Chelsea Jolene
Skelly, Rory Jeanne	08/31/23	Dover, NH	Skelly, David Jonathan	Skelly, Chelsea Jolene

Department of State Division of Vital Records Administration Resident Birth Report 01/01/23 - 12/31/2023

Dudley, Braxton Allen	09/16/23	Dover, NH		Ford, Melissa Anne
Ward, Olivia Jean Marie	10/10/23	No Conway, NH	Ward, Aidan Lewis	Daniels-Ward Stephanie Marie
Riley, Charlotte Michael Grace	10/12/23	No Conway, NH	Riley, Ryan Michael	Farrington, Nicole Marie
Pennino, Harper Mae	10/18/23	Portsmouth, NH	Pennino, James Louis	Pennino, Kyla Louise
Wims, Bryce David	10/20/23	Dover, NH	Wims II, James Patrick	Gerard, Kassandra Lee
Davis, Maeve Elizabeth	11/15/23	Dover, NH	Davis, Ryan Nicolas	Davis, Kaitlyn Leigh
Naranjo, Madilynn Kismet	12/14/23	Dover, NH	Naranjo, Damon Emilio	Whitten, Bethany Ann
Fuller, Olive Sutton	12/19/23	Dover, NH	Fuller, Corey Chase	Fuller, Hayley Lyn
Ziadeh, Wren Judith	12/27/23	Dover, NH	Ziadeh, William Douglas	Ziadeh, Amanda Marie
Noel, Lyla Rose	12/29/23	Dover, NH	Noel, Joseph Robert	Noel, Cori Anne

Valerie J. Ward, Town Clerk

Dept of State Div of Vital Records Administration Resident Marriage Report 01/01/23 - 12/31/23

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Gray, Jaden Ashley Sanbornville, NH	Willette, Randal Erik Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Wakefield	02/08/23
Toy, Thomas Pickles Sanbornville, NH	Gatchell, Camryn Ann Epsom, NH	Nashua	Sanbornville	02/18/23
Bailey, Muriyah Lynn East Wakefield, NH	Olberg, Tyler Adam East Wakefield, NH	Wakefield	Wakefield	04/08/23
Daigle, Donald Allen Sanbornville, NH	MacDonald, Michelle Marie Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Alton	05/20/23
Ferrick, Makayla Marion Sanbornville, NH	Rodgers, Sean Peter Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Sanbornville	05/23/23
Cosco, Candice Marie Sanbornville, NH	Sabir, Gabriel Spencer Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Sanbornville	06/24/23

Dept of State Div of Vital Records Administration Resident Marriage Report 01/01/23 - 12/31/23

D'Alessandro, Joseph Michael Wakefield, MA	McNall, Kristie Marie Wakefield, MA	Derry	Boscawen	07/01/23
Lanctot, Ashley April Wakefield, NH	Brown II, Thomas Joseph Wakefield, NH	Wakefield	Wakefield	08/12/23
Fisher, Sarah Eileen Sanbornville, NH	Edwards, Joshua Andrew Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Wakefield	08/26/23
Benton, Liam Joseph East Wakefield, NH	Nyberg, Britta Robin East Wakefield, NH	Rochester	Brookfield	09/23/23
Etter, Abigail Marie Sanbornville, NH	Shaw, Brody Quinn Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Sanbornville	09/23/23
Sampson, Katelyn Amanda Sanbornville, NH	Edwards, Christopher Robert Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	East Wakefield	09/24/23
Faulkner, Heather Lynn Lebanon, ME	Palaima, Stanley Paul Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Sanbornville	09/30/23

Dept of State Div of Vital Records Administration Resident Marriage Report 01/01/23 - 12/31/23

Palaima, Lee Julia Wakefield, NH	McNamee, Liam Mitchell Biddeford, ME	Wakefield	Sanbornville	10/07/23
Rogers, Hannah Frances Sanbornville, NH	Merrill, Trevor Johnson Sanbornville, NH	Wakefield	Jackson	10/14/23
Rendo, Sophia Francis East Wakefield, NH	Dansereau, Jesse Alan East Wakefield, NH	Wakefield	Wolfeboro	10/21/23
Litchfield, Timothy James East Wakefield, NH	Emerson, Trisha Noelle East Wakefield, NH	Wakefield	Milton	10/28/23

Valerie J. Ward, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield Year Ending December 31, 2023

NAME	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name		Military
				Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Union	
Cross, Mary Lorraine	01/01/23	Derry	Tebbetts, Parker	Smith, Martha		N
Becker, Victor A	02/01/23	Sanbornville	Becker, Victor	Gochenour, Beatrice		N
Mercier, Irene	02/18/23	Laconia	Unknown	Unknown		N
Grenier, Mark Raymond	02/27/23	East Wakefield	Grenier, Raymond	Roy, Jeanne		Y
Nichols, Patricia Marie	02/28/23	Union	Blanchard, Mayo	Goyette, Lucienne		N
Knight, Maureen Winkley	03/02/23	Sanbornville	Winkley, Scott	Dinan, Noreen		N
Johns, Steven Alan	03/23/23	Sanbornville	Johns, John	Conti, Theresa		N
Boissonneault, Richard Armand	03/26/23	Concord	Boissonneault, Andre	Beauchemin, Nora		N
Akerson, Jeffrey T	03/26/23	Dover	Akerson, Arthur	Crouse, Patricia		Y
Gobbi Demeule, Ronald Joseph	04/04/23	East Wakefield	Gobbi, Paul	Demeule, Jeanette		Y
Johnson, Joy Bernice	04/06/23	Dover	Fletcher, Frederick	Mills, Carol		N
Plant, Darrell Everett	04/08/23	Sanbornville	Plant, William	Kensiton, Anna		Y
Kelvington, Kurt Edward	04/11/23	Dover	Kelvington, Edward	Higginbotham, Pokcha		N
Rowan, Edith	04/14/23	Dover	Haake, Ludwig	Cassabohm, Frieda		N
Polito, Dorothy Veronica	04/18/23	Portsmouth	Goulart, Costa	Silva, Mary		N
Nichols, Leigh Allen	04/29/23	Milton	Nichols, Everett	Blanchard, Patricia		Y
Willett Jr., Joseph Theodore	05/06/23	Wakefield	Willett, Joseph	Ash, Gertrude		Y

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield Year Ending December 31, 2023

McMahon, James R	05/07/23	Merrimack	McMahon, John	Cox, Mary	N
Watman, Rodney Allen	05/22/23	Portsmouth	Watman, Casimir	Michalski, Irene	Y
Silcocks, Donald William	05/23/23	Wakefield	Silcocks, Sidney	Clarke, Virginia	N
Wentworth, Astra Karmen	06/06/23	Union	Sanborn, Paul	Neilbergs, Skaidrite	N
Montes Aguilar, Angelica Maria	06/08/23	Sanbornville	Montes, Alberto	Aguilar Amaiquema, Maria	N
Anderson, William H	06/25/23	Portsmouth	Anderson, Elliott	McAdoo, Audrey	Y
Frechette, Jessica Robin	07/03/23	Wakefield	Frechette, Christopher	Marzinek-Spaeth, Carina	N
Graffeo, Anthony J	07/11/23	Sanbornville	Graffeo, Frank	Cottone, Anna	N
Provencal, Janet Kristine	07/16/23	Sanbornville	Kullman, Frank	Occhi, Ellen	N
LaPierre, Leeann Marie	07/29/23	Rochester	Johnson, Charles	James, Edna	N
Meuse, Maureen Ann	08/07/23	Portsmouth	Flood, Henry	McCollum, Helen	N
Lane, Nora Ann	08/14/23	Sanbornville	Lebel, Simeon	Vaillancourt, Alfredda	N
Olsen, Edith Mae	08/21/23	Wakefield	Frailay, Cordie	Jones, Edith	Y
Eagar, Brian Emmett	08/22/23	Sanbornville	Eagar, George	Faherty, Virginia	N
Lyon, Rose Marie	08/29/23	Dover	Fournier, Pierre	Bergeron, Edna	N
Columbia, Gregory Alan	08/31/23	Portsmouth	Columbia, William	Stewart, Marlene	N
Riley, Michael Scott	09/14/23	Milton	Riley Sr., Daniel	Welch, Cheryl	N
Young, Glory Sue	09/21/23	East Wakefield	Wilkins, Phillip	Keniston, Jeanette	N
Miliner, Gary L	09/27/23	Concord	Miliner, Vinton	Soucy, Olida	N
Miliner, April June	09/27/23	Manchester	Welch, Charlie	Potter, Florence	N
O'Brien, John Thomas	10/05/23	Portsmouth	O'Brien, Thomas	O'Brien, Adele	Y

Deaths Registered in the Town of Wakefield Year Ending December 31, 2023

Cressey, Francis David	10/08/23	East Wakefield	Cressey, Francis	Moore, Mary	Y
Gay, Brandon Lee	10/08/23	Rochester	Haskell, Keith	Poutree, Darlene	N
Correll, Virginia L	10/13/23	Sanbornville	Correll, Fred	Bopree, Marion	N
Kelly-Jardis, Constance Elizabeth	10/16/23	Sanbornville	Hamilton, Leroy	Hamilton, Maude	N
Cole, Stacey Lynn	11/03/23	Portsmouth	Cole, Stanely	Gray, Sally	N
Mullen Jr., William Henry	11/11/23	Dover	Mullen, William	Auld, Mary	N
Schneider, Marjorie	11/12/23	Sanbornville	Wooddell, Arthur	Henry, Barbara	N
Lee Sr., David John	11/17/23	East Wakefield	Lee, Earl	Bimler, Florence	Y
Scirocco, Linda-Fan	11/28/23	Portsmouth	Knowles, Charles	Sturgis, Dorothy	N
Rogus, Jane E	11/30/23	Wolfeboro	Long, Merell	Tompkins, Lillian	N
Linder, Samantha Dale	12/06/23	East Wakefield	Linder, William	Turcotte, Chrystal	N
Arlington, Doris Louise	12/08/23	Sanbornville	Arlington, William	McFaun, Dorothy	N
Lindh Sr, David Charles	12/08/23	Dover	Lindh, Gustave	Moller, Joyce	Y
Smith Sr, Paul C	12/16/23	Portsmouth	Smith, Clarence	Currier, Alice	Y
Dunkle, Stephen Harding	12/18/23	Portsmouth	Dunkle, Robert	Osborn, Joan	Y
Frye Jr, Walter Henry	12/25/23	Rochester	Frye Sr, Walter	Wyckoff, Minnie	Y
Brooks, Carl Lawrence	12/27/23	Concord	Walker, Samuel	Hill, Kathleen	N

Valerie J. Ward, Town Clerk

WAKEFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission has kept busy over the past year. Members are appointed by the Selectmen based on recommendations of their peers and currently sitting on the Commission are Donna Ackerman, Rob Hewins, Rick Werhan, Josh Fuller, Relf Fogg and alternate Dave Silcocks, all of whom have worked together to provide Wakefield residents guidance and opportunities regarding permits for projects and advice on environmental issues within our Town. As an advisory Commission to the Planning Board, ZBA, Selectmen and sometimes School District we hope to be a conduit for clear, open discussion on important issues maintaining land, air and water quality within our town.

The Commission manned a booth at Pride Day and as we have in many previous years, we distributed tree seedlings, which many folks look forward to receiving. Information about our existing conservation lands was available and each of our members (along with some spouses) took turns informing the public on land conservation.

The WCC has been thankful for the dedicated help of member Donna Ackerman for our conservation campership program. The past three years Donna has helped young community members attend summer conservation camp in Lincoln, Maine known as Tanglewood and Barry Camp in Berlin, New Hampshire. This program is designed to encourage tomorrow's leaders to care for and be concerned about the environment in which we share. We ask the campers to share with the Commission their experience in the fall and have always been happy to hear and see smiling faces telling (and sometimes singing) us of their time spent at camp. If you know parents of children between the ages of 8 -14 years old, please have them contact the WCC to take advantage of this wonderful program.

We are celebrating the first anniversary of the Union Meadows Conservation Park on Harmony Drive in which folks can go hiking, biking, dog walking, bird watching, canoeing, kayaking or just yacking

in general on remote areas with trails developed and undergoing further development by members Rick Wehrhan, Rob Hewins, Donna Ackerman and Josh Fuller all devoting their time and energy to creating safe and user friendly trails that give all of us new and improved chances to go "take a hike".

We continuously look for land that would be beneficial to place into conservation, and this past year member Rob Hewins helped with an outreach letter to community members seeking to inform them of opportunities and benefits of placing conservation easements on their parcels to enhance wildlife corridors and maintain in perpetuity the natural state of open land in Wakefield. This letter is the next page of our report.

If you or anyone you know would like to participate in our "Adopt A Conservation Area", please contact any member of our Commission, and we will be happy to help you get started. Get out and enjoy the many existing recreation areas and conservation land here in Wakefield!!

Respectfully submitted,

Relf Fogg
Acting Chair

Dear Landowner,

The Wakefield Conservation Commission is a group of appointed volunteers with a passion for protecting and preserving the natural resources of our beautiful town. As a group, we work toward this endeavor knowing how important it is for the current and future residents.

As passionate advocates for conservation, we are reaching out to if see you would kindly consider the possibility of placing some, or all of your land, that is in current use into a conservation program.

Your dedication and care of your own land has undoubtedly contributed to the beauty of our surroundings. However, with the possibility of ever-increasing urbanization and pressures of development, it has become crucial to safeguard our remaining spaces.

By placing your land in conservation, you would be making a profound and lasting impact on the future of our community and wider ecosystem. Conservation programs offer a multitude of both immediate and long term benefits, including financial. Some environmental benefits include preserving natural habitats, helping maintain wildlife corridors, fostering biodiversity and helping to maintain the delicate balance of our ecosystems. Financial benefits may include tax deductions, estate tax savings, property tax benefits, capital gain tax avoidance, and reduced land management costs.

Moreover, conservation land can be a living classroom providing invaluable opportunities for outdoor recreation and education.

We understand that the decision to place your land in conservation is not one to be taken lightly. It is a personal choice that requires careful consideration of various factors, including financial implications and future plans for your property. However, we would like to assure you that there are numerous organization and programs available to guide you through this process, offering support and expertise every step of the way. Some publications include: *Conserving your land: Options for NH Land Owners* from the NH Land Trust Coalition. Also, from Land Trust Alliance: *Conservation Option: A Landowners Guide*

Also, a website from the University of New Hampshire has more information:

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/protecting-your-legacy-new-hampshire-landowners-guide-conservation-based-estate-planning>

**SCAN TO LEARN
MORE**



Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and for considering the importance of land conservation. Your decision has the potential to make an indelible mark on the community. Together we can ensure your land remains a testament to your environmental stewardship for generations to come.

Please feel free to reach out to the Conservation Commission should you have any questions or require future information.

Sincerely,

Wakefield Conservation Commission



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Proposed Budget
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For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024
Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 29, 2024

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
Priscilla Colbeth	Vice Chair Budget Com.	Priscilla Colbeth
DAVE HANCOCK	BC	DAVE HANCOCK
Tom DANIELS	BC	Tom DANIELS
Bob Chellette	School Rep	Bob Chellette
HOWARD KALBERT	BC	HOWARD KALBERT
DENNIS MILLER	BC	DENNIS MILLER
Jerry O'Leary	BC	Jerry O'Leary
Toshua Feller	BC	Toshua Feller

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<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



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General Government								
4130	Executive	03	\$137,750	\$145,303	\$156,680	\$0	\$156,680	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$115,639	\$114,412	\$152,326	\$0	\$152,326	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	03	\$102,379	\$110,078	\$121,280	\$0	\$121,280	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	03	\$137,800	\$132,262	\$160,552	\$0	\$158,752	\$1,800
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$23,996	\$17,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	03	\$1,404,111	\$1,660,492	\$1,644,422	\$0	\$1,644,422	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	03	\$86,101	\$23,947	\$56,109	\$0	\$56,109	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$80,254	\$80,512	\$82,466	\$0	\$82,466	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$35,495	\$36,510	\$36,615	\$0	\$36,615	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	03	\$145,026	\$145,026	\$158,446	\$0	\$158,446	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	03	\$111,879	\$104,971	\$114,359	\$0	\$114,359	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$2,330,630	\$2,570,513	\$2,703,255	\$0	\$2,701,455	\$1,800
Public Safety								
4210	Police	03	\$985,212	\$1,066,602	\$1,217,342	\$0	\$1,217,342	\$0
4215	Ambulances	03	\$577,600	\$579,206	\$675,183	\$0	\$675,183	\$0
4220	Fire	03	\$203,402	\$230,233	\$250,330	\$0	\$250,330	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	03	\$146,476	\$169,151	\$141,368	\$1,700	\$143,068	\$0
4280	Emergency Management	03	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	03	\$117,959	\$127,267	\$130,651	\$0	\$130,651	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$2,032,649	\$2,175,959	\$2,418,374	\$1,700	\$2,420,074	\$0



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Airport/Aviation Center								
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal							
Highways and Streets								
4311	Highway Administration		\$110,343	\$120,921	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$565,291	\$534,778	\$786,652	\$0	\$786,652	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$32,602	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$38,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$708,236	\$693,699	\$824,652	\$0	\$824,652	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$558,538	\$516,445	\$521,890	\$0	\$521,890	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sanitation Subtotal		\$558,538	\$516,445	\$521,890	\$0	\$521,890	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectment's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectment's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	03	\$6,840	\$13,072	\$13,290	\$0	\$13,290	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	03	\$32,300	\$36,000	\$136,056	\$0	\$136,056	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$41,140	\$49,072	\$149,346	\$0	\$149,346	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04	\$85,000	\$0	\$85,000
		<i>Purpose: Highway Truck</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	05	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
		<i>Purpose: Highway Construction Project</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
		<i>Purpose: Transfer Station Trucks</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	07	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
		<i>Purpose: Wastewater Treatment</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	08	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
		<i>Purpose: Ambulance</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09	\$95,000	\$0	\$95,000
		<i>Purpose: Fire Truck</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
		<i>Purpose: Police Cruiser</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	12	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000
		<i>Purpose: Public Safety Building</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	13	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
		<i>Purpose: Town Hall Improvement</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000
		<i>Purpose: Assessing Statistical Update</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	15	\$81,800	\$0	\$81,800
		<i>Purpose: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacement</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	16	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
		<i>Purpose: Emergency Management</i>			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	10	\$30,775	\$0	\$30,775
		<i>Purpose: Invesive Spécies ETF</i>			



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Total Proposed Special Articles	\$938,575	\$0	\$938,575	\$0
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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles					
			\$0	\$0	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	03	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	03	\$4,512	\$6,000	\$6,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$208	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$68,313	\$0	\$0
			\$73,033	\$11,000	\$11,000
			Taxes Subtotal		
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$891	\$900	\$900
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$1,310,823	\$1,310,000	\$1,310,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$128,679	\$132,000	\$132,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$31,105	\$32,000	\$32,000
			\$1,471,488	\$1,474,900	\$1,474,900
			Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0
			From Federal Government Subtotal		
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$496,146	\$485,000	\$485,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$200,267	\$135,000	\$135,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
State Sources				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	\$8,116	\$8,000	\$8,000
3360	Water Filtration Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	\$491,574	\$520,000	\$520,000
	State Sources Subtotal	\$1,196,103	\$1,148,000	\$1,148,000
Charges for Services				
3401	Income from Departments	\$279,900	\$279,449	\$279,449
3402	Water Supply System Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges	\$140,135	\$140,100	\$140,100
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges	\$227,942	\$227,939	\$227,939
3405	Electric User Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal	\$647,977	\$647,488	\$647,488
Miscellaneous Revenues				
3500	Special Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$10,265	\$28,000	\$28,000
3502	Interest on Investments	\$96,912	\$95,000	\$95,000
3503	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits	\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal	\$107,177	\$123,000	\$123,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In				
3811	From Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	03	\$0	\$938,575	\$938,575
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$938,575	\$938,575
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from LT Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9958	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	15, 16	\$0	\$95,000	\$95,000
9959	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	03	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$595,000	\$595,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$3,495,768	\$4,937,963	\$4,937,963



Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's	Budget Committee's
	Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$7,665,351	\$7,663,490
Special Warrant Articles	\$938,575	\$938,575
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$8,603,926	\$8,602,065
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,937,963	\$4,937,963
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$3,665,963	\$3,664,102



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$8,602,065
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$8,602,065
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$860,207
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting:	
(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	
	\$9,462,272

2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified of the First and Second Session of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

FIRST SESSION

You are notified to meet for the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held in the Town Hall Opera House, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to debate, propose and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as may be amended at the First Session, to be held at the Opera House of the Wakefield Town Hall, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m., unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Adopt a new Article 24C Solar Energy Systems Ordinance that will

distinguish between accessory solar energy systems designed to supply electricity to the existing structures on site and primary use systems that are to provide energy to offsite uses or the wholesale market. Accessory solar energy systems are proposed to follow the current requirements under the Zoning Ordinance. Accessory ground mounted systems will now require the submission of a site plan sketch. Primary use solar energy systems will require a major site plan application and additional requirements are placed upon the conditional use permit application to allow for review of the site layout, safety protocols, and plan for site reclamation at end of life. Associated changes are proposed to Table 1 – Permitted Uses and Article 33 – Definitions. The Planning Board recommends this amendment. (Majority vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth herein, totaling \$7,663,490? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,931,137 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed valuation; Default Budget estimated tax impact: \$.92 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0.

(Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to be funded by \$150,000 from unassigned fund balance, and the balance to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 12-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.22 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Trucks Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.004 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Wastewater Treatment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact: \$.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to be added to the Fire Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact: \$.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$30,775) to be added to the Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be added to the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) to be added to the Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This update is legally required by the State of NH. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.005 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to establish a “Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)” Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacement of the Firefighters SCBA’s used for breathing in hazardous conditions, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$81,800) to be placed in this fund; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. \$45,000 to come from the December 31, 2023 unassigned fund balance, and \$36,800 to come from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from December 31, 2023 unassigned fund balance,

with no amount to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-1. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$0.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

Article 17: By Petition: Request that the Wakefield Parks and Recreation Department shall name its new Pavilion at the ballfields “The Pavilion” and create a “Hero’s Wall” at the Pavilion. We could then place Mr. Miliner’s name on that wall along with many other deserving names.

Article 18: By Petition: Shall we express an advisory view that the petition of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector be combined in the Town of Wakefield.

Article 19: To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard C. Edwards, Chair

Mark P. Duffy

Kenneth G. Fifield

**TOWN OF WAKEFIELD
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

FIRE & AMBULANCE (emergency dispatch)	539-2263
SANBORNVILLE.....	522-8336
POLICE (24 hour dispatch).....	539-2284
POLICE STATION (office only).....	522-3232
ALL EMERGENCIES.....	911
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.....	539-2284
POISON CONTROL CENTER.....	800-562-8236
HUGGINS HOSPITAL (Wolfeboro).....	569-2150
FRISBIE HOSPITAL (Rochester).....	332-5211
VISITING NURSE.....	569-2729
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.....	522-6205
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE.....	522-6205
TOWN CLERK.....	522-6205
TAX COLLECTOR.....	522-6205
BUILDING INSPECTOR.....	522-6205
DIR OF PUBLIC WORKS/HIGHWAY GARAGE.....	522-8266
TRANSFER STATION.....	522-3590
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	522-3232
WATER PRECINCT.....	522-8271

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 8:00 – 4:00

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS
Mon, Tues & Fri 8:30 – 4:00
Wed 8:30 – 1:30
Thurs 8:30 – 6:00
First & Last Sat 8:30 – 12:30 (Closed all other Saturdays)

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 8:30 – 4:00

TRANSFER STATION HOURS
Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 8:00 - 3:00

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
By Appointment

ASSESSING OFFICE
Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:00

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE
ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH
OFFICER/SHORELAND PROTECTION
Mon - Fri 7:30 – 3:30

LAND USE OFFICE
Mon – Fri 7:30 – 3:30

PLANNING BOARD
1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

