
Town of Harrisville, NH

Annual Report

for the year ending December 31, 2023



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General Information

Town website	www.harrisvillenh.org
Select Board	Town Hall, 705 Chesham Road, (603) 827-3431 (ext 1) selectboard@harrisvillenh.org Mon - Thur from 9 am - 3 pm and Fri from 9 am - noon
Town Clerk	Town Hall, P.O. Box 284, (603) 827-5546 (ext 2) townclerk@harrisvillenh.org See website for office hours
Tax Collector	Town Hall, P.O. Box 262, (603) 827-5546 (ext 3) Tues and Fri from 11 am - 1 pm (extended during tax season)
Treasurer	Town Hall, 705 Chesham Road
Assessor	Town Hall, 705 Chesham Road, (603) 827-3431 (ext 4) assessor@harrisvillenh.org By appointment
Building Inspector	By appointment (603) 827-3431 (ext 1)
Fire Department	Fire Station, 699 Chesham Road, (603) 827-3412
Health Officer	By appointment, (603) 827-3431 (ext 1)
Highway Department	Town Barn, 18 Willard Hill Road, (603) 827-3074
Library	7 Canal Street, (603) 827-2918, harrisvillenhlibrary@gmail.com Mon, Tues and Thur from 2 pm - 6 pm Wed, 10 am - noon and 2 pm - 7 pm, Sat 9 am - 1 pm
Police Department	Police Station, 167 Main Street, (603) 827-2903 (non-emergency) pd@harrisvillenh.org
Recycle Center	66 Willard Hill Road, (603) 827-2920 Fri 10 am - 5 pm and Sat 8 am - 5 pm

2023 Town Government Directory

Moderator , 2-year term Elected	Bryan Kingsbury	2024
Select Board , 3-year term Elected	Andrew Maneval Andrea Hodson Kathy Scott Mary Ann Noyer, Administrative Assistant	2026 2025 2024
ADA Coordinator , Appointed	Open	
Agricultural Commission 3-year term, Appointed	Deborah Abbott Steve Weber Scott Oliver Deirdre Oliver Eric Swope Sarah Heffron Suzanne Brouillette David Kennard Kathy Scott	2023 2023 2023 2024 2024 2022 2022 2022
Assessor , Appointed	Lynn Cook	
Beach Committee , Harrisville 1-year term, Elected, Town Meeting	Scott Oliver Ranae O’Neil Eric Swope Peter Thayer	2024 2024 2024 2024
Beach Committee , Chesham 1-year term, Elected, Town Meeting	Judy Gagne Patrick Gagne	2024 2024
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Mike Wilder Appointed		
Cemetery Trustees , 3-year term Elected	Leslie Downing David Robins Sarina Wilder	2025 2024 2026
Conservation Commission 3-year term, Appointed	Harry Wolhandler Don Scott John Sandri Ralph Zingaro Kathy Scott, Select Board Representative	2026 2025 2026 2025
Energy & Electric Aggregation Committee , 3-year term, Appointed	Andrea Hodson Katie Hamon	2026 2024

EEAC con't	Jon Knight 2024 Andrew Maneval resigned in 2023 Sherry Sims 2024 Don Kilgus 2025	Ari Levine 2023 Patrick Putnam 2026
Emergency Management Appointed	Jeff Cady, Director	
Fence Viewers , 1-year term Elected, Town Meeting	Harrisville Select Board	2024
Finance Coordinator	Outsourced in 2023	
Fire Chief , 1-year term Elected	Wayne Derosia	2025
Fire Department	David O'Neil, Assistant Chief Russell Driscoll, Deputy Chief Joseph Breidt, Captain Sharon Breidt, Rescue Captain Jonathan St. Peter, First Lieutenant Steven Hobbs, Second Lieutenant Zach Byam Jeff Cady Marcia Caswell Scott Caswell	2024 2024 2024 2024 Peter Croteau Roberta Gline Julie Lord Keith Stilling
Fire Wards , 1-year term Elected, Town Meeting	Wayne Derosia Sharon Breidt Joseph Breidt	David O'Neil Jonathan St. Peter
Fire Warden , Forest 3-year term, Appointed	Wayne Derosia Russell Driscoll	David O'Neil Joseph Breidt
Health Officer , Appointed	David Belknap Mike Wilder, Deputy	
Highway Department	Wesley Tarr, Jr., Road Agent Garry Lafond Brian Tarr	
Historic District Commission 3-year term, Appointed	Noel Greiner Sarah Tibbetts Rex Baker Karl Mindemann, Alternate Michael Price Kathy Scott, Select Board Representative	2024 2025 2026 2025 2025

Library, Appointed	Susan Weaver, Library Director Kris Finnegan, Children’s Librarian Paulette Tuttle, Library Assistant	
Library Trustees, 3-year term Elected t	Michael Price Karen Coteleso Sharon Wilder Leslie LaMois, Alternate Teresa Morris, Alternate	2026 2024 2025 2025 2024
Maintenance	Jeff Cady Randy Tarr, Jr.	
Old Home Day Committee 1-year term, Elected, Town Meeting *=-resigned in 2023	Maria Coviello Jennifer Foreman Julie Lord* Ranae O’Neil*	Janet Selle Susan Weller Pamela Thayer*
Ordinance Review Committee	Jonathan Miner Don Scott Harry Wolhandler	Andrew Maneval Edward Tibbetts Charles Sorenson
Planning Board 3-year term, Appointed	Ryan Stone 2024 Lisa Anderson 2024 Donald Scott 2025 Andrew Maneval, Select Board Representative	Courtney Cox 2025 Peter Thayer 2025 Jonathan Miner 2026
Police Department	Steve L. LaMears, Chief Zach Byam, Officer	Russell Driscoll, Officer Neil Sandford, Assistant
Recreation Committee, 1-year term Elected, Town Meeting	Ranae O’Neil David O’Neil	2024 2024
Records Retention Committee (by RSA)	Lynn Cook, Assessor Neil Sandford, Dep. Tax Collector Andrew Maneval, Select Board	Anne Havill, Treasurer Cathy Lovas, Town Clerk
Recycling Center	Randy Tarr, Jr., Coordinator	
Recycling Committee (Ad Hoc)	Penelope King Beverly Packard Diana Shonk	Kathy Scott Connie White Pegg Monahan (resigned) Courtney Cox (resigned)
Safety Committee, 1-year term Appointed	Jeff Cady, Chair Roberta Gline Mary Ann Noyer Brian Tarr	Steve LaMears Christopher Marshall Andrew Maneval, Select Board

Supervisors of the Checklist 6-year term	Anne Havill Elizabeth Healy Denise Croteau	2024 2026 2028
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber 1-year term, Elected, Town Meeting	Wesley Tarr, Jr.	2024
Tax Collector , Appointed	Ann Charbonneau Neil Sandford	resigned in 2023
Town Clerk , 3-year term Elected by Ballot	Cathy Lovas Jillian Miner, Deputy, Appointed	2026
Treasurer , 1-year term Elected	Anne Havill Phillip Gargan, Assistant, Appointed	2024
Transportation Committee	Mary Day Mordecai Erin Hammerstedt Earl Horn Ned Hulbert	Barbara Watkins Alison Weber Steve LaMears, Police Chief Wes Tarr, Road Agent
Trustees of the Trust Funds 3-year term	Charles Sorenson Dean Ogelby Ranae O'Neil	2025 2024 2026
Welfare , 1-year term Appointed	Rosemary Cifrino, Director	2024
Zoning Board of Adjustment 3-year term, Appointed	Charles Sorenson Rex Baker Patrick Gagne Hal Grant, Alternate Jeffrey Trudelle Edward Tibbetts, Alternate Mary Ann Noyer, Alternate Andrea Hodson, Select Board Representative	2025 2025 2024 2026 2026 2026 2024

Community Groups

Harrisville Trails The Harrisville Trails volunteers monitor and improve recreational use of the former railroad right-of-way, including public and private lands, in partnership with the Select Board, the Conservation Commission and private landowners. This group is chaired by Barbara Watkins (bcw18@myfairpoint.net)

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August 2023 - Community Dinner

**Minutes of Town Meeting and Elections
Town of Harrisville
County of Cheshire
State of New Hampshire
March 28, 2023**

Moderator Bryan Kingsbury opened the deliberative session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Wells Memorial School, 235 Chesham Road.

Moderator Kingsbury noted that Town Meeting was two weeks later than normal due to the nor'easter on the original meeting date and required postponement. The Select Board offered tremendous and special thanks to the Highway Department, Fire & Rescue officials, the Police Chief, Emergency Management Director and grounds keeping staff for their dedication and lengthy days and nights, working to ensure the townspeople were safe.

The Moderator thanked the School, Principal Kate Abbott and assistant Janine Jewett, introduced Select Board Members Andrea Hodson, Kathy Scott and Pegg Monahan. Mr. Kingsbury then offered an official welcome to new Police Chief Steve LaMears. Mr. Kingsbury thanked all committee members, volunteers, and election officials for helping the town run, and thanked all who came to participate in Town Meeting. The polls, he announced, would close at 8:00 pm.

Select Board member Kathy Scott awarded the **Citizen of the Year** to the 150th Committee of Arrangements, led by Ranae O'Neil, Pam Thayer, and the dedicated committee members. Ms. Scott applauded their 4-year effort and persistent planning and leadership, through two postponements due to the pandemic, to carry out the Sesquicentennial Celebration for all townspeople. In addition to co-chairs Ranae O'Neil and Pam Thayer, Committee of Arrangements members honored include Sue Weller, Janet Selle, Julie Lord, Jennifer Foreman, Maria Coviello, and Cathy Buffum.

Moderator Kingsbury then reviewed the Rules of the meeting, after which the Warrant Articles were put forward as follows:

Article 1 – Election of Town Officers

To Choose All Necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

For officers elected from the floor, Moderator Kingsbury called for a vote on the following:
Harrisville Beach Committee: Scott Oliver, Ranae O'Neil, Eric Swope, Pete Thayer. Moved and seconded. The Beach Committee was **elected by voice vote.**

Chesham Beach Committee: Judy Gagne, Patrick Gagne, Judy Jones Parker. Moved and seconded. The Chesham Beach Committee was **elected by voice vote.**

Fire Wards: Sharon Breidt, Joseph Breidt, David O'Neil, Jonathan St. Peter. Moved and seconded. Fire Wards were **elected by voice vote.**

Old Home Days Committee: Maria Coviello, Jennifer Foreman, Ranae O’Neil, Janet Selle, Pamela Thayer, Susan Weller, Julie Lord. Moved and seconded. Old Home Days Committee elected by voice vote.

Recreation Committee: Ranae O’Neil and David O’Neil. Moved and seconded. Recreation Committee elected by voice vote.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber: Wes Tarr, Jr. Moved and seconded. Surveyors of Wood and Lumber elected by voice vote.

Article 2 – Re-adoption of Veteran’s Tax Credit Statutory Provisions on Eligibility

To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the Optional Veterans’ Tax Credit, in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$200.00. This article is pursuant to HB 1667 (Chapter 121, laws of 2022), signed by Governor Sununu on July 26, 2022, requiring municipalities to readopt these provisions for credits to remain in place for the 2023 Tax Year.

The Article was moved and seconded. Kathy Scott explained its intent and clarified that the re-adoption was in effect beyond the 2023 Tax Year until the regulations were changed or a new warrant article brought forward.

Article 2 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 3 – Property Re-Valuation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500 to finance the state mandated property re-valuation due to be conducted in 2023 [RSA 75:8-a], with \$20,500 to come from the Re-Valuation Capital Reserve Fund, and the remaining \$6,000 from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.

The Article was moved and seconded. Pegg Monahan explained that adjustments to assessed values would be reflected in the December, second half, tax bill for 2023.

Article 3 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 4 – Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,595,378 for general municipal operations with \$120,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance, the balance to come from general taxation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. [Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

The Article was moved and seconded. Andrea Hodson explained the budget building process, noting the roughly 9% increase over 2022 reflects increase in vendor and utility costs, a COLA adjustment, and increases in certain department budgets. She further noted that \$143,000 was being returned from 2022 to the general fund and applied to 2023 Warrant Articles.

Article 4 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 5 – Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds previously established, and to allocate the sum as follows:

<i>\$200,000 – Fire Equipment</i>	<i>\$5,000 – Bridges</i>	<i>\$5,000 – Re-Valuation</i>
<i>\$70,000 – Roads</i>	<i>\$5,000 – Dams</i>	<i>\$5,000 – Gravel pit reclamation</i>
<i>\$50,000 – Road Equipment</i>	<i>\$5,000 – Town Buildings</i>	

[Recommended by the Select Board; Majority vote required.]

Article 5 was moved and seconded. Kathy Scott noted that upcoming major expenses include replacement of aging Fire and Highway vehicles and the importance of setting aside funds for these large capital expenses. Fire Chief Derosia added that the Tanker truck is more than 25 years old and that the cost to replace fire vehicles is rising 8% annually. In addition, the Engine Truck, which has to be the most dependable, also needs replacing, likely in 2025.

Article 5 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 6: Highway Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,000 to purchase a new highway dump truck outfitted with plow equipment with \$210,000 of this total to come from the Road Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose, and the balance of \$35,000 to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2024 or the purchase of the vehicle, whichever is sooner.

[Recommended by the Select Board; Majority vote required.]

The Article was moved and seconded. Wes Tarr explained that the dump truck to be replaced is 22 years old.

Article 6 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 7 – Sunset Hill Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,100 to pave Sunset Hill Road with 2" hot top asphalt mix from the intersection of Breed Road a distance of 3800 linear feet and widths not to exceed existing widths, with \$41,100 to come from the unassigned fund balance, representing SB Highway Block Grant funding. No amount to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. [Recommended by the Select Board;

Majority vote required.]

The Article was moved and seconded. Andrea Hodson explained last year’s Warrant Article #6 approved an appropriation of \$73,900 for Sunset Hill. Time ran out before the project could be completed. This vote relates to the additional expense of \$41,100 to pave the road with 2" of hot top asphalt mix. She further clarified the reason to retain the existing road widths. In response to a question about the unassigned fund balance, Ms. Hodson explained its nature and purpose, and the DRA requirement to maintain a certain amount in it. Money not spent at end of the year goes into the unassigned fund balance to minimize tax impact.

The Select Board further addressed questions related to the expiration of the 2022 Warrant Article and how to prevent expiration and lack of project completion again this year. The board explained why it couldn't be completed in 2022, and the high probability it would be this year.
Article 7 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 8 – Tolman Pond Road Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,250 to pave Tolman Pond Road from the intersection of Nelson Road a distance of 1,320 linear feet and widths not to exceed existing widths, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance, representing SB Highway Block Grant funding. No amount to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. [Recommended by the Select Board; Majority vote required.]

The Article was moved and seconded. Road Agent Wes Tarr confirmed the linear distance is the equivalent of the existing length, and that the base of ground-up asphalt topped with pavement is similar to the surface the state put on Breed Road.

Article 8 PASSED by voice vote.

The Moderator temporarily halted Warrant Article proceedings to issue a 7-minute warning until the closing of polls for ballot voting in town and school elections.

Article 9 – Piper Lane Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,900 to pave Piper Lane from the intersection of Tolman Pond Road to its end at widths not to exceed existing widths, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance, representing SB Highway Block Grant funding. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. [Recommended by the Select Board; Majority vote required.]

The Article was moved and seconded. Kathy Scott explained the road widths and the purpose to maintain existing widths for safety of vehicular, pedestrian and bike traffic.

Article 9 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 10: Local Power Generation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000 for the purpose of installing a photovoltaic system at a municipal site, with \$100,000 of that total to come from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund, the balance of which is to come from general taxation. And further to authorize the Select Board to accept grants from State, Federal, and other qualified sources as may be available and applicable to do all things necessary to carry out the purpose of this appropriation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. [Recommended by the Select Board; Majority vote required.]

The Article was moved and seconded, after which, at 8:00 pm, the Moderator paused the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to close the ballot voting for Harrisville Town Meeting. All voted in favor. School District Moderator Phil Miner then requested a motion, which was made and seconded, to return School Meeting from recess and to close the ballot voting for School District Elections. All voted in favor. Town Moderator Kingsbury then returned to discussion on Warrant Article #10.

Andrea Hodson stated the project is an outgrowth of the 2014 Master Plan, and the vision for local energy supply and generation. She explained the process by which the Energy & Electric Aggregation Committee (EEAC), which recommended the Article to the Select Board, conducted an audit of three years of municipal energy use, and solicited input from local solar contractors to arrive at an estimated cost. There is an existing array at the town offices. This Article requests money to pursue expanded capacity but doesn't specify exactly what that would be. Any proposal for a specific project and installation would include an RFP, as well as review and approval by the Select Board. To be eligible for expected rebates, the Town would first have to expend the money and then apply for the reimbursement.

Several members of the EEAC spoke to the research done, the anticipated environmental and financial benefits, and estimated payback time of 11-12 years for the capital investment in a 100 panel, 40kw system. The figure of \$160,000 is proposed based on an estimate for a possible project at the highway barn, and it is an outside number with the goal of having funds in place for whatever specific project is decided upon. The town would seek the most advantageous project proposal. The committee estimates the array would cover 75% of the town's energy costs.

Residents asked about the Town's ability to qualify and the process for the reimbursements, which, though likely, are not guaranteed. Andrea Hodson noted that rebates received will go into the town's general fund and likely returned to the Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. Questions also arose about anticipated payback from an array. The committee also emphasized that solar is a renewable energy source, creating power for municipal use, and is a cleaner, better form of power generation. Anticipated savings are \$350,000 over 40 years, the warranty period for the panels. Residents asked how the numbers were arrived at and whether the funds could be better spent elsewhere.

Seth Kallman spoke in support of the project, believing the assumptions and 40kw system are very reasonable. He added that, while the rules and regulations may change, the proposal is a logical place to start, and he hopes the vision for energy conservation expands. Mr. Kallman pointed to the existing array at town offices, installed more than a decade, and to the fact that it has achieved what it set out to achieve.

Andrew Maneval of the EEAC noted that the EEAC welcomes new members and is always interested in talking to anyone interested in joining. Andrea Hodson then reviewed the process of exploring municipal sites and what a solar array could produce. To the question whether a ground-mounted array was considered, Ms. Hodson stated all the possibilities will come out

through the RFP process. To the question whether line upgrades would be necessary, the answer was yes but, again, specific needs would come out through the RFP. The committee also confirmed that as of now, no non-town-owned property has been explored. Mr. Putnam stated he supports the project.

Harry Wolhandler spoke in support, not just because of the payback or rising costs of energy, but because solar energy will not rise in price, does not use fossil fuels, and offers other non-financial benefits for our future.

Mr. Putnam stated that panels do degrade over time, averaging about a 1.5% degradation of power effectiveness each year. Mr. Maneval noted this will likely be addressed as part of any contract. As to whether a better proposal could be put forth next year, after more research and specifics could be in place, Andrea Hodson explained adequate assumptions are in place to proceed from this starting point and that the project wouldn't be specified until the RFP bids come in. Katie Hamon added that due diligence was done and this is the chance to appropriate the funds. Kathy Scott added that the 5-year lapse date allows or any potential supply chain issues.

The Moderator called for a vote, and reread the Article.

Article 10 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 11: Annual Town Meeting Schedule

Do you approve of having two (2) sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said ballot, and the second session on a date set by the Select Board, for transaction of other business? [RSA 39:2-a] [By petition; Majority vote required.]

Andrea Hodson explained the projected benefit, in unusual circumstances, for the Select Board to have flexibility to separate the day of elections from the deliberative session. The Warrant Article does not compel the board to separate the proceedings but allows them to, if needed. The question of proposing this option, allowed by statute, arose out of events of recent years, in particular the challenges presented by Covid.

Residents spoke both in favor and against the petitioned article, on the one hand supporting the tradition of having Town Meeting on the traditional day and skeptical that providing for a weekend day would encourage more civic engagement, and on the other hand in favor of giving the Select Board the flexibility if ever needed in unforeseen circumstances, and to best prepare for what to anticipate at Town Meeting.

Article 11 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 12: Receive Report of Agents

To hear reports of agents, committees, and offices chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

The article was moved and seconded. No discussion ensued.

Article 12 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 13: Business Transactions

To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

The article was moved and seconded. Thank you to Pegg Monahan for serving as a Select Board member this past year.

No additional business was brought forth.

Article 13 PASSED by voice vote.

At 9:05 pm, the 2023 deliberative session was recessed to March 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Noyer, Recording Secretary, for Catherine Lovas, Town Clerk
April 13, 2023

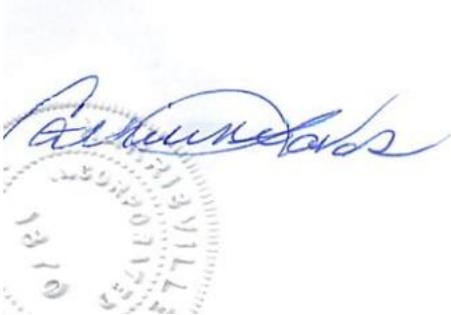
Attest: A true copy of the Minutes of the Harrisville Town Meeting held March 28, 2023

Mary Ann Noyer, Recording Secretary
April 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Lovas
April 13, 2023

Attest: A true copy of the Minutes of Harrisville Town Meeting held March 28, 2023

Catherine Lovas
April 13, 2023



Select Board

We start with our heartfelt thanks to all of our Town employees who serve us so well, and to the numerous volunteers who give their time, skills, and efforts so generously to our Boards, Commissions, Committees, and public interests. These folks are essential in making Harrisville the special place that it is.

2023 was a nice year: post-Covid, generally favorable weather (except that 39 inches of snow at the end of last winter!), fun and happy Old Home Days, and a pleasant spring, summer and autumn (if you like rain). This past year we said goodbye to Tax Collector Ann Charbonneau and are saying hello to the new Tax Collector Karen Castelli. Warm thanks go out to Neil Sandford for helping us so well through the transition. Also, Police Chief Steve LaMears and Harrisville are welcoming a new, part-time Police Officer, Matt Perry, to town.

We had three successful road repaving projects in 2023, on Sunset Hill Road, Piper Lane, and Tolman Pond Road. In addition, our dedicated Transportation Committee has kept busy working on improvements in speed control and installing radar devices on our local roads. We have a brand spanking new dump truck in our Highway Department. Considerable effort has been given to planning drainage and paving improvements to Church Street and School Street. Also, we have exciting new plans to roll out for Town consideration for returning our Transfer Station to a true, revenue-generating Recycling Center.

Our Community Power Plan is now fully implemented and has resulted in electricity cost savings for many Town residents, in addition to greater choice in sustainable energy options. Our agent, Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, is continuing to grow and is now the third largest supplier of electricity in New Hampshire. Also, we will be starting construction soon on the solar panels to be installed on the Town Highway Barn, which will reduce our long-term electricity costs.

The Town performed a property revaluation in 2023. This was required by state law. Consistent with properties around the state, our properties have increased in value considerably in the last five years.

The Select Board is honored to serve the Town of Harrisville. We encourage all residents with the opportunity to help out to consider signing up for one of our many Boards, Commissions, or Committees, or to work with our Fire and Rescue Department or with recycling or trails efforts. Please consider joining us in keeping Harrisville an engaged community with participation in Town affairs by a large, committed group of volunteers. Thank you for all you do.

Andrea Hodson

Kathy Scott

Andrew Maneval

Assessor

I continued to perform the duties of Assessor for the Town of Harrisville for 2023. As Assessor, my duties consist of the inspection of new construction and building permits. I will visit properties to ensure that data is correct per compliance with the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). Routine responsibilities of the Assessor include generating Tax Warrants twice each year, generating the Equalization Report for submission to the DRA, processing Intents to Cut, timber and excavation warrants, current use applications, land use change tax, subdivisions, mergers, annexations, tax map updates, deed and address changes, and abatements.

If you think you qualify for any exemptions or credits, including Elderly Exemptions, Veterans Tax Credits and Tax Deferrals, all of which have specific requirements, please contact the Assessor's office.

A full Statistical Update was conducted in Harrisville in 2023 to bring property values up to 100% of market value as of April 1, 2023 to comply with the requirements of the DRA. Tim Northcott of M&N Assessing, LLC was contracted to conduct the update.

My goal is to maintain consistent and equitable assessments for Harrisville and to provide taxpayers with knowledgeable explanations concerning their assessments. Feel free to contact me at Town Hall at 603-827-3431 (ext 4), or email assessor@harrisvillenh.org, to make an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Cook, CHNA

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement

We issued a total of 78 permits in 2023, including permits for electrical upgrades, generators, sheds, chimney repairs, garages, solar panels, new heating systems and one new home. Three permits issued were for demolition of structures. We issued four occupancy permits, one permit renewal and one extension.

Please keep in mind that you need a building permit for sheds, interior and exterior renovations, generators, gas and electrical work, solar installations and new construction. Feel free to call me if you are unsure about the requirements of the application or inspection process. There is a \$100 fine assessed for violations for failing to call for the required inspections.

As a final reminder, please, as a courtesy to emergency services personnel and delivery drivers, put your house number in a location that is clearly visible from the road. It is greatly appreciated!

Thank you. - Mike Wilder

Cemetery Trustees

The three Harrisville Cemeteries withstood the rainy summer with few adverse effects.

Randy Tarr Jr. was able to mow enough in between the showers to keep them presentable. He also assisted in marking grave plots which saw a great increase this past year. Many people are thinking ahead to save the families the need to purchase a plot when it may be needed in the future.

This year we had an unprecedented number of burials. We had 1 in Riverside Cemetery, 4 in Willard Hill Cemetery and 6 in Island Cemetery. There are a few full burial plots still available and many cremation plots available in all three town cemeteries.

We are currently working on updating the maps for all three cemeteries to reflect new burials. We will then put the maps on computer-generated forms.

It has been our pleasure and a great help to have Sonja Bianchi join us as a Cemetery Angel. She is very enthusiastic and helps us do the needed work at the cemeteries.

The Scattering Garden at Island Cemetery looks great with blooms from early spring to late fall. We have already had requests for two scatterings. With the proliferation of cremations now being done, this is a whole new way to honor loved ones and their wishes in this changing culture. By putting some of the ashes within the flowers and using a flat stone with name and dates, there will be a place for future generations to trace and honor ancestors.

There is a section in Willard Hill Cemetery marked for green burials. This is an environmentally friendly way of giving loved ones a legal burial without being embalmed. This is new to us, and a list of requirements is available from the Cemetery Trustees.

The cemetery roads are not maintained during the winter months and motorized vehicles are not permitted from December to April. Dog walking is permitted but we ask that they be on leash and the droppings be removed. Thank you all for the respect shown to the final resting places for family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Downing, Sarina Wilder and David Robins

Conservation Commission

According to NH RSA 36-A:2, a Conservation Commission (Con Com) is established “for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town.” A Conservation Commission may...

- conduct research into local land and water areas
- seek to coordinate activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes
- keep an index of open space and natural, aesthetic, or ecological areas within the town
- keep an index of marshlands, swamps and wetlands
- recommend to the selectboard programs for the protection, development, or better utilization of all such areas.

Our primary focus in 2023 has been to evaluate alternate ways to manage and prevent invasive plants and insects on land and in water. We are fortunate to have a team of expert members to lead this effort. These are:

- Ralph Zingaro, research horticulturist and consulting arborist at White Mountain, LLC
- John Sandri, landscape construction and arborist with a background in agriculture and soil science
- Don Scott, Landscape Architect experienced in sustainable environmental design and regulations

Other team members are:

- Harry Wolhandler, biologist, background in solar, energy conservation, and resource management
- Kathy Scott, Selectboard representative, brings town issues forward for consideration & strategy

This year HCC has two foci:

- We continue to support local Lake Host and Weed Watcher programs to inspect and detect emerging invasives and inspect incoming boats and trailers for weed fragments from neighboring waters (the primary path for aquatic invasives). For several years the Conservation Commission has allocated \$3,000 towards increasing and supporting the health of our lakes through Lake Host and Weed Watcher programs. In addition, roughly half of the \$60,000 conservation fund has been reserved for mitigation in case of invasive infestations.

- We've been testing various herbicides on stands of Japanese Knotweed around town. Last year's tests applied both Avenger and Scythe, an organic pesticide, to seek alternatives that may be more acceptable than Glyphosate, the known herbicide recommended by the state Dept. of Agriculture. Testing will continue and may support a decision on whether and how to conduct a more comprehensive town-wide effort to remove roadside knotweed. We might also offer to open up removal to private homeowners on request (as done in Dublin). If this program proceeds, it will be paid for by the Conservation Fund and will not affect town tax rates.

HCC continues to conduct its annual Spring Earth Day Roadside Cleanup campaign and invites walkers to continue to pick up roadside trash on Earth Day and every day. We continue to review proposed construction projects to protect steep slopes, wetlands, and surface and ground waters and offer advice to town boards and committees where needed.

We'd love to have new members who can broaden our skills and goals. We would like new members with an interest in protecting local wildlife including fish, game, and forest animals. New members with communication skills are also desirable to support public education efforts. Ideal members combine practical knowledge with experience working and playing in our woods and waters – e.g., Hunters, Fisherfolk, Tree Huggers, Teachers, and Environmental Activists.

Thanks for the strong and ongoing support that Harrisville residents have always displayed for protecting and preserving the natural environment we all love!

Harry Wolhandler, Chair, on behalf of the Harrisville Conservation Commission

Emergency Management & Safety

Facilities. Several projects were completed in 2023, which resulted in improved work environments for Town staff and reduced environmental impact. Water treatment systems were installed in both the highway facility and the police department, removing unpleasant odors and coloring, iron and magnesium content, and adjusting the pH. Water quality is much improved, and the facilities are cleaner and more inviting.

In addition, Mini Split heating / cooling systems have been installed in the Town Clerk's office and in the Police Station. This allows more efficient and effective climate control in both areas.

At the Fire Station and Town Hall, the generator which was installed many years ago was not equipped with a safety factor called overfill protection required by today's standards. Because fuel vendors would not fill the internal tank without this protection, after considerable research, it was determined that the most practical fix was to discontinue use of the internal tank and connect the unit to an external tank which met current regulations.

One of the more visible projects was replacement of the fence at the Transfer Station. The massive ice storm of 2008 resulted in many trees landing on the fence; over the years more damage was done. The gates were ok enough to keep for now, but fencing and rails were replaced and posts straightened.

The other visible effort was trimming the trees and vegetation in front of the Town Hall. In addition to the size of the trees and number of dead branches, there were the hundreds of feet of mini-Christmas lights long since forgotten and non-functioning. It made for an interesting challenge. Nicely done Randy and Randy. Thank you.

Looking forward, the Town is applying for a grant to install an emergency generator at the highway garage. Much of the necessary electrical work was installed when the building went up. This is the Town's

newest facility and, in any state of emergency, is critical. In addition, with the hoped for relocation of fuel tanks from the old highway garage to the new barn, a generator would keep flowing during outages.

At some point the Town should develop a plan for the Old Highway Barn off lower Main Street on Skatutakee Road. Currently the facility is used for random storage for other departments. Very little attention is being given to maintaining the building and putting it to productive use. The same applies to the Old Fire Station at the boat landing at Harrisville Pond, which needs to be gutted and treated for presence of black mold.

Safety. We were grateful for another accident- and injury-free year, and for a lack of environmental impacts outside of repeated rain events. Well done Town employees. Recognizing the members of the Town Safety Committee, they are Brian Tarr, Roberta Gline, Mary Ann Noyer, Steve LaMears and Andrew Maneval. Thank you for your efforts. The activities of the committee include: keeping meeting minutes, communicating with Town residents, reviewing accidents or incidents which have occurred, conducting safety audits for all town buildings or work centers, and holding round table discussions of any safety concerns which may come up. Copies of Committee minutes are available on the Town website under Government and Emergency Management and Safety. Hard copies of both minutes and audits are posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall.

Safety efforts notwithstanding, the Town sand/gravel pit contains an older piece of equipment referred to as a crusher. Its condition is dangerous to employees, and a work-around is neither simple or inexpensive. Immediate options include rebuilding it and installing hazard guards and protections. The Highway Department has for years looked for a welding contractor familiar with the requirements for this type of equipment, but with no luck. Another option is to purchase a used, but newer crusher, but they are expensive and hard to come by. A third option is to outsource the work on an annual or bi-annual basis, but this also is expensive. I have asked the Select Board to approve a search for a replacement in 2024.

Emergency Management. The greatest impacts to the Town in 2023 were weather-related. Last spring's memorable 40" of snow was a relatively short-lived challenge for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, with the Highway Department the most impacted. Then came the 2023 rainy season with seemingly weekly events. The Highway Department managed the challenge well. Several emergencies were declared in this part of the state, but Harrisville was fortunate to be outside of the heaviest impact of these storms.

A significant effort of Emergency Management throughout 2023 was the update of the Harrisville Hazard Mitigation Plan. At the time of this writing, the Plan is under final review for submission to the State for approval. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is a planning tool for the Town as well as other local, state, and federal governments, in their efforts to reduce the effects from natural and man-made hazards. Additional benefits include understanding the potential to reduce loss in future events, establishing priorities for loss prevention, reducing social, emotional, and economic disruption caused by disasters, and assigning responsibilities for agreed upon mitigation initiatives. Thanks to Southwest Regional Planning Commission facilitators Lisa Murphy and Henry Underwood. Town participants included Wes Tarr, Steve LaMears, Pegg Monahan, Neil Sandford, Kathy Scott, Wayne Derosia, Harry Wolhandler, Erin Hammerstedt and Jeff Cady. Your time and input is appreciated. Incidentally, the cost of the update to the plan was covered by a state grant.

An outgrowth of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update process was implementation of two new means of communicating with residents about emergencies. The digital sign on Chesham Road by the Fire Department and Town Hall, and Town enrollment in the “Code Red” emergency communication network. The latter is a no cost registration system to receive emergency notifications (about Harrisville events only) by cell phone, land line, email or text. The only people authorized to disseminate information are Harrisville Fire, Police and Emergency Management. Go to the homepage of the Harrisville Website under “Announcements” for instructions for signing up. Currently there are 71 resident subscribers.

Next up for 2024 is an update to the Town Emergency Action Plan. Anyone interested in participating in this effort should please let me (Jeff) know at jfcady2@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more information.

A reminder: Homeland Security and Emergency Management oversees state-level planning, preparation, response to, recovery from, and mitigation of all emergencies and disasters. This includes natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and severe winter storms, and human-caused disasters, such as nuclear power plant accidents or chemical spills.

For additional information and resources, visit the following: “nh.gov”, the state’s primary website; “dos.nh.gov”, most relevant to Emergency Management (scroll down the page and click on the icon for Homeland Security and Emergency Management); “Readynh.gov”, NH source information before and during state-declared emergencies, links included to Facebook and “X” sites. Also links on preparing for emergencies; “eversource.com”, look for the link to the outage maps.

-Jeff Cady, Emergency Management Director

Energy & Electric Aggregation Committee

Harrisville has been and continues to be engaged in the growing, transformative clean-energy movement underway in New Hampshire. Our citizen volunteers have developed initiatives supported by the broader community related to energy resiliency, access to cleaner energy, and energy conservation and efficiency dating back to the *2014 Master Plan*. Here’s a rundown of 2023 activity.

Community Power. Harrisville Community Power (HCP) launched in Spring of 2023! At the time we were one of 10 towns to launch with our agent, Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). In keeping with the Plan, HCP’s Granite Basic option consistently offers electricity supply for less than Eversource’s default rate. Choices for more renewable energy content – Granite Plus 33%, Clean 50%, and Clean 100% – are also available. Customer savings over the Eversource default rate was about \$33,000 by end-November. It’s worth noting that Coalition membership doubled in 2023 to 53 towns and cities by end-year, representing roughly 30% of NH’s population. This is the purchase power potential we envisioned!

Net energy metering (NEM) customers are by now familiar with the hurdles we face serving them in the HCP. On behalf of the (growing) Coalition membership, CPCNH continues to meet with the utilities and the NH Department of Energy to discuss load settlement strategies so that we can serve NEM customers and offer innovative rates to the community. RSA 362 A:9 II requires that exported energy from NEM systems is



“accounted for as a reduction” to the energy settlement for community power serving NEM customers. This is a critical step in being able to successfully serve you, NEM customers, as it allows community power plans to monetize the energy you are selling. Without this, the benefits from customers’ energy exports remain with Eversource.

Call 1-866-603-7697 or visit communitypowernh.gov to change your supply choices. Refer to the Community Power webpage at the Town’s website for related news and updates.

New Town Solar Array. At Town Meeting this year, the Town approved Warrant Article #10, aiming to add another solar array to the one installed at Town Hall to generate more clean energy and further reduce electricity supply costs. Following that, a Request for Proposals was disseminated, soliciting five proposal responses. Of the five respondents, ReVision Energy was awarded the contract to install a solar array on the Highway Barn at Willard Hill. Since then, preparatory steps have been completed, Eversource will upgrade the connecting transformer, and the first of two rebates has been received (\$6,840). This project is expected to be completed and start generating electricity by Spring 2024 and for slightly less than the approved funding allocation.

DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Opportunity to participate in this grant application with the Town of Peterborough emerged this summer. It took nearly six months to secure a grant award, clearing a path forward to offer Harrisville (and Peterborough) building owners a range of support options to retrofit and electrify old buildings over a three-year period. This includes weatherization, electric wiring upgrades, and installation of efficient fossil-fuel-free appliances (i.e. heat pump systems that heat and cool). A company called BlocPower will be engaged to assist building owners to plan and implement projects, navigate available tax credits and rebates, and distribute direct-pay funding to income-qualified building owners to apply to their projects. All this is to the benefit of participating Harrisville property owners and at no cost to the Town. A shout out to Earl Horn, Erin Hammerstedt, and Jeff Cady for their assistance scoping the possibilities. Watch for program details forthcoming next year.

The Committee. Finally, a note about the people who power this Committee. Founding members, **Andrew Maneval** and **Sherry Sims** roll off having completed three years of significant contributions to EEAC projects. **Ari Levine** left the Committee when he moved out of town this year and is leading an initiative to launch community power in his new town. **John Knight** transitioned from a seat on the Committee to one on the School Board. **Pat Putnam** joined to help develop the Solar Array RFP and review proposals. We also welcomed aboard **Don Kilgus**. Don is your point of contact for NEM questions as they pertain to Community Power and can help you evaluate the financial pros/cons of participating in community power at this juncture. Special thanks to **Charles Michal** who served as a Committee resource to help craft the solar array project RFP. If you are interested in working on these types of projects, or have ideas and questions about what’s going on, do not hesitate to let us know! (eacharrisville@gmail.com)

With thanks for your support, Andrea Hodson & Katie Hamon (Co-Chairs), Andrew Maneval, Ari Levine, Don Kilgus, John Knight, Patrick Putnam, and Sherry Sims

Fire & Rescue Department

The Harrisville Fire/Rescue Dept. responded to 106 emergency calls with 42 being for medical emergencies. We thank our members for the time and commitment they continue to put into the department and responding to our emergencies.

We are all getting older. We continue to need new members to help fill empty spots on our roster. All of our members have jobs which puts them out of town different hours during the day and night. We need certified fire and medical personnel. We now have several local EMS training opportunities to become certified as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) or EMR (Emergency Medical Responder).

We continue to reach out to our community for help in filling these positions. Our call volume - both Fire and medical - is increasing. We know these are busy times for everyone. In most households both parents work. Nationwide volunteerism continues to decline, Harrisville and the surrounding towns are no exception. We are currently covering our calls...

BUT WE NEED MORE HELP

If you have the interest, time and commitment to become certified in Fire or EMS, in return we will provide the training plus an hourly stipend for your time.

We are your friends and your neighbors; we are here to help you. Come join us and you will become part of our proud tradition of neighbors helping neighbors. Share our pride, the excitement and the satisfaction of helping others in their time of need.

For further information ask any Fire Dept. member or call the Fire station 603-827-3412 or Chief Derosia 603-827-3076. --Wayne Derosia, Harrisville Fire Chief

Health Officer

In 2023, the NH DES Subsurface Bureau approved seven new or replacement septic systems. There were two test pits done without filed plan applications for new septic systems.

The Covid-19 virus continued to be present throughout 2023. Additionally, there was an increase in RSV infections affecting all age groups. It's been a particularly fierce Fall and Winter season for all kinds of respiratory infections, from mild colds to more serious bugs. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), health care visits for coughs and sore throats with fever were "above baseline" for the eighth consecutive week by the end of December. Hospital admissions for flu, RSV, and Covid-19 were ticking up ahead of schedule. The CDC and the Health Officer are encouraging people to stay up to date with their Covid booster shots, and their annual flu vaccine. CDC recommends adults 60 years of age and older have the option to receive a single dose of RSV vaccine, based on discussions between the patient and their health care provider. It's been a particularly fierce season for all kinds of respiratory infections, from mild colds to more serious bugs. This recommendation for preventive care will continue into 2024.

West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), Jamestown Canyon Virus were detected in mosquito batches, but there were no human cases. As of September 2023, in New Hampshire, there were two human cases of the severe Powassan virus. Powassan is spread by blacklegged (Deer) tick bites. The tick only needs to be attached to someone for 15 minutes to transmit the disease. Symptoms include fever, muscle

aches, headaches and fatigue. Meningitis or encephalitis can also occur, and the CDC says about one in 10 people with severe disease die. An advisory was issued in 2023 for people to be aware of the potential severity of this virus, and to take special care to avoid tick bites. Residents should consider this advisory to still be active in 2024. Every year New Hampshire has had an increase in Lyme Disease cases. In 2023, there were 1470 reported cases, 400 more than 2022. Residents and visitors are advised to take precautions to avoid contact with ticks. The health officer has not received any notifications of infections in Harrisville.

In 2023, water testing showed that Harrisville Public Beaches had no elevated levels of bacteria present that would have required an advisory from the state. However, because of drought and lower water levels in some of our ponds this past summer, we detected the presence of Cyanobacteria, although these blooms were not widespread or long lasting. Residents are advised to report any blooms they may encounter in the ponds during the summer. More information on algal blooms can be found on the des.nh.gov website.

The health officer tested water at the Fire Station, Town Hall, and the Highway Barn. Low levels of coliform bacteria in the fire station and town office required a successful shock chlorination of the town well. The water at the town spring on Skatutakee Rd. is no longer tested because it is not a state-approved source for public drinking water. The water is not potable (safe for drinking), and it is posted as such. Free water test kits continue to be available at the town office. Each kit contains collecting bottles and instructions. The bottles can be submitted at a local lab. There is a fee for the analysis. The State of New Hampshire also offers homeowner water testing. That information can be found at dhhs.nh.gov. With the state there is also a fee-for-service. The health officer is available to provide information and guidance for water testing. All residents with a drilled well are encouraged to do a “standard test” every 3 years, and a “bacteria test” every year.

The health officer is available to answer any questions about septic systems and on the health-related issues outlined above, or any other questions about public health, including foster care and child daycare inspections. Don't hesitate to call if you have a question.

Respectfully submitted,
David Belknap, Health Officer

Highway Department

What can you say but, “It’s winter!” It’s great when you have equipment to handle it but, when the equipment breaks down and it takes months to get parts, it makes any clean up difficult at best. The truck broke down the first week of February and it didn’t return until the first week of June. Needless to say, being down a truck didn’t help with the cleanup efforts of 40 plus inches of snow that fell on March 14. Luckily, though, we have the grader!!

The truck approved at Town Meeting arrived in mid-July. It went right to work hauling asphalt millings to Sunset Hill Road and Tolman Pond Road. With all the rain during the summer, it made it very difficult to complete projects. Mother Nature was relentless this year. We finished paving in August, worked on gravel pit closure in the fall and got sand ready for the upcoming winter, and the cycle starts all over again!

Trees and brush are still a big problem. Like the road sign thieves, they don't seem to be going away. Signs are still disappearing at an incredible rate. Whoever it is must have quite the collection. 30+ signs have been stolen! Please, if you see any of these thieves in action, call the authorities.

Thanks to the Select Board, police department and fire department for their help throughout the year. Brian and Garry, thank you for your long days and hard work.

-Wes

Historic District Commission

2023 was another active year for the HDC. We reviewed and approved 12 applications and advised on 2 potential projects, one for the rehabilitation of St. Denis Church and the other for the Village Road repairs.

The Town, with the HDC, applied for and was granted Certified Local Government status through the NH Division of Historical Resources and the National Park Service. Such certification opens opportunities for grant eligibility for repairs or improvements to historic structures on town property, and opens opportunities to receive technical expertise from historic preservation specialists.

The Historic District Commission members are: Rex Baker, Noel Greiner (Chair), Sarah Tibbetts (Vice Chair), Kully Mindemann, Michael Price and Kathy Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel Greiner, Chair

Library

Library staff - Susan Weaver is the Library Director, Kristine Finnegan is the Children's Librarian, and Paulette Tuttle is the Library Assistant.

Regular Monthly events - Coffee Hour is the first Saturday of each month. The Cookbook Group meets the second Monday of each month in the library. The Fiber Arts Group meets on Thursday afternoons. Movie night is usually the last Friday of the month during the "dark" months. The Mysterious Book Group meets monthly in the library, on the third Thursday of each month.

Museum Passes - This year the library purchased a VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) pass, which has outdoor programs/exhibits and a pass for the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. We also have a pass to the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center (gift), a pass for the American Precision Museum in Windsor, VT (gift) and vouchers for the Kingdom Trails in Vermont (gift).

Special Programs - The UNH Marine Docents presented a program called "Estuaries and Watersheds". In the fall, Robert Goodby did a program called "Digging into Native History in NH", and Mary Kronenwetter gave a program on "Corbin's Animal Garden". These two programs were part of the NH Humanities Programs. In December, a needle felting workshop was held for adults.

Book Sale and Discover Books - In July the Trustees held our annual book sale, and earned \$816. Leftover books from the sale are donated to Discover Books who have also installed a book deposit bin by the Town Offices. This bin is available for donations year-round of clean, gently used books.

Downloadable books and Ancestry databases - As members of the NH Downloadable books program our patrons can download audio, e-books and periodicals to their personal devices. One hundred seventy patrons are now set up to use this service, sixty-three people are regular users. During 2023 they checked out 906 e-books and 1,733 audio books and 33 periodicals. We also subscribe to Ancestry.com (Library edition), which can only be accessed in the library, and HeritageQuest, which can be accessed remotely. 87 searches were made through these databases.

2023 Children's Librarian Report - The Harrisville Library continues to foster a love for reading among patrons of all ages. Throughout the year, our various programs and initiatives have aimed to engage young readers and promote literacy within the community.

Storytime sessions - Story Time sessions were offered every Wednesday. The children's librarian selected captivating readings that bring stories to life, fostering imagination and a passion for books.

Prize shelf for young readers - Our prize shelf remains a beacon of encouragement for young readers all year round. As children explore the library and delve into books, they have the opportunity to earn rewards, fostering a culture of enthusiasm for reading.

Summer Reading Program: All Together Now at Nature Camp - The summer reading program, themed "All Together Now at Nature Camp," was a success. Participants were engaged through book journals and reading logs. Wednesday Story Time sessions, and crafting activities were offered at 10 am. A total of 216 books were explored by 121 enthusiastic readers. Additionally, gift certificates to the Toadstool Bookstore were available to incentivize and reward the commitment to reading.

Other Engaging Kids Programs - Throughout the year, the children's librarian organized various programs catering to younger audiences. Valentine craft activities and storytelling sessions were offered. A program presented by the UNH Marine Docents called "Estuaries and Watersheds" was appreciated by people of all ages.

CliF Rural Library Grant -The Harrisville Library was fortunate to be part of the CliF (Children's Literacy Foundation) Rural Library Grant, which has a significant impact on promoting literacy. Author and illustrator, John Steven Gurney visited Wells memorial School and our library as part of this grant. A total of 110 books were received by the library, while the school received 27 new books. Gurney's engaging talks on reading and live illustration demonstrations left a lasting impression on all attendees.

Collaborative Programs - Gurney's visit wasn't limited to the library; it extended to the Harrisville children's Center, where children were treated to reading adventures accompanied by illustrations. Each child received two new books to take home, further fostering their personal libraries. In the upcoming spring, a similar program is planned at the school, ensuring that each K-6 students receives two new books to keep.

For more information about the CliF Rural Library Grant and its impact, please visit the Children's Literacy Foundation website.

The Harrisville Library remains dedicated to nurturing a lifelong love for reading in our community's youngest members. We are immensely grateful for the support and participation from families, schools, and partners and we look forward to another year of literary adventures and learning.

Thank you for being a part of our journey towards a more literate and imaginative community.

Acquisitions

New Adult books (fiction)	135
New Adult books (nonfiction)	74
New Adult DVDs	51
Total of new Adult materials	260

New Juvenile fiction	36
New Juvenile nonfiction	72
New Easy books	50
New Juvenile DVDs	2
New Juvenile Audio books	0
Total new (Juv.) material	160

Usage Statistics – Adult

Days Open	252
Adult patrons	3,282
Adult Reference questions	1,297
Adult fiction checked out	1,047
Adult nonfiction	499
Adult videos checked out	731
Adult audio books ckd out	86

Museum passes	4
Telescope	1
Puzzles / games	5
Downloadable e-books ckd out	1,067
Downloadable audios ckd out	2,248
Ancestry/HeritageQuest searches	87

Detail on our budget allocation is available at the library or by contacting the librarian or a trustee.

Susan N. Weaver (Director)

Kristine O. Finnegan (Children's Librarian)

Library Trustees

On behalf of the library trustees, I should like to note the enthusiasm and dedication of our library staff—Susan Weaver, library director, and Kris Finnigan, children's librarian—and welcome our newest member, Paulette Tuttle, library assistant, who is sharing hours with our children's librarian, allowing for more flexibility with staffing the building.

Our operating funds are supported entirely by the Town. Additionally, funds from the library trust and, for the several years past, the Harrisville Community Fund, are used to underwrite programming and special events, and revenues from our annual book sale, as well as the Saari Trust, are used to purchase additional books and audio-visual materials for the library collection.

We are most grateful for the continuing support from the select board and town officials, and from the residents of Harrisville.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Price, for the Library Trustees, who also include Karen Coteleso, and Sharon Wilder, with Teresa Morris and Les LaMois as alternates. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 in the library.

Withdrawals

Adult fiction	173
Adult Nonfiction	134
DVDs	42
Audio books	14

Total (Adult) Withdrawn 363

Juvenile fiction	70
Juvenile nonfiction	88
Easy books	61
DVDs	1
Audio books	9

Total (Juv.) Withdrawn 229

Usage Statistics - Juvenile

Juvenile patrons	322
Juvenile Reference Questions	77
Juvenile fiction checked out	251
Juvenile nonfiction checked out	149
Easy books (picture)	413
Juvenile videos checked out	144
Juvenile audio books checked out	6

Computer users	249
In-house usage (inc comp.)	1,181
Periodicals checked out	192
Interlibrary loans (borrowed)	1,010
Interlibrary loans (lent)	611

Planning Board

Overview: During 2023, the Planning Board (PB) continued to meet on our regularly scheduled meeting night, the second Wednesday of the month. The majority of the meetings have been held with attending members present at the Town Office with occasional members or members of the public attending online via Zoom.

Membership: The current members of the board are Ryan Stone, Courtney Cox, Andrew Maneval, Pete Thayer, Lisa Anderson, Don Scott, and Jon Miner. The board acknowledged Ned Hulbert for his many years of service, as he choose to step down following the expiration of his final three year term. The board also thanks Kate Neary for the time she served on the Planning Board and as the SWRPC representative.

SWRPC: Lisa Anderson was nominated to serve as the Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) representative for the Planning Board. SWRPC’s mission is “to work in partnerships with communities of the Southwest Region to promote sound decision-making for the conservation and effective management of natural, cultural and economic resources”.

Land-Use: This year the Planning Board approved (1) Boundary Line Adjustment, and (1) Major Subdivision. The board had held several Conceptual Consultations, and one resident came in for a Process Inquiry. In November the Planning Board held a joint meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustment chaired by Charlie Sorenson for a Conditional Use Permit regarding a second ADU, the ZBA voted to deny the application.

Procedure & Process: As a board of appointed, volunteer, public officials serving the residents of this town, we have committed time during our regular meetings to work on Land Use Application forms and checklists. In September Jon Minor and Andrew Maneval spearheaded the resumption of the Ordinance Review Committee, and the board is hoping to bring these revisions to Warrant at the 2024 Town Meeting.

The Transportation Committee has focused on Hancock Road, mainly in regards to traffic volume, speed, and pedestrian safety. It is also interested in the Church and School Street discussions. The Transportation Committee is a subcommittee of the Planning Board without a PB representative on the committee. The Planning Board will discuss the subcommittee process this coming year.

The Energy & Electric Aggregation Committee Andrea Hodson shared at the March Planning Board meeting that the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, had ten towns that have joined, including Harrisville. The EEAC held a public meeting in early April to present the opt-in, opt-out options for ratepayers.

Master Plan Re-View Steering Committee is in the final phases of designing and printing a tri-fold pamphlet that is a streamlined synopsis of Harrisville’s Master Plan.

Note: In October The Planning Board invited Julie Schoelzel of Greater Monadnock Collaborative to present the work they are doing to promote the Monadnock Region to recruit and maintain modern workforce. We were all really impressed with the presentation as well as the *Thrive Guide* produced by Yankee Magazine.

All of the information above can be found in greater detail on the Town Website. Each Board and Committee's meeting minutes are posted and available to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Cox

Police Department

2023 was a year full of unpredictable weather where we went from four feet of snow, to inches of rain, and a tornado striking on the edge of town. This all created a strain on our infrastructure, residents and Town Employees. Even with all of this, we remained extremely lucky with minimal damage throughout the town. Several Department Head meetings were held on the side of the road or on someone's front porch in the dark.

To help provide information to residents during emergencies, the Town has implemented two systems. Outside of the Fire Station is an electronic bulletin board that displays general information and, during emergencies, can quickly be updated. The Town also subscribed to Code Red Alert System, which allows us to send out messages to residents who have registered (for free) with the company. We can send a text message to your cell phone, call your landline telephone or send an email for instant notifications. If you have not registered, please see the Town Website for more information or give us a call.

In February we received our new cruiser, a 2022 Ford Explorer Hybrid. This cruiser was added to our fleet and we still maintain the 2016 Chevy Tahoe. Having two cruisers helps in several ways, one being when Officers are not physically in Town on duty, they can be home on call for emergencies. This year we handled 20 call outs from home. Secondly, we are not immune to break downs, and in the past the Officers have had to use their personal vehicle when the cruiser went in for repairs. This year the Tahoe received some substantial rust remediation that seemed unavoidable from our winter climate. We have already seen a double in savings with our gas mileage using the hybrid cruiser.

We took time this year to evaluate our equipment and building. Two of our portable radios were purchased in 2002, one in 2011, and were showing signs of problems. This year we were able to purchase two new portable radios, and have our 2011 portable radio refurbished. We worked hard in 2023 to update our office and in the spring installed a mini split pump for heat and air conditioning. This unit will help us transition from an oil furnace for heat, over to electric, with the anticipation of the solar units coming soon at the Highway Garage. The water at the Police Department has never been drinkable, and this year we installed a water filtration system. As with any repairs, before the year was finished, we ended up having to replace the pressure tank and the hot water heater. In December the Town purchased new windows for the station, which will be installed in 2024.

We are not immune to the shortage of Law Enforcement Officers in New Hampshire. Since we're not a 24-hour Police Department, we rely on NH State Police for their assistance as well as Officers being on call after they go home. With the shortage of Officers, we hired Milton "Matt" Perry as part time Officer, and he will cover approximately 20 hours per week. This will provide the town, on average, 68 hours of coverage with an Officer

physically in Town. Officer Perry will attend the Part- time Police Academy in Concord, graduating in early June. He comes to us with over 28 years’ experience working in the California Probation Department, retiring as a Deputy Chief. This 20 hour a week position had been unfilled since 2020, and now puts us at full staffing.

This year we were awarded a grant from the United States Deputy Sherriff’s Association for a tire deflation device, saving the Town approximately \$1,000, and helping equip both cruisers similarly. Harrisville has very few pursuits that we initiate, but we have neighboring towns on Route 101 that do. Having the tire deflation device helps us stop these pursuits on the outskirts of town, preventing them from traveling through.

We’ve explored the options of body cameras for the Department, and applied for several grants. Unfortunately, the grants were awarded to larger agencies. We will continue to research this substantial investment in 2024.

This year we handled 431 calls*. Below is a partial breakdown of various calls:

Motor Vehicle Accident – 7	Criminal Mischief – 5
Burglar Alarm – 18	Police Information – 42
Theft – 13	VIN verifications – 14
Domestic Disturbance – 1	Missing Person/Welfare Check – 17
Animal Complaint – 27	Suspicious Person/Vehicle - 7

*The total number of calls for service excludes calls that NH State Police may have handled in our absence.

We have been lucky to have Officer Driscoll, Officer Byam and Administrative Assistant Neil Sandford throughout the year when many towns struggle to find help. We continue to have great working relationships with all the Town Departments, and with our bordering agencies. Thank you to the residents for your patience and understanding that we are not a full time 24-hour, 7 day a week Police Department. With that, if you have an emergency, please don’t hesitate to call 911 or our 24-hour Dispatch Center at 603-355-2000.

Sincerely,
Steven LaMears

Recycling Center

The Town of Harrisville follows guidelines and training from NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), and Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA). Currently, Willard Hill Transfer Station functions solely as a transfer station. We have a brush pile north of the exit lane, along Willard Rd. The perimeter fence was repaired and the old rental trailer between the barn and office buildings has been removed. Approximately 400 households used our facility. We have completed 6.5 years of a Co-mingle Contract with Monadnock Disposal Services. This vendor removes all recyclables: plastic numbers 1 and 2; mixed paper, metals, and demolition. There is no market for plastic numbers 3-7. We pay by volume for all solid waste and recyclables removal and receive no revenue. The cost for trucking is expensive!

A trial private-public partnership with NexTrex was hugely successful and entirely run by volunteers from the Rethink Plastics Committee, a volunteer group in town. It has ended, a report was in the Jan-Feb edition Common Threads. Styrofoam was stored and volunteers transported to Guilford NH, several car/truck loads of rinsed and cleaned Styrofoam. While Harrisville received no revenue from these programs, these plastics were kept out of our waste stream. Thank you to all who volunteered!

The Recycling Center Committee has been researching for 2 years, the possibility of returning to a Recycling Center format using Single Source Separation and selling recyclables for revenue. The committee consulted with NH DES, NRRA and hired a Consultant specialist for this process. The result is Warrant Article 3. Recycling Markets are very different than in 2017. We have an excellent building, all baling machines, skid steer, and scale are in good working order. Currently Markets for plastics #1, 2, cardboard, paper are local. There is a vendor accepting plastic # 5 without revenue, recycling will keep this plastic out of the waste stream. Individual vendors will remove these materials at their cost. Solid waste (compactor) Metals and Demolition will continue to be removed by our Solid Waste Vendor. The Town will consider using the scale we already own, to objectively weigh objects to be tossed for Tipping Fees, so will equalize the actual cost to the town for removal. The change-over is planned for Memorial Day 2024, should this warrant article pass.

Thank you to our Highway Department for maintaining and keeping the Roadway accessible and maintaining the glass crushing and storage at the Town Gravel Pit. Thank you to Jeff Cady for multiple maintenance repairs to the RC, as well as to all other Town Departments for working in cooperation with me at the Recycling Center. Recycling Center Committee will continue working to review DES requirements, consult with NRRA, for future recommendations regarding this facility and improving recycling in Harrisville, reducing solid waste in the Waste Stream. Future improvements to the Willard Hill Transfer Station will be considered. Thank you for your continued support!

Annual Recyclables: by weight (No Revenue)

Co-Mingle	16.17 Tons
Mixed paper/cardboard	67.49-Tons
Metal	14.50 Tons

Annual Household Waste: by weight (No Revenue)

Compactor	174.00 Tons
Demolition	35.60 Tons

Annual Revenue:

Tipping Fees	\$ 8,184.00
Recycling Permits	\$ 4,160.00
<u>Returnables</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Combined Revenue	\$14,190.00

Anticipated 2024: continue Co-Mingle until May 31, 2024 should Article 3 pass, conservatively anticipate revenue to increase to \$25,000 remainder 2024. Anticipate further decreased Compactor Solid Waste, should more residents recycle, purchase/use fewer plastics, and consider home-composting or using a private compost service to decrease food waste in the Compactor. **Anticipate increased trucking cost for removal Solid Waste to \$55,000.00 should Article 3 fail.** This number is from the Vendor, concurred with the Select Board and Recycling Center Committee and Consultant.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Tarr, Jr and Kathy Scott

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR TOWN OF HARRISVILLE 2023

Conservation Fund (bank account)

Balance 1/1/23	\$61,371.43
Interest	\$953.05
Deposits (LUCT collected 2023)	\$2,825.00
Withdrawals	-\$610.13
	\$64,539.35

withdrawal = plants for Harrisville Pond outlet stabilization

Mascoma Bank Checking & Debit Account

Balance 1/1/23	\$1,869,168.37
Tax Collector Deposits	\$4,336,606.33
Town Clerk Deposits	\$230,864.30
Selectmen Deposits	\$90,847.22
Interest on Mascoma accounts	\$20,780.16
Transfers from the Trust Funds	\$240,114.41
Transfers from Conservation Fund	\$610.13
Transfers from Police Special Detail Fund	\$4,980.02
Transfer from Worden Indemnity Fund (to close out account)	\$10,006.79
State & Federal & County Deposits	\$183,894.23
Bank Service Fees	-\$829.92
Checks paid & debit card expenses	-\$4,321,940.70
Electronic Payroll Related Transfers	-\$600,976.05
Transfers to the Trust Funds	-\$345,720.00
Transfers to Conservation Fund	-\$2,825.00
Transfers to Police Special Detail Fund	-\$525.40
Loan repayments + interest (HWY barn & Broadband)	-\$30,610.92
	\$1,684,443.97

Police Department Account (opened 5/27/14..drug bust revenues)

Balance 1/1/23	\$35.72
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.54
	\$36.26

Police Special Detail Fund (opened Nov 2022)

Opening Balance Nov 1, 2022	\$0.00
Special Detail Income	\$6,650.00
Payroll Related Expenses	-\$4,654.60
Interest	\$19.79
	\$2,015.19

Tax Collector

My name is Neil Sandford, the Town's Deputy Tax Collector for the past seven years. In July, I took over as acting tax collector when Ann Charbonneau left, and I served in this capacity until Karen Castelli came on board as Tax Collector in 2024. I am glad to continue to serve as her deputy.

Property tax bills are mailed semi-annually, typically at the end of May due July 1, and at the end of October due December 1. Your July bill is half of your prior year's total bill. Your December bill is calculated by multiplying your property's assessed value by the new tax rate set each fall and crediting your July payment. The assessed value is as of April 1 for the tax year. Following the town-wide Revaluation this past year, and dramatic increases in most properties' assessments, the tax rate decreased from \$18.60 to \$12.56 per thousand.

Tax payments can be mailed, dropped in the tax collector mailbox in the Town Hall lobby, or paid online at www.nhtaxkiosk.com. If you need to make a payment of less than \$10.00, please send or deliver a check or cash instead of using the kiosk. Our office hours are Tuesdays and Friday, 11:00am –1:00 pm, with additional hours as needed.

We want to thank Ann Charbonneau for her terrific and thorough work performed as the Harrisville Tax Collector and to welcome Karen Castelli with whom we look forward to working.

Please feel free to call us at (603) 827-5546 X 3 or email us anytime at taxcollector@harrisvillenh.org with questions or concerns relative to property taxes, including timber yield, current use land change, and excavation taxes. If you have questions or issues concerning your property's assessed value, please contact Lynn Cook, Harrisville's tax assessor.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil R. Sandford

Town Clerk

Cathy Lovas, Town Clerk

Jillian Miner, Deputy Town Clerk

The year began with our annual Town Elections and Town Meeting postponed due to nearly 3 ½ feet of snow! We delayed our Elections and Meeting 2 weeks and on March 28 we were successful, after all, we are New Englanders! Despite the snow and the rainy spring, summer and fall, Jillian attended the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks' Associations' (NHCTCA) annual meeting in October. I attended the NHCTCA's Town Clerk Certification program in August, completing my second year and anticipate becoming Certified after the August 2024 class. We attended regional updates regarding new Motor Vehicle procedures, Elections and updates regarding Vital Records in addition to participating in on-line webinars and training.

This past year, we processed more than 1,700 vehicle registrations and titles as well as boat registrations, similar to last year. In addition to registering cars and boats, we also are keepers of all Town records, including, but not limited to, Town Board & Committee minutes, Appointments, and Oaths of Office. We record Wetland and Shoreland Permits, Residency Applications and keep public records accessible to our residents. Thank you to all of the town boards and committees for submitting meeting minutes. We appreciate your commitment and punctuality.

We are responsible for keeping a record of births, marriages and deaths reported and the issuance of certified copies of such records as well as the issuance of marriage licenses. In 2023 the Clerk's Office issued 8 marriage licenses and 28 certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates. The office also recorded 1 Marriage, 3 Births and 9 Deaths of town residents. We are also tasked by the state with the licensing of dogs. In 2023 the town registered 301 dogs.

We had 38 new residents sign affidavits of residency and we assisted the Supervisors' of the Checklist by starting the registration process for 37 new voters. Through all of these activities and UCC revenue, the Town Clerk's Office generated revenue [unaudited] for the Town of Harrisville of **\$229,396.92** up slightly from 2022. In addition, we issued 229 decals for access to the recycling center and beaches, adding **\$2290.00** to the decal sales.

We would like to remind you that we offer Notary services at no charge as a courtesy to the residents of Harrisville. It is a small way that the Town Clerk's Office can say thank you to the residents of Harrisville for the courtesy and support you have shown our office throughout the year.

Thank you for your support and understanding. We look forward to serving you in 2024.

Cathy Lovas, Town Clerk

HARRISVILLE 2023 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTH REPORT 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

CHILD'S NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
BOUDREAU, LEWIS HARVEY	06/12/2023	PETERBOROUGH, NH	BOUDREAU, JOSEPH	BROUDREAU, SHAYNA
WILLIAMS, ADRIENNE MICHAELA	07/13/2023	KEENE, NH	DUFRESNE, JUSTIN	DUFRESNE, MADISON

DEATH REPORT 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

DECEASED'S NAME	DEATH DATE	DEATH PLACE	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
HALL, THORA	01/09/2023	HARRISVILLE, NH	MYHR, JOHS	RINGSBY, KIRSTEN
POCKETT III, AROL RAY*	02/07/2023	HARRISVILLE, NH	POCKETT JR, AROL	BOUTWELL, CAROLYN
CLARK, MARTHA ROSE	03/11/2023	HARRISVILLE, NH	BAILEY SR, ARNOLD	LOCKE, EVA
PARKER, JUDY JONES	05/10/2023	HARRISVILLE, NH	JONES, WILSON	DAVIS, MARY
POCKETT, CAROLYN MAE	05/28/2023	HARRISVILLE, NH	BOUTWELL, JOHN	JORDAN, MARCIA
BOWERS, EILEEN	07/09/2023	LEBANON, NH	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
FRENCH, RUSSELL NEAL	07/24/2023	HARRISVILLE, NH	FRENCH, HOWARD	BLAKE, JUNE
BROWN, SUSAN ELIZABETH	7/29/2023	KEENE, NH	BURNETT, EDWIN	SCHMIDT, VERA
STONE JR, RICHARD LOUIS*	10/22/2023	HARRISVILLE, NH	STONE SR, RICHARD	RICHARDS, PAULINE

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

NAME/RESIDENCE	NAME/RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
BRADLER, MORGAN S HARRISVILLE, NH	BARTHOLOMEW, ZACHARY D HOLDERNESS, NH	RINDGE, NH	06/18/2023

* Designates Military Service

** This report may not reflect every birth or marriage, as Town residents can decline reporting in the Annual Report

Trust Fund's Report For 2023

A summary of the status of town trust funds is below. The date of creation, name and purpose of the fund, balances at the start of the year, additions, income earned and withdrawals, with current balances as of December 31, 2023 are reported. **2023 Monthly Distribution Yield** : January = **4.48%**; December = **5.47%**

2023 Harrisville Trust Funds

Trust Fund [CR = Capital Reserve]	Year of Inception	Acc. #	01/01/23 Opening Balance	Deposits	With- drawals	Interest	12/31/23 Closing Balance
FIRE EQUIPMENT (CR)	1961	#0002	\$322,872.16	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,932.52	\$545,804.68
ROAD EQUIPMENT (CR)	1963	#0003	\$210,313.05	\$50,000.00	-\$210,000.00	\$7,423.36	\$57,736.41
SCHOOL DISTRICT (CR)	1986	#0006	\$148,015.89	\$15,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$8,210.67	\$166,226.56
BEACH EQUIPMENT (CR)	1957	#0007	\$2,923.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$152.99	\$3,076.42
POLICE EQUIPMENT (CR)	1980	#0009	\$37,040.83	\$0.00	-\$9,614.41	\$1,437.76	\$28,864.18
SILVER LAKE GRANGE	1963	#0010	\$394.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.65	\$415.40
SCHOOL & CHURCH	1990	#0011	\$3,216.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.35	\$3,385.05
CEMETERY TRUST	Various	#0012	\$57,521.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,010.32	\$60,531.48
BRIDGE (CR)	1996	#0015	\$122,333.23	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,553.09	\$133,886.32
LAND ACQUISITION (CR)	1996	#0016	\$3,590.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$187.89	\$3,777.99
DAM (CR)	1997	#0017	\$49,547.18	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,743.89	\$57,291.07
RECYCLING EQUIPMENT (CR)	1999	#0018	\$33.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.73	\$35.09
SCHOOL OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION	2002	#0019	\$293,706.83	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,602.10	\$314,308.93
TOWN BUILDINGS (CR)	2003	#0020	\$176,271.31	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,375.89	\$190,647.20
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	2008	#0023	\$5,319.61	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$295.09	\$6,334.70
LAND CONSERVATION (CR)	2008	#0024	\$15,586.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$815.69	\$16,401.91
ROADS (CR)	2009	#0025	\$69,675.38	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,758.74	\$145,434.12
RE-EVALUATION (CR)	2012	#0026	\$20,545.51	\$5,000.00	-\$20,500.00	\$739.32	\$5,784.83
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (CR)	2017	#0028	\$906.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47.46	\$954.17
GRAVEL PIT MGE. & RECLAIM. (CR)	2020	#0029	\$15,251.27	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$949.05	\$21,200.32
TOTAL			\$1,555,064.68	\$365,720.00	\$245,114.41	\$86,426.56	\$1,762,096.83

Zoning Board of Adjustment

I am indebted to the members of ZBA for their diligent work this past year. They are Rex Baker (Vice Chair); Patrick Gagne; Jeff Trudelle, Hal Grant (alternate); Andrew Maneval (alternate); Andrea Hodson (Select Board representative); Pegg Monahan (Select Board representative); Mary Ann Noyer (alternate); Ed Tibbetts (alternate). Here is a summary of the sixteen matters which came before the Board in 2023. Detailed minutes and explanatory “Notices of Decisions” are available at the Town Office and web site.

(1) January 18, 2023. John Sandri, 233 Bonds Corner Road (Map 20 – Lot 33-1), applied for a Special Exception under Articles 4.1.19 and 20.1.2 of the town zoning ordinances to operate a home-based business to store equipment and limited materials for stonework, tree work and light excavation. The property contains 3.64 acres in the residential/agricultural district. Under Article 4.1.19, Home-based Businesses are permitted in all districts by special exception subject to the conditions outlined in the ordinances in this section and in Article 20.1.2. The Board applied each of the relevant criteria to the facts and approved Mr. Sandri’s application for a special exception for the operation of a home-based business, employing 3 non-residents, and involving excavation, tree work, and stonework. The business use of the property is limited to storage of equipment in property structures and vehicles on the property, with landscape screening to be completed substantially prior to year-end 2023.

(2) February 15, 2023. Jeff Cady and Linda Hyatt, 24 Dublin Road (Map 30 – Lot 21), applied for a Special Exception under Articles 4.1.19 and 20.1.2 of the town zoning ordinances to operate a home-based business. The applicants wanted to use a portion of their lower level as a craft studio to create and display and sell oil and acrylic paintings, and fiber animal and other artistic creations. Most would be produced by Ms. Hyatt. The studio would be open to the public a few open hours per week. Entry to the studio would be through an existing entrance to the dwelling house. There would be no non-resident employees. Article 4.1.19 governs applications for home-based businesses, which are allowed in all districts by special exception subject to the conditions outlined in the ordinances in this section and Article 20.1.2. The ZBA applied these criteria to the facts presented by the applicants and granted a special exception to Jeff Cady and Lind Hyatt for operation of a home-based business at 24 Dublin Road, Harrisville, New Hampshire consistent with the application and facts determined at the hearing.

(3) May 17, 2023. Nancy and Jeremy Lory, 65 South Road (Map 41 – Lot 7), applied for a special exception under Articles 5.3.3 and 20.1.2 to construct a 12 by 12 feet addition to the house in a direction away from the non-conforming aspect, which is the existence of the dwelling within the required 75 feet-setback from Russell Reservoir. The lot is also non-conforming in its size of .49 acres in the lakeside district, where the minimum lot size is 1 acre. The expansion would be away from the direction of the lake. The proposed roof height would match the existing roofline of the dwelling. The structure, with the four-season addition, would remain well in compliance with the side and road setbacks.

The proposal complied with Article 9.1.6., which states, “...In the case of existing non-conforming structures, no additions shall be made which will be closer to the high-water mark than the nearest part of the existing structures...” Under 5.3.3, “by special exception a non-conforming structure may be expanded in either volume or area. This expansion must be in a direction away from the non-conforming aspect...”. The proposal met this requirement.

The Board applied the special exception criteria under Article 20.1.2 and approved the application for the 12 x 12 feet four-season addition consistent with the application as presented.

(4) May 17, 2023. Julie Ward, 49 South Road (Map 41 – Lot 3), applied for a special exception to expand an existing deck away from the non-conforming aspect and to add a 4 x15 feet stairwell on the west side of the deck and an additional staircase, expanding the deck footprint 2 x 8 feet, on the deck’s east side.

The Board reviewed existing and proposed designs and the shape of the shoreline, expressing concern about the location of one of the stairwells, whose corner would place the stair structure closer to the high-water mark of Russell Reservoir. This direction would render the proposal out of compliance with Article 9.1.6., which requires that an expansion or addition not be closer to the high-water mark than the existing structure. The Board and applicant discussed possible alternative options but none could be considered without a new application. The Board denied the application.

(5) June 21, 2023. John Croteau, 185 Eastside Road (Map 71 – Lot 13), applied for a special exception under Article 9.1.6 to install a 7 x 8 feet Rubbermaid storage shed 10 feet from the high-water mark of Silver Lake. The purpose of the storage container is to house water recreational equipment such as a trampoline raft and water skis. The container is surrounded by a high vegetation buffer and the shed can’t be seen from the lake. It would be located adjacent to the water, given the sloped nature of the lot, and does not require a foundation or other disturbance of the soil.

The governing ordinance here is Article 9.1.6 which provides that “No structure shall be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to the edge of any right-of-way, or to the side or rear boundaries of the lot. Accessory buildings such as storage sheds and gazebos but excluding automobile garages may be located within the seventy-five (75) feet setback as a special exception” provided the terms of Articles 9.1.6 and 20.1.2 are met.

The Board found that the provisions of Articles 9.1.6 and 20.1.2 were met and granted a special exception for location of a rubber storage shed 10 feet from the lake in conformity with this application.

(6) June 21, 2023. Andrew Scanlan, 839 Hancock Road (Map 10 – Lot 36-1), applied for a special exception for a home-based business under Article 4.1.19. Mr. Scanlan is a metal fabricator, building truck bodies and parts, and does welding and services heavy equipment, such as tractors and backhoes. Most of his work takes place at customers’ properties; he otherwise works out of his garage, the construction of which initially was not intended for business use. He is the sole employee and currently has no plans to hire.

The noise generated by his business includes machines running, and use of tools such as welders, torches, hammers, or angle grinders. Most of the noise is confined to the inside of the 40 by 60 feet garage; however, occasionally trucks and equipment are tested in the driveway. The business was started in November 2022, and currently has one vehicle dedicated to business use.

Allowance of a home-based business is governed by Article 4.1.19, which states that home-based businesses are permitted by special exception in all districts subject to the criteria in that ordinance and those in Article 20.1.2 on special exceptions.

Applying those criteria, the Board granted a special exception for a home-based business involving work described in Mr. Scanlan’s application and in the hearing, with the following conditions: (1) loud noise work (such as fabrication, hammering and welding) will be done in the garage building with the doors closed; (2) such work will be done between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM; and (3) the applicant will create a hazardous material retention system within the garage.

(7) July 19, 2023. Jessica and Jason Dragon, 41 Silver Road (Map 51 – Lot 17), applied for special exceptions to rebuild an existing camp near its original footprint, moving the structure four feet further away from Harrisville Pond and four feet further from the side property line, which would place the structure in a more conforming location. The applicant further proposed adding a deck along the north side of the house leading to the driveway and toward the road and replacing an existing 8 x 10 feet shed with a 12 x 20 feet storage shed. The property is in the Lakeside Residential District. The foundation for the shed would be stone and the shed would be 8 feet high. The shed would be no less than 50 feet from Harrisville Pond.

Because the dwelling application involves a nonconforming structure on a nonconforming lot, the relevant ordinance provisions are: (1) “5.4.1. A structure on a non-conforming lot may be expanded in volume or area as set forth in 5.3.3, and replaced or relocated on the property by special exception of the Board of Adjustment.” (2) “5.3.3. By special exception, a non-conforming structure may be expanded in either volume or area. This expansion must be in a direction away from the non-conforming aspect of the structure.” The Board found that the expansion meets the terms of these provisions and applied the Article 20.1.2 criteria. The Board found that all of the Article 20.1.2 criteria were met except 20.1.2.2. (“The use as developed will not adversely affect the adjacent area.”). as to which the Board needed additional information. Accordingly, the Board continued the hearing on the dwelling-related special exception in order to receive additional information from the applicants and the abutters as to the impact of the proposal on adjacent properties.

As to the shed special exception, the Board applied Article 9.1.6., which reads in part: “*Accessory buildings such as storage sheds and gazebos but excluding automobile garages may be located within the seventy-five (75) feet setback as a special exception provided*” that the application meets the criteria of this ordinance and Article 20.1.2. Based on the facts presented in the application and at the hearing, the Board granted a special exception for the storage 12 by 20 feet shed located between the 50 feet and 75 feet setback from the lake that otherwise meets right of way and side setbacks.

(8) August 16, 2023. Jason and Jessica Dragon, 41 Silver Road, Map 51- Lot 17, applied for a special exception to construct a 2-1/2 story dwelling in a more conforming location to replace the existing camp near its original footprint. At the July 19, 2023 hearing, the Board asked for additional information regarding any adverse impact caused by the proposal and continued the hearing to August 16, 2023. At the present hearing the Board noted that the adverse impact provision includes more than just property values or financial impact; aesthetic effects could also be weighed, including an abutter’s view of Harrisville Pond directly affected by the proposed project. At the extensive hearing, photographic evidence, opinion testimony and abutter testimony were taken by the Board as to whether the Article 20.1.2.2 requirement was met that “the use as developed would not adversely affect the adjacent area.”

After reviewing the information submitted by the applicants and abutters, the Board discussed whether there was a way that the amount of obstruction of the abutter’s view could be reduced. Specifically, the Board considered whether it was necessary or desirable to relocate the proposed dwelling 4 feet from the side property line. The Board discussed the fact that the move would make the impact on an abutter’s view more extensive than if the structure’s footprint on the south side remained inside the side setback. The house’s footprint would still move 4 feet further back from the lake to a more conforming location.

Noting the challenge of balancing the rights of the applicants and abutting property owners, and the work done by the Dragons to improve their parcel, the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve the application for a special exception for construction of the proposed structure as depicted generally on the site plan, without moving the dwelling out of the side setback, but with moving it 4 feet further back from the water. The Board concluded that the

approved modified application would meet the terms of article 20.1.2.2 regarding the absence of a significant adverse effect on the adjacent area.

(9) September 20, 2023. Brian and Laura Bradford, 128 Chesham Road, Map 40 – Lot 13, applied for a special exception under Article 4.1.19 to operate a home-based business for animal interactions. The sole employees, the Bradfords currently raise cows, goats and chickens on their residential farm and want to offer cow cuddling in their existing barn containing two stalls. Customers will be able to make either half hour or hour appointments with the cows. The couple will offer spots to three people at a time in each stall, or six total per session. Two cows are available currently, with possible expansion to four in the next two years.

Allowance of a home-based business is governed by Articles 4.1.19 and 20.1.2. Applying the criteria of the ordinances, the Board approved the application for a special exception for the home-based business involving animal interactions as described in the application and hearing contingent upon the following conditions: The business will operate no later than 6 pm, but is permitted to operate 7 days a week; signage will comply with town ordinances, including in terms of location and size; the port-a-potty will be moved to adjacent to the barn and be properly serviced; the limitation on number of clients for animal interactions is 12; and driveway access must be permitted by the state and constructed to the state specifications.

(10) September 20, 2023. Pamela Worden and Charles Faucher, 153 Skatutakee Road, Map 30 - Lot 51-1, applied for a special exception under Article 5.3 to expand and enlarge a non-conforming structure on the south shore of Lake Skatutakee. They proposed to expand the existing 748 square-foot structure with 158 square feet deck by adding a 614 square feet addition on the western end. The existing dwelling would be replaced on the same footprint, and a connector and building addition would be constructed to the immediate west of the existing dwelling. The addition would be no closer to the road than the existing cottage and would be 4 feet less close to the lake than the existing house. The existing deck and stairs would remain in place with improvements. The new building would be raised from the ground and would sit on an open-air frost foundation with a deep stone base and infiltration bed to allow the water to infiltrate prior to entering the lake. This would be an improvement on existing conditions.

Under Article 5.3.3 “by special exception, a non-conforming structure may be expanded in either volume or area. This expansion must be in a direction away from the non-conforming aspect of the structure.” Here the addition expands the footprint, but that expansion is less non-conforming than the existing building in that the added structure will sit 4 feet further from the lake. Applying the Article 20.1.2 special exception criteria to the facts here, the Board approved the application for a special exception to rebuild the existing 748 square feet camp, with a 610 square feet addition for a total of 1358 square feet, with an impervious cover of 2.7% as a result of the addition.

(11) November 8, 2023. SRH Farm Food LLC, 31 Clymers Drive (Map 60 – Lot 55-2), sought two variances in order to apply for a **Conditional Use Permit Application from the Planning Board to construct a detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU)**. The property owners (Sarah Heffron and Craig Thompson) were seeking two variances. The first was from Article 6.1.3 (in Residential Agricultural District there must be at least (50) feet between any structure and the nearest boundary of any public right-of-way. Applicants proposed to build a detached ADU that would be closer than 50 feet from the public right of way along Clymers Drive. The second was from Article 6.1.4 (only 1 dwellings and an ADU are allowed on a parcel in the Residential and Agricultural District). Applicants proposed building an ADU on a lot already containing two dwellings. Article 20.1.3 governs granting variances. Article 20.1.3.5 requires that the applicant establish “Unnecessary hardship. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship as defined

by NH Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 674, Section 33, as amended,” which provides: “Unnecessary hardship means that, owing to the special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, 1) no fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the special application of that provision to the property; and 2) the proposed use is a reasonable one.” As to “unnecessary hardship” the applicants must show why the ZBA should treat the applicants’ property differently for zoning purposes from other properties similarly situated by allowing relief for the right of way setback and allowing more than two dwellings in their situation. The special conditions of the property must relate to the conditions of the property itself, not to changes or conditions created by the property owners.

The Board applied the Article 20 criteria, and a majority concluded that not all variance criteria had been met, with a 3-2 majority voting that unnecessary hardship had not been established. Accordingly, the variance for a third dwelling was denied.

(12) November 15, 2023. Adam Schepker, 46 Prospect Street (Map 51 – Lot 5), applied for two special exceptions under Articles 6.1.3 and 12.9.1 to construct 24 x 28 feet garage 25 feet from the public right-of-way and within the 50 to 100 feet wetland buffer. The garage will store a vehicle, lawn equipment and equipment and materials used for hobbies.

Under Article 6.1.3 governing the Agricultural and Residential District “[t]here shall be a minimum distance of (50) feet between any structure and the nearest boundary of any public right-of-way.” However, Article 6.1.3 also provides that by special exception certain structures such as garages may be located no less than 25 feet from the public right of way.

Article 12.6.1 provides that “[t]here shall be a 100-foot [sic] buffer around all wetlands greater than 3,000 square feet . . . , but under 12.9.1 “accessory structures associated with legally preexisting primary structures can be located [within the 50 to 100 feet buffer] if it can be demonstrated that no practical alternative exists elsewhere on the lot.” The Board agreed that considering the topography of the property, the slope between the proposed location the abutting field, and the adjacent wetland and slope, this was the only practical location.

The Board then applied the Article 20.1.2 special exception criteria, finding they were met. Accordingly, the Board approved the application for a special exception to allow the garage to be located 25 feet from the public way and at least 50 feet from the wetland, in accordance with the plan submitted that includes a treatment swale to capture surface water into a holding area.

(13) November 15, 2023 Akhil Garland, 9 Island Street (Map 32 – Lot 24), applied for special exceptions to construct a 7 x 18 feet woodshed on an existing concrete slab and to construct a 16 x 18 feet timber frame pergola over an existing open deck that faces Harrisville Pond. Article 9.1 states that no structure can be located within 15 feet of the side or rear boundary, and in this case the rear boundary is the pond.

Article 5.3.3 states: “By special exception, a non-conforming structure may be expanded in either volume or area. This expansion must be in a direction away from the non-conforming aspect of the structure. For the purposes of this ordinance, open decks are not considered expansions; however, roofed porches are.” The ordinance definition of an open deck does not specifically address pergolas, but states that “open decks may *not be enclosed* in any way other than with a 42” safety railing around the perimeter.” (emphasis supplied). The Board considered if it was the intent of the definition of open deck to preclude any structure other than the deck itself with a railing. The question had not come before the Board previously and the Board believed the intent of the definition should be clarified by the Planning Board. Zoning Board members concluded they did not consider a pergola an

enclosure, although it is a structure and, therefore, that Article 5.3. would authorize it if the special exception criteria are satisfied.

The Board then moved to 9.1.6 which states that accessory buildings such as storage sheds and gazebos, but excluding automobile garages may be located within the 75 feet setback provided certain conditions are met. The Board considered the criteria under Article 9.1.6.1 through 9.1.6.4 and determined that the proposed pergola satisfied them.

Finally, the applying the Article 20.1.2 special exception criteria, the Board approved the special exception for the proposed pergola, as submitted on the plans, except that conditions of the approval are that the pergola must be at least 15 feet from the high-water mark of Harrisville Pond and must be maintained as an open pergola.

The Board also considered the shed special exception application. Applying Articles 9.16. and 20.1.2, the Board approved the application for a special exception for a storage shed that will be 18 feet wide and 7 feet deep located on an existing patio as depicted on the submitted plan.

(14) November 15, 2024. John A. Cucchi filed a Motion for a Rehearing of the ZBA Decision of September 20 granting a special exception to the owners of 153 Skatutakee Road. In its consideration, the Board relied on the materials submitted by the Cucchis and the Board's basis of its decision to grant the special exception relief, which is reflected in the September 20 minutes and Notice of Decision. ZBA members raised no additional questions or concerns about the original decision or the Cucchi Motion. The motion for rehearing was denied.

(15) December 20, 2023 . Sarah M. & Edward Tibbetts, 19 Morse Road (Map 30 – Lot 3), appealed under RSA 676:5 an administrative decision of the Code Enforcement Officer and Select Board to withhold an Occupancy Permit, pending review by the ZBA for compliance with the ZBA's prior granting of a special exception to replace a dwelling on the parcel. The issue was whether there were any unsatisfied conditions attached to the special exception originally granted. The ZBA concluded that it had not applied a condition to the special exception granted for replacement of the structure and granted the property owner's appeal of the administrative decision. The Building Inspector and Select Board were directed to issue the Certificate of Occupancy assuming all relevant building code requirements are met.

(16) December 20, 2024. Jesse and Regina Dixon, 241 Skatutakee Road (Map 20 – Lot 57), applied for a special exception under Article 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 to replace and enlarge an existing non-conforming, one-story camp on the south shore of Lake Skatutakee. They proposed to move the structure 7 feet further from the shoreline, an improvement on existing conditions. They also wanted to expand the current one-story camp of 1286 square feet to a two-story dwelling, totaling 1738 square feet, an expansion of 452 square feet. The current camp's location renders the structure non-conforming due to the required 75 feet setback from the lake; however, the proposed location of the replacement dwelling, 7 feet further (i.e., 32 feet) from the waterline, would make it less non-conforming as contemplated under Articles 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 allowing special exceptions for relocation and expansions away from the non-conforming aspects of existing structures.

The Board applied the criteria for special exceptions under Article 20.1.2 to the facts here and approved the application for a special exception to rebuild the existing 1286 square foot one-story camp, with a 452 square foot addition for a total of 1738 square foot two-story dwelling.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Sorenson, Chair

Community Reports

Historic Harrisville, Inc.

Thanks to customers like you, 2023 was a great year at the Harrisville General Store! Under the leadership of Store Manager Laura Carden, with the help of her amazing staff, the store came back from a significant financial loss in 2022 to turn a small profit in 2023. Keys to this success included careful curation of the store merchandise (including introduction of the Book Nook), improved efficiency in the kitchen and careful pricing of the prepared foods, and tremendous support from the Friends of the Harrisville General Store and our customers. The Friends were treated to a lovely dinner at St. Denis last summer, a new tradition that we hope to continue. While weekly dinners are not currently feasible, we have launched a new *Tiny Store* series of events to provide additional (hopefully monthly) opportunities for people to gather at the store.

Historic Harrisville's archives were also very active this year. Archives Coordinator Katy Burchett and her growing crew of volunteers continued to catalog the items in our archive and made big strides in making our local history accessible in a variety of ways: regular articles in Common Threads, visual exhibits in the Cheshire Mills and at the General Store, rotating historic photos at Town Hall, participation in Old Home Days, and more. Student staff member Hope Duggan finished scanning all the Fred Travis glass plate negatives, and with funding from the Harrisville Community Fund we were able to digitize our collection of VHS and cassette tapes.

We had an unusual amount of turnover in both our residential and commercial rentals, which means our property staff were busier than ever last year as they took advantage of opportunities to refresh spaces and make them ready for new tenants. Fred O'Connor and Kat O'Brien (with the assistance of our great team of contractors) finished significant renovations of an apartment in the Harris Boarding House, refreshed one apartment at 121 Main Street, and did quite a bit of work on an apartment at the Twitchell House. We also received a grant from the 1772 Foundation in partnership with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance to help fund the installation of a new roof at the Twitchell house this fall. Fred and Kat rehabilitated a large tenant space in the Harris Store House and a small office in the Cheshire Mills, both of which Property Manager Becca DeFusco rented to wonderful new tenants. Fred and Kat also did significant preservation work on the exterior of the Harrisville General Store and Eagle Hall last spring. We replaced a deteriorated oil tank at the Sorting & Picker House last spring and installed a new heating system at the little brick Boiler House that spans across the brook in the village center last fall. The team is currently working on renovations in Cheshire Mills No. 2, improving tenant space on two floors of that building.

Historic Harrisville has applied for grant funding to rehabilitate St. Denis and the former Selectmen's Office as a community center, and renovation and reuse plans are in the works for the Trip Hammer Shop at the Cheshire Mills Complex. We expect that at least one of these exciting projects will move forward this summer.

Historic Harrisville Board of Trustees (April 2023-April 2024) - Deborah Abbott, Michelle Aldredge (Chairperson), Peter Allen, Lisa Anderson (Planning Board), Laurie Appel (Vice Chair), Kathleen Bollerud, Cathy Buffum, Russ Cobb, John J. Colony, III, Nick Colony, Doug Gline, Colin Kennard, Bryanne Kingsbury, John Knight, Les LaMois (Conservation Commission), Drew Landry (Treasurer), Dan Langille, Shane Long, Lenny Matczynski, Deirdre Oliver, Kathy Scott (Select Board), Sarah Tibbetts (Secretary; Historic District Commission), Alison Weber, Larry White

Trails Group

The winter of 2023 was hit with challenges from Mother Nature: lots of rain, high winds and a March blizzard. Once the snow melted the damage to the trails was visible. The trail volunteers gathered with shovels, rakes, chainsaws, pole saws and brush clippers. The first trail work detail was on Aldworth Trail. The trail head, just off Chesham Road, was blocked by many small white pines, bent over by the heavy snows and some fallen trees. The grading and ditching work, finished in 2022, paid off. The ditches and culverts drained the excess water off without creating washouts.

The second work detail concentrated on the Town Rail Trail and the Brown Road to Seaver Road link. The trails were blocked by many fallen trees and limbs. The heavy rains had flooded several areas and some ditch work was attempted with hand shovels. The work was abandoned and left up to dry weather and sunshine to complete the job. The trail did eventually dry up and was passable for the late summer and fall months.

The majority of trails located in Harrisville pass over private property. Due to the generosity of many landowners, these trails are open to the public. Harrisville Trails will continue to act as liaison between property owners and the public.

Mission Statement: The Harrisville Trails Group is to act as a good neighbor and a liaison between the citizens of Harrisville and private landowners to create and maintain trails as well as facilitate the respectful use of trails on both privately and publicly owned land to ensure the access to nature for both exercise and the viewing of wildlife.

Trails Volunteers: Barbara Watkins, Earl Horn, Alison Weber, Don Scott, Russ Cobb, Scott Oliver, Tom Weller, Tom Andrews, Beate Becker, Jim McCann, David Webb, Norman Hendricks, Shane Long, Lida Stinchfield, Diana Shonk, Ted Braun, Dona Page, Don Page, Peter Bell, Adam Drew, Kathy Scott, Winston Sims, Nick Colony, Julia Giannotti, Keith Stilling, Bryan Kingsbury, Colin Kennard, Suzanne Brouillette, Becca DeFusco and Reed Hedges



**New Hampshire
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**2023
\$12.56**

Tax Rate Breakdown Harrisville

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,347,534	\$346,509,785	\$3.89
County	\$864,499	\$346,509,785	\$2.49
Local Education	\$1,676,274	\$346,509,785	\$4.84
State Education	\$459,439	\$343,213,885	\$1.34
Total	\$4,347,746		\$12.56

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$4,347,746
War Service Credits	(\$6,300)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,341,446

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	11/7/2023
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2023 Tax Receipts - Tax Collector's Report



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Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Property Taxes	3110		\$234,425.66		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$1,200.00		
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$3,035.96)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,951,657.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$1,625.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$2,351.18			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$217.36			
Other Taxes	3189				
					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110				
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1.31	\$6,643.88		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$1,952,815.89	\$242,269.54	\$0.00	\$0.00

Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$1,692,956.51	\$198,043.39		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$1,625.00	\$1,200.00		
Yield Taxes	\$2,351.18			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1.31	\$5,746.88		
Penalties		\$897.00		
Excavation Tax	\$217.36			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$32,937.37		
Discounts Allowed				
Abatements Made				
	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes		\$3,444.90		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				
Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080				
	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$255,812.76			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$148.23)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$1,952,815.89	\$242,269.54	\$0.00	\$0.00

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			\$37,803.25	\$30,117.28
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$34,813.51		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$98.47	\$2,491.63	\$9,466.04
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$34,911.98	\$40,294.88	\$39,583.32

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$7,146.89	\$20,998.81	\$25,971.57
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$98.47	\$2,491.63	\$9,466.04
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$19.04		
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$27,647.58	\$16,804.44	\$4,145.71
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$34,911.98	\$40,294.88	\$39,583.32

2023 Revaluation, Tax Rate, and Tax Bills

The **2023 town revaluation** was completed April 1, and many of us were surprised by the dramatic increase in the valuation of our own or our neighbors' properties. Yet despite the increases in property values overall, properties sold after April 1 settled for more than its newly assessed value.

The **2023 tax rate** was set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), one factor was the town's increased assessed value. The 2023 tax rate was set at \$12.56 — down from the 2022 tax rate, which was set at \$18.60.

Tax bills are then based on the tax rate and the assessed property value. As is done every year, 2023 taxes were distributed across the town proportionate to property values.

Notes: The town does not collect more tax revenue than is required to cover approved funding of town services. The town does collect for and pay taxes to three other jurisdictions listed on the tax bill: the county, the local school district, and state education.

What follows is more detail about these elements.

2023 Revaluation. The town conducts its revaluations every five years as required by the state. Revaluations aim to ensure that assessed property values are maintained between 90% to 110% of fair market value.

As of September 30, 2022 and based on the state's equalization study, Harrisville's town valuation was at an equalized value of 58%. The state could have mandated the town to complete the evaluation earlier than required but did not.

Note that a revaluation is not as simple as adding, say, 42% across all properties to bring the town's valuation to 100% because the values of individual properties changed by different percentages over the past two years.

The 2023 revaluation included four main phases as required by the state:

1. **Market analysis.** This was the survey and review of land and building property sales settled in Harrisville over the past two years (April 1, 2021, to April 1, 2023).
2. **Valuation.** Using the data collected in phase 1, each property (land and building) was

reviewed, including the location, condition, and qualities (features, square footage, and improvements), and compared to other (comparable) properties with similar characteristics.

3. **Field reviews** were then conducted (phase 2) to check the uniformity and accuracy of property information.
4. **Informal hearings.** When field reviews were completed, preliminary values were mailed to property owners with the invitation to attend an informal meeting to discuss the process, the property data, and/or assessed values. (As noted below, attending an informal meeting is not required to engage in the abatement process.)

The revaluation completed 1 April 2023 brought assessed values up to 100% of fair market value. Parcel by parcel, the assessed value increases were dramatic.

Indeed, the town's overall value increased roughly 66%. Given that values changed depending on the results of the revaluation (phase 2, above), your increase may be above, below, or equal to this average. A look at the revaluation by the numbers may help place your outcome within the town-wide experience:

- 971 total parcels were included in the revaluation, of these about:
 - 29 parcels were assessed values below or at the pre-revaluation value
 - 21 parcels were assessed increased values between 0% and 25%
 - 176 parcels, increased values between 26% and 50%
 - 439 parcels, increased values between 51% and 74%
 - 243 parcels, increased values between 75% and 100%
 - 17 parcels, increased values over 100%
 - (46 properties are not included in this detail)

Note: The median property (land plus structure) in Harrisville was valued at \$257,000 last year. In 2023 that property value was adjusted to \$434,000, a 69% increase.

Refer to the *Comparison Report of Property Values from 2022 to 2023* for more details (available at Town Hall or at the website).

Disagree with your property assessment? An abatement is the request process used if you do not feel your property was properly assessed (contact information provided, last page). Abatements may be requested for three reasons:

1. Physical data. If there are data errors on your assessment record, i.e., incorrect description or measurement of property (refer to your property tax card on file with the assessor’s office at Town Hall)
2. Market data. If you do not feel the assessed value is at market value, i.e., you do not feel you could have sold your property for the assessment amount at the time of assessment, April 1. (This needs to be supported by comparable sales or a professional opinion of value.)
3. Level of assessment. If you do not feel your assessment is proportionate to other properties similar to yours in the town (explained in the abatement application).

Abatement requests must be submitted by March 1, 2024. If the application has merit, an abatement of taxes will be issued or a refund with interest will be made.

We recommend that you pay your taxes by the due date, though, to avoid accruing interest on a late payment regardless of the outcome of an abatement application.

2023 Tax rate. The 2023 revaluation expanded the tax base, which resulted in a reduced tax rate; and the tax rate setting is not a function of local government as rates are set by the DRA each fall.

To set the town tax rate, the DRA factors the town’s total assessed value, exemption and credit figures, budgets approved in March, and non-tax revenue (fees, grants, licenses, etc.). In the simplest terms, the total funding required (“Tax Effort”) is divided by the assessed value (“Valuation”), and multiplied by 1,000 to equal the Tax Rate (per thousand dollars of assessed property value).

The DRA also calculates the County Rate and the Local School District Rate, and receives the State Education Rate from the legislature. (The town collects and pays for these three jurisdictions, which are listed separately on your tax bills.)

The increase in assessed value divided into the approved town funding resulted in a decrease in the tax rate from \$18.60 to \$12.36. Refer to *Illustration 1: Tax Rate Breakdown, 2022-23* for more detail.

Jurisdiction	Tax	Approved Funding*	Town Valuation
Town	\$3.89	\$1,347,534	\$346,509,785
County	\$2.49	\$864,499	\$346,509,785
Local School District	\$4.84	\$1,676,274	\$346,509,785
State Education	\$1.34	\$459,439	\$343,213,885
Total 2023	\$12.56	\$4,347,746	
Town	\$5.26	\$1,101,255	\$209,114,434
County	\$4.41	\$921,802	\$209,114,434
Local School District	\$7.48	\$1,563,964	\$209,114,434
State Education	\$1.45	\$299,726	\$207,195,734
Total 2022	\$18.60	\$3,886,747	

* These values take into account additional, non-tax revenues, exemptions and credits, and other impact factors.

2023 Tax bills. The town does not collect more tax revenue than is required to cover the approved funding of town services, and it does collect for and pays taxes to the three other jurisdictions listed on your tax bill: county, to the local school district, and for state education.

That is, the town is responsible for collecting all property taxes and sends 69% of taxes collected to the county, the local school district, and state education. The remaining 31% is applied to Harrisville services (fire, roads, police, public services, etc.). It’s worthwhile noting that this year, roughly 54% of Harrisville services are

funded through property taxes, whereas 46% is funded through non-tax revenue sources, including fees, grants, licenses, and money set aside in the capital reserve fund.

The total tax effort is apportioned by individual property value, and two bills are issued to each property owner each year. The first bill (July) was an estimate, calculating the assessed property value (+/- improvements to a property as of May 1, 2023) multiplied by the previous year tax rate divided by two. As this was a year that a revaluation was done, the first bill did not reflect the new assessed values.

Again, the DRA sets the tax rate for the year in the fall. So the second bill is calculated using the current year tax rate multiplied by the property's assessed value minus the payment(s) that you made on the first bill. The amount due with the first bill 2024 will be half of the total 2023 tax due (+/- improvements to a property as of May 1, 2023).

Returning to the Median Property example, refer to *Illustration 2: Tax Bill Comparison, 2022-2023* for more detail.

Questions?

If you have questions about your assessment, we recommend doing the following.

Call (603-827-3431, extension 4) or email (assessor@harrisvillenh.org) the assessor's office to make an appointment to:

- Review your property tax card to ensure all the information that has been collected is accurate.
- Review the reports of all sales from 4/1/2021 to 4/1/2023 that were used in the statistical analysis for the 2023 revaluation.
- Process an abatement or exemption request.

Need assistance?

The town offers Elderly and Blind Exemptions, and Veteran's credits. Call the assessor's office for more information about these and for the application forms.

This article was prepared by the Select Board in response to inquiries from taxpayers, and distributed through Common Threads, Town Hall, and the town's website December 2023.

Illustration 2: Tax Bill Comparison, 2022-2023 (based on the Harrisville Median Property Parcel, Land + Structure)				
	2022	2023	2022-2023 Change (increase or decrease)	2024 *
Property value	\$257,000	\$434,000	69%	\$434,000
Tax rate (per \$1,000 of assessed property value)	\$18.60	\$12.56	-32%	N/A
Tax due	\$4,780.20	\$5,451.04	14%	N/A
First-half tax bill (Jul) *	\$2,262.89	\$3,188.15		\$2,726
Second-half tax bill (Dec) **	\$2,517.31	\$2,262.89		N/A

Please note, both of these calculations are explained on the tax bills:

* **First-half bills** are estimated based on house value and half of previous year tax rate. Assuming no changes to the property value as of 5/1/2024 (say, for improvements), the first half 2024 tax bill in this example will be \$2,726 (half the amount due in 2023).

** Whereas **second-half bills** are calculated total current year tax due minus first half, estimated payment.

Summary of Inventory Valuation

Map/Lot	Description	Location	Acres	Land Value	Total Value
10-30	Sand/gravel pit	Hancock Road	16.57	\$139,000	\$139,000
10-31	Sand/gravel pit	Jaquith Road	5.5	\$88,000	\$88,000
10-46	Land	Hancock T/L	5.5	\$5,500	\$5,500
20-1	Land	Cherry Hill Road	1.6	\$47,800	\$47,800
20-77-1	Gravel bank	Hancock Road	1.0	\$9,600	\$9,600
20-77-2	Gravel bank	Hancock Road	.2	\$5,900	\$5,900
20-93	Railroad Trail	Hancock Road	.5	\$8,200	\$8,200
30-31-2	Gravel bank	Macveagh Road	.3	\$17,100	\$17,100
30-32-6	Cons Easement/Trail	Dublin Road	5.02	\$67,000	\$67,000
30-32-7	Cons Easement/Trail	Skatutakee Road	5.01	\$53,400	\$53,400
30-33	Waterfront	Skatutakee Road	5.47	\$67,200	\$67,200
30-39	Old Highway Barn	167 Main Street	1.16	\$135,700	\$332,600
30-39	Police Department	169 Main Street	See above	See above	See above
30-39-1	Land	Skatutakee Road	.34	\$51,800	\$51,800
30-52	Recycling Center	66 Willard Hill Road	24.0	\$239,700	\$688,800
30-52	Town garage	18 Willard Hill Road	See above	See above	See above
30-86	RR Bed	Main St to Brown Rd	13.69	\$13,100	\$13,100
32-22-4	Veterans Park	Main Street	.46	\$9,500	\$9,500
32-23-1	Public Library	7 Canal Street	.05	\$177,700	\$316,500
32-26	Cemetery	Island Street	3.5	\$275,600	\$275,600
32-33	Garage	Prospect Street	.25	\$174,800	\$187,600
40-46-1	Fire Station	699 Chesham Road	2.39	\$150,800	\$626,700
40-46-1	Town Offices	705 Chesham Road	See above	See above	See above
40-51	Land	Chesham Road	.6	\$8,500	\$8,500
40-62-1	Cemetery	Riverside Cemetery – Chesham Road	.25	\$6,500	\$6,500
40-125	Cemetery	Willard Hill Cemetery – Old Roxbury Road	2.8	\$90,400	\$90,400
40-132	Triangle	Chesham and Brown Roads	.5	\$73,800	\$73,800
41-19	Beach	Russell Reservoir	.34	\$32,100	\$32,100
41-29	Beach	South Road	.32	\$107,800	\$156,400
51-7	Beach	Silver Road	.496	\$356,100	\$356,100
70-2-1	Waterfront	Breed Road	.04	\$68,500	\$68,500
		TOTAL	97.856	\$2,481,100	\$3,803,200

2024 Town Meeting Warrant



New Hampshire
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WARRANT

Harrisville

The inhabitants of the Town of Harrisville in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Location: WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Details: 235 CHESHAM ROAD, HARRISVILLE, NH 03450

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: TUES. MARCH 12, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM - ADJOURNMENT

Location: WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Details: 235 CHESHAM ROAD, HARRISVILLE, NH 03450

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before <DATE>, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at <LOCATION> and that an original was delivered to <OFFICIAL>.

Name	Position	Signature
ANDREW MANEVAL	Select Board, Chair	
Kathy Scott	Select Board	
Andrea Hodson	Select Board Member	



Article 01 Election of Officers

To Choose all Necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Yes No

Article 02 Amend Zoning Ordinances

To see if the Town will vote to amend portions of the Harrisville Zoning Ordinances as follows:
 Amendment #1 - Revise Article IV to expand jurisdiction of site plan approval to all land use boards, not just the Planning Board, for review of applications for development, alteration, or change of use.

Amendment #2 - Revise Article VI to replace the word "permit" with the word "approval" in the context of Select Board review of requests to occupy recreational vehicles.

Amendment #3 - Revise Article IX to provide for alteration or expansion of existing nonconforming structures within the 75 foot setback in the lakeside district, provided the change brings the structure and property into greater conformity with zoning ordinances.

Amendment #4 - Revise Article IX to expand the types of accessory structures allowable within the 75 setback in the lakeside district to include support structures for ground mounted solar arrays or for boats.

Amendment #5 - Revise Article XIX to replace the word "diameter" with the word "radius" for required fall zone distance for wireless communications infrastructure.

Amendment #6 Revise Article XXIX to shift jurisdiction of accessory dwelling units from the Planning Board to the Zoning Board and to clarify calculation of square footage for size limits.

Amendment #7 - Revise Article XXX to delete the provision exempting ground mounted solar panels from impervious cover calculation, and to clarify the Table of Permitted Uses by adding the words "in height" to permitting requirements for ground-mounted systems.

Yes No

Article 03 Expand Recycling at Transfer Station

Will the Town vote to transition the Willard Hill Transfer Station to Single Source Separation, to add staff, to use the Recycling building and equipment we already own to separate, bale, and sell recyclable materials for revenue, to revise the tipping fee set up to include fair pricing per pound of items, and to re-open a "dumptique" shop for donations to benefit the Town Recycling Center? [Non-financial Article. Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

Yes No

Article 04 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,664,431 for general municipal operations with \$100,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance, the balance to come from general taxation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. [Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

Yes No

Article 05 Fund Capital Reserves

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds previously established, and to allocate the sum as follows:

\$50,000 - Road Equipment \$5,000 – Bridges

\$70,000 – Roads \$5,000 – Dams

\$100,000 - Fire Equipment \$5,000 – Town Buildings

\$5,000 – Re-Valuation \$2,000 – Gravel Pit Management and Reclamation

\$5,000 - Police Equipment

[Recommended by the Select Board; Majority vote required.]

Article 05 Yes No

Article 06 Discontinue and Reclassify Church Alley

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely as a public highway, pursuant to RSA 231:43, that portion of Church Alley from its intersection with Church Street running south and west to its intersection with the south boundary of Town Tax Map 32, Lot 21 (approximately 170 feet); AND to see if the Town will vote to reclassify as a Class B Trail under RSA 231-A, the remainder of Church Alley from its intersection with the south boundary of Town Tax Map 32, Lot 21, running south to its intersection with School Street (approximately 93 feet).

Under RSA 231-A, a Class B Trail is also a full public right-of-way of indefinite duration subject to public trail use restrictions adopted pursuant to RSA 231-A:4, and does not have the status of a publicly approved street. A Class B Trail is not to be used for vehicular access for any new or existing building or structure and shall not be used by the owners of land abutting or served by the Class B Trail in any manner inconsistent with applicable public trail use restrictions adopted pursuant to RSA 231-A:4. [Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

 Yes No

Article 07 Village Road Rebuild, Church and School Streets

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$230,000 to repair Church and School Streets, including installing drainage ditches, pipes, catch basins and granite curbing, regrading and repaving, for the purposes of improved drainage, mitigation of stormwater damage, and improving road surface and parking conditions. And further to authorize \$125,000 to come from the Roads Capital Reserve Fund, \$30,000 to come from unassigned fund which represents Highway Block Grants already received, and \$75,000 to come from ARPA grant funds. No amount to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. [Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required].

 Yes No

Article 08 Roads, Church and School Streets, + Church Alley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$306,800 to repair Church and School Streets and Church Alley, including installing drainage ditches, pipes, catch basins and granite curbing, regrading and repaving, for the purposes of improved drainage, mitigation of stormwater damage, and road surface and parking improvements. And further to widen Church Alley to 14' traveled way, 16' Right-of-Way, establish an easement with the property owner for such, and construct a retaining wall at the southern terminus to meet town road specifications for safe vehicular passage. And further to authorize \$125,000 to come from the Roads Capital Reserve Fund, \$30,000 to come from unassigned fund which represents Highway Block Grants already received, \$95,000 to come from ARPA funds and \$56,800 to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. This Article is contingent on Article 6 failing. [Not recommended by the Select Board; Majority vote required.]

 Yes No

Article 09 Fire Department Brush Truck

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000, to match private donations of the same amount, toward the repair or replacement of the Fire Department brush truck, estimated to cost a total of \$80,000. [Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

 Yes No

Article 10 South Road Bridge Over Minnewawa Brook

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of updating the 2014-15 engineer's report, prepared by Dubois & King relating to construction of a replacement bridge for South Road over the Minnewawa Brook. And further to authorize \$100,000 to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. An updated report is required for the Town's eligibility to receive 100% funding costs to replace the South Road Bridge over the Minnewawa Brook through the federal MOBIL funding program. The amount sought to be raised is the estimated cost of the updated engineer's report, and will be incurred initially by the Town, with 80 percent to be reimbursed by the State after approval of the finalized plans and specifications and receipt of "municipality-paid" invoices. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner.[Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

Yes No

Article 11 Adopt Conflicts of Interest Policy Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:39-a, to adopt as an ordinance the "Town of Harrisville Ethics & Conflicts of Interest Policy" in the form set out in the Annual Report following the 2024 Proposed Budget and as may be amended in the future, to define and regulate conflict of interest policies for Town officials, whether elected or appointed. [Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

Yes No

Article 12 Modify Elderly Exemption

Do you support modifying, per RSAs 72:33, 72:39-a and 72:39-b, the Town's Elderly Exemption amount and income and asset qualifications for eligible taxpayers as follows:

i.) Raising the current exemption amount from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for property owners between the ages of 65 and 74, raising the current exemption amount from \$25,000 to \$60,000 for property owners between the ages of 75 and 79, and raising the current exemption amount of \$30,000 to \$70,000 for property owners of 80 years of age and older, this exemption being applied toward the assessed value of the qualifying taxpayer's home; and

ii) Raising the income and asset qualification levels for single and married taxpayers, such that the current income limit for single taxpayers would be raised from \$20,000 to \$30,000, the income limit for married taxpayers would be raised from \$27,000 to \$40,000, and the asset limits for both single taxpayers and combined assets for married taxpayers would be raised from \$50,000 to \$60,000?

To qualify, the taxpayer must meet the age and eligibility requirements per RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:39-b, including having reached the age of 65 by April 1 of the tax year for which the application is made. [Recommended by the Select Board. Majority vote required.]

Yes No

Article 13 Receive Report of Agents

To hear reports of agents, committees, and offices chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Yes No

Article 14 Business Transactions

To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

Yes No

2024 Proposed Budget (MS-636 Summary)



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Proposed Budget Harrisville

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: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

GOVERNING BODY 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
ANDREW MANEVAL	Select Board, Chair	<i>Andrew Maneval</i>
Kenny Scott	Select Board	<i>Kenny Scott</i>
Andox Hobson	Select Board Member	<i>Andox Hobson</i>



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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,664,431
Special Warrant Articles	\$577,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$40,000
Total Appropriations	\$2,281,431
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$680,000
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,601,431



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending 12/31/2023	for period ending 12/31/2023	ending 12/31/2024	ending 12/31/2024
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	04	\$22,500	\$27,123	\$22,500	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$64,450	\$53,995	\$64,450	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	04	\$132,974	\$147,265	\$152,544	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	04	\$24,241	\$52,695	\$24,241	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	04	\$97,102	\$96,430	\$97,102	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	04	\$5,240	\$11,190	\$8,992	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$68,681	\$86,595	\$74,940	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$10,080	\$9,230	\$10,080	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	04	\$121,086	\$112,565	\$121,086	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Government Subtotal		\$564,354	\$612,088	\$593,935	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	04	\$151,800	\$157,008	\$151,800	\$0
4215	Ambulances	04	\$15,000	\$22,000	\$15,000	\$0
4220	Fire	04	\$121,578	\$117,485	\$121,578	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	04	\$16,150	\$18,193	\$16,150	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	04	\$19,701	\$11,001	\$19,701	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$324,229	\$325,687	\$324,229	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration	04	\$411,275	\$188,441	\$221,928	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$0	\$277,816	\$177,347	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$14,000	\$18,361	\$14,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	04	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$425,275	\$496,618	\$425,275	\$0

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended) (Not Recommended)	
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	04	\$6,930	\$5,943	\$6,930	\$0
4550	Library	04	\$62,573	\$53,956	\$62,573	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$6,825	\$9,225	\$6,825	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$1,700	\$0	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$76,328	\$70,824	\$76,328	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration	04	\$6,150	\$6,150	\$6,150	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$6,150	\$6,150	\$6,150	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	04	\$73,756	\$72,548	\$73,756	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	04	\$16,631	\$18,559	\$16,631	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$90,387	\$91,107	\$90,387	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$245,000	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$160,000	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$405,000	\$0	\$0

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$1,664,431	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4312	Highways and Streets	07	\$230,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Village Road Rebuild, Church and School Streets</i>			
4312	Highways and Streets	08	\$0	\$306,800
	<i>Purpose: Roads, Church and School Streets, + Church Alley</i>			
4313	Bridges	10	\$100,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: South Road Bridge Over Minnewawa Brook</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	05	\$247,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fund Capital Reserves</i>			
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$577,000	\$306,800

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4220	Fire	09	\$40,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fire Department Brush Truck</i>			
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$40,000	\$0

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$1,625	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes		\$2,351	\$2,776	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$217	\$217	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$22,828	\$19,311	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal		\$25,396	\$23,929	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$217,927	\$220,000	\$0
3230	Building Permits		\$4,056	\$3,000	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		\$11,211	\$13,533	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$233,194	\$236,533	\$0
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
	From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$11,567	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		\$92,793	\$92,793	\$0
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$75,762	\$59,127	\$0
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
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$3,773	\$3,773	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
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	07, 08	\$0	\$0	\$170,000
	State Sources Subtotal		\$183,895	\$155,693	\$170,000

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments		\$13,470	\$36,000	\$0
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$13,470	\$36,000	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$4,190	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments		\$20,785	\$19,500	\$0
3503	Other		\$795	\$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		\$66,095	\$68,345	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$91,865	\$87,845	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
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	07, 08, 10	\$240,114	\$350,000	\$350,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$240,114	\$350,000	\$350,000
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	04, 07, 08	\$0	\$0	\$160,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$160,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$787,934	\$890,000	\$680,000

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

	2023 Expenditures (unaudited)	2023 Budget	2024 Budget (Proposed)
4130000 · Executive			
4130001 · Select Board	0	100	0
4130002 · Select Board, Stipend	9,000	9,000	9,000
4130003 · Recording Secretary Pay	0	100	0
4130005 · Pay Increases, Town Employees	0	0	13,500
Total 4130000 · Executive	9,000	9,200	22,500
4140000 · Elections & Voter Registration			
4140001 · Postage	34	50	150
4140002 · Public Notices	0	100	1
4140003 · Moderator, Election Staff Pay	1,384	2,580	8,720
4140005 · Supplies & Miscellaneous	1,172	1,250	2,500
Total 4140000 · Elections & Voter Registration	2,590	3,980	11,371
4149000 · Town Clerk's Office			
4149001 · Supplies	793	800	1,000
4149002 · Postage	852	850	800
4149003 · Mileage	1,598	1,860	1,800
4149004 · Training & Certifications	1,114	1,200	1,850
4149005 · Town Clerk Pay	39,597	46,795	47,028
4149007 · Equipment, Repairs	893	1,000	1
4149009 · Miscellaneous	583	600	600
Total 4149000 · Town Clerk's Office	45,430	53,105	53,079
4150 · Financial Administration			
4150001 · Supplies	1,345	1,470	1,470
4150003 · Town Reports	1,540	1,500	1,540
4150004 · Postage	850	950	850
4150005 · Training	0	500	250
4150006 · Professional Services	5,150	5,000	5,000
4150007 · Audit	16,015	16,400	18,800
4150008 · Registry of Deeds	242	800	500
4150009 · Public Notices	48	650	300
4150011 · Professional Publications	2,692	2,645	1,785
4150012 · Mileage	0	250	100
4150013 · Software Updates & Licenses	2,858	2,200	2,200
4150015 · Municipal Association Dues	1,257	1,257	1,159
4150019 · Administrative Pay	81,984	83,883	88,000
4150020 · Payroll Service	7,011	6,200	6,510
4150812 · Fees to State	0	10	10
4150813 · Bank Charges	380	450	400
4150814 · Fees & Penalties	0	100	100
4150819 · Treasurer Stipend	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total 4150 · Financial Administration	125,371	128,265	132,974

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

	2023		
	Expenditures	2023	2024 Budget
	(unaudited)	Budget	(Proposed)
4151 · Tax Collector's Office			
4151013 · Postage	1,515	1,650	1,650
4151014 · Tax Collector Pay	13,034	13,000	13,320
4151015 · Supplies	494	900	900
4151016 · Miscellaneous	561	650	650
4151017 · Training & Certifications	40	500	750
4151018 · Software Updates	2,239	2,300	2,300
Total 4151 · Tax Collector's Office	17,883	19,000	19,570
4152 · Assessor's Office			
4152001 · Assessor Pay	21,314	20,899	21,000
4152003 · Tax Map Maintenance	3,300	3,300	500
4152004 · Database Updates	2,063	2,100	2,141
4152005 · Miscellaneous Supplies	22	200	100
4152006 · Training & Certifications	65	500	500
Total 4152 · Assessor's Office	26,764	26,999	24,241
4153 · Legal Services			
4153001 · Fees	19,268	15,000	18,000
Total 4153 · Legal Services	19,268	15,000	18,000
4155 · Payroll Administration			
4155001 · Payroll Tax, Town Share	42,079	52,890	51,800
4155002 · NH Retirement Plan, Town Share	23,432	25,597	25,500
4155003 · 457 Retirement Plan, Town Share	14,740	15,302	15,302
4155005 · Third Party Plan Administration	3,479	4,500	4,500
Total 4155 · Payroll Administration	83,730	98,289	97,102
4191 · Planning Board			
4191001 · Postage & Postal Box	148	650	500
4191002 · Public Notices	98	300	250
4191003 · Professional Services	1,113	4,000	2,000
4191005 · Registry of Deeds	0	100	100
4191006 · Publications	166	250	250
4191007 · Reference Publications	0	250	200
4191008 · Training	0	500	350
4191010 · Recording Secretary Pay	0	100	100
4191012 · Supplies	0	300	200
4191013 · Community Workshops	0	200	200
4191014 · SWRPC, Regional Planning	1,090	1,090	1,090
Total 4191 · Planning Board	2,614	7,740	5,240
4192 · Zoning Board of Adjustments			
4192001 · Postage & Postal Box	761	400	700
4192002 · Public Notices	1,024	500	900
4192004 · Workshops	0	300	300
Total 4192 · Zoning Board of Adjustments	1,785	1,200	1,900

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

	2023		
	Expenditures	2023	2024 Budget
	(unaudited)	Budget	(Proposed)
4193 · Historic District Commission			
4193002 · Postage	404	150	300
4193003 · Public Notices	420	100	300
4193004 · Supplies	0	100	1
4193005 · Miscellaneous	0	50	1
4193006 · Workshops, Conferences	0	350	250
4193007 · Professional Services	0	1,500	1,000
Total 4193 · Historic District Commission	824	2,250	1,852
4194 · General Government			
4194001 · Telephone	12,322	11,195	9,290
4194002 · Utilities	3,595	3,000	3,500
4194003 · Property Maintenance	600	400	400
4194004 · Electrical Work	0	1,000	500
4194005 · Painting	0	1,000	500
4194006 · Alarms & Extinguishers	4,442	3,200	6,000
4194007 · Cleaning Supplies	215	550	450
4194008 · Heating & Plumbing Repairs	7,201	10,000	10,000
4194009 · Heating Fuel (Town Hall)	951	3,000	1,500
4194010 · Repairs & Maintenance	3,152	10,000	10,000
4194011 · Maintenance, Payroll	10,051	14,730	12,000
4194012 · Equipment & Maintenance	18,488	19,500	14,000
4194013 · Miscellaneous	653	500	500
4194015 · Supplies	1,118	900	900
4194018 · IT, Website Services	5,493	7,600	5,000
4194021 · State Dam Fees	400	400	400
Total 4194 · General Government	68,681	86,975	74,940
4195 · Cemetery			
4195001 · Repairs & Equipment	0	600	600
4195003 · Gas & Oil	64	140	140
4195004 · Tools & Supplies	42	1,000	1,000
4195005 · Groundskeeper Pay	5,400	4,940	5,000
4195006 · Monument Repairs	0	400	1,000
4195008 · Mileage	0	40	40
4195009 · Cemetery, Other	2,000	2,300	2,300
Total 4195 · Cemetery	7,506	9,420	10,080
4196 · Insurance Policies			
4196001 · Medical Insurance, Employees	69,589	81,227	85,937
4196004 · Unemployment & Workers Comp	11,818	11,818	12,950
4196006 · Property & Liability	21,004	19,270	21,949
4196007 · Drug & Alcohol Testing	215	250	250
Total 4196 · Insurance Policies	102,626	112,565	121,086

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

	2023		
	Expenditures (unaudited)	2023 Budget	2024 Budget (Proposed)
4210 · Police Department			
4210001 · Uniforms & Equipment	16,063	5,500	4,000
4210002 · Firearms & Ammunition	2,772	1,000	1,000
4210003 · Postal Box, Postage	70	225	250
4210004 · Cell Phone, Communications	2,695	840	2,800
4210005 · Office Supplies & Workstation	6,905	4,780	3,000
4210006 · Radio Equipment and Repairs	8,522	4,500	250
4210007 · Training	635	2,000	1,000
4210008 · Cruiser Maintenance	6,899	2,500	2,500
4210009 · Pay, Police Chief	75,857	80,000	80,000
4210011 · Pay, Deputy Police	16,164	26,574	40,000
4210012 · Pay, Secretary	1,266	7,904	3,000
4210013 · Legal Fees	4,106	3,850	7,000
4210015 · Heating Fuel	2,674	4,000	2,000
4210016 · Membership Dues	250	500	500
4210017 · Miscellaneous	8,634	8,835	500
4210018 · Gas	3,360	4,000	4,000
Total 4210 · Police Department	156,872	157,008	151,800
4215000 · Ambulance Services	16,166	22,000	15,000
4220 · Fire Department			
4220001 · Uniforms & Equipment	7,909	5,000	9,000
4220002 · Training	1,500	4,000	3,000
4220003 · Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,201	5,000	5,000
4220004 · Fire & Rescue	239	2,000	2,000
4220005 · Grounds & Station Maintenance	205	500	2,500
4220006 · Dues	448	500	500
4220007 · Postage & Office Supplies	0	50	50
4220008 · Fire Prevention Programs	0	250	250
4220009 · Cell Phone, Communications	1,369	3,000	2,000
4220010 · Miscellaneous	476	200	200
4220011 · Pay, Fire Chief	31,094	32,000	32,000
4220012 · Pay, Firemen	25,751	33,000	33,000
4220014 · Mileage	0	150	150
4220015 · Pay, Forest	0	1,000	1,000
4220017 · Heating Fuel	1,341	1,200	1,200
4220019 · Gas	1,458	1,200	1,200
4220020 · Diesel	344	800	500
4220022 · Pagers	793	1,000	1,000
4220025 · Computer & Software Updates	1,188	3,000	2,000
4220030 · Emergency Dispatch Assessment	20,628	20,628	22,000
4220031 · Fire Department, Insurance	6,035	3,007	3,028
Total 4220 · Fire Department	101,977	117,485	121,578

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

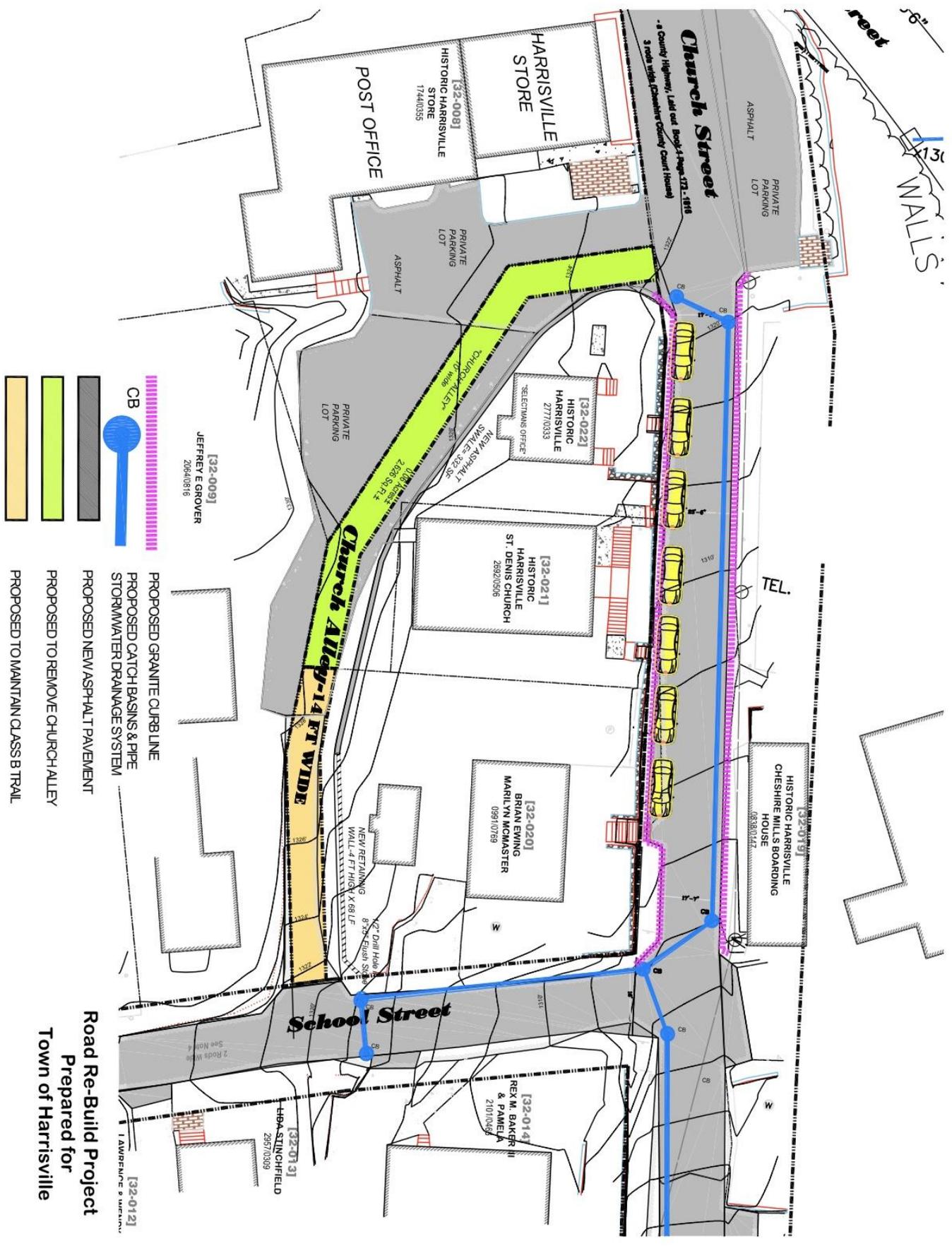
	2023 Expenditures (unaudited)	2023 Budget	2024 Budget (Proposed)
4321 · Recycling Center			
4321002 · Mileage	0	100	100
4323001 · Supplies	691	400	2,000
4323002 · Sanitation	0	350	100
4323003 · Training & Certifications	710	800	800
4323004 · Dues	125	200	200
4323011 · Pay, RC Coordinator	28,362	27,867	27,867
4323012 · Pay, RC Assistants	9,535	8,750	31,750
4324002 · Certifications	0	200	200
4324005 · Landfill Monitor, Reporting	5,059	7,357	9,389
4324007 · Solid Waste Removal	49,506	48,000	49,000
4324009 · Hazardous Waste Removal	1,264	1,200	1,448
4324012 · Electronics Removal	228	800	800
4327001 · Facilities Improvements	10,403	15,400	4,000
4327002 · Heating Fuel	0	222	1,000
4327004 · Diesel	0	250	250
4327005 · Utilities	2,440	2,685	2,500
Total 4321 · Recycling Center	108,322	114,581	131,404
4411 · Health Department			
4411001 · Water Testing	1,153	2,200	500
4411002 · Other expenses	45	1,000	500
4411003 · Pay, Health Officer	3,338	2,139	2,139
4411004 · Mileage	128	200	200
4411005 · Communications	60	60	60
Total 4411 · Health Department	4,724	5,599	3,399
4415 · Health Agencies			
4415001 · Home Health Care	2,000	2,000	2,000
4415002 · Monadnock Family Services	1,230	1,230	1,230
4415003 · MCVP	500	500	500
4415005 · CASA + CVTC + CAC	1,500	1,550	1,550
4415006 · Hundred Nights	1,700	1,700	1,700
4415008 · Southwest Community Services	757	760	760
Total 4415 · Health Agencies	7,687	7,740	7,740
4441 · Welfare			
4441003 · Assistance, Utilities	0	1,000	750
4441004 · Assistance, Rent	1,090	3,000	2,500
4441005 · Stipend, Welfare Director	834	834	834
4445000 · Welfare Vendors	1,100	2,000	1,500
Total 4441 · Welfare	3,024	6,834	5,584

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

	2023		
	Expenditures	2023	2024 Budget
	(unaudited)	Budget	(Proposed)
4240 · Code Enforcement			
4240001 · Pay, Code Enforcer	14,581	18,043	16,000
4240003 · Supplies & Maintenance	0	150	150
Total 4240 · Code Enforcement	14,581	18,193	16,150
4290 · Safety & Emergency Management			
4290002 · Payroll, Safety	2,000	2,000	2,000
4290004 · Payroll, Emergency Management	4,000	4,000	4,000
4290006 · Miscellaneous, Emergency Mgmt	94	500	500
4290008 · Emergency Flood Expenses	0	1	1
4290009 · Miscellaneous, Safety	1,582	500	11,200
4290010 · Safety & EM, Other	1,770	4,000	2,000
Total 4290 · Safety & Emergency Management	9,446	11,001	19,701
4311 · Public Works			
4311013 · Payroll	183,402	181,620	206,928
4311014 · Overtime	14,833	17,320	15,000
4311026 · Public Works, Other	0	1	1
4312001 · Salt	23,671	25,500	25,500
4312002 · Magnesium Chloride	3,330	4,400	4,900
4312003 · Equipment & Vehicle Maint.	49,367	30,000	45,000
4312004 · Tools & Supplies	2,733	3,500	3,500
4312005 · Signs & Posts	0	1,000	7,780
4312006 · Sub-Contracted Services	8,335	12,000	12,000
4312007 · Plow Blades & Cross Chains	1,119	5,000	5,000
4312009 · Mowing	500	4,500	4,500
4312010 · Culverts	7,357	6,500	6,500
4312011 · Cold Patch	429	1,500	1,500
4312012 · Oil & Lubricant	2,415	4,200	4,200
4312015 · Stone & Gravel	0	1,000	2,000
4312016 · Street Sweeping	0	2,000	1,000
4312017 · Equipment Rental	10,900	5,500	10,000
4312018 · Cell Phone, Communications	179	400	400
4312019 · Uniforms	4,882	4,200	5,200
4312020 · Towing	0	1	1
4312021 · Miscellaneous	5,164	9,000	5,000
4312022 · Heating Fuel	3,674	7,000	3,000
4312023 · Gas	5,062	5,365	5,365
4312024 · Diesel	23,696	28,000	22,000
4312025 · Utilities	2,953	3,000	3,000
4319002 · Hot Mix	0	2,000	2,000
4319005 · Stone Seal	55,701	10,000	10,000
Total 4311 · Public Works	409,702	374,507	411,275
4316 · Street Lights			
4316001 · Street Lights	13,410	18,361	14,000
Total 4316 · Street Lights	13,410	18,361	14,000

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

	2023		
	Expenditures	2023	2024 Budget
	(unaudited)	Budget	(Proposed)
4520 · Parks & Recreation			
4520001 · Swimming Lessons	1,053	900	1,055
4520002 · Portable Sanitation	1,819	1,765	1,800
4520004 · Beach & Gardens	733	2,075	3,775
4520005 · Equipment	0	500	100
4520006 · Stipends	0	103	100
4520007 · Rubbish Removal	92	600	100
Total 4520 · Parks & Recreation	3,697	5,943	6,930
4550 · Library			
4550001 · Aquisition & Operating Expenses	10,468	10,450	10,480
4550002 · Payroll	39,053	38,248	40,160
4550003 · Maintenance	661	3,125	3,000
4550004 · Heating Fuel	1,858	1,100	1,100
4550005 · Utilities	700	883	833
4550006 · Miscellaneous	0	150	7,000
Total 4550 · Library	52,740	53,956	62,573
4583 · Patriotic & Culture			
4583001 · Fireworks	5,000	4,000	4,000
4583002 · Memorial Day Service	795	925	925
4583003 · Miscellaneous Supplies	167	300	200
4583004 · Village Dinner	4,000	4,000	0
4589001 · OHD Entertainment	1,775	1,700	1,700
Total 4583 · Patriotic & Culture	11,737	10,925	6,825
4611 · Conservation Commission			
4611001 · Dues	250	250	250
4611002 · Miscellaneous	0	500	500
4611004 · Workshops	80	400	400
4611005 · Invasive Species Management	3,992	5,000	5,000
Total 4611 · Conservation Commission	4,322	6,150	6,150
4711000 · Long-Term Debt Principal			
4711001 · Highway Barn, Principal	27,547	27,548	28,756
4711002 · Bond Bank, Principal	45,000	45,000	45,000
Total 4711000 · Long-Term Debt Principal	72,547	72,548	73,756
4721000 · Long-Term Debt Interest			
4721001 · Highway Barn, Interest	3,064	3,064	1,856
4721002 · Bond Bank, Interest	15,495	15,495	14,775
Total 4721000 · Long-Term Debt Interest	18,559	18,559	16,631
Operating Budget Totals	1,523,584	1,595,378	1,664,431



Road Re-Build Project
 Prepared for
 Town of Harrisville

Town of Harrisville Conflicts of Interest Policy

Proposed (Warrant Article #11)

1. PURPOSE. This Policy is to set forth standards of ethical conduct to assist elected and appointed officials of the Town of Harrisville (the “Town”), including all members of Town Boards and Commissions and committees established by those bodies, when they are in the performance of their duties, so as to maintain and enhance a tradition of responsible and effective public service. As such, the Town expects all such persons (the “Town Officials”) to:

- Act in the best interests of the Town and not for any private or personal gain.
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest – personal or pecuniary – in Town matters that come before them for action.
- Recuse themselves from decision-making if they have a conflict of interest.
- Be honest, independent, impartial, and responsible in their actions.
- Make decisions and policies through the proper channels and procedures of government.
- Openly conduct the public’s business, unless legally confidential under New Hampshire statute (*e.g.*, RSA 91-A:3), in a respectful and civil atmosphere with due care, competence, and diligence.

2. SCOPE. This Policy applies to all Town Officials elected by the voters or appointed by the Select Board or by the Board or Commission that established a committee in which such Town Official serves.

3. DEFINITIONS

Town Officials – All elected and appointed officials of the Town of Harrisville, including members of Town Boards and Commissions and committees established by those bodies, when acting in an

official capacity and not as a member of the general public.

Conflict of Interest – A situation or circumstance in which one’s personal or pecuniary interest has the potential to interfere with the proper exercise of one’s public duty, particularly when deliberating or voting as a member of a public body or acting on behalf of the Town. That interest must be “immediate, definite and capable of demonstration; not remote, uncertain, contingent or speculative.” (*Atherton v. Concord*, 109 N.H. 164 (1968)).

Pecuniary Interest – Any private financial advantage (whether in the form of money, property, or commercial or other interest), the primary significance of which is economic gain from the outcome of one’s official actions. Any financial advantage applicable to the public at large, such as reduced taxes or increased general prosperity, does not constitute a pecuniary interest for the purpose of this Policy.

Personal Interest – Any direct benefit or non-financial interest in the outcome of a matter when such benefit or interest could influence one’s official actions. Examples of direct personal benefit include, but are not limited to, those experienced by way of family (by blood or marriage), employment, and/or business relationships that would bias one’s official decision-making against the public interest. Official interest as a function of one’s position of responsibility for the Town does not constitute a personal interest for the purpose of this Policy.

Recuse – To remove or excuse oneself from participating in an official action due to an actual or potential conflict of interest. Recusal means removing oneself completely from all further participation as a public official in the matter in

question. Town Officials who are recused shall immediately leave the table of deliberation and sit in the audience with the other members of the general public. Recused officials shall not participate in further discussions unless they clearly state for the record that they are doing so only as a member of the general public.

4. FOUNDATION OF THE POLICY. The proper operation of democratic government requires that Town Officials be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that government decisions and public policy be made through the proper channels of governmental structure; that public office not be used for private or personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government officials to perform their duties free from private influence upon the public interest. In this respect, the Select Board and Town bodies shall consider compliance with this Policy during the appointment and reappointment process for members of all Town bodies.

5. PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Town Officials shall avoid all conflicts of interest and shall strive to recognize them vigilantly and with forethought.
- 5.2 When a Town Official recognizes that an actual or potential conflict of interest may exist regarding his/her participation in official activities, or that there is or might be a credible perception that such a conflict exists, then the Town Official, at the earliest reasonable opportunity, will publicly disclose the reason(s) and/or the bases therefor.
- 5.3 In the event that the Town Official concludes that a conflict of interest exists, then he/she shall immediately recuse him/herself from any and all official activity relating to the matter or matters to which the conflict pertains. This conclusion will take into account an analysis of any actual conflict, the likely potential for a conflict to arise in the future relative to the

matter, and the reasonability of any public perception of the existence of a conflict.

- 5.4 Either after a Town Official's disclosures are made, or at any other time that in good faith an actual or potential conflict for a Town Official is discerned by another member of the body at issue, that member may request that the body vote on the question of whether such conflict of interest exists. Such vote shall be advisory and non-binding. Any member of the public may voice an objection to a Town Official's participation in a Town matter on the basis of a perceived conflict of interest. In such event, the member of the public may request that the body vote on the question of whether such conflict of interest exists; however, such request shall be non-binding and any outcome of such a vote shall also be advisory and non-binding. Any such vote described in this section shall be sought and undertaken as soon as reasonably possible after the discovery of any grounds or basis for the vote. The Chair or presiding officer of the meeting wherein recusal is sought by a member of the body or by a member of the public shall ensure that the reason(s) for such recusal are clearly stated by such person and are recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 5.5 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Historic District Commission, and any others subject thereto are also bound by the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 673:14 and by any other governing law or regulation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- 6.1 Town Officials shall not directly or indirectly solicit gifts, nor accept or receive any gift (whether money, services, loans, travel, entertainment, hospitality, equipment, promises, or otherwise having value) under circumstances in which it could be reasonably

inferred that the gift was intended to influence them in the performance of their duties or was intended as a reward for any recommendation, action, or decision on their part.

- 6.2 Town Officials shall not disclose nor improperly use confidential information obtained in the course of their official duties.
- 6.3 Town Officials shall not use Town letterhead or stationery for any purpose other than official Town business. Members of any Town body may use Town letterhead only for purposes approved by their respective Board, Commission, or committee or for such purposes as were delegated to them for their action by such bodies.
- 6.4 Town Officials shall not speak or write on behalf of their respective Boards, Commissions, or committees unless authorized to do so by their respective bodies. Town Officials speaking or writing in their individual capacities and not on behalf of the Town, on matters of public interest to the Town, shall clearly state in which capacity they are speaking or writing in this regard.
- 6.5 No Town Official shall appear and act or speak before his or her own public body on behalf of the private interests of third parties, if such Town Official has any pecuniary or personal interest in doing so.
- 7. **DISTRIBUTION.** The Town Clerk shall be responsible for providing a copy of this Policy to all Town Officials, as defined in this Policy, upon its issuance and at such times in the

future when Town Officials are appointed or elected to their roles. The Town Clerk shall have each Town Official sign a statement that he/she has read this Policy and shall comply with all requirements set forth in the Policy. Pursuant to RSA 31:39-a, this Policy shall not apply to Town Officials in office at the time it is adopted for a period of sixty days following its adoption.

8. COMPLAINTS. Complaints shall be addressed by the Harrisville Select Board in a manner to be determined by that body in accordance with State law and regulation and with Select Board procedures. However, the Town Boards, Commissions, and committees are expected to govern themselves. If a complaint cannot be resolved at that level following rules and procedures set forth in this Policy and pursuant to governing law and regulation, then it may be brought to the Harrisville Select Board for review and/or resolution.

9. APPROVAL. This Policy was proffered by the Harrisville Select Board and was approved at the Harrisville Town Meeting on March 12th, 2024. Except as expressly stated above, the Policy will take effect immediately upon execution by Town Officials with respect to each such person, and it replaces any prior Town conflict of interest policies or descriptions.

10. TOWN OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND EXECUTION

I hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree to the above Policy:

Signature:
Printed Name:
Date:

Harrisville Planning Board
ZONING BALLOT for Vote on March 12, 2024

NOTE: Refer to *Complete Text of Proposed Ordinance Amendments* for comprehensive language.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article IV Section 1.10. to expand jurisdiction of site plan approval beyond just the Planning Board to any land use board reviewing an application for development, change or use as follows: any non-residential use, any multiple family use, or any cluster development?

Explanation: *The purpose of Amendment #1 is to allow all land use boards with jurisdiction over land use decisions to request and review site plans.*

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article IV to replace the word “permit” with the word “approval” relating to Select Board consideration of occupancy of recreational vehicles?

Explanation: *The purpose of Amendment #2 is to clarify that the Select Board grants approval for occupancy of recreational vehicles but does not issue permits.*

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article IX Section 1.6. related to existing non-conforming structures within the 75-foot setback from the highwater mark for two purposes: 1) ensuring that any alteration to such structures renders the structure and property more conforming; and 2) for the purpose of preventing the enclosure, or conversion to living space, any deck or open porch located within the waterfront buffer? And further to add terminology to Article 9.1.6. that defines the phrase “more nearly conforming” and provides examples of methods for achieving greater conformity.

Explanation: *The purpose of Amendment #3 is to allow for alteration of existing nonconforming structures in ways that uphold the spirit of the ordinance to protect waterbodies and waterfront buffers.*

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article IX Section 1.6. to expand the types of accessory structures allowable within the 75-foot setback from the highwater mark, by special exception of the Zoning Board, to include support structures such as those used for ground mounted solar arrays or for boats?

Explanation: *The purpose of Amendment #4 is to identify additional types of accessory support structures that would be allowed by special exception within the 75 foot waterfront buffer.*

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XIX Section 5.3 by replacing the word “diameter” with the word “radius”?

Explanation: *The purpose of Amendment #5 is to correct a clerical error for the required fall zone for proposed wireless service infrastructure.*

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XXIX Accessory Dwelling Units to replace references to “conditional use permit” with “special exception” and to replace references to “Planning Board” with “Zoning Board of Adjustment,” and to add the term “total living area,” defining this term to include finished basement space and attic space?

Explanation: *The purpose of Amendment #6 is to transfer jurisdiction of accessory dwelling unit applications from the Planning Board to the Zoning Board and to clarify square footage considerations for size limitations.*

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XXX Solar Energy Systems to delete 30.4.4. exempting ground mounted solar panels from impervious cover calculations and to clarify the Table of Permitted Uses by adding the words “in height” to the requirements for Ground-Mounted systems for all districts?

Explanation: *The purpose of Amendment #7 is to classify solar panels as comparable to other surfaces defined in the zoning ordinances as impervious, and to clarify that the threshold of 15 feet refers to height of a solar array when evaluating zoning requirements for ground-mounted systems.*

YES NO

Harrisville Planning Board
Complete Text of Proposed Ordinance Amendments
for Vote on the Zoning Ballot on March 12, 2024

NOTE: New Language is shown as underlined italic; language to be deleted is shown as a ~~strikethrough~~.

4.1.10. Site plan approval may be required by any board that has jurisdiction over the matter brought before it for a change in the following use or development: ~~by the planning board is required for the following development, change, or use:~~

- 4.1.10.1. Any non-residential use.
- 4.1.10.2. Any multiple-family use.
- 4.1.10.3. Any cluster development.

4.1.16. Recreational vehicles designed for camping and traveling may be parked on any residential lot in all zoning districts, subject to parking regulations. The vehicle may, by approval ~~permit~~ of the selectmen, be occupied for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days in any calendar year, provided that adequate provisions are made for sewage disposal and water supply.

9.1.6. No dwelling or structure other than docks or fences shall be erected closer than seventy-five (75) feet from the high-water mark. In the case of existing non-conforming structures, ~~no additions shall be made which will be closer to the high water mark than the nearest part of the existing structures.~~ alteration or expansion of a nonconforming structure may expand the existing footprint within the waterfront buffer, provided the structure is not extended closer to the high water mark and the property is made more nearly conforming than the existing structure or existing conditions of the property. This provision shall not allow for the enclosure or conversion to living space of any deck or open porch located between the primary structure and the high water mark and within the waterfront buffer.

For the purposes of this section, a property that is "more nearly conforming" means alteration of the location or size of the existing footprint(s), or redevelopment of the existing conditions of the property, such that the structures or the property are brought into greater conformity with these ordinances. Methods for achieving greater conformity include, without limitation, reducing the overall square footage of the structural footprint(s), enhancing storm-water management, adding infiltration areas and landscaping, upgrading wastewater treatment, improving traffic management, or other enhancements that improve wildlife habitat or resource protection.

No structure shall be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to the edge of any right-of-way, or to the side or rear boundaries of the lot. Accessory buildings (excluding automobile garages) such as storage sheds and gazebos ~~but excluding automobile garages~~, and support structures such as those used for ground mounted solar arrays or for boats, may be located within the seventy-five (75) feet setback as a special exception provided:

9.1.6.2. The structure is required as a shelter either for humans or animals or storage of equipment, or firewood, or as support for solar panels.

19.5.3. Fall Zone. In order to ensure public safety, any proposed PWSFs shall have a fall zone that forms a circle around it with a radius ~~diameter~~ equal to the height of the facility.

29.3.1. An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) that is attached to a single family residence is allowed by right in all districts that permit single-family dwellings, except a special exception conditional use permit from the Zoning Board of Adjustment ~~Planning Board~~ shall be required in high-density areas, i.e., village and lakeside districts.

29.3.2. The creation of an ADU in a barn, garage or outbuilding that is detached from the primary residence may be granted by a special exception conditional use permit from the Zoning Board of Adjustment ~~Planning Board~~.

29.3.3. The creation of these ADUs shall maintain the visual and functional character of single family residential neighborhoods.

29.3.4. The Zoning Board of Adjustment ~~Planning Board~~ may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as determined by the Board, grant a special exception conditional use permit. The Board, in acting on an application for a special exception conditional use permit, shall take into consideration the following conditions and the applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the following conditions:

29.3.4.1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such use.

29.3.4.2. The use as developed will not adversely affect the adjacent area.

29.3.4.3. There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians.

29.3.4.4. Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.

29.3.4.5. The proposed use shall comply with all the frontage, setbacks, minimum land area, sanitary protection, signs, and parking requirements for itself or its most similar use, except where specifically waived by the board, the reasons for such waiver to be set forth in writing by the board.

29.3.4.6. The proposed use shall maintain the visual and functional character, as well as aesthetic continuity, with the neighborhood.

29.4. DESIGNATION: One accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted only on parcels which meet the following conditions:

29.4.1. Is a legally created lot of record.

29.4.2. Contains one single family detached dwelling which is a conforming use.

29.4.3. Contains no other accessory dwelling residence(s).

29.5. PROCEDURE: The creation of a new accessory dwelling unit shall require a building permit and an occupancy permit and meet the standards contained in the section below.

29.6. STANDARDS: New construction for an accessory dwelling unit shall comply with all the development standards for a single family detached dwelling including, but not limited to setbacks, height limits, and lot coverage (for lots in the Shoreland Protection District) and shall not increase any nonconforming aspect of any existing structure unless otherwise addressed by this article. The following standards shall also apply:

29.6.1 The maximum size of an ADU shall not exceed 1000 square feet of total living area. The Zoning Board of Adjustment ~~Planning Board~~ may authorize variations from maximum size by special exception conditional use permit for medical needs and/or disabilities, provided that the Zoning Board of Adjustment ~~Planning Board~~ determines the design incorporates Universal Design principles to allow the most usable space for everyone in the home. Total living area includes finished basement space and finished attic space. In the case of a slanted ceiling in the attic, only the area with the height of five feet or more is counted.

29.6.2. Every accessory dwelling residence shall be deemed a residence of workforce housing for purpose of satisfying the municipality’s obligation under RSA 674:59.

29.6.3. Both the ADU and the primary residence shall comply with the state Building Code and Fire Code regulations for construction, minimum living space, fire exits and smoke alarms.

29.6.4. An interior door shall be provided between the principal dwelling unit and accessory dwelling unit. There is no requirement for said interior door to remain unlocked.

29.6.5. The architecture of the ADU shall be in keeping with that of the primary residence.

29.6.6. There shall be no exterior stairway on the front of the house leading to the ADU although, in special circumstances, the Zoning Board of Adjustment ~~Planning Board~~ could waive this restriction.

29.6.7. There shall be no more than two bedrooms in an ADU.

29.6.8. The applicant shall make adequate provisions for water supply and sewage disposal in accordance with NH RSA 485-A:38; however, separate utility provisions are not required by the Town.

29.6.9. Any additions to the ADU shall meet the requirements of this article.

29.6.10. An accessory dwelling unit which conforms to the standards in this chapter shall not be considered to exceed the allowable density for the lot upon which it is located and shall be considered a residential use which is consistent with the Master Plan and zoning designation for the lot.

29.7. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Accessory Dwelling Units shall be subject to the following requirements:

29.7.1. Sale or ownership of such unit separate from the primary residence is prohibited.

29.7.2. The occupant of either the ADU or the primary residence shall be the owner of the entire property, except for bona fide absences.

29.7.3. NH DES requirements for septic loading shall be met.

~~30.4.4. The panels of a ground-mounted system are exempt from the impervious lot coverage calculation, although foundations to support them are not exempt.~~

Table Of Permitted Uses ZONING DISTRICT						
System Type	Residential Agricultural	Commercial	Industrial	Lakeside Residential	Village Residential	Historic
Accessory Solar:	P	P	P	P	P	P/HDC
• Roof-Mounted	P	P	P	P	P	P/HDC
• Ground-Mounted <15 feet <i>in height</i>	P	P	P	SE	SE	SE/HDC
• Ground-Mounted >15 feet <i>in height</i>	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE/HDC
Commercial Solar	SE/SPR	SE/SPR	SE/SPR	SE/SPR	SE/SPR	SE/SPR/HDC
LEGEND:	P = Permitted SE = Permitted by Special Exception from the ZBA SPR = Site Plan Review Approval from the Planning Board HDC = Approval from the Historic District Commission					

Harrisville School District Report

Officers and Agents of the Harrisville School District

Moderator Philip Miner
Treasurer Kathryn Miner
Clerk Vacant
School Board Erik Anderson, Chair (Term expires 2024)
Claire Gargan (2025)
John Knight (2026)

NH School Administrative Unit 29 Administration

Superintendent Robert H. Malay
Ass't Superintendent Brian Campbell
Ass't Superintendent Dr. Benjamin White
Chief Financial Officer Timothy L. Ruehr
Business Manager Scott Lazzaro
Human Resources Manager Samantha Fletcher
Interim Director of Student Services Kate Adams
Director of Technology Robert Milliken

Compliance Statement - The Harrisville School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or age, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Nancy Deutsch, Title IX Coordinator for School Administrative Unit 29, and Director of Human Resources, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire 03431, telephone number (603) 357-9002 ext. 213.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to Kate Adams, Director of Student Services, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire 03431, telephone number (603) 357-9001 ext. 230. For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcop01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Robert H. Malay, Superintendent of Schools

[Source: Notice of Non-Discrimination, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights (August 2010); Title IX Resource Guide, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, at 6-7 (April 2015).]

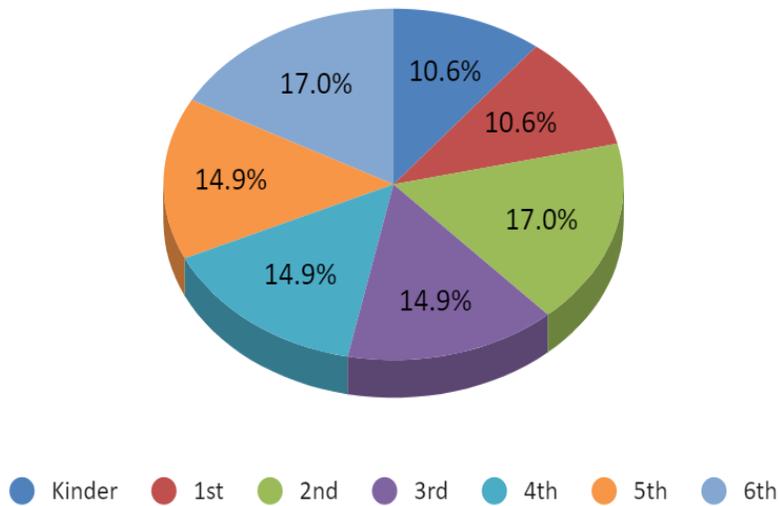
Vision - The Harrisville-Wells Memorial School believes in diversity and well-being. We seek to empower students to independently solve problems, collaborate and communicate respectfully, take academic risks, and to develop a positive growth mindset.

Mission - Knowledge and responsibility for today and tomorrow.

School Goal - Harrisville-Wells Memorial School is a community dedicated to maintaining a positive culture in which everyone feels respected, safe, and valued.

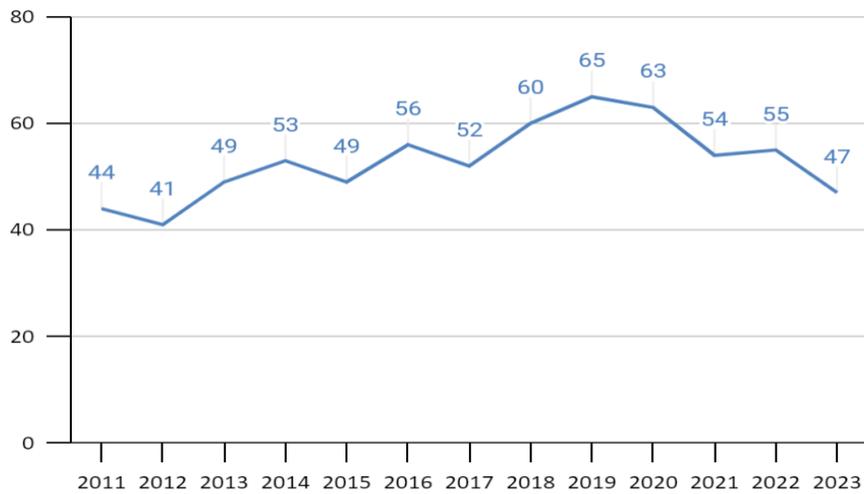
Enrollment - Here's a look at the percentage breakdown by grade using the October 10, 2023 enrollment:

Enrollment Percentage by Grade



Finally, a look at the October 1st enrollment trend from 2011-2023:

October 1st Enrollment Trends



Source: Power School Student Management System

Staff

- Paige Lindell, Art Teacher
- Maddie Phaneuf, Spanish Teacher
- Caitlin Dubois, Music Teacher
- Amanda Barnard-Bridges, 6 Teacher
- Tom Kotwicki/Doug Haggett, Facilities Manager
- Jessika Nadeau, Library/Media Specialist
- Jennifer Kiernan, Special Education Teacher
- Caroline Renault, Speech-Language Pathologist (contracted)
- Jocelyn Pellerin, Occupational Therapist
- Marina Donnelly, School Psychologist (contracted)
- Justin Jarvis, Physical Education Teacher
- Kate Abbott, Principal
- Katherine Washburn, 4/5 Teacher
- Sharon Bailey, Food Services
- Janine Jewett, Administrative Ass't
- Carolyn Tilton, School Nurse
- Roshan Swope, K/1 Teacher
- Hannah Pepin, Paraprofessional
- Zachary Dube, School Counselor
- Vacant, Title 1 Paraprofessional
- John Thomas, 2/3 Teacher

Facility / Maintenance - In the summer of 2023, a new dishwasher was installed and the gym ceiling was repaired. In the winter of 2024, we received the donation of a new school sign.

Community Support - The **HWMS Parent Teacher Organization** meets on a monthly basis. They continue to support the school, most recently supporting a visit by Recycled Percussion (grant received from Harrisville Community Fund).

The following community organizations continue to lend their support to the school community:

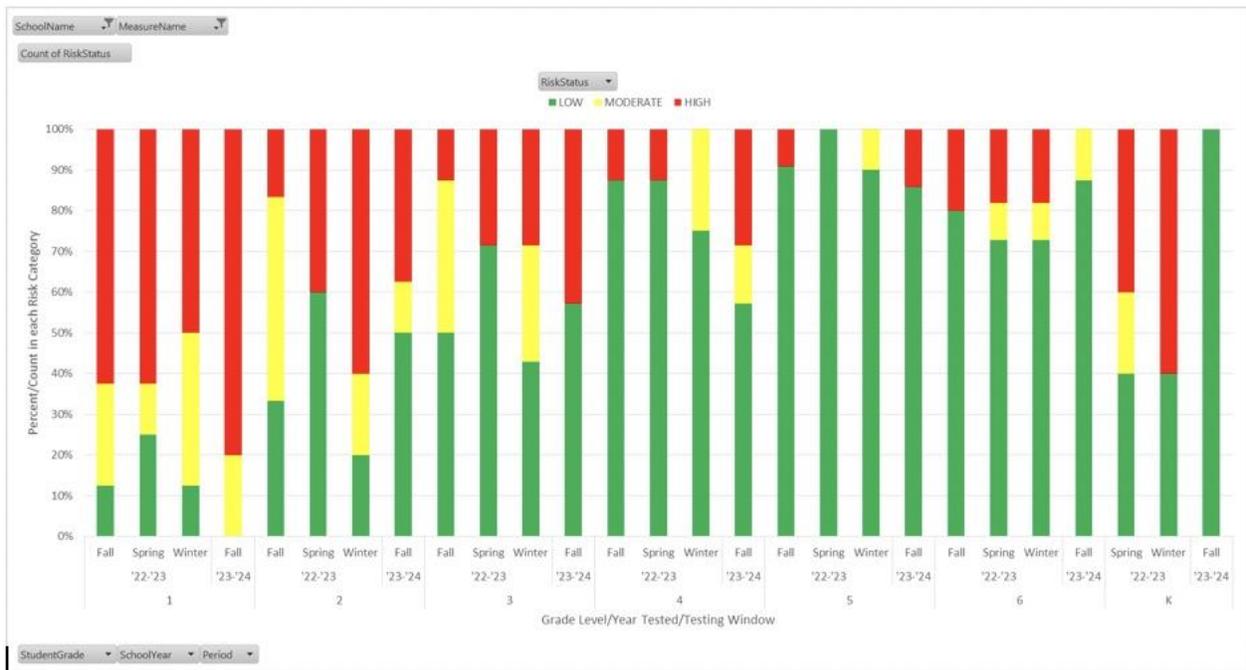
- Lions Club
- Cheshire Smiles
- Harrisville Archives
- Nelson Congregational Church
- Harrisville Fire Department
- Harrisville Police Department
- NH Fish and Game
- Community Church of Harrisville and Chesham

Volunteers - Harrisville Wells Memorial School greatly appreciates volunteers that support us at school. From family volunteers to community members, it is nice to have people willing to give their time to support the children and school. In particular, we extend our appreciation to Lucy Byrns and Coffee, the therapy dog as well as to Eric Swope for his support of our outdoor learning adventures.

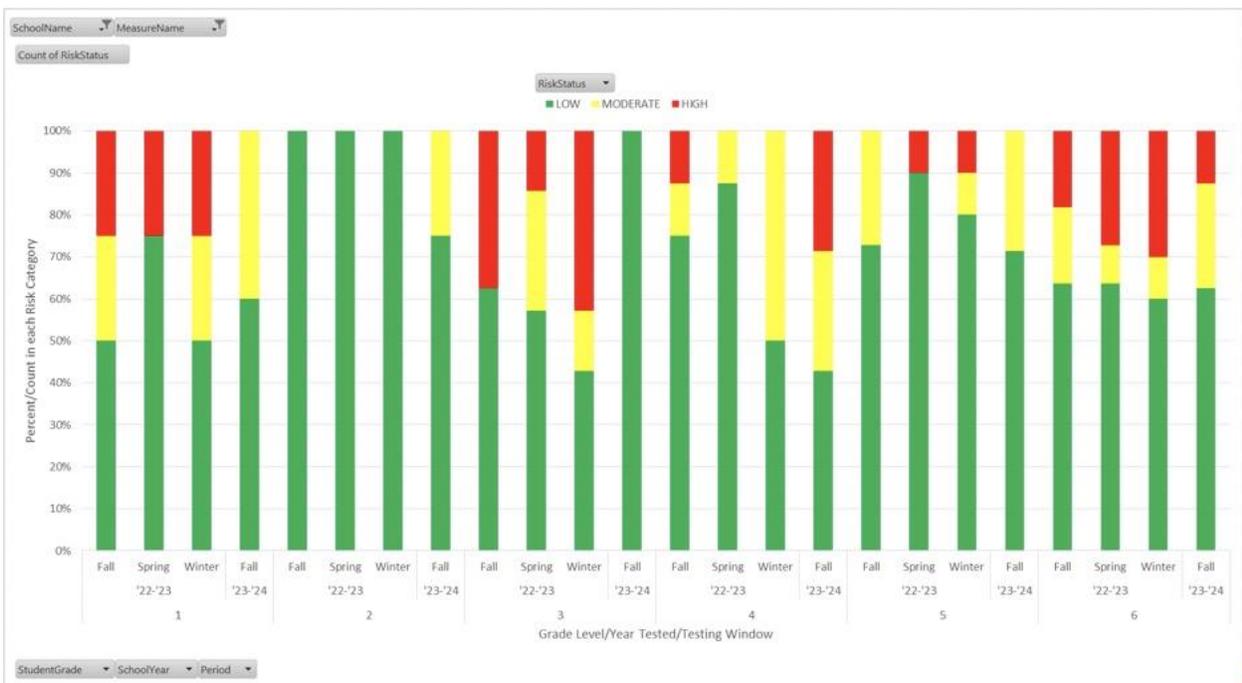
AIMS WEB TESTING

Results for all students who were at the school at the end of the assessment administration

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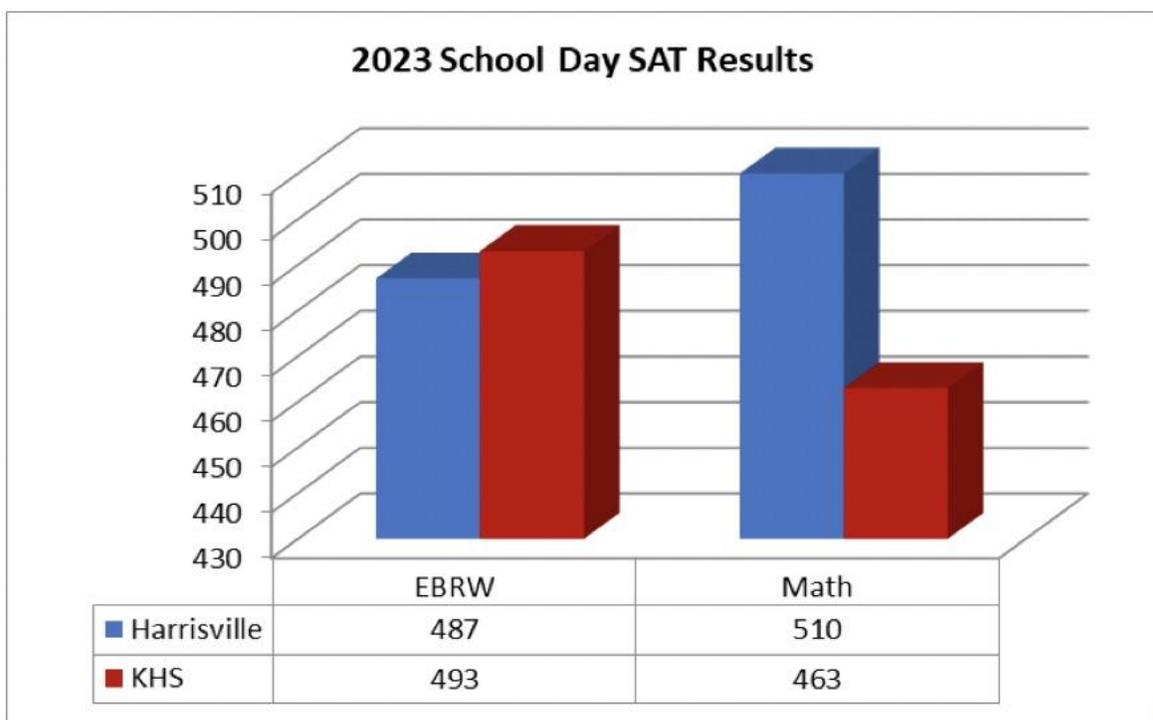


MATH



Source: AIMS Web

Below is a look at how Harrisville students at Keene High School performed in comparison to all students at Keene High School that took the SAT.



Source: College Board

Co-Curricular

Students at Wells-Memorial participate in Art Club, Walking Club, NHDI and our 6th graders join Keene Middle School for clubs as well.

Strategic Plan Update

In May of 2023, all seven member districts began a process to establish a comprehensive five-year strategic plan. This important work will help guide all of our schools and improve outcomes for students in all grade levels. The process has and will continue to collect input from our communities with the end products being a reflection of what our communities want to see with our public schools and will include the following:

1. A comprehensive 5-year strategic plan that addresses the following areas of focus (Core Values, Portrait of a Graduate, Mission, Academics, DEI, SEL, School Safety and Professional Development).
2. A documented set of core values.
3. A documented vision of a graduate.
4. A detailed implementation plan that outlines the specific actions that will be taken to achieve the goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan.
5. A set of metrics and measures that will be used to track progress towards achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan.
6. A presentation of the strategic plan to the NH School Administrative Unit 29 and its member districts.
7. A communication plan that promotes transparency.

Timeline

The timeline for this work is well underway. As you will see below, we are nearing the conclusion of Activities 5 and 6 and will be transitioning to Activities 7 and 8.



Updates and progress are reported monthly in the Superintendent’s Report that can be viewed on the district’s website under the school board tab

Competency Based Education Update

Competency-based education is an approach to designing academic programs with a focus on competencies (knowledge, skills and abilities) rather than time spent in a classroom. It is a method or approach that focuses on students’ mastery and demonstration of a subject based on specific and intentional learning outcomes that are frequently linked to real-world applications and can be measured and applied in practice. Students acquire and demonstrate their knowledge and skills by engaging in learning exercises, activities and experiences that align with clearly defined programmatic outcomes.

Over the better part of two years, all K-8 schools across the SAU have engaged in collaborative conversations and work sessions to define subject area competencies and the learning outcomes (performance indicators). The conversations have led to stronger curricular alignment across each grade level. There is now a common grading system and report card for each of our schools. The approach to learning has shifted conversations with students and parents from “what they failed or didn’t complete (task related)” to “what are the areas of strength and concern and how sub-proficient areas can be strengthened.”

Our educators need to be commended for their efforts to put this approach into practice. Their tireless efforts will align teaching and learning for the betterment of each student in the SAU. We look forward to the future and our continued upward trajectory of providing a rich, meaningful educational experience to our youth.

Innovation Institute

The Innovation Institute 2023, held on November 7th, is a significant highlight in our school district's annual report, symbolizing our commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation. This event, which has grown remarkably in scope and participation, received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the 467 staff members who attended. The engagement level this year was extraordinary, reflecting an increased dedication to professional development across the district.

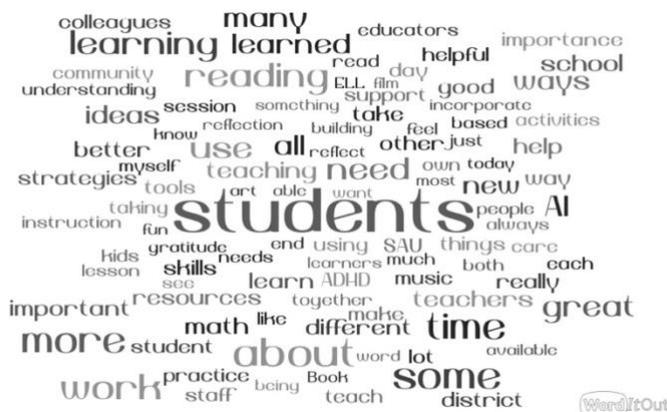
Notably, there has been a remarkable increase in the number of presenters at the Institute, a clear indicator of the growing interest in collaborative learning and knowledge sharing among our educators and staff. From 35 presenters in 2022, we witnessed a substantial jump to 70 in 2023. This escalation is not just a numerical achievement but a testament to the diversifying expertise and experiences within our district. What's more, the enthusiasm continues to build, with over 100 staff members already expressing their interest in presenting for the upcoming 2024 session. This proactive participation highlights a dynamic shift towards a more engaged and empowered educational community.

The range of topics covered in this year's Institute was as diverse as it was comprehensive, catering to a wide array of interests and professional development needs. The list of offerings from this year's event showcases the multifaceted nature of our educational approach, emphasizing our commitment to addressing the various aspects of teaching and learning. From innovative teaching methods to the latest in educational technology, the presentations provided valuable insights and practical applications that our staff can incorporate into their classrooms and professional practices.

The feedback received from the participants of the "Innovation Institute 2023" has been particularly insightful. The words most frequently used to describe the event are indicative of a positive and growth-oriented mindset among our staff. These reflections serve not only as a measure of the event's success but also as a valuable tool for planning future initiatives. They help us understand the evolving needs of our educators and enable us to tailor our professional development programs accordingly.

As we look forward to the next "Innovation Institute," the momentum gained from this year's success sets a high bar. The anticipation for the 2024 event is a clear indicator of the integral role the Institute plays in our professional development calendar. It is a platform that not only enhances the professional skills of our staff but also fosters a sense of community and shared purpose within our district.

In conclusion, the "Innovation Institute" is a shining example of our district's dedication to excellence in education. It underscores our belief that investing in the professional growth of our staff is essential to providing high-quality education. By nurturing an environment where learning, innovation, and collaboration are celebrated, we not only enhance the professional capabilities of our educators but also significantly enrich the educational experiences of our students. This event is a crucial component of our mission to cultivate an educational environment where students and staff alike can thrive and achieve their fullest potential.



Kate Abbott
Principal

Erik Anderson
School Board Chair

Robert H. Malay
Superintendent of Schools

Harrisville School District Annual Meeting Minutes March 28, 2023

The Harrisville Annual School District Meeting and election of officers was held in the gymnasium at the Wells Memorial School. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Town of Harrisville Annual Meeting and election of town officials. This meeting was originally scheduled for March 14th, 2023, but was postponed due to blizzard conditions.

Moderator, Philip Miner, called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

A motion from the floor was made to open the balloting for the Harrisville School District to elect the following:

Moderator – one-year term

School District Clerk - one-year term

Treasurer – beginning July 1, 2023, for a one-year term

School Board Member – three-year term

Motion was made and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Miner immediately asked for a motion to recess the Harrisville School District meeting until 6:00pm, with balloting to remain open until 8:00pm.

At 6:00 PM, Moderator, Philip Miner, reconvened the meeting.

Mr. Miner made the required safety announcements and then led the attendees in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator, Philip Miner introduced himself, as well as School Board Members: Erik Anderson, Claire Gargan and Melody Moschan; School District Clerk, Bonnie Willette and Treasurer, Kathryn Miner. He also introduced WMS Principal, Kate Abbott, SAU29 Superintendent, Robert Malay and SAU29 Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ben White.

Moderator, Philip Miner, reviewed the rules of the meeting.

Meeting proceeded.

Moderator Philip Miner asked for a motion from the floor to waive the reading of last year's Annual Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 1: Reports

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

There were no reports.

Motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 1.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 2: Operating Budget

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,463,560 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 2 as read.

School Board Chairman, Erik Anderson commended Principal Kate Abbott and staff for reducing elementary costs by 1.4%. He went on to point out that the main reason for this years' increase in budget is due to the number of kids now in Middle/High School. This alone has increased the budget by \$167,000.

Article 2 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 3: Capital Reserve Fund Transfer

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Const. Bldg-Grounds Wells Memorial Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District at the March 11, 1986 District Meeting for the purpose of financing construction or reconstruction of the buildings and grounds at Wells Memorial School. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (The School Board Recommends this article)

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 3 as read.

Article 3 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 4: Tuition Trust Fund Transfer

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Out-of-District Tuition Fund established by the voters at the March 7, 2001 District Meeting for the purpose of paying future year regular/special education out-of-district tuitions. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (The School Board Recommends this article)

School District Minutes, Article 4 con't

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 4 as read.

Erik Anderson spoke to this Article explaining that this fund is intended to cover the cost in the event that a special needs student moves into the district that requires services that were not previously budgeted for. He explained that the current balance as of Jan 2023 is \$294,431 and that the recommended goal is \$300k.

Robert Malay further explained that these funds could also cover costs related to special needs placements where needed services cannot be handled at WMS. Harrisville is still responsible to cover these costs.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the mechanics and management of this fund.

Article 4 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 5: Capital Reserve Fund Withdrawal

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of financing construction or reconstruction of the buildings and grounds at Wells Memorial School, and authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Const. Bldg-Grounds Wells Memorial Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District at the March 11, 1986 District Meeting for that purpose. (The Board recommends this article) (Majority vote required)

Erik Anderson explained that there are some maintenance issues that currently need to be addressed. The front doors need to be replaced as well as a dishwasher. The thought process was to use the Capital Reserve Fund, rather than building the projects into the budget and further raising tax dollars. Robert Malay commended the board for this action.

Other discussions included updating the playground as well as adding more security.

Article 5 PASSED by voice vote.

Article 6: Other Business

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

Erik Anderson commended Melody Moschan for her service on the School Board. Commenting that she stepped in when a board member had to resign and has been extremely helpful during her term.

Cynthia Stone requested that the School Board review the rate of pay for Ballot Clerks. Currently the Town Ballot Clerks are paid more than the School Ballot Clerks. She pointed out that the responsibilities for each clerk are equal.

Erik Anderson made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 2,3,4 and 5.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Article as read.

Motions was PASSED by voice vote.

Philip Miner recognized Bonnie Willette for her years of service as School District Clerk and presented her with a maple syrup gift basket.

At 6:35pm, Moderator, Philip Miner asked for a motion from the floor to recess the meeting until after 8:00pm at which time the polls would be closed, and the ballots would be counted.

Motion was made and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned.

At 8:00pm the voting polls were closed.

A total of 192 votes were cast.

The results were as follows:

School Board Member – 3 Years – James Phillips*

School Board Moderator – 1 Year – Philip H. Miner

School District Clerk – 1 year – Position is currently vacant

School District Treasurer – 1 Year – Kathryn S. Miner

*Due to work related constraints James Phillips was unable to accept the position of School Board Member. John Knight received 70 write in votes. The Harrisville School Board will make a final decision as to appointment.

Respectfully Submitted:
Bonnie C. Willette, Clerk
Harrisville School District

ATTEST: This is a true copy of the Minutes for the Harrisville School District Meeting of commencing on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023.



Bonnie C. Willette
Harrisville School District Clerk

2023 HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Receipts		
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023		
Harrisville School District		
Harrisville	Appropriation	\$ 1,863,690.00
M&T Bank	Interest Eamed - 5092	\$ 1,003.96
NH PDIP	Interest Eamed NH-PDIP	\$ 6,830.83
Various	NH Student Lunch	\$ 14,700.74
State of NH	All Accounts (except Student lunch)	\$ 166,936.95
US Dept Education	Student Food	\$ 37,286.05
US Dept Education	REAP	\$ 2,500.00
US Dept Education	E-Rate	\$ 6,976.15
State of NH	Title I	\$ 10,090.22
State of NH	Title IV	\$ 8,100.69
Various	BASP Tuition	
Various	Contributions	\$ 93.00
Various	Choice Tuition	\$ 24,000.00
SAU 29	Medicare Plan D Reimb.	
Standard Power	Power Reimbursement	\$ 201.72
Various	Grants	
Various	Refunds, Rent, Capital Reserve	\$ 97,138.52
Total Receipts		\$ 2,239,548.83
6/30/23	<i>Kathryn Miner</i>	
	Harrisville District Treasurer	

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Harrisville qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Harrisville-Wells Memorial School in said District on the 12th day of March, 2024, at 11:00 in the forenoon to bring in your votes for the election of school district officers. The polls will be open at 11:00 a.m., and will not close earlier than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

One School Board Member for three-year term
 One School Board Member for a two-year term
 Moderator for one year
 Clerk for one year
 Treasurer, beginning July 1, 2024, for one year

Given under our hands at said Harrisville, this 7th day of February, 2024.



Harrisville Local School

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

Annual Meeting

Date: 03/12/2024
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Wells Memorial School
Details: Gymnasium

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before 02/26/2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting, the Post Office, and the Town Hall, and that an original was delivered to the Superintendent.

Name	Position	Signature
Erik Anderson	Chair	
Clare Gargan	Vice-Chair	
John Knight John Knight	Board member	

Article 01 Reports

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,609,876 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 03 Capital Reserve Fund Transfer

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Article 04 Tuition Trust Fund Transfer

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Article 05 Fund Balance Retention

To see if the school district will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. The School Board Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-25	\$42,006	2025-26	\$33,311
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026-27	\$31,898	2027-28	\$27,710

and further to raise and appropriate \$42,006 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The Board recommends this Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 07 Special Meeting

Shall the school district, if Warrant Article #06 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address #06 cost items only? (Majority vote)

Article 08 Other Business

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



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2024
MS-26

Proposed Budget

Harrisville Local School

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

SCHOOL BOARD 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
Erik Anderson	Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>
Chaire Gargan	Vice-Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>
John Knight	Board Member	<i>[Signature]</i>

Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 6/30/2025
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,609,876
Special Warrant Articles	\$15,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$42,006
Total Appropriations	\$2,666,882
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$261,830
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$430,877
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,974,175

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2023	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$884,460	\$988,453	\$1,028,465	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$250,018	\$360,178	\$407,624	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	02	\$183	\$7,961	\$8,024	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Instruction Subtotal		\$1,134,661	\$1,356,592	\$1,444,113	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	02	\$200,113	\$218,989	\$240,376	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$18,374	\$31,292	\$34,712	\$0
	Support Services Subtotal		\$218,487	\$250,281	\$275,088	\$0
General Administration						
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	02	\$13,074	\$20,013	\$17,810	\$0
	General Administration Subtotal		\$13,074	\$20,013	\$17,810	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$170,585	\$180,441	\$186,268	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration	02	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$203,765	\$206,021	\$219,388	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$172,377	\$213,752	\$195,965	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$135,945	\$149,260	\$154,044	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other	02	\$643	\$700	\$700	\$0
	Executive Administration Subtotal		\$683,315	\$751,674	\$757,865	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Non-Instructional Services Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2023	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024	Appropriations for	
					period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)
Facilities Acquisition and Construction						
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays						
5110	Debt Service - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers						
5220-5221	To Food Service	02	\$15,358	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	02	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310	To Charter Schools		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers Subtotal			\$15,358	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$2,609,876	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for	
			period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	03	\$10,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Capital Reserve Fund Transfer</i>				
5252	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	04	\$5,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Tuition Trust Fund Transfer</i>				
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$15,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for	
			period ending 6/30/2025 (Recommended)	period ending 6/30/2025 (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	06	\$21,309	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</i>		
1200-1299	Special Programs	06	\$6,152	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</i>		
2000-2199	Student Support Services	06	\$8,680	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</i>		
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	06	\$751	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</i>		
2400-2499	School Administration Service	06	\$1,916	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</i>		
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	06	\$3,198	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</i>		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$42,006	\$0

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2023	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2024	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2025
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition	02	\$24,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$7,835	\$7,000	\$7,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	02	\$86,111	\$81,829	\$81,830
Local Sources Subtotal			\$117,946	\$124,829	\$124,830
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Special Education Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$7,511	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$7,511	\$1,000	\$1,000
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	02	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	02	\$1,247	\$1,000	\$1,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources Subtotal			\$1,247	\$71,000	\$71,000
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$30,000	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	03, 04	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	02	\$0	\$131,018	\$50,000
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$161,018	\$65,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$126,704	\$357,847	\$261,830



March 14, 2023 - A Storm for the Ages

Public Meeting Schedule

Select Board	Thursdays at 7:00 pm, except the last week of the month, when the board meets on Friday morning at 9:00 am
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Planning Board	Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Library Trustees	Third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm
Historic District Commission	Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Check the town website, www.harrisvillenh.org, for additional notices and meeting postings.

All meetings are held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.