

CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2025



Taverns of Canterbury

During the early years of transportation in New Hampshire, taverns were a foundational part of the stagecoach roads that wound through the hills, connecting the communities with the greater world. When Canterbury was first settled, a number of prominent buildings bore the vernacular title of “tavern.” Often operated within larger private homes, these establishments provided meals and lodging for stagecoach travelers, drivers, and livery for the livestock, and served as important gathering places for town meetings and community life. Historian James Otis Lyford records at least sixteen locations across Canterbury that were licensed to serve spirits or accommodate travelers, including several at Hill’s Corner and one in the Center.

Although no surviving license records exist for the ancestors of the Clough family, the Thomas Clough homestead just outside Canterbury Center has long been known as “Clough Tavern”. Town histories support this tradition, describing a room in the house as “sheathed from floor to ceiling, wainscoted and painted in Spanish brown, an appropriate finish for a bar room...”. This description offers insight into the ways families incorporated commercial spaces within their homes. Today a private residence, Clough Tavern remains an architecturally iconic Canterbury structure and retains its strong agricultural identity as a working farm.



19TH CENTURY IMAGE OF
RELATIVES GATHERED OUTSIDE
THE SOUTH END OF THE FORMER
BLANCHARD’S TAVERN

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF

CANTERBURY

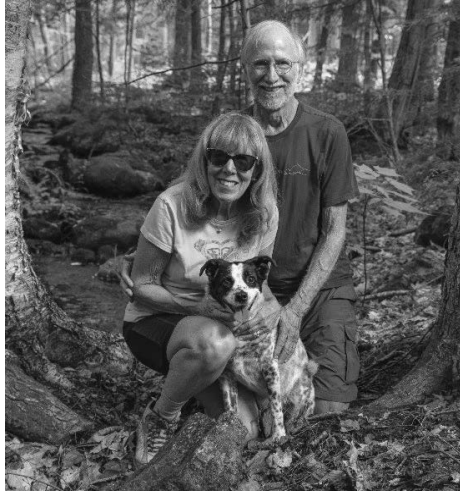
New Hampshire



COMPRISING THOSE OF

THE SELECTMEN, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK-TAX
COLLECTOR, TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS, ASSESSOR,
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, FIRE
DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND OTHERS

DEDICATION



Ken and Ilene Stern have given the Town of Canterbury a gift of lasting importance — the conservation of more than 400 acres of prime wildlife habitat, wetlands, and special natural areas that help define our rural community.

“Deepwood Forest” stands as a conservation success made possible by the Sterns’ generosity, in partnership with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and with support from foundations and the Town.

It is for the Sterns’ vision of Deepwood Forest as a shared community resource — open to all for walking, snowshoeing, and the quiet observation of nature — that we honor them with this dedication of the 2025 Annual Report. We thank Ken and Ilene for their commitment to the land and to the community of Canterbury.

We also recognize Ken Stern’s many years of dedicated public service: twelve years on the Planning Board and sixteen years (and counting!) on the Conservation Commission, including eight years as Chair or Co-Chair. Through it all, he has shared his knowledge, care, and leadership in the stewardship of our public lands.

For their vision, generosity, and service, we offer our sincere thanks to Ken and Ilene.

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TOWN OFFICES INFORMATION

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canterburynh.gov

Monday 9-1 – Wednesday 9-1 – Thursday 10-2

Town Administrator's Office

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Selectmen's Office & Welfare Administrator

administrativeassistant@canterburynh.gov

Assessing Office

mirving@canterburynh.gov

Town Clerk-Tax Collector

spapps@canterburynh.gov

603-783-0153

Monday 9-3 – Tuesday 12-7 – Wednesday 9-3 – Thursday 12-7

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov

603-783-9033

Land Use Administrator

landuseadministrator@canterburynh.gov

Board of Selectmen

1st & 3rd Monday of the month

Zoning Board of Adjustment

4th Wednesday of the month

Historic District Commission

3rd Wednesday of the month

Cemetery Trustees

Monthly as needed

Agricultural Commission

As needed

Recreation Committee

As needed

Supervisors of the Checklist

As needed

Planning Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

Conservation Commission

2nd Thursday of the month

Energy Committee

2nd Monday of the month

Library Trustees

3rd Monday of the month

Community Power Committee

2nd Wednesday of the month

Historical Society

1st Monday of the month

TOWN OFFICERS – ELECTED

SELECTMEN (3 years)

Scott Doherty, *Chair* (2026)

Beth Blair (2027)

Calvin Todd (2028)

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR (3 years)

Samuel Papps (2028)

TREASURER (3 years)

Albert Edelstein (2028)

MODERATOR (2 years)

Jessica Treadway (2027)

James Miller, *Resigned*

Kathleen Doherty, *Assistant Moderator, Resigned*

PLANNING BOARD (3 years)

Brendan O'Donnell, *Chair* (2028)

Rich Marcou, *Vice-Chair* (2026)

Joshua Gordon (2028)

Logan Snyder (2026)

Greg Meeh (2027)

Megan Portnoy (2027)

Hillary Nelson, *Alt.* (2026)

Clifton Mathieu, *Alt.* (2028)

Michelle Hammond, *Secretary*

Scott Doherty, *Selectboard Rep.*

CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3 years)

John Goegel, *Chair* (2026)

Jan Cote (2027)

Sam Papps (2028)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 years)

Brenda Murray, *Chair* (2026)

Pamela Smarling (2028)

Denise Sojka (2030)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Rick Crockford, *2 years, Chair* (2026)

Ron Routhier, *2 years* (2027)

Deborah Snow, *2 years* (2026)

Rick Zeller, *3 years* (2028)

Florence Woods, *2 years* (2026)

Linda Riendeau, *2 years* (2027)

Ray Craigie, *3 years* (2028)

Sarah Melasecca, *2 years, Alt.*

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 years)

Greg Heath, *Chair* (2026)

Tiffany Brown (2028)

Silvia Styles (2027)

TOWN OFFICERS – APPOINTED

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Kenneth Folsom

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Kathleen McKay

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Mary Hauptman

ASSESSOR

Mandy Irving

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Jessica Lozier

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Joel French

LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

Michelle Hammond

Jan Stout, *Interim*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Donald O'Connor, *Road Agent*

Charles LeMahieu

Roy Plisko, *Seasonal*

Ben Davis, *Seasonal*

Jesse Johansen, *Resigned*

Robert Ralph, *Resigned*

TRANSFER STATION

David Bowles, *Manager*

Andres Romero, *Retired*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Justin Crotty, *Chief*

Kristofer Dupuis, *Lieutenant*

Jordan Westgate, *Sergeant*

Michael Dumas, *Officer*

Deanna Sepessy, *Admin Assistant*

Vincent Kirathi, *Resigned*

LIBRARY

Rachel C. Baker, *Library Director*

Mary Ann Winograd, *Circulation Librarian*

Cheryl Ingerson, *Youth Services Librarian*

Mary Ellen MacCoy, *Circulation Librarian*

Roseann Howe, *Circulation Manager, Adult Collection Librarian*

Lauren Prospere, *Children's Room Assistant*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gamache, *Chief*

Scott Doherty, *Deputy Chief,
Paramedic*

Herbert Batchelder, *Lieutenant,
Paramedic*

Guy Newbery, *Deputy Chief, EMT*

Craig Simpson, *Captain*

David Nelson, *Lieutenant, EMT*

Aiden O'Brien, *Lieutenant, AEMT*

Evan Hauptman, *Lieutenant*

Daniel Bickers, *Lieutenant, EMT*

Chad Gamache, *F.F., EMT*

Robert Basha, *F.F., Paramedic*

Douglas J. Bickers, *F.F., EMT*

Richard Bilodeau, *F.F., EMT*

Cameron Burns, *F.F., AEMT*

Brendan Cain, *F.F.*

Benjamin Davis, *F.F.*

Michael Arnold, *F.F., AEMT*

Finnegan Brown, *F.F., EMT*

Joel French, *F.F., AEMT*

Kalan Gaudreault, *F.F.*

Dale Caswell, *Lifetime Member*

Geoff Hubbell, *Lifetime Member*

Michael Provencher, *Resigned*

Matthew Nelson, *Resigned*

Matthew Murphy, *Resigned*

FIRE WARDEN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Michael Gamache

HEALTH OFFICER

Geoff Hubbell

DEPUTY TREASURER

Mary Witschonke (2028)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 years)

Jim Wieck, *Chair* (2028)

F. Webster Stout, *Vice-Chair* (2027)

Sean O'Brien (2027)

Scott Herrick (2028)

Gary Spaulding (2028)

Randi Johnson, *Alt.* (2028)

Christopher Evans, *Resigned*

Lisa Carlson, *Secretary, Alt.* (2028)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 years)

Ken Stern, *Chair* (2028)

Kelly Short, *Vice-Chair* (2026)

Steve Seron (2027)

Teresa Wyman (2028)

Audra Klumb (2028)

Lance Messinger, *Treasurer* (2026)

Bob Steenson (2026)

Charles Comey, *Alt.* (2027)

Beth Blair, *Selectboard Rep.*

CANTERBURY CEMETERY HISTORIAN (3 years)

Mark Stevens (2026)

CANTERBURY CEMETERY SEXTON

Kent Ruesswick

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TOWN PERAMBULATOR

Mark Stevens (2031)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (3 years)

Kevin Bragg, *Chair* (2027)

Anne Emerson (2026)

Vanessa Crofton (2028)

Calvin Todd, *Selectboard Rep.*

Alex Young, *Resigned*

Jeff Leidingner, *Resigned*

Harry Kinter, *Resigned*

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Art Hudson

Jan Stout

Bob Scarponi

Kelly Short

Bob Steenson

Randi Johnson

Briggs Lockwood

Tyson Miller

Cheryl Gordon

ENERGY COMMITTEE (3 years)

Ruth Heath, *Chair* (2027)

Beth McGuinn (2027)

Jeff Beltramo (2026)

Ron Litalien (2028)

Beth Blair, *Selectboard Rep.*

Sarah Stremper, *Resigned*

Steven Lundahl, *Resigned*

RECREATION COMMITTEE (2 years)

Randi Johnson (2026)

Katelynn Fehn (2026)

Danielle Krautmann, *Resigned*

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (3 years)

Mark Stevens, *Chair* (2028)

Eric Glines, *Vice-Chair* (2027)

Daimon Meeh, *Secretary* (2028)

Josh Marshall, *Treasurer* (2026)

Corinne Pullen (2027)

Jill McCullough (2028)

Nicole Glines, *Alternate* (2026)

Katie Archer, *Alternate* (2026)

Calvin Todd, *Selectboard Rep.*

Craig Pullen, *Resigned*

Benjamin Davis, *Resigned*

COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE (2 years)

Beth McGuinn, *CPCNH Rep.* (2027)

Edgar Rivera, *CPCNH Alt. Rep.* (2027)

Tim Meeh (2026)

Fred Portnoy (2028)

Beth Blair, *Selectboard Rep.*

Tom Franco, *Resigned*

Cheryl Franco, *Resigned*

John Schneider, *Resigned*

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UPPER MERRIMACK LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CANTERBURY REPRESENTATIVES

Adrienne Hutchinson (2028)

David Day, *Resigned*

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE Disbanded by Selectboard 6/23/2025

Rich Marcou, *Chair*

LeeAnn MacKey

Steve Rasche

Elle Bezanson

Greg Heath

Roy Plisko

Beth Blair, *Selectboard Rep.*

Michelle Hammond, *Secretary*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Citizens Committee)

Fred Brewster, *President*

Jeff Leidinger, *Vice-President*

David Tirrell-Wysocki, *Recording
Secretary*

Sandy Scripture, *Corresponding
Secretary*

Mary Ann Winograd, *Treasurer*

Mary Kerwin

Anne Emerson

Chuck Sanborn

Pam Jackson

Bill Adams

Harry Kinter, *Resigned*

Sam Papps, *Archivist*

2026 WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting which will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Canterbury Town Hall

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

Article 2: Are you in favor of amending the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance to comply with 2025 New Hampshire Legislative changes related to local regulation of accessory dwelling units?

This amends Article 2.8.D. and Article 5.3.C; amends and replaces Article 18; and removes Article 5.2.D.3.b.1.

Article 3: Are you in favor of amending the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance to define livable space for ADUs?

This adds a definition for Gross Living Area to Article 3 and replaces Article 18.3.1.A. with the following:

An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall have no more than 1,000 square feet of gross living area, and contain no more than three bedrooms in addition to kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Article 4: Are you in favor of amending the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance to ban data centers?

This adds a definition for Data Center to Article 3 and amends Article 5.3.C. by adding a line for “Data Centers” and marking it as Not Allowed in all zones.

Article 5: Are you in favor of adding a Wetland Setback Ordinance as proposed by the Canterbury Planning Board to the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance?

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Article 6: Are you in favor of amending the Cluster Subdivision Ordinance (Article 18.3.1.A.) as follows (addition in underlines):

The density, or maximum number of residential dwelling units permitted in a cluster neighborhood, may not exceed 50% (rounded to nearest whole unit) of the density allowed under Section 5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, except when a request for a density incentive is approved by the Planning Board under Section 6.6 or Section 6.7.

SECOND SESSION

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the Thirteenth of March 2026 at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Public Safety Details Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing public safety services by Police Department employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons. All revenues received for police public safety details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Public Safety Details Revolving Fund, to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and not from taxation. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire and Rescue Public Safety Details Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing public safety services by Fire & Rescue Department employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons. All revenues received for fire & rescue public safety details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand

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Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Fire and Rescue Public Safety Details Revolving Fund to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and not from taxation. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Six Hundred and Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$3,602,470) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$5.03

Cost for \$400K home: \$2,010.80

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$139,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:

4915.3	Highway Equipment	\$ 10,000
4915.4	Highway Truck	\$ 30,000
4915.18	Rescue Truck	\$ 8,000
4914.19	Fire Truck	\$ 50,000
4915.24	Landfill Closure	\$ 1,000
4915.27	Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings	\$ 10,000
4915.30	Highway Loader	\$ 30,000

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.34

Cost for \$400K home: \$135.25

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for the purchase of slide-in water tank for the Highway Department, said amount to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) for the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department, with One Hundred and Fifty Thousand

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Dollars (\$150,000) of said funds to come from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) of said funds to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purchase of a truck for the Fire Department and to replace the Rescue 1 Truck with the current Command Car, said amount to come from the Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purchase of extrication equipment for the Fire Department, with Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of said funds to come from the Firefighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of said funds to be raised by taxes.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.02

Cost for \$400K home: \$9.73

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) for the purchase of a packer truck and to retrofit it with electric hydraulics for the Transfer Station.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.41

Cost for \$400K home: \$165.41

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of a waste oil burner for the Highway Garage.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.05

Cost for \$400K home: \$19.46

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a salt shed, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-

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Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.06

Cost for \$400K home: \$24.32

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of a multifunction printer.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.01

Cost for \$400K home: \$3.89

Article 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire Canterbury adder funds and place that money into the Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sam Lake House Capital Reserve Fund created in 2011. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to modify the optional tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property in accordance with RSA 72:35 from its current value of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400) to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this Second day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Scott Doherty, *Chair*

Beth Blair

Calvin Todd

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TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2026 BUDGET

Expense Item	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Offsets	2026 Budget	Percent Change	Budget +/-	Est. 2026 Offsets
4130 EXECUTIVE							
4130.1 Selectmen Salaries	12,000	12,000		12,000	0	0	0.0%
4130.3 Town Administrator Wages	66,209	66,210		69,641	3,432	3,432	5.2%
4130.4 Office Equipment Repairs	100	0		100	0	0	0.0%
4130.5 Selectmen Seminars	500	290		500	0	0	0.0%
4130.6 Telephone	3,800	4,953		5,000	1,200	1,200	31.6%
4130.7 Printing	100	0		100	0	0	0.0%
4130.8 Office Equipment	1,000	844		1,000	0	0	0.0%
4130.10 Office Supplies	2,800	4,449		3,000	200	200	7.1%
4130.11 Health Insurance	45,000	48,660	11,638	51,000	6,000	6,000	13.3%
4130.12 Postage	1,000	1,157		1,200	200	200	20.0%
4130.15 Disability/Life Insurance	2,260	2,260		2,261	1	1	0.0%
4130.21 Admin Wages	41,400	40,674		42,848	1,448	1,448	3.5%
4130.22 Assessing Wages	66,624	66,624		68,956	2,332	2,332	3.5%
4130.25 Miscellaneous	100	885		100	0	0	0.0%
4130.54 Administrative Training	250	70		250	0	0	0.0%
4130.55 Advertising	250	1,102		500	250	250	100.0%
4130.56 Printing Town Report	2,000	1,784		2,000	0	0	0.0%
Total 4130 EXECUTIVE	245,393	251,962	11,638	260,456	15,063	15,063	6.1%
4135 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY							
<i>EXECUTIVE</i>							
4135-2e Computers/Hardware	1,000	1,997		1,000	0	0	0.0%
4135-3e Software/Licensing	17,000	18,853		18,000	1,000	1,000	5.9%
4135-4e Offsite Backup	3,500	2,500		2,500	-1,000	-1,000	-28.6%
4135-5e IT/Network Support	10,000	11,740		12,500	2,500	2,500	25.0%
<i>Sub-Total EXECUTIVE</i>	<i>31,500</i>	<i>35,090</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>34,000</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>7.9%</i>
<i>TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR</i>							
4135-6t Computers/Hardware	500	0		500	0	0	0.0%
4135-7t Software/Licensing	6,900	7,609		7,000	100	100	1.4%
4135-8t Computer Repair	1	948		1	0	0	0.0%
<i>Sub-Total TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR</i>	<i>7,401</i>	<i>8,557</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7,501</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1.4%</i>
<i>POLICE</i>							
4135-12 Offsite Backup	600	863		870	270	270	45.0%
4135-9p Computers/Hardware	2,500	4,625		2,500	0	0	0.0%

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Expense Item	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Offsets	2026 Budget	Percent Change	Budget +/-	Est. 2026 Offsets
4135-10 Software/Licensing	3,500	4,119		3,800	300	8.6%	
4135-11 Computer Repair	500	2,232		500	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total POLICE	7,100	11,838	0	7,670	570	8.0%	0
4135-15 FIRE Offsite Backup	800	863		870	70	8.8%	
4135-12 Computers/Hardware	1,000	775		1,000	0	0.0%	
4135-13 Software/Licensing	2,500	3,467		2,500	0	0.0%	
4135-14 Computer Repair	500	913		500	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total FIRE	4,800	6,018	0	4,870	70	1.5%	0
HIGHWAY							
4135-21 Computer Repair - Transfer Stat	250	0		250	0	0.0%	
4135-15 Computers/Hardware	500	0		500	0	0.0%	
4135-16 Software/Licensing	250	87		250	0	0.0%	
4135-17 Computer Repair - Highway	250	0		250	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total HIGHWAY	1,250	87	0	1,250	0	0.0%	0
CONSERVATION							
4135-18 Computers/Hardware	1	0		1	0	0.0%	
4135-19 Software/Licensing	300	384		385	85	28.3%	
4135-20 Computer Repair	1	0		1	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total CONSERVATION	302	384	0	387	85	28.1%	0
Total 4135	52,353	61,973	0	55,678	3,325	6.4%	0
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY							
4140							
4140-1 Town Clerk Salary	30,290	30,291		33,000	2,710	8.9%	
4140-2 Marriage License Fees	600	430	430	600	0	0.0%	600
4140-3 Deputy Town Clerk Wages	22,500	21,276		26,520	4,020	17.9%	
4140-7 Town Clerk Office Supplies	1,400	879		1,400	0	0.0%	
4140-8 Town Clerk Office Equipment	500	799		900	400	80.0%	
4140-10 Town Clerk Seminars	750	2,768		1,400	650	86.7%	
4140-11 Dog Tags	300	222		300	0	0.0%	
4140-12 Election Wages	3,000	1,253		5,000	2,000	66.7%	
4140-14 Election Advertising	500	0		500	0	0.0%	
4140-15 Election Misc. Supplies	500	922		1,500	1,000	200.0%	
4140-16 Voting Machine	1,200	613		2,500	1,300	108.3%	
4140-19 Vital Statistic Fees	800	779		800	0	0.0%	

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4140.36	Leave Coverage/Town Mtg Minutes	500	0		1	-499	-99.8%
4140.37	Record Scanning	250	0		1	-249	-99.6%
Total 4140	ELECTION, REG & VITAL STATS	63,090	60,233	430	74,422	11,332	18.0%
4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
4150.1	Tax Collector Salary	33,468	33,467		34,640	1,171	3.5%
4150.03	Bookkeeper Wages	31,200	27,187		32,100	900	2.9%
4150.4	Outside Auditing	17,000	20,920		22,625	5,625	33.1%
4150.7	Tax Collector Seminars	1,200	1,158		1,200	0	0.0%
4150.10	Registrar of Deeds	500	337		500	0	0.0%
4150.11	Tax Collector Health Insurance	15,000	16,567	4,629	14,000	-1,000	-6.7%
4150.12	Tax Collector Retirement	8,626	8,378		8,624	-2	0.0%
4150.15	Disability/Life Insurance	1,011	1,011		1,011	0	0.0%
4150.91	Tax Collector Liens	800	427		800	0	0.0%
4150.93	Treasurer Salary	5,850	5,850		6,055	205	3.5%
4150.95	Tax Collector Office Supplies	1,200	987		1,500	300	25.0%
4150.96	Tax Collector Postage	5,500	4,674		6,500	1,000	18.2%
4150.98	Treasurer Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	1,008		1,000	0	0.0%
Total 4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	122,357	121,971	4,629	130,554	8,198	6.7%
4153	LEGAL EXPENSES						
4153.3	General Municipal	10,000	11,447		21,000	11,000	110.0%
Total 4153	LEGAL EXPENSES	10,000	11,447	0	21,000	11,000	110.0%
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION						
4199.81	Medicare	21,814	19,647		20,568	-1,246	-5.7%
4199.82	Social Security	93,273	66,711		87,947	-5,326	-5.7%
4199.83	Unemployment Compensation	1	0		1	0	0.0%
4199.84	Payroll Processing	0	7,776		6,000	6,000	
Total 4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	115,088	94,134	0	114,516	-572	-0.5%
4191	PLANNING BOARD						
4191.1	PB Postage	900	1,072		1,100	200	22.2%
4191.2	PB Secretary Wages	3,500	5,154		5,500	2,000	57.1%
4191.5	PB Professional Services	5,000	6,971	7,493	2,500	-2,500	-50.0%
4191.6	PB Advertising	250	747		250	0	0.0%
4191.7	PB Printing	250	0		100	-150	-60.0%
4191.8	PB Supplies	800	706		600	-200	-25.0%

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4191.9 PB Equipment	100		0	100	0 0.0%	
4191.10 PB Seminar	250	0		250	0 0.0%	
4191.4 PB Legal Expenses	1,000	2,585		2,500	1,500 150.0%	
4191.11 ZBA Secretary Wages	2,000	2,313		2,000	0 0.0%	
4191.13 ZBA Postage	250	741		250	0 0.0%	
4191.14 ZBA Advertising	1,400	1,308		1,000	-400 -28.6%	
4191.15 ZBA Supplies	200	447		250	50 25.0%	
4191.16 ZBA Seminar	50	0		50	0 0.0%	
4191.17 Land Use Administrator	24,000	16,042		21,000	-3,000 -12.5%	
Total 4191	39,950	38,087	7,493	37,450	-2,500 -6.3%	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS						
4194.1 Center Electricity	750	658		750	0 0.0%	
4194.2 Town Hall Maintenance	2,000	750		2,000	0 0.0%	
4194.3 Town Hall Electricity	1,500	1,661		1,500	0 0.0%	
4194.5 Town Building Emergency Fund	1	3,000	3,000	1	0 0.0%	
4194.7 Sam Lake Maintenance	1,000	1,826		1,000	0 0.0%	
4194.8 Sam Lake Electricity	3,750	5,658		4,000	250 6.7%	
4194.11 Elkins/Houser Building Maint	1,000	1,832	300	1,500	500 50.0%	
4194.12 Historical Society Electricity	2,100	1,859		2,100	0 0.0%	
4194.13 Town Buildings Heat/Oil/Propane	30,000	31,653		31,000	1,000 3.3%	
4194.14 Municipal Building Electricity	9,000	7,783		9,000	0 0.0%	
4194.16 Municipal Building Alarms	2,000	3,959		3,000	1,000 50.0%	
4194.17 Municipal Building Maintenance	6,000	16,594	12,451	6,000	0 0.0%	
4194.17 Sam Lake Security System	1,000	628		630	-370 -37.0%	
4194.19 Janitorial Services	14,000	9,145		11,000	-3,000 -21.4%	
4194.20 Meetinghouse Maintenance	500	377		500	0 0.0%	
4194.21 Transfer Station Security Syst	500	240		500	0 0.0%	
4194.40 Elkins/Houser Security System	1,000	746		1,000	0 0.0%	
4194.62 Town Hall Security System	500	366		500	0 0.0%	
4194.63 Center Maintenance	2,000	1,305		2,000	0 0.0%	
Total 4194	78,601	90,041	15,751	77,981	-620 -0.8%	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS						
CEMETERIES						
4195.1 Cemetery Wages	4,000	1,549		4,300	300 7.5%	
4195.2 Sub-Contractor	1	0		1	0 0.0%	

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4195.3 Equipment Repairs	1	0	0	500	499	500.0%	
4195.5 Parts & Supplies	1	789	700	1	0	0.0%	
4195.6 Cemetery Maintenance	3,100	2,316		5,100	2,000	64.5%	
4195.7 Tree Removal	2,000	4,000		2,000	0	0.0%	
4195.8 Record Keeping Software	900	804		900	0	0.0%	
4195.9 Corner Stones		1,650	1,200	1	0	0.0%	1
4195.60 Headstone repairs	4,400	4,275		4,400	0	0.0%	
4195.61 Maplegrove Cemetery Layout	500	274		500	0	0.0%	
Total 4195 CEMETERIES	14,904	15,658	1,900	17,703	2,799	18.8%	1
4196 INSURANCE							
4196.2 Worker's Compensation	37,784	37,784		39,906	2,122	5.6%	
4196.3 Liability	46,287	46,287		61,480	15,193	32.8%	
Total 4196 INSURANCE	84,071	84,071	0	101,386	17,315	20.6%	0
4197 ADVERTISING & REGIONAL DEV.							
4197.1 NH Municipal Association	2,426	2,426		2,513	87	3.6%	
4197.2 Central NH Planning	3,172	3,172		3,298	126	4.0%	
4197.4 Assoc. of Assessing Dues	50	45		45	-5	-10.0%	
4197.9 Federal DOT Drug Testing	1,000	1,100		1,000	0	0.0%	
4197.10 Town Clerk Dues	50	20		50	0	0.0%	
4197.11 Tax Collector Dues	50	40		50	0	0.0%	
4197.12 NH Local Welfare Admin Assoc	50	0		50	0	0.0%	
Total 4197 ADVERTISING & REGIONAL DEV.	6,800	6,803	0	7,006	206	3.0%	0
4240 BUILDING INSPECTION							
4120.13 Telephone/Email	500	631		635	135	27.0%	
4240.1 Building Inspection Wages	17,000	13,457		17,000	0	0.0%	
4120.2 Supplies	1,000	2,727		1,000	0	0.0%	
4120.3 Seminars	500	0		500	0	0.0%	
4120.4 Mileage	1,000	347		1,000	0	0.0%	
4120.5 Sub Contractor	500	600		500	0	0.0%	
4120.10 Code Enforcement	1,000	0		500	-500	-50.0%	
Total 4240 BUILDING INSPECTION	21,500	17,761	0	21,135	-365	-1.7%	0
Total 4152 REVALUATION OF UTILITIES	6,500	6,000	0	1	-6,499	-100.0%	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	860,607	860,141	41,840	919,289	58,682	6.8%	15,447

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4210 POLICE						
<i>Police Department Wages</i>						
4210.0C Police Chief Salary	85,000	85,000		89,250	4,250	5.0%
4210.c Administration	35,000	34,070		36,000	1,000	2.9%
4210.1b Overtime	10,000	10,698	527	15,000	5,000	50.0%
4210.1 Officer Wages	221,855	169,027		260,072	38,217	17.2%
<i>Police Department Wages</i>	351,855	298,795	527	400,322	48,467	13.8%
<i>Cruiser Maintenance</i>						0
4210.G Tires	3,000	2,622		3,000	0	0.0%
4210.H Insurance Deductible	2,000	0		2,000	0	0.0%
4210.I 2018 Unit 4	2,000	847		2,000	0	0.0%
4210.J 2018 Unit 3	2,000	729		2,000	0	0.0%
4210.K 2021 Unit 2	2,000	1,898		2,000	0	0.0%
4210.L 2021 Unit 1	2,000	408		2,000	0	0.0%
4210.M 2023 Unit 5	1,000	829		2,000	1,000	
4210.2 Cruiser Maintenance - Other	0	0		1	1	
<i>Cruiser Maintenance</i>	14,000	7,333	0	15,001	1,001	7.2%
4210.3 Health Insurance	28,000	22,240		20,000	-8,000	-28.6%
4210.5 Radios & Repairs	3,300	1,932		3,300	0	0.0%
4210.6 Dispatch	20,202	20,202		25,409	5,207	25.8%
4210.7 Gas/Oil	15,000	9,648		15,000	0	0.0%
4210.8 Office Supplies	2,500	2,899		2,500	0	0.0%
4210.9 Uniforms	4,000	1,718		4,000	0	0.0%
4210.10 Off Duty Details	15,000	36,173	47,715	1	-14,999	-100.0%
4210.11 Seminars/Dues/Subscriptions	850	1,047		850	0	0.0%
4210.12 Prosecutor	1,803	1,725		2,000	197	10.9%
4210.13 Telephone	5,500	4,555		5,500	0	0.0%
4210.14 Training	5,000	3,134		5,000	0	0.0%
4210.16 Retirement	102,670	72,844		100,672	-1,998	-1.9%
4210.17 Disability/Life Insurance	4,099	3,303		4,066	-33	-0.8%
4210.20 Investigation Expenses	500	400		500	0	0.0%
4210.9I Supplies/New Equipment	7,000	75,529	523	7,000	0	0.0%
Total 4210 POLICE	581,279	563,477	48,765	611,121	29,841	5.1%
Total 4215 Civil Defense	1	0	0	1	0	0.0%

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4220						
FIRE						
4220.70 Off Duty Details	1,500	10,056	8,040	1	-1,499	-99.9%
4220.16 Part-Time Fire Chief	66,872	66,872		69,213	2,341	3.5%
4220.00 EMT Wages	75,000	78,256		80,000	5,000	6.7%
4220.1 Volunteer Reimbursement	30,000	28,068		31,000	1,000	3.3%
4220.2 Forest Fire Costs	1,500	2,436		1,500	0	0.0%
<i>Vehicle Maintenance</i>						
4220.3B Fire Engine #3	5,000	75		5,000	0	0.0%
4220.3C Rescue 1	4,200	1,472		4,400	200	4.8%
4220.3F Utility	1,000	440		1,000	0	0.0%
4220.3G Tanker1	3,500	2,763		3,500	0	0.0%
4220.3H Command Vehicle	1,100	3,110		1,200	100	9.1%
4220.3I Engine 2	3,500	9,820		5,000	1,500	42.9%
2019 F350 Forestry Truck	1,000	344		1,000	0	0.0%
4220.3J 2020 Kawasaki UTV	1,000	1,160		1,100	100	10.0%
4220.3 Vehicle Maintenance - Other	1,000	121		1,000	0	0.0%
<i>Sub-Total</i>	21,300	19,305	0	23,200	1,900	8.9%
4220.3L Insurance Deductible	2,000	0		2,000	0	0.0%
4220.4 Training & Prevention	6,000	4,434	3,918	6,000	0	0.0%
4220.5 Dispatch	30,385	30,385		31,152	767	2.5%
4220.6 Radios & Pagers	5,000	2,816		5,000	0	0.0%
4220.8 Gasoline & Oil	6,300	5,173		6,300	0	0.0%
4220.9 Fire & Rescue Equipment	11,000	28,236		11,000	0	0.0%
4220.10 Dry Hydrants	2,000	884		2,000	0	0.0%
4220.11 Office Supplies	1,600	1,615		1,600	0	0.0%
4220.12 Uniforms	3,000	2,212		3,000	0	0.0%
4220.13 Weekend Reimbursements	10,000	2,205		10,000	0	0.0%
4220.14 Turnout Gear	10,000	219		10,000	0	0.0%
4220.15 Wellness Fitness	1,000	580		1,000	0	0.0%
4220.17 Fire Prevention Education	1,000	603		1,000	0	0.0%
4220.61 Fire Hose	1,000	13,872	10,363	1,000	0	0.0%
4220.91 Office Equipment	700	414		700	0	0.0%
4220.92 EMS Continuing Education	5,000	2,485		5,000	0	0.0%
4220.93 Medical Supplies & Equipment	5,250	2,604		5,250	0	0.0%

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4220.94 Equipment Maintenance	2,550	4,193		3,000	450	17.6%	
Total 4220 FIRE	299,957	307,922	22,322	309,916	9,959	3.3%	1
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	881,237	871,400	71,087	921,037	39,800	4.5%	2
4311-1 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION							
4311.1a Road Agent Salary	72,365	72,365		80,000	7,635	10.6%	
4311.1 Wages	225,900	136,895	41,684	225,900	0	0.0%	
4311.1.OT Overtime	39,500	11,924		39,500	0	0.0%	
4311.2 Sub-Contractor	1	0		1	0	0.0%	
Equipment Repairs							
4311.1.T1 T1 Repairs-2011 International	15,000	31,432	26,569	15,000	0	0.0%	
4311.1.T2 T2 Repairs-2005 Sterling	3,000	0		3,000	0	0.0%	
4311.1.T3 T3 Repairs-2014 International	10,000	29,418	18,212	12,000	2,000	20.0%	
4311.1.T4 T4 Repairs-2023 F-550	3,000	952		3,000	0	0.0%	
4311.1.T5 2018 Freightliner	5,000	2,476		5,000	0	0.0%	
4311.1.T6 Water Truck	1,000	0		0	-1,000	-100.0%	
4311.1.T7 T7 Repairs-2020 F550	3,000	8,617		3,000	0	0.0%	
4311.1.T8 2015 Ford F150	2,000	0		0	-2,000	-100.0%	
4311.1.G Grader Repairs - Cat	3,000	3,273		3,000	0	0.0%	
4311.1.BH Backhoe repairs	1,000	2,143		2,000	1,000	100.0%	
4311.1.BC Equipment Repairs-Bobcat	750	401		750	0	0.0%	
4311.1.L Loader Repairs	2,000	874		4,500	2,500	125.0%	
4311.1.GG Green Grader	500	0		500	0	0.0%	
4311.3 Equipment Repairs - Other	3,500	477		3,500	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total Equipment Repairs	52,750	80,065	44,781	55,250	2,500	4.7%	0
4311.4 Health Insurance	70,000	58,801	16,010	70,000	0	0.0%	14,822
4311.5 Retirement	44,901	22,044		35,126	-9,775	-21.8%	
4311.6 Telephone	1,500	955		1,500	0	0.0%	
4311.7 Supplies	16,000	12,147		16,000	0	0.0%	
4311.8 Gasoline & Diesel	35,000	27,471		35,000	0	0.0%	
4311.9 Tires	4,000	2,680		4,000	0	0.0%	
4311.11 Highway Equipment	1,500	1,736		1,500	0	0.0%	
4311.12 Disability/Life Insurance	3,980	2,476		3,856	-124	-3.1%	
4311.13 Mowing Town Lands	5,250	3,212		5,250	0	0.0%	

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4311.14 Training	800	11,050	7,520	800	0	0	0.0%
4311.15 Highway Uniforms	1,500	1,333		1,500	0	0	0.0%
Total 4311-1 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	574,948	445,154	109,995	575,183	236	0.0%	14,822
4312-1 HIGHWAYS & STREETS							
4312.1 Salt	29,000	28,548		30,000	1,000	3.4%	
4612.2 Sand & Gravel	20,000	18,003		20,000	0	0.0%	
4312.3 Road Tar	230,000	255,355		230,000	0	0.0%	
<i>Road Improvements</i>							
4312.4T Tree Removal	3,000	0		3,000	0	0.0%	
4312.4G Summer Gravel	15,000	245,243	234,770	15,000	0	0.0%	
4312.4 Road Improvements - Other	21,000	7,526		21,000	0	0.0%	
<i>Sub-Total</i>	39,000	252,769	234,770	39,000	0	0.0%	0
4612.5 Sand & Salt sub contractor	12,000	14,602		12,000	0	0.0%	
4612.6 Signage	750	1,886		750	0	0.0%	
4612.30 Road Side Mowing	16,000	16,030		16,000	0	0.0%	
Total 4312-1 HIGHWAYS & STREETS	346,750	587,194	234,770	347,750	1,000	0.3%	0
4313 CULVERTS & BRIDGES							
4313.1 Culvert/Bridge Maintenance	1,000	3,226	3,225	1,000	0	0.0%	
Total 4313 CULVERTS & BRIDGES	1,000	3,226	3,225	1,000	0	0.0%	0
Total 4316 STREET LIGHTING	3,000	2,877	0	2,500	-500	-16.7%	0
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	925,698	1,038,451	347,989	926,433	736	0.1%	14,822
4321-1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION							
4321.1 Wages	74,757	64,918		78,500	3,743	5.0%	
4321.3 Overtime	5,000	0		5,000	0	0.0%	
4321.2 Recycling Services	5,000	15,001		15,000	10,000	200.0%	
4321.4 Telephone	1,000	2,316		2,000	1,000	100.0%	
4321.5 Supplies	750	425		750	0	0.0%	
4321.6 Electricity	3,000	2,033		3,000	0	0.0%	
4321.7 Gas & Oil	3,500	2,678		3,500	0	0.0%	
4323.9 Building Maintenance	2,500	610		2,500	0	0.0%	
4323.10 Seminars	400	200		400	0	0.0%	
<i>Truck Repairs</i>							
4323.P Packer Truck Repairs	2,000	9,520		2,000	0	0.0%	

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4323.12 Truck Repairs - Other	1	276		1	0	0	0.0%
Sub-Total	2,001	9,795	0	2,001	0	0	0.0%
4323.15 Universal Waste	2,500	1,955		3,000	500	500	20.0%
Equipment Repairs							
Trailer	500	0		500	0	0	0.0%
4323.T Baler Repairs	200	0		200	0	0	0.0%
4323.16 Equipment Repairs - Other	800	21		800	0	0	0.0%
Sub-Total	1,500	21	0	1,500	0	0	0.0%
4323.17 Equipment Repairs	8,000	9,746		8,000	0	0	0.0%
4323.18 Bag Purchase	1	0		1	0	0	0.0%
4321.19 Hazardous Clean-up	1	0		1	0	0	0.0%
Storm Water Drainage	2,000	513		0	-2,000	-2,000	-100.0%
4321.40 Solid Waste Committee	10,100	12,488		10,100	0	0	0.0%
4323.19 Ground Water Testing	122,011	122,699	0	135,253	13,242	10,100	10.9%
Total 4321-1							
4324 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION							
4324.1 Co-op Fee MSW	51,000	48,531	20,201	54,775	3,775	3,775	7.4%
Total 4324	51,000	48,531	20,201	54,775	3,775	3,775	7.4%
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL							
SOLID WASTE	173,011	171,230	20,201	190,028	17,017	17,017	9.8%
4351 ENERGY COMMITTEE							
4351.1 Clean Energy NH Membership	250	0		300	50	50	20.0%
4351.02 Training	150	0		150	0	0	0.0%
4351.3 Programs	250	135		250	0	0	0.0%
4351.5 Misc	100	0		50	-50	-50	-50.0%
4351.5a Administration	250	15		250	0	0	0.0%
4351.6 Community Power Committee	1,000	0		1	-999	-999	-99.9%
4351.7 CCPC Secretary Wages	1,000	80		1	-999	-999	-99.9%
Total 4351	3,000	230	0	1,002	-1,998	-1,998	-66.6%
4411 HEALTH							
4411.1 Animal Control	200	0		200	0	0	0.0%
4415.2 Penacook Rescue	185,122	185,122		187,010	1,888	0	1.0%
4415.3 Belmont/Loudon Rescue	10,000	10,000		10,000	0	0	0.0%
Total 4411	195,422	195,122	0	197,210	1,788	1,788	0.9%
4441 WELFARE							

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Expense Item	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Offsets	2026 Budget	Percent Change	Budget +/-	Est. 2026 Offsets
4441.3 Community Action Program	2,600	2,600		2,600	0	0	0.0%
4441.4 CASA Donation	2,500	2,500		2,500	0	0	0.0%
Total 4441 WELFARE	5,102	5,100	0	5,100	-2	-2	0.0%
Total 4442 DIRECT ASSISTANCE	20,000	22,553	846	20,000	0	0	0.0%
4550 LIBRARY	257,971	299,176	41,206	300,000	42,029	16.3%	0
4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES							
4583.1 Memorial Day	500	428		500	0	0	0.0%
4583.2 Fourth of July	8,000	8,000		10,000	2,000	25.0%	0
Total 4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	8,500	8,428	0	10,500	2,000	23.5%	0
4589 HISTORICAL SOCIETY							
4589.1 Preservation Expense	1,300	1,300		1,300	0	0	0.0%
4589.2 Misc. Supplies	200	200		200	0	0	0.0%
Total 4589 HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0	0	0.0%
4651 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION							
4651.1 Secretary Wages	1,050	309		1,000	-50	-4.8%	0
4651.2 Postage	50	73		200	150	300.0%	0
4651.3 Supplies	200	247		250	50	25.0%	0
Total 4651 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	1,300	629	0	1,450	150	11.5%	0
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	299,121	309,733	41,206	313,450	14,329	4.8%	0
4500 PARKS & RECREATION							
4520.14 Riverland Conservation Area	900	750		900	0	0	0.0%
4520.1 Repairs	1	360		1	0	0	0.0%
Soccer							
4520.3 Soccer Field Maintenance	450	340		450	0	0	0.0%
4520.4 Soccer Program Admin Costs	120	500		120	0	0	0.0%
4520.5 Soccer Equipment	1,995	219		1,995	0	0	0.0%
Sub-Total Soccer	2,565	1,058	0	2,565	0	0	0.0%
Halloween							
4520.10 Decorations & Supplies	600	1,260		600	0	0	0.0%
4520.11 Refreshment & Candy Costs	1,000	752		1,000	0	0	0.0%
Sub-Total Halloween	1,600	2,012	0	1,600	0	0	0.0%
Total 4500 PARKS & RECREATION	5,066	4,180	0	5,066	0	0	0.0%
4611 CONSERVATION							

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Expense Item	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Offsets	2026 Budget	Percent Change	Est. 2026 Offsets
4611.1 Dues	700	600	600	600	-100	-14.3%
4611.2 Postage	25	0	0	1	-24	-96.0%
4611.3 Printing & Advertising	100	0	0	1	-99	-99.0%
4611.4 Supplies	25	0	0	1	-24	-96.0%
4611.5 Professional Services	500	288	288	500	0	0.0%
4611.6 Training	150	0	0	100	-50	-33.3%
4611.7 Easement Monitoring	2,800	2,770	2,770	2,945	145	5.2%
4611.8 Land Management	6,300	6,723	6,723	7,900	1,600	25.4%
4611.10 Water Quality Treatment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%
4611.12 Administrative Support	400	42	42	1	-399	-99.8%
4611.13 Conservation Project Support	1	0	0	1	0	0.0%
Total 4611 CONSERVATION	12,001	11,422	0	13,550	1,549	12.9%
4652 Agricultural Commission						
4652.1 Administration	250	400	400	500	250	100.0%
Total 4652 Agricultural Commission	250	400	0	500	250	100.0%
4711 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBTS						
4711.9 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	60,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-10,000	-16.7%
4711.15 Backhoe Lease	23,896	19,531	19,531	20,158	-3,737	-15.6%
4711.? Fire Engine Bond				0	0	0
Total 4711 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBTS	83,896	69,531	0	70,158	-13,737	-16.4%
4721 INTEREST LONG TERM DEBTS						
4721.81 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	8,160	5,100	5,100	2,550	-5,610	-68.8%
4721.15 Backhoe Lease	9,179	6,873	6,873	6,246	-2,933	-32.0%
4721.? Fire Engine Bond				10,850	10,850	0
Total 4721 INTEREST LONG TERM DEBTS	17,339	11,973	0	19,646	2,307	13.3%
4725 Capital Lease Program						
4725.2 Body Camera Lease	3,500	0	0	0	-3,500	-100.0%
Total 4725 Capital Lease Program	3,500	0	0	0	-3,500	-100.0%
SUB-TOTAL ALL DEPT EXPENSE	3,485,250	3,571,465	523,170	3,602,470	117,220	3.4%
WARRANT ARTICLES						
2025-8 Capital Reserve Deposits	88,000	88,000				
2025-9 Gold Star Bond	35,874	35,874				
2025-10 Ballot Counting Device	7000	7000	7000			

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Expense Item	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Offsets	2026 Budget	Percent Change	Est. 2026 Offsets
2025-11 Sam Lake House Garage Renovation	80,000	31,127	31,127			
2025-12 Weatherization of Elkins Public Library	20,000	19,902	7,210			
2025-13 Voting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000				
2025-14 Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund	1,000	1,000				
2025-15 Transfer Station Upgrade Study	6,500	5,977	5,977			
2025-16 Hazardous Waste Day	10,500	10,491				
2026-7 Police Public Safety Details Revolving Fund				5,000		5,000
2026-8 Fire Public Safety Details Revolving Fund				2,000		2,000
2026-10 Capital Reserve Deposits				139,000	51,000	
2026-11 Slide-in Water Tank				18,000		18,000
2026-12 Dump Truck Replacement				250,000		250,000
2026-13 Rescue 1 Replacement				100,000		100,000
2026-14 Extrication Equipment				50,000		40,000
2026-15 Packer Truck				170,000		
2026-16 Waste Oil Burner				20,000		
2026-17 Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund				25,000		
2026-18 Copier				4,000		
2026-19 Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund				6,000		6,000
Total	268,874	204,371	51,314	789,000	520,126	193.4%
WARRANT ARTICLES	3,754,124	3,775,836	574,483	4,391,470	637,346	17.0%
GRAND TOTAL with WARRANT ARTICLES						
5000 ENCUMBERENCES	Encumbered	Actual 2025				
4312.3e Road Tar	43,353	43,353				
4611.8e Conservation - Land Mgmt	2,000	2,000				
4195.6e Cemetery Maintenance	2,572	2,572				
4210.9e Police Dept	34,582	34,032				
Total 5000e	82,507	81,957				
	New to 2026 budget					

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REVENUE TO OFFSET 2026 BUDGET

		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
3100	TAXES			
3120	Land Use Change Tax	-	58,485	-
3185	Timber Tax	10,000	12,566	10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,500	15,480	10,000
Total 3100		20,500	85,531	20,000
3200	LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	575,500	675,971	610,500
3230	Building Permits	15,000	12,803	15,000
3240	Municipal Agent Fees	20,000	22,705	20,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,100	3,739	3,100
Total 3200		612,600	715,219	648,600
3300	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
3350.9	Grants-State of NH	-	18,383	-
3300.2	Rooms & Meals Tax	220,000	243,033	220,000
3350.3	Highway Block Grant	77,741	99,343	100,566
3350.4	State & Federal Forest Land	100	130	100
3359.1	Other State Revenues	100	44,902	100
3359.5	Voter Checklist Town Portion	100	200	100
3359.6	UCC Quarterly Income	900	825	800
Total 3300		298,941	406,816	321,666
3400	CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401.1	Planning Board Fees	1,500	2,199	1,500
3401.3	ZBA Fees	3,000	2,937	3,000
3401.6	Police Dept Off Duty Details	25,000	47,715	-
3401.10	Pistol Permits	100	200	100
3401.11	Police Department - Reports	200	685	200
3401.20	Copier Income	100	1	-
3401.42	Misc. Income	-	201	-
3401.50	Historic District Comm Fees	-	254	100
3401.52	Fire Department Inspections	100	-	-
3401.59	Town Hall Rental Income	100	75	75
3401.63	Cemetery Plots	2,000	11,750	2,000
3401.64	Cemetery Corner Stones	-	1,200	-
3401.67	Fire Dept Off Duty Details	1,500	8,040	-
3401.68	Fire & EMS Training Reimb.	1,000	3,918	1,000
Total 3400		34,600	79,175	7,975
35	REVENUES FROM MISC SOURCES			
3190	Interest & Penalties	10,000	11,256	10,000
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	2,500	119,000	2,500
3502	Interest on Investments	20,000	67,533	30,000
3507	Health Insurance Reimbursement	44,913	39,695	29,669
3510	NSF Fee	-	50	-
3512	Library Trust Funds	29,850	31,390	-
3515	Misc Revenues	1,000	42,431	1,000
2025-9	Gold Star Bond	35,874	35,874	-

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2025-10	Voting Machine	7,000	7,000	-
	ARPA Funds	-	257,956	-
2026-7	Police Details Revolving Fund	-	-	5,000
2026-8	Fire Details Revolving Fund	-	-	2,000
2026-19	Renewable Energy CRF	-	-	6,000
Total 35		151,137	612,184	86,169
3500.1	ENTERPRISE FUND			
3401.40	Transfer Station Fees	15,000	19,298	16,000
3401.41	Recycled Waste	12,000	11,735	12,000
3401.58	Textiles	600	698	600
4100	PAYT Bags	55,000	58,075	55,000
4100.2	Private Hauler Reimbursement	12,000	11,728	12,000
Total 3500.1		94,600	101,534	95,600
	TRANSFERS FROM			
3915	CAPITAL RESERVE	86,500	59,142	408,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	1,298,878	2,060,601	1,588,009

Appropriations Recommended	\$	3,602,470
Individual Warrant Articles	\$	789,000
Total Appropriations	\$	4,391,470
Less: Total Proposed Revenue	\$	1,588,009
Est Amount of Taxes to be raised	\$	2,803,461

UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE

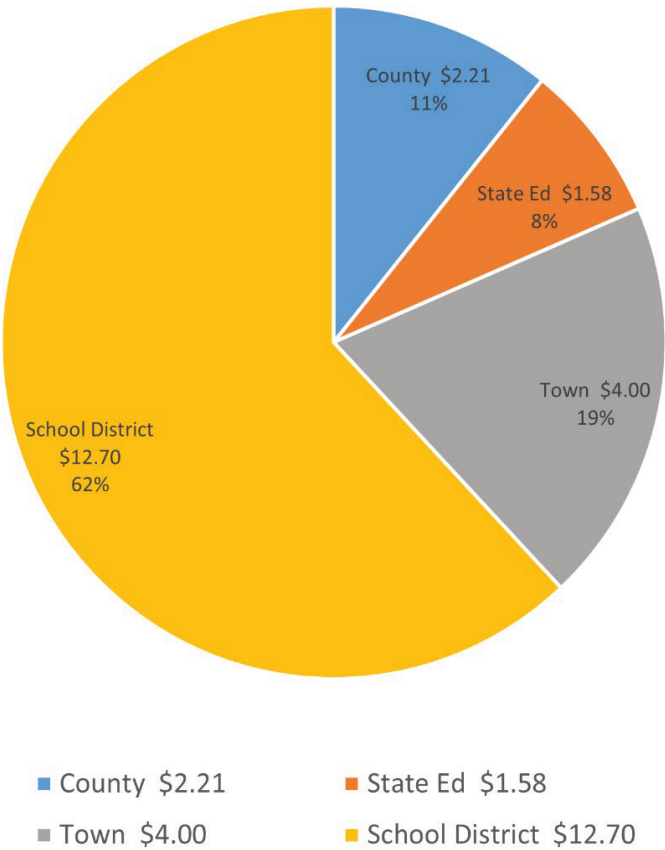
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	1,928,052
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$	(500,000)
Less Amount Voted (Voting Machine)	\$	(7,000)
Less Amount Voted (Gold Star)	\$	(35,874)
Total Retained	\$	1,385,178

2025 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

TOTAL RATE = \$20.49

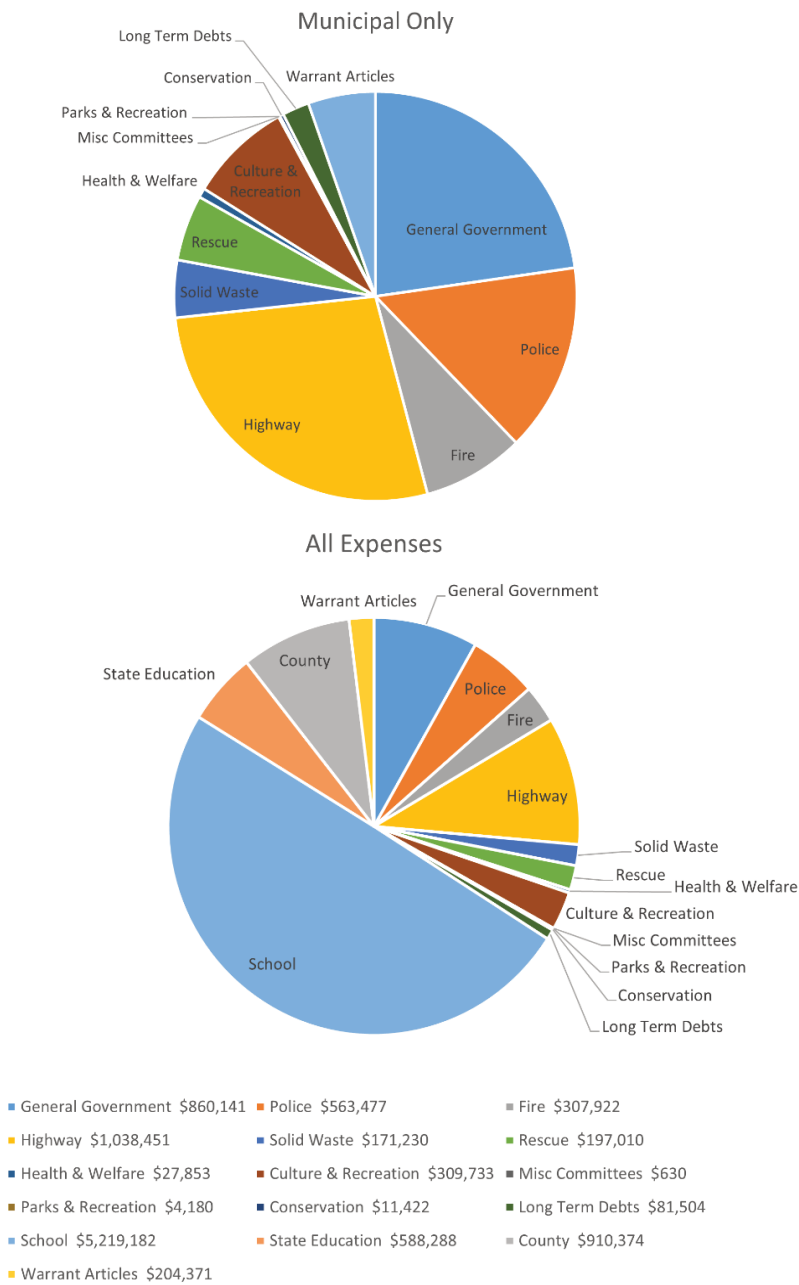
2025 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value.

Total Assessed Valuation = \$ 411,102,796



2025 TOWN EXPENSES

These charts represent monies paid by the Selectmen in 2025 for the operating budget, approved warrant articles, and school, state, and county appropriations.



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LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

GOLDSTAR

Rate of Interest	4% - 5%
Amount of Original Issue	\$800,000
Date of Original Issue	7/21/2005
Principal Payment Date	August 15
Interest Payment Date	February 20 & August 20
Payable At	NH Municipal Bond Bank

FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2006	\$ 39,900	\$ 38,165.08	2016	\$ 40,000	\$ 14,297.76
2007	\$ 40,000	\$ 34,183.76	2017	\$ 40,000	\$ 12,297.76
2008	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,193.76	2018	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,681.76
2009	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,183.76	2019	\$ 35,000	\$ 9,041.76
2010	\$ 40,000	\$ 28,183.76	2020	\$ 35,000	\$ 7,598.00
2011	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,799.76	2021	\$ 35,000	\$ 6,228.00
2012	\$ 40,000	\$ 23,799.76	2022	\$ 35,000	\$ 6,142.50
2013	\$ 40,000	\$ 21,799.76	2023	\$ 35,000	\$ 3,235.50
2014	\$ 40,000	\$ 19,799.76	2024	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,704.26
2015	\$ 40,000	\$ 16,297.76	2025	\$ 35,000	\$ 874.00

MORRILL ROAD BRIDGE / COMMAND CAR / POLICE CRUISERS

Rate of Interest	0.75%
Amount of Original Issue	\$312,053
Date of Original Issue	8/15/2021
Principal Payment Date	February 15 & August 15
Interest Payment Date	February 15 & August 15
Payable At	NH Municipal Bond Bank

FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2022	\$ 92,053	\$ 14,300.73	2025	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,100.00
2023	\$ 60,000	\$ 11,220.00	2026	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,550.00
2024	\$ 60,000	\$ 8,160.00			

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FIRE ENGINE BOND

True Interest Cost	2.57%
Total Proceeds	\$490,000
Premium to Reduce Loan	\$53,000
Amount of Loan to be Paid	\$437,000
Date of Original Issue	1/14/2026
Principal Payment Date	August 15
Interest Payment Date	February 15
Payable At	NH Municipal Bond Bank

FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2026	\$ -	\$ 10,850.35	2032	\$ 45,000	\$ 9,468.75
2027	\$ 47,000	\$ 20,881.75	2033	\$ 45,000	\$ 7,196.25
2028	\$ 45,000	\$ 18,558.75	2034	\$ 40,000	\$ 5,050.00
2029	\$ 45,000	\$ 16,286.25	2035	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,030.00
2030	\$ 45,000	\$ 14,013.75	2036	\$ 40,000	\$ 1,010.00
2031	\$ 45,000	\$ 11,741.25			

LAND USE CHANGE TAX FUND

At the 1988 Canterbury Town Meeting the townspeople voted to “*deposit all revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.*”

Balance on Hand as of 1/1/2025	\$ 337,179.32
Deposits	\$ 58,656.48
Withdrawals	\$ -
Interest Earned	\$ 6,080.80
Balance on Hand as of 12/31/2025	\$ 401,916.60

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SAM LAKE TRUST FUND

The Town of Canterbury is a beneficiary of the Sam Lake Trust and in this capacity is entitled to funds according to the terms of the trust.

Under the terms of the trust:

“... the income only is to be used by the Town of Canterbury, NH... for the betterment, improvements or other purposes that might be brought about on (testator’s) home place, but not for other purposes.”

Clarfeld Management Report A/C Reconciliation

Beginning Market Value 1/1/2025	\$ 227,680.56
Cash Activity	
Dividends	\$ 8,714.77
Interest	\$ 314.32
Long Term/Short Term Cap Gains	\$ 1,846.66
Fiduciary Fees	\$ (5,798.17)
Other Disbursements of Cash	\$ (11,561.87)
Total Cash Activity	\$ (6,484.29)
Net Gain/(Loss)	
Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 3,512.15
Change in Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 13,081.17
Total Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 16,593.32
Ending Market Value (Excluding Accruals)	
12/31/2025	\$ 237,789.59

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Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2025

Name and Purpose of Trust		Principal			Income			Total Principal & Income
		Balance at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance at End of Year	Income	Balance at End of Year	
Nonexpendable Trusts:								
Benjamin Whidden - Cong Church	105640006	200.00			200.00	12.90	110.94	310.94
Lucia Elkins - Library Books	105640007	4,000.00			4,000.00	209.79	1,032.09	5,032.09
Lucia Elkins - Elkins Mem Bldg Repairs	105640034	1,000.00			1,000.00	60.12	(300.00)	1,264.47
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	105640009	3,000.00			3,000.00	190.51	216.39	3,216.39
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	105640010	424.00			424.00	27.67	239.12	663.12
Lucia Elkins - Sick & Worthy Poor	105640011	6,987.00			6,987.00	317.65	(1,546.00)	7,385.56
John Kezar - School District	105640012	3,702.10			3,702.10	242.62	2,115.43	5,817.53
Benevolent Fund - Glasses & Dental	105640013	700.00			700.00	176.36	3,528.52	4,228.52
Canterbury Youth Fund	105640014	751.00			751.00	152.84	2,914.19	3,665.19
Thompson Memorial - 4H Scholarship	105640015	750.00			750.00	78.28	1,127.80	1,877.80
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	105640017	37,525.00			37,525.00	2,389.10	19,769.82	57,294.82
Subtotal		59,039.10	-	-	59,039.10	3,857.84	31,717.33	90,756.43
Expendable Trusts:								
Jeremiah Clough Cemetery Trust	105640036	75.00			75.00	5.26	53.79	128.79
Capital Reserve Funds								
Highway Equipment	105640003	99,082.53	10,000.00		109,082.53	4,643.65	7,641.64	116,724.17
Highway Trucks	105640004	69,000.00	30,000.00		99,000.00	4,769.17	31,452.62	130,452.62
Highway Grader	105640005	21,928.99			21,928.99	990.88	1,833.52	23,762.51
Firefighting Equipment	105640029	33,709.50			33,709.50	1,796.67	9,378.42	43,087.92
Conservation	105640020	36,000.00			36,000.00	8,147.04	10,068.01	46,068.01
Transfer Station Upgrades	105640038	-			-	278.88	1,266.54	1,669.43
Landfill Closure	105640024	116,723.00	1,000.00		117,723.00	6,968.15	43,446.43	161,169.43
Building Maintenance	105640027	25,685.58	5,000.00	(14,638.89)	16,046.69	313.83	335.97	16,382.66
Sam Lake House	105640028	64,013.01	11,233.87	(19,790.70)	55,456.18	3,217.79	237.77	55,693.95
Highway Dept Louder	105640031	140,000.00	30,000.00		170,000.00	7,273.88	20,518.86	190,518.86
Fire Truck	105640032	62,786.30			62,786.30	4,020.96	33,643.92	96,430.22
Rescue Truck	105640033	143,465.22	12,000.00		155,465.22	7,268.92	25,288.75	180,753.97
Highway Backhoe	105640035	3,156.64			3,156.64	141.49	236.96	3,393.60
Bridge Maintenance and Construction	105640037	63,066.82			63,066.82	4,341.87	40,140.01	67,080.83
Voting Equipment	105640039	-	5,000.00		5,000.00	92.56	-	5,092.56
Renewable Energy	105640040	-	1,000.00		1,000.00	18.53	18.53	1,018.53
Subtotal		878,692.59	105,233.87	(34,429.59)	949,496.87	46,869.52	189,528.30	1,139,025.17
Total		937,731.69	105,233.87	(34,429.59)	1,008,535.97	50,727.36	221,245.63	1,229,781.60

All funds are invested with the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool of PFM Asset Management LLC.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER – 2025

Beginning Balance 1/1/2025	\$ 4,467,010.59
Tax Collector	\$ 8,525,692.96
Town Clerk	\$ 928,472.67
State of New Hampshire	\$ 343,952.20
Grant Money Received	\$ 18,383.10
Income from Departments	\$ 145,382.19
Sale of Town Property	\$ 119,000.00
Transfer from Sam Lake Trust	\$ 11,233.87
Capital Reserve	\$ 59,141.84
Library Offset	\$ 31,390.15
Interest on Investments	\$ 67,532.51
Enterprise Fund	\$ 106,251.74
Payroll Account Deposits	\$ 1,622,349.60
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 11,979,232.83
	\$ 16,446,243.42
Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 3,757,693.91
Payroll Disbursements	\$ 1,624,679.07
ACH Transfers to State	\$ 223,735.61
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ -
Capital Reserve	\$ 94,025.00
School Tax	\$ 5,647,596.00
County Tax	\$ 910,374.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,258,553.59
Ending Balance 12/31/2025	\$ 4,187,689.83
Conservation Commission Fund	\$ 401,916.60

RECONCILIATION TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER

Prop Taxes Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 8,432,417.64
Interest & Penalties Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 7,649.21
Converted to Liens Principle Only	\$ 42,828.27
Redemptions	\$ 24,993.28
Interests & Costs Collected	\$ 3,607.17
Deleted Credit	\$ -
Check Payments Recovered	\$ 14,197.39
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$ 8,525,692.96

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Summary of Fees Collected for the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Motor Vehicle Fees Collected	Account #	Amount
	3220.80	\$ 223,735.61
	3220.00	\$ 675,010.00
	3220.B	\$ 961.48
Subtotal		\$ 899,707.09

Town Clerk Fees Collected	Account #	Amount
Agent Fee	3240.00	\$ 22,725.25
Vital Statistics	3290.40	\$ 1,500.00
Marriage Licenses	3290.30	\$ 77.00
Subtotal		\$ 24,302.25

Dog License Fees Collected	Account #	Amount
Dog Overpopulation Fee	3290.10	\$ 3,355.75
Dog Complaint	3401.11	\$ -
Subtotal		\$ 3,355.75

Credit Account	1 + 3401.42	\$ 1,107.58
Total Fees Collected		\$ 928,472.67

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Samuel Papps, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Warrants for the Year Ending December 31, 2025

DEBITS

Uncollected Tax Balance Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for 2025	Levy for 2024
Property Taxes	3110		\$ 343,443.30
Yield Taxes	3185		\$ 1,759.80
Property Tax Credit Balance		\$ (6,624.00)	
Taxes Committed This Year			
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 8,289,947.00	
Land Use Change Tax	3120	\$ 58,485.00	
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 13,026.76	
Overpayment Refunds			
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 8,896.58	
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$ 2,597.40	\$ 5,051.81
Total Debits		\$ 8,366,328.74	\$ 350,254.91

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for 2025	Levy for 2024
Property Taxes	\$ 8,059,740.15	\$ 299,866.59
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 58,485.00	
Yield Taxes	\$ 13,026.76	\$ 1,299.14
Interest (Including Lien Conversion)	\$ 2,547.40	\$ 4,092.81
Penalties	\$ 50.00	\$ 959.00
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$ 42,828.27
Abatements Made		
Property Taxes	\$ 6,076.00	\$ 748.44
Yield Taxes	\$ -	\$ 460.66
Current Levy Deeded	\$ -	
Uncollected Taxes - End of Year		
Property Taxes	\$ 234,680.43	
Yield Taxes	\$ -	
Property Tax Credit Balance	\$ (8,277.00)	
Total Credits	\$ 8,366,328.74	\$ 350,254.91

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LIEN SUMMARY

Summary of Debits	Levy for 2024	Levy for 2023	Levy for 2022+
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ -	\$ 15,065.61	\$ 7,810.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 45,058.74	\$ -	\$ -
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	\$ 401.08	\$ 905.25	\$ 2,300.84
Total Debits	\$ 45,459.82	\$ 15,970.86	\$ 10,110.84
Summary of Credits			
Redemptions	\$ 11,321.35	\$ 5,861.93	\$ 7,810.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution (Account 3190)	\$ 401.08	\$ 905.25	\$ 2,300.84
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year (Account 1110)	\$ 33,737.39	\$ 9,203.68	\$ -
Total Credits	\$ 45,459.82	\$ 15,970.86	\$ 10,110.84

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Samuel Papps, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

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TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2024 SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Current Use Land Assessed Value	\$ 1,497,957
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$ 4,272
Land (Improved and Unimproved)	\$ 127,393,600
Residential Buildings	\$ 227,063,149
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	\$ 41,446
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 17,224,640
Public Utilities	\$ 39,740,800
Total Gross Valuation	\$ 412,965,864

Less Elderly Exemptions	\$ 1,454,100
Blind Exemptions	\$ 30,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions	\$ 300,000
Improvements to Assist Person W/ Disabilities	\$ 78,968
Total Gross Exemptions	\$ 1,863,068

Net Valuation on which tax rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is computed	\$ 411,102,796
Less Public Utilities	\$ 39,740,800
Net Valuation on which State Education Tax computed	\$ 371,361,996

Veteran's Tax Credit	\$ 47,000
Total Disability Veteran's Tax Credit	\$ 21,000
All Veteran's Tax Credit	\$ 9,500

2024 Tax Rate

Town Tax Rate	\$ 4.00
County Tax Rate	\$ 2.21
School Tax Rate	\$ 12.70
State Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.58
TAX RATE PER \$1,000	\$ 20.49

2025 Median Ratio	64%
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Acres	Assessed Value
Town Hall & Land	5	\$ 314,700
Elkins Public Library		\$ 740,600
Meeting House Building		\$ 136,800
Historical Society Schoolhouse		\$ 116,700
Sam Lake House		\$ 411,700
Municipal Building and Land	4.98	\$ 1,328,600
Transfer Station Building and Land	6.3	\$ 152,400
Gazebo/Bandstand and Land	0.31	\$ 48,700
Elkins Historical Building and Land	0.84	\$ 220,700
Total	17.43	\$ 3,470,900

Map Lot	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
101 002	Shaker Road 37 Old Gilmanton	Sherwood Forest	0.69	\$ 71,100
101 010	Road	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$ 15,600
101 012	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.02	\$ 1,600
101 058	26 Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 14,600
101 062	39 Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.31	\$ 6,900
101 073	Shaker Road	Lyford Cemetery	0.08	\$ 0
102 016-2	Flowage/Dam Rights	Sherwood Forest	0.00	\$ 0
102 043	New Pond Island 85 Canterbury Shore	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 22,500
102 052	Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 12,200
102 094	10 Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 14,600
102 149	0 Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.04	\$ 18,800
102 150	Lyford Pond Island	Sherwood Forest	0.40	\$ 24,000
107 024	Kimball Pond Road	Kinter Lot/CCC *	3.11	\$ 88,800
107 025	Kimball Pond Road	Robert S. Fife/CCC *	15.09	\$ 115,000
107 026	Kimball Pond Road	Robert S. Fife/CCC *	30.00	\$ 137,300
107 029	Center Road	Center Cemetery	2.40	\$ 1,800
203 008	Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	7.00	\$ 21,000
203 009	Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	9.00	\$ 27,000
203 016	Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	2.30	\$ 11,000
203 017	Mountain Road	Wooded / CCC	2.50	\$ 11,600
203 018	Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	4.30	\$ 16,400
203 019	Mountain Road	Wooded / CCC	5.25	\$ 19,000
203 020	Mountain Road	Topography/CCC R-0-W RD Thru Center of	4.00	\$ 15,600
203 022	Mountain Road	Lot/CCC	45.00	\$ 70,500
203 023	Mountain Road	Wooded/ CCC	5.40	\$ 19,400
203 024	Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	3.00	\$ 12,900

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Map Lot	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
203 029	Harmony Lane	Gilmanton Town Line/CCC	6.26	\$ 89,200
205 005	Misery Road	Northfield Town Line/CCC	20.00	\$ 88,800
208 018	Baptist Hill Road	Mathews Cemetery	0.04	\$ 0
209 004	Shaker Road	Corner Lot	0.43	\$ 30,800
210 009	Mountain Road	CCC	3.70	\$ 11,100
		Backland / NHMS & Soucook		
211 006	Route 106 ES	River	0.63	\$ 1,900
216 003	Ayers Road	Backland	0.04	\$ 100
219 009	Intervale Road NS	Backland / Northfield Townline	0.24	\$ 700
221 002	Borough Road	N/F Peck	0.43	\$ 1,300
221 014	Borough Road	Smith Morrill Cemetery	0.05	\$
222 003	Borough Road	Backland/Access/CCC	22.00	\$ 45,500
223 013	Briar Bush Road	Wooded/CCC	20.00	\$ 115,500
227 006	Asby Road	Brown Cemetery	0.04	\$ 0
229 004	Baptist Hill Road	Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery	0.52	\$ 0
232 008	Borough Road	Osgoodite Family Cemetery	0.11	\$ 0
233 012	Rum Brook Road	Bordered by I-93	5.80	\$ 74,700
234 014	Off Intervale Road	Backland/CCC	81.00	\$ 157,500
236 003	Intervale Road	Merrimack River Frontage	5.10	\$ 94,800
237 019	Big Meadow	Backland/Wetland/CCC	11.00	\$ 27,100
238 003	Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC	7.40	\$ 22,200
238 004	Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC *	11.70	\$ 28,400
240 007	Abbott Road	Hannah Moore Lot/CCC	25.00	\$ 50,200
241 023	Baptist Hill Road	Maple Grove Cemetery	6.20	\$ 0
241 031	Baptist Road	Peverly Meadow/CCC	10.30	\$ 24,600
241 033	Baptist Road	Old Rangeway	5.20	\$ 22,000
243 006	Shaker Road	N/F Berry, Viola Estate	3.70	\$ 11,100
245 003	Welch Road OFF	Backland/Access/CCC	12.70	\$ 51,500
245 004	Welch Road ROW	Backland/Access/CCC	15.00	\$ 53,700
245 005	Baptist Road	Backland/Access/Pond/CCC	20.00	\$ 42,600
245 007	Baptist Road	Backland/Access/Pond/CCC	23.00	\$ 23,500
245 008	Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC	10.70	\$ 13,200
245 009	Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC *	20.50	\$ 43,700
		Spender Meadow/Crane Neck		
245 010	Baptist Road SE	Pond/CCC	16.00	\$ 27,400
245 011	Baptist Road	Backland/CCC	66.00	\$ 74,300
246 013	Baptist Road	Wetlands/ R-OW / Access / CCC	3.90	\$ 46,200
247 032	Southwest Road	Unknown ROW	0.27	\$ 14,100
250 005	Island	Island on Merrimack River	0.61	\$ 70,100
	Kimball Pond Road			
252 033	WS	Pond/CCC *	19.06	\$ 121,500
253 039	Pickard Road	Kimball II West Cemetery	0.08	\$ 0
	Kimball Pond Road			
253 042	WS	Pond/CCC *	22.20	\$ 126,400
254 001	Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow/CCC	12.50	\$ 30,000
254 003	Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow/CCC	10.80	\$ 26,600
		Whitney & Lovejoy Rds		
255 014	Whitney Hill Road	Triangle/CCC	12.80	\$ 48,000

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Map Lot	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
258 027	Old Schoolhouse Road	Side of Class VI Road Canterbury/Boscawen	0.20	\$ 25,500
261 003	West Road	Bridge/CCC	5.40	\$ 95,700
262 003	Along Merrimack	N/F Elbridge Carter Heirs	16.50	\$ 37,100
263 017	Abby Drive	Open Space	0.52	\$ 27,600
263 021	Cambridge Drive	Open Space	3.00	\$ 36,000
263 026	Layton Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.44	\$ 25,100
263 031	Layton Drive	Open Space/CCC	14.40	\$ 61,400
263 035	Cambridge Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.97	\$ 29,900
263 040	Cambridge Drive	Pond/Open Space	3.80	\$ 38,400
263 043	Abby Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.63	\$ 28,200
263 044	Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.66	\$ 28,300
264 011	New Road	Concord Frontage/CCC	28.00	\$ 89,300
267 051	Oxbow Pond Road	Riverland Conservation/CCC *	68.73	\$ 220,400

Acres	814.82
Parcel Values	\$ 3,222,400
Town Building Values	\$ 3,470,900
Town Owned Building and Parcels	\$ 6,693,300

*These properties are Deeded Conservation Easements.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We close another year with deep appreciation for the elected and appointed Town officials, along with the Town employees, who keep Canterbury safe, clean, functional, and fiscally sound. Many of those serving our community do so not for a year or two, but for decades—and for that, we are especially grateful. We extend profound thanks to the following dedicated community members and offer our best wishes to those who have stepped into new roles:

- In March, we thanked Kent Ruesswick for his many years of service to the Town, including his involvement across numerous boards and committees. As Kent stepped down from the Board of Selectmen, we welcomed Calvin Todd, who was elected to fill the seat.
- We extend special thanks to Jan Stout, who “retired” in 2023 after 26 years of service, only to return to assist as Police Department Administrative Assistant until Deanna Sepessy joined the team. Jan again stepped in as temporary Land Use Administrator until Michelle Hammond assumed this important role.
- We offer particular thanks to Town Moderator Jim Miller, who helped enshrine the guiding principle at Town Meeting: “It is OK to disagree but not to be disagreeable.” We welcome Jessica Treadway as she steps into this role; with three elections scheduled for 2026, she will certainly be busy.
- We also said goodbye to Robin Preve, who kept Town buildings spotless for many years, and to long-time Transfer Station employee Andres Romero. We wish them both good health in retirement and thank them for their dedicated service.

As in prior years, recruitment and retention of employees remain particularly challenging. This issue is not unique to Canterbury; neighboring communities face similar staffing shortages. Throughout the year, the Selectboard and Town Administrator worked diligently to attract new employees and position Canterbury as a viable choice for long-term careers. While salary and benefits are important factors, housing availability remains an equally serious challenge.

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We extend special thanks to Town employees across all departments who have taken on additional responsibilities to keep operations running smoothly despite staffing shortages. In particular:

- We welcomed Charles LeMahieu to one of the full-time openings in the Highway Department; however, one full-time Highway position and one part-time Transfer Station position remain unfilled.
- In February 2025, we said farewell to Canterbury Police Officer Vincent Kirathi. This position remains vacant at the time of this report.

Despite these challenges, 2025 was a year marked by progress and collaboration. The Board of Selectmen is just one part of the larger Canterbury community. It is the combined efforts of the Town Administrator and support staff, employees, committee members, and volunteers that continue to keep Canterbury strong.

In 2025, we collectively focused on:

- Improving communication through the launch of the newly redesigned Town website.
- Collaborating with the Towns of Boscawen and Salisbury, along with Merrimack County, to support the essential services of Pennacook Rescue Squad.
- Completing a backlog of roadwork funded by ARPA monies.
- Reviewing the Aries Engineering Report and beginning to plan and save for necessary Transfer Station improvements.
- Refurbishing the deteriorating Sam Lake House garage, restoring it as a functional part of the Town Office complex.
- Reducing the tax burden on residents by voting to use \$500,000 in unrestricted funds to buy down the tax rate.
- Reviewing Town investment policies and updating financial strategies.
- Hosting a successful Hazardous Waste Collection Day and beginning to save for more frequent events.
- Conserving Town resources through energy-saving measures, including library weatherization and replacing inefficient lighting with cost-saving LEDs at streetlights and municipal facilities.

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- Securing the most effective and affordable health insurance options for Town employees in an increasingly expensive and complex healthcare market.
- Recycling and repurposing Town vehicles whenever possible.
- Engaging Canterbury Elementary School students through educational programs hosted by both the Fire and Police Departments.
- Developing a Code of Conduct and reinforcing its importance across all Town boards and committees.

Finally, we are especially proud of efforts that strengthen Canterbury's sense of community:

- Ensuring the Town Center once again glowed with holiday lights on the giant spruce and gazebo, thanks to the Recreation Committee, Friends of Canterbury Center, and many volunteers. We also welcomed "Fat Albert," the tiny blue spruce already preparing to take center stage one day.
- Combating invasive species in the Town Center and on conservation lands.
- Caring for Canterbury's cemeteries, including improvements and expansion of active cemeteries and ongoing maintenance of more than 30 historic burial grounds.
- Supporting community events such as Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, the Canterbury Fair, Farmers Market, and Summer Concert Series.

Let us continue working together in 2026 to keep Canterbury strong as we look ahead to celebrating our Tricentennial in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Doherty, *Chair*
Beth Blair
Calvin Todd

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

You will notice that the 2025 operating budget was overspent by \$86,215. However, we had \$523,170 in revenue offsets, so we were actually under budget by \$436,955.

We received \$257,955 in ARPA funding which had to be expended by the end of 2025. These funds were originally planned for the expansion of Broadband, but Comcast received grant funding to complete the expansion without town finance. The Board of Selectmen decided to use the funds for upgrades of several of the dirt roads. These funds were expended to line 4312,4g- "Summer Gravel", which shows a revenue offset of \$234,770. We used the balance of the funding to pay for associated equipment and payroll.

We used \$44,781.06 from the 2023 Senate Bill 401 funding to pay for major repairs to Highway Trucks and \$3,226 was expended from the Culvert Capital Reserve Account for new culverts.

The Fire Department also received \$10,363.19 in FEMA funding for new hose.

The budget also reflects offsets from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for \$12,451 for Municipal Building Maintenance. This was due to the replacement of two septic pumps that failed (\$5,200) a new water softener (\$3,495), and new exterior door handles (\$1,260). We also used \$3,000 for a roof over the rear door at the library where the Historical Society's room is. This will prevent water from entering the room and protect against rot of the doorframe. We increased the deposit to the Building Maintenance Capitol Reserve Fund to rebuild the balance.

The Planning Board received \$7,493 in grants for updating zoning and completing the Master Plan.

The town sold two lots: Map 102 Lot 71 for \$4,000 and Map 226 Lot 2 for \$115,000.

The Library received \$7,210 in grant funding from Unitil towards the Weatherization (insulation) project.

The 2026 operating budget is \$3,602,470 up \$117,220 or 3.4 % with \$30,272 projected revenue offsets. Cost for Healthcare increased as well

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as a 3.5% Cost of Living increase in wages for most employees. The Police Department received a larger increase to be more competitive with similar towns. Our liability insurance increased over \$15,000 due to the discontinuation of a grant program for small communities. The cost of our annual audit increased by \$4,500. We are now required to hire an actuarial to determine retirement obligations. Solid waste collection is up by \$10,000. This is a result of the increased cost per ton from \$105 to \$132 for Construction Debris. Solid waste disposal increased due to increased tipping fees and a \$3.50 per ton surcharge by NH DES. This will be returned to the town each quarter, but we must increase the expense line to cover the cost.

We are now listing only tax dollars spent on the Library in the budget spreadsheet. The full budget for the Library will be listed separately.

We paid off the Gold Star Bond in 2025, Morrill Rd Bridge/Command Car bond will be paid off in 2026, the Backhoe lease will be paid off in 2030. We received a 10-year bond of \$490,000 in January of 2026 for the new fire engine. The true interest rate is 2.57%.

Several Warrant Articles are proposed this year for equipment and vehicles as well as Warrant Articles to establish restricted funds for both the Police Department and Fire Department to account for “off duty details”. We are replacing the Sam Lake Capital Reserve Fund with an Expendable Trust Fund to comply with DRA requirements. We are also proposing a Warrant Article to modify the tax credit for Veterans.

Thank you once again to the staff, employees, and members of all the Boards and Committees for their work throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Folsom, *Town Administrator*

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Looking back on 2025, we responded to 351 emergency calls in town which included medical calls, fires, accidents, rescues, searches and calls for service. This total is down slightly from 2024. Some of the accomplishments that we achieved in the last year are: we now offer paramedic level first response, which is a significant upgrade compared to our previous capabilities. We have multiple members who attended and

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received training on large animal rescue. We have also acquired some equipment that is specific to this type of rescue so if you need assistance please reach out.

We performed 162 inspections, public education demonstrations, and member training in the past year. We believe that prevention efforts are the best way to protect life and property. If you are in need for us to come and inspect and/or install smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, please reach out to us.

At town meeting in 2023 we received approval to order a new fire engine. We are expecting that engine to be delivered this coming June, and it will be in service several weeks after it arrives. This will be replacing a 1996 engine that we have owned since it was manufactured.

In closing, I am appreciative of the continued support of the residents of town. I am also appreciative of the commitment of the volunteer members who make up our department. Without their unselfish commitment to preparation, training and responses both day and night, we would not have a fire department. We at Canterbury Fire-Rescue take pride in serving our community and look forward to continuing to do so in the year ahead.

Respectfully,
Michael Gamache, *Fire Chief*

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

Permit Type	Count	Fees Collected
Building Permit	43	\$ 6,953.20
Electrical Permit	63	\$ 1,950
Plumbing Permit	19	\$ 490
Gas Permit	61	\$ 2,100
Mechanical Permit	1	\$ 35
Solar Permit	7	\$ 1,000
Driveway Permit	2	\$ 0
Demolition Permit	3	\$ 150
Certificate of Occupancy	9	\$ 0
Solid Fuel	1	\$ 40
Total	209	\$ 12,718.20

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Another year went quickly by. June was busy with gravel added to various dirt roads. Paving of the Town's section of Ayers Road, Borough Road "Hill", and a section of Hackleboro Road finished out the season.

Boden Gendron came back for another summer of mowing/plus moving on to college and the world. Also, Robert Ralph and Jesse Johansen moved on to greener pastures. We have hired on Charles LeMahieu rounded out by the part-time and seasonals of Roy Plisko, Ben Davis, and Nick Galambos.

For 2026, we have paving sections of Intervale Road, culverts on Foster Road, Baptist Hill Road, and Sunset Hill Road

The Transfer Station was busy as ever, baling and shipping cardboard, paper, and plastic. Glass was trucked to New London and small bales of aluminum to New Hampton.

The experienced help of Andres Romero will be missed as retirement came calling.

Thank you for your patience,
John O'Connor, *Road Agent*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2025 your police department went through some changes, Officer Kirathi resigned in February to pursue other interests outside of law enforcement. We are doing everything we can to continue to provide the same coverage so that you as town residents do not feel the impact of the police department being understaffed. As we finish out the year 2025, we are still trying to fill that open position and in 2026 I am optimistic that we will fill that position.

Also in 2025, with the help of the Canterbury Elementary School and Sergeant Jordan Westgate we brought LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence) to the fourth-grade class. With its successful completion we hope to expand this to other grades in the future.

We are still getting reports of scams in town. So, I would like to remind you, please do not give out any personal information to anyone who calls

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or emails you. As scary as it is to receive a call or email, take a moment and breathe. Your banks, credit card companies, delivery, and government agencies will not call and ask for personal information or threaten to send someone to jail or ask you to get gift cards to pay fines.

If you ever need us to respond to an emergency or need to report something, call 9-1-1 or the 24-hour Merrimack County Dispatch Center at 603-228-1010. If you need to speak to an officer or myself, please call the station at 603-783-0433.

Here are some of the statistics that your Police Department responded to during 2025.

Assist Citizens	119	Illegal Dumping	6
Alarms	52	Fraud/Scams	10
Animal Complaints	56	Harassment	5
Arrests	34	Fraud/Bad Checks	3
Burglaries	3	MV Complaints	40
Building Checks	104	MV Collisions	40
Civil Standby/Civil Matters	14	Motor Vehicle Stops	947
Criminal Mischief	2	Assist Fire/Rescue	30
Criminal Threatening	11	Found/Lost Property	16
Domestics	11	IEA Transports	4

Total Calls for Service: 5,199

(Not all categories listed)

I would like to thank our residents for their continued support. I would also like to thank all Town department heads, officials and employees and SAU 80 faculty and staff for their assistance and support throughout the year. A special thank you goes out to the Canterbury Fire Department, Merrimack County Dispatch, Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, New Hampshire State Police – Troop D, Loudon Police Department, and our mutual aid law enforcement partners.

Everyone here at the Canterbury Police Department is proud to serve you and the community. Open communications with everyone are the key to our success, at any time if you need to speak to me about a problem or anything else, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,
Justin Crotty, *Chief of Police*

ELKINS LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Elkins Public Library is a wonderful community center for the town, no matter how old you are! We are here for all ages: from Storytime (inside and out!) and Tunes, Tales and Tumbles through the First Day of School (Kiss & Cry...oh my), the new Tween book group and Teen Night activities, Chess Mates through Tech Help (thanks, Kal!), Evening Book Group up through Pins and Needles, the Old Man Boring Book Club, Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure, our partnership with the Granite VNA and the Library of Things, among countless other programs and activities, guarantee that whatever age you are, you'll find something that intrigues you at the library--not to mention the Speaker Series, the Seed Library and the holiday fun of the Halloween Dance Party, the Polar Express, and the story time with Mrs. Claus. Much of that creative programming (Irish Pub Night!) is funded by the wonderful Friends of the Elkins Public Library (FOEPL) and the Trustees would like to thank them for their continued generosity to the people of Canterbury. In addition, I would be remiss not to mention the private donations of so many generous patrons of the library--you know what a gem we have and are so kind with your gifts, both monetary and volunteering.

The Board of Trustees is so deeply committed to providing a livable wage for our director and the creative staff she has that we have spent quite a bit of the monies with which we're entrusted. However, this rate of spending from our trust fund is unsustainable and will have to be scaled back in the future. In the meantime, please know that the Library Trustees are proud of our ability to provide wages that are commensurate with the skills, education, and experience of our dedicated staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Crockford, *Library Trustees Chairman*

Elkins Public Library Trustees' 2026 Budget

4550	LIBRARY	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Offsets	2026 Budget	Budget +/- Percent Change	Est. 2026 Offsets
4550.1	Wages	164,356	176,699		194,248	29,892	18.2%
4550.2	Maintenance Repairs	6,000	1,800		3,000	-3,000	-50.0%
4550.3	Books/Mags/Materials	13,000	12,567		10,000	-3,000	-23.1%
4550.4	Dues/Meetings/Education	1,800	1,659		1,800	0	0.0%
4550.5	Telephone	1,900	2,789		2,500	600	31.6%
4550.7	Electricity	3,300	3,200		3,300	0	0.0%
4550.8	Postage	500	237		500	0	0.0%
4550.9	Equipment Supplies	5,500	4,680	1,491	5,500	0	0.0%
4550.10	Health Insurance	54,000	56,655	8,324	89,000	35,000	64.8%
4550.11	Programs	4,000	2,871		4,000	0	0.0%
4550.15	Retirement	14,071	14,701		16,310	2,239	15.9%
4550.17	Disability/Life Insurance	2,544	2,544		2,544	0	0.0%
4550.21	Cleaning	4,500	4,637		4,500	0	0.0%
4550.33	Town Newsletter	350	350		350	0	0.0%
4550.34	Contracts	5,000	4,874		5,000	0	0.0%
4550.35	Technology Labor	2,500	3,229		2,500	0	0.0%
4550.36	Capital Improvements/Computers	4,500	5,683		4,500	0	0.0%
4550.40	Workers Comp Insurance	299	299		397	98	32.8%
4550.41	FICA Taxes	12,573	13,517		14,860	2,287	18.2%
4550.42	Payroll Processing	0	762		851		
	Contribution from Library Trusts			31,390			48,650
	Contribution from Town			257,971			300,000
Total 4550	LIBRARY	287,821	299,176	299,176	365,660	77,839	27.0%
							365,660

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Total Circulation of Materials: 13,615

Adult Fiction	4,316	DVD	1,945
Adult Non-Fiction	914	NH Downloadable Books	2,916
Youth Fiction	6,353	Hoopla	2,599
Young Adult Fiction	368	Inter-Library Borrows	788
Youth Non-Fiction	1,107	Inter-Library Lends	783
Magazines	255	Library of Things General	22
Puzzles	244	Library of Things Youth	17

Materials Purchased and Donated

Adult Fiction	319	Young Adult Fiction	14
Adult Non-Fiction	64	Youth Non-Fiction	56
Youth Fiction	129	Library of Things General	32
DVD	5	Library of Things Youth	13

Total Collection: 18,846

Patron Visits to Library: 14,049

Canterbury loves its library and we are blessed and honored to hear this from you each and every day. 2025 was an exciting year as we added materials to the book collection, offered varied and exciting programming while also bringing innovative and contemporary new programs to the community including the Free Seed Library and the new Library of Things. This year saw the launch of the Elkins Nature Trail (thank you Gordon for all your help) and weekly outdoor programming to encourage children to get outside and enjoy the natural world.

Here are a couple things you may not know or may have missed. Elkins Public Library and its staff were recognized on a state and national level for our work in the library field. 2025 included articles highlighting our library and staff members in the NY Times, Boston Globe, Concord Monitor, Union Leader and interviews on local radio and National Public Radio. I served as the President of the NH Library Association this year, part of my three-year leadership term. This position allowed me to meet personally with Governor Kelly Ayotte to discuss the importance and strength of the NH Library. My term brought me to the State House many times to speak with house law makers and it allowed me the opportunity to

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have a meeting with Congresswoman, Maggie Goodlander about her work to continue federal funding. I spoke as a New England Chapter Leader at the New England Library Conference in Rhode Island where I worked with the other presidents of the New England NELA chapters on the challenges that face all Libraries. Did you know that two other Elkins Staff members are also active NHLA members? Cheryl Ingerson, a Children's Librarian of the Year, sits on the NHLA Para-Librarian Review Committee and works to encourage library professionals in the state to get formal certification through professional review. She herself is a Level Four Para-Librarian, the highest certificate level in the State of New Hampshire. Rose Howe is an NHLA member and conference contributor, her professional development includes cataloging, collection development, and physical repair of materials. It goes without saying (but here I go anyway) that the other staff members, although not NHLA members, bring their own professionalism and expertise to our community. Mary Ann, entering her 12th year here, understands the collection better than anyone and is able to name a book based on a patron's recollection of plot or character, sometimes even from the color of the cover. Mary Ellen works to keep her programming vibrant and interesting, captivating her patrons who look forward to each month. Lauren, the future of Elkins Public Library, brings her artistic skill and professionalism to her work in the Children's Room. We are so excited that she has joined the Library family. This team works together to attract children and families from area towns by providing fulfilling programming inside and outside the library. They teach children how to read and to be active participants in the community in which they live. These are professionals who connect patrons with home health assistance, help people file taxes and apply for jobs, write recommendations for students attending college or notarize their wills and legal paperwork. These same staff members call on people when they haven't been by the library to check on them, deliver books to them when they are housebound and make sure that the food bin is stocked because people are experiencing food insecurity within walking distance of the Library and can't get to the Loudon Food Pantry. Keep in mind, they are also the same folks that are also cleaning the library, changing the furnace filters, and cleaning out gutters, shoveling and sanding the walkways and plunging the toilets.

The team and I are truly thankful to the Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees who have made the commitment to expend an unprecedented

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amount from the Library Trust this budget year for us all to receive a fair and equitable wage. Their careful investment and oversight of monetary gifts dating back more than 150 years in addition to the gifts we receive from supportive donors and Friends of Elkins Public Library yearly is truly something worth recognition. Chairman Rick Crockford, with many years of Library and town governance experience has made it a priority to support the Library Team that has made Elkins Public Library one of the best small libraries in the State.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel C. Baker, *Library Director*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Case #	Applicant	Appeal	Decision
2025-1	Gaessler, Brian & Jennifer	Special Exception	Granted
2025-2	Lane, Melissa	Special Exception	Granted
2025-3	GRJH, Inc.	Variance	Granted
2025-3	GRJH, Inc.	Special Exception	Granted
2025-4	Lopez, Joseph	Special Exception	Granted
2025-5	Weberski, John	Variance	Denied
2025-6	Swanson, Ann Margaret	Special Exception	Granted
2025-7	Pelkey, Michael	Variance	Granted

PLANNING BOARD

In 2025, the Planning Board approved a new town master plan—the 2025 Canterbury Plan for Tomorrow. Adopting the new master plan was the culmination of years of work and support from current and former Planning Board members, members of other town boards and committees, town staff, the regional planning commission, and members of the public.

The master plan includes chapters on existing and future land use, transportation, housing, community facilities, natural features, and solid waste management. I encourage anyone who has not read the new master plan to take a look, and I want to thank everyone who contributed during the long process of updating the master plan.

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During 2025, the Planning Board also reviewed a high volume of land use applications, which are detailed in the table below. The Planning Board worked hard to faithfully adhere to the zoning ordinance for each application. In some cases, the Planning Board identified provisions in the zoning ordinance that could be amended going forward to better align with the public's expectations and goals for future development of the town. The Planning Board has proposed some new amendments for the 2026 town election, and the Board expects to consider other possible amendments in the coming year.

The past year also saw the New Hampshire Legislature consider and enact several bills that restrict local planning and zoning authority. This is a marked change from New Hampshire's long history of local control over planning and zoning matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Brendan O'Donnell, *Planning Board Chair*

App #	Map/Lot	Applicant	Action Taken
2025-1	212/1	David Emerson	Approved with Conditions
2025-2	233/37	Estate of Thomas Scrivens	Approved
2025-3	213/11	Ken Stern Trust	n/a Conceptual
2025-4	248-8-1	114 West Road LLC	Approved with Conditions
2025-5	249/14,15	Matott/Zeller	Approved
2025-6	242/8	Fifield	Determined CUP not needed
2025-7	261/2	Soil Shares LLC	n/a Conceptual
2025-8	240/25	Kalosky & Godbout	No Action Taken
2025-9	228/11	Jim & Sue Snyder	n/a Conceptual
2025-10	103/8	Dickert, Haerr, Hallburton	n/a Conceptual
2025-11	208/8	Mark and Sharon Akerstrom	Approved
2025-12	258/26	Fifield Trust	Approved with Conditions
2025-13	246/1	Micheal & Carolyn Phillips	Approved

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Canterbury Agricultural Commission is to be a voice for agriculture in the community. The Commission promotes and encourages agricultural interests, advocates for landowners, and educates the public concerning agricultural endeavors. The Commission also provides assistance and guidance to other Town Boards and Committees on agricultural related matters.

Your Commission started off 2025 with a setback following the unexpected resignation of Chairman Ben Davis. Ben and his family purchased a new home in Penacook and moved out of town. No longer a resident, Ben was ineligible to serve as a voting member and Chairman of the Commission. Ben, however, has deep farming roots in Canterbury and expressed a desire to remain active on the Commission, so he will continue to participate on a limited basis as a non-voting volunteer. Ben tells us he hopes to return to Canterbury and the Commission in the future.

Vice Chair Mark Stevens assumed the reins as Chairman and ably filled the position throughout 2025. Mark asked that his term be for one year only and that Commission members elect a new Chair in 2026. Eric Glines was elected to fill the vacated Vice Chair position. Daimon Meeh was re-elected secretary and Josh Marshall re-elected Treasurer. Alternate Corinne Pullen agreed to become a full voting member and fill the vacancy created by Ben's departure. We also welcomed Katie Archer to the Commission as a new alternate. We again have a fully staffed Commission made up of a mix of seasoned members with years of farming experience and younger members educated and employed in the agricultural profession.

Members attended Right-To-Know and Code of Conduct training classes required of all town officials and also implemented procedures to hold meetings that can now be joined via Zoom platform, by either the general public or members unable to physically attend.

In 2025 the Commission responded to a number of issues, requests, or questions from other town boards or from the public. One request asked for a list of farms in town, which perhaps is more complicated than it seems. This query resulted in some thoughtful discussion and amicable debate. Another inquiry resulted in Commission members scurrying to

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gather up acorns and other fall tree seeds. The idea being to start some “Tricentennial Trees” for the upcoming 2027 celebration. Hopefully these gathered seeds will germinate in the spring of 2026, and some new 2027 Tricentennial Trees will be able to claim their origin from local trees of historical significance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stevens, *Agricultural Commission Chair*

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

2025 was a successful year for your Cemetery Trustees. There were seven cremains interments and two full casket burials at Maple Grove. Twenty-four new plots were sold at Maple Grove Cemetery, and one at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. A highlight of accomplishments for the year would include:

Improvements were made to the newly acquired half-acre on the north side of Maple Grove. This acquisition provides for a vehicle turning area and possible future parking on the top of the hill. We’d like to thank Brian Magoon for taking down the trees in this area and removing the stumps. We’d also recognized and thank Kevin Fife and Dennis Moore for creating a barway through the existing stone wall and installing granite gate posts. On the southwest side of this cemetery, Trustees laid out 60 new lots, 13 of which have already been sold to individuals planning for the inevitable future.

The Milo Morrill brick receiving tomb in the Center Cemetery had some crumbling brick and deteriorating mortar joints repointed by mason Patrick Ahern who did a fine job. In the not-too-distant future this building will need a new roof and some other repairs. The Trustees are currently seeking estimates for this upcoming work.

Security cameras were installed at Maple Grove Cemetery. Sadly, this was necessary to curb an increase in vandalism which has been occurring at more frequent intervals. Cemetery rules which visitors are expected to follow are now posted on a sign at the entrance.

Volunteers Diane Modugno and Deb Allen organized their fifth successful cemetery history walk at our Center Cemetery. During this event, local actors assume the persona of notable cemetery residents and bring their

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stories to life. Jeremiah Clough was one of the notable residents portrayed this year, and his life story follows this report. Funds raised by this event benefit the Canterbury Cemetery Association and are used for special projects not covered by tax dollars.

We had some success with the perpetual nature of headstone repairs thanks to Dan Cotnoir of NH Monuments, who up-righted, repaired and cleaned seven of the most severely damaged headstones.

We'd like to thank American Legion Post 31 in Penacook for donating and setting out the American flags at the headstones of Veterans, prior to the annual Memorial Day service. We'd also like to thank the town highway crew and all the volunteer cemetery-keepers who donated their time caring for our outlying cemeteries.

Please remember to pick up any sentimental items placed at your loved one's headstone before the annual November 1st cleanup day. If you would like to attend a Trustee meeting, we typically meet once a month in the Meeting House and our meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
John Goegel, *Chairman*

COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

During 2025, the Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC) experienced a reduction in our membership which led to our successfully refocusing our efforts to the basic responsibilities of:

- Coordinating with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH or the Coalition).
- Liaison with the Board of Selectmen (BOS), recommending the rates to be implemented at each new rate period.

Two new representatives to CPCNH were appointed: Beth McGuinn and Edgar Rivera.

Our new Board of Selectmen (BOS) representative is Beth Blair.

For the first time since its inception, the Coalition's rates were set higher than utility rates. There were two reasons for this change: The utilities responded to the competition from CPCNH by lowering their rates, and CPCNH's own growing pains as a new entity, adjusting to the lower rates

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by setting rates based on cost of services in each utility and an amount that allows reserves to build up to handle cash flow without the need for taking costly loans.

In response to the changing rate situation, we worked with the BOS to make our default rate CPCNH's "Granite Basic", which is the lowest Coalition rate, while users could decide to opt-up to "Canterbury Basic" which includes a 0.02 cent per kWh "adder". The "adder" funds come back to Canterbury as a contribution to the Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund established at the Canterbury Town Meeting in 2024. To date, we have a credit of \$5200 which will be placed into the fund by vote of the Town Meeting this year.

Ironically, because users of solar power are in most cases not yet eligible to join Community Power, only one of our current committee members is actually a customer of Community Power. We would love to hear from volunteers, especially those who use Community Power, who would like to join our committee. The meetings happen every 2nd Wednesday at the Meeting House at 7PM!

More information about Community Power can be found:

on Canterbury's website at <https://www.canterburynh.gov/boards-committees/canterbury-community-power-committee/>

and at The Coalition's Website: <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/>

Feel free to reach out to Canterbury's Coalition Representatives with your questions:

- Beth McGuinn at bethm.canterburynh@gmail.com
- Edgar Rivera at erivera.canterburynh@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Since one of the chief roles of the Conservation Commission is to preserve Canterbury's open space, natural resources, and rural character, we hosted an information session for residents about land conservation. We teamed up with Fiver Rivers Conservation Trust to explain the basics about conservation easements and how the land trust and CCC can help landowners interested in pursuing permanent conservation. The event was well attended, and commissioners are following up with landowners about

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potential projects. If you missed the session, we're still here to help! Every project is unique, so please contact a commissioner to see how we can help you.

In 2025, we fulfilled our responsibility for reviewing wetlands permits submitted to the Dept. of Environmental Services, including permits for a dry hydrant and culverts for new driveways. With the help of contractors Emily Landry and Pete Helm, we completed monitored conservation easements held by the town and were happy to find no easement violations. A conservation easement enables a landowner to permanently conserve important conservation values while maintaining ownership of his/her property.

Property management takes up much of our time and budget, especially as we try to control the spread of invasive species on town properties, including:

- **Riverland:** We continued mowing the field, trails, access road, and parking lot to maintain habitat and support recreational use and suppress bittersweet, glossy buckthorn and autumn olive.
- **Robert S. Fife Conservation Area:** We hired a contractor to remove two thickets of invasive species that had grown up around rock piles in the field, and to move the rocks up to the stonewall. The project removed major seed sources of invasive species and, now that these areas are cleared and leveled, we'll be able to mow them as part of our annual mowing. Because the wet spring and hot summer fueled vigorous growth in the field, we mowed the entire field instead of mowing just half. We'll be revisiting our overall plan to control invasives across this property in 2026.
- **Kimball Pond Conservation Area:** The commission built a new footbridge across the spillway at the dam to improve pedestrian access and held a work session to clear the walking trail. Audra Klumb and Lance Messenger scouted some trail relocations that we'll work on this year.
- **Schoodac Conservation Area:** We re-opened a vista and placed a lovely bench that Selectboard member Beth Blair donated. Thanks to feedback from walkers who tried to find the bench, we re-marked the Schoodac loop trail!
- **Briar Bush Road Town Forest:** County Forester Tim Fleury walked the property with us to evaluate its condition. Due to the

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advanced age of the white pines and extensive beech on the property (which is subject to both bark and leaf disease), Tim advised us to wait five years or so and see how the property evolves on its own before planning any management activities.

Many thanks to Road Agent John O'Connor and the Highway crew for – once again -- removing brush piles from town properties after our work sessions!

Other work during the year included training members on the state's Right to Know law, updating our conservation lands map with the help of the Center NH Regional Planning Commission, updating our operating procedures, collaborating with other boards on potential ordinances for wetland setbacks and contaminated materials restrictions, and providing input on the proposed West Road subdivision.

Join Us! The CCC will be working on properties during the year, and volunteers are welcome. We also have open seats for alternates on the commission. For more information about volunteering, joining, or conserving your land, please contact a current member, or come to our meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Short, *Conservation Commission Vice-Chair*

ENERGY COMMITTEE

In 2025, the Canterbury Energy Committee continued its mission of supporting energy efficiency, lowering carbon emissions from our municipal buildings and our residents' homes, encouraging renewable energy adoption, and offering educational programs to the public. We worked closely with residents, the Selectboard, and partner organizations to advance several important initiatives that strengthen Canterbury's energy resilience and reduce long-term costs.

Public outreach and education continued to be a central component of our work. The committee hosted a series of well-attended events, including an Electric Vehicle and Battery-Powered Outdoor Tools "Petting Zoo" in the Center, as well as workshops on heat pumps and electric and hybrid electric cars. Residents and vendors and the NH Dept of Environmental

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Services shared insights and practical information about emerging technologies and available incentives.

On the municipal front, the Committee researched and helped effect two energy efficient lighting initiatives. All remaining non-LED lights in the Municipal Building will be replaced with LEDs at no cost through a contract with Affinity, a local NH lighting manufacturer. Replacing our streetlights with LED lights was also accomplished in the fall, again at no upfront cost to the town. Looking to 2026, the committee has begun to investigate a Municipal Building Energy Audit in order to discover possible energy efficiency upgrades needed there.

The committee made substantial progress toward SolSmart certification, an effort aimed at improving solar-friendly zoning and streamlining local permitting. We worked with the Building Inspector and Clean Energy NH to develop a solar permitting checklist to be posted on our town website, which makes it easier for residents and vendors to know exactly how to get a permit (saving administrative costs, and also our staff time answering questions). We also began the review of model solar ordinances and will work with the Planning Board this coming year on that. We are poised to receive Solsmart certification in January 2026. This work lays the foundation for expanding Canterbury's use of solar energy, including exploration of future municipal solar arrays.

Last but not least, we endorsed and supported the WindowDressers project which culminated in late October with the building of 200 insulating window inserts for 28 local area homes. 30% of these were offered at no/low-cost to low-income households. Dozens of Canterbury residents volunteered for this project that built community as we built inserts which will lower energy costs for all these homes.

Through these initiatives, the Energy Committee strengthened our community bonds, supported residents in energy-saving efforts, and made progress toward lowering the cost of operating buildings and streetlamps. The committee looks forward to continuing this work in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Heath, *Chair*

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

App #	Map/Lot	Applicant	Decision
2025-1	228/7	Canterbury Shaker Village	Approved
2025-2	228/4	Daimon and Erin Meeh	Approved
2025-3	228/7	Canterbury Shaker Village	Approved
2025-4	228/7	Canterbury Shaker Village	Approved
2025-5	228/7	Canterbury Shaker Village	Approved
2025-6	106/2	Canterbury United Community Church	Approved
2025-7	106/2	Canterbury United Community Church	Approved

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our mission is to “preserve Canterbury’s history and sense of community”

The Canterbury Historical Society (CHS) has had a wonderful year, thanks to the work of the Trustees and numerous community members.

Throughout the year the Society expanded the materials available on the website (www.canterburyhistory.org), ensuring that all research, publications, and programs are posted in a timely fashion. In addition to the website offerings, the Society has provided educational programs, exhibits, and activities to aid in providing the community with a better understanding of Canterbury’s history.

The Tricentennial Committee, led by Naomi Scanlon and Heidi Southard, prepares to celebrate the Community’s three hundredth anniversary in 2027, with a variety of planned programs including tours, plays, concerts, ball games, and our own commemorative license plates (available for purchase on-line or at events throughout the year). The Cellar Hole Committee continues its exploration of Canterbury’s past and provides regular descriptions of their findings on the Society’s website. This year the Exhibit Committee presented “Summer Boarding Farms of the 19th Century” at the Elkins Memorial Building (EMB), with photographs, advertisements, and descriptions of the numerous residences which opened their doors to boarders during the later half of the 19th century. The exhibit continues to be available for viewing at the EMB. The Program Committee presented two community lectures this year, “Traveling with Count Rumford” presented by Dr. Glen Rodgers, and

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“War and Speech: Propaganda, Patriotism, and Dissent in the Great War”, presented by Dr. Shirley Wajda. We plan to expand our lecture series in the coming year to include an even wider range topics presented by local and regional lecturers. Our website has been redeveloped to expand access and information regarding the Town’s history and the extraordinary men and women who have contributed to the community. Our Archivist regularly assists residents and researchers alike as they examine community activities over the years and conduct genealogical research. The “One-Room Schoolhouse” Committee worked with the Canterbury Elementary School (CES) to conduct the one-room schoolhouse program at the Houser Museum in May for all CES students. This was the 16th year of this award-winning program that focused on the 1930's and included topics on music, railroads, hobos, and current events of the era. The Historic Homes Committee continues researching and drafting descriptions of historic residences for inclusion in a book of community residences to be used in concert with an “old house tour program” for the tricentennial celebration. The Sign Committee has designed and coordinated the printing of signs to be used in the identification of historic and contemporary properties.

In 2025 the Board of Trustees elected: Fred Brewster, president; Jeff Leidinger, vice-president; Mary Ann Winograd, treasurer; David Tirrell-Wysocki, recording secretary; and Sandy Scripture, corresponding secretary. Additionally, four Trustees were elected to three-year terms: Lydia West, Bill Adams, Alan Stone, and Sue Russell. Chuck Sanborn and Anne Emerson became “emeritus trustees”, having served as Trustees for multiple years.

The Trustees wish to thank the staff of Elkins Public Library, the Board of Selectmen, the staff of the Elementary School, and the residents of Canterbury for their ongoing support of the Society. Without their help we could not hope to accomplish a fraction of what we have done this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick B. Brewster, *President*

PERAMBULATOR'S REPORT

NH RSA 51:2 requires that, *“The lines between the towns in this state shall be perambulated, and the marks and bounds renewed, once in every 7 years forever, by the selectmen of the towns, or by such persons as they shall in writing appoint for that purpose....”*

Rather than perambulate the entire town once every seven years, I find it more practical to perambulate one abutting town line each and every year. By the seventh year, all the surrounding lines have been completed, and it is time to start over again. For 2025 I decided to tackle re-establishing the long missing boundary marker on the Canterbury/Gilmanton line, known anecdotally as “four of spades.” Although I searched diligently, I was unable to locate this bound during my last Canterbury/Gilmanton perambulation. The last credible sighting of this bound in the historical records was in 1962. Perambulation reports after that date sometimes indicate the bound was not found, but apparently no attempt was ever made to reset it.



Using GPS technology and working cooperatively with a Gilford Licensed Land Surveyor, we were able to zero in on the approximate area where the bound was described to be in a 1955 perambulation report. This spot fell on the very edge of a cliff on Rocky Pond Mountain. The 1955 description indicated the missing bound was a “marked stone set in other

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stones on the brow of the mountain” so we suspected we were getting close.

After two days of searching, the missing “marked stone” was found face down in a rock debris field at the toe of the cliff. Perhaps toppled by ice or earthquake, but more likely vandalized and heaved over the edge. The monument’s larger base stones had been knocked over but remained in the original “brow” location on the top. We reset the monument and obtained precise GPS coordinates on it for future use. The statutorily required perambulation report was prepared and filed. Total cost to Canterbury taxpayers for all 2025 perambulation work was \$875.

Considering the general inaccessibility of the area, the rugged terrain, and the somewhat perilous cliff/brow location, perhaps we shouldn’t be surprised that this marker has been missing for some 63 years... reestablishing it in 2025 means this was a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Stevens, *L.L.S., Canterbury Perambulator*

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Canterbury Recreation Committee is proud to share another wonderful year filled with community spirit, youth engagement, and festive traditions that continue to bring joy to our town.

Youth Soccer: Growing Strong

In 2025, our Youth Soccer program welcomed 95 enthusiastic players, supported by 16 dedicated volunteer coaches who brought energy and encouragement to the field each week. We’d like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Perlet Family for taking over the important task of lining the soccer fields—your contribution has made a big difference!

We also want to express our deep appreciation to Danielle Krautmann, who joined the Recreation Committee in 2022 and began leading soccer in 2024. Danielle’s energy, leadership, and dedication have had a lasting impact on our program and the families who participate in it. We thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

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Halloween & Holiday Magic

Our annual Halloween celebration was another huge hit, with spooky fun and laughter filling the town center. This year we added some amazing new decorations to our collection, creating an extra special atmosphere that delighted kids and adults alike.

We closed out the year with a magical Christmas Tree Lighting, made even more memorable thanks to the Canterbury Fire Department and a surprise appearance by Santa Claus himself! A very special thank you goes to Magoon Tree and Bacon Electric for their help in stringing lights on the big tree in the center of town. Your time, equipment, and support helped make the heart of Canterbury shine bright this holiday season.

As we reflect on 2025, we are grateful for the volunteers, families, and community members who make our programs possible. Your support, participation, and spirit are the heart of what we do. We can't wait to see what the next year brings!

With gratitude,
The Canterbury Recreation Committee

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, (known locally and affectionately as UMLAC; pronounced Uhm'-re-lack) was created as one of the first local river management advisory committees in 1990, enabled in RSA 483, as part of the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. It was a grassroots effort by the communities of Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield, which the UMLAC represents and for whom it conducts its statutory duties including permit review and management plan coordination. The UMLAC provides a voice for the upper Merrimack River towns and cities through the river's designation in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program.

The UMLAC continued its work on its statutory roles reviewing state permits as a voice for its municipalities and on efforts to draft, publish, and manage its river corridor plan.

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The UMLAC is updating the Merrimack River Management and Implementation Plan (<http://www.merrimackriver.org/managementplan>), which will bring it current with new requirements, and provide the basis for an evergreen document that allows for simple activity tracking and responsiveness to emerging issues or changing priorities.

The UMLAC reviewed and provided comments on over a dozen alteration of terrain, shoreland, underground and above ground storage tanks, wetland, pesticide and herbicide application program, wastewater treatment plan operations, and laboratory industrial discharge applications in the upper Merrimack River corridor in Boscawen, Concord, and Franklin. The UMLAC appreciates when consultants work in a consultative way, particularly in advance of applications being submitted to regulatory agencies. This participatory approach to permit review is expedient and provides the best possible result for each site.

In addition to performing UMLAC statutory duties and management plan updates in 2025,

Michele L. Tremblay and Ted Nemetz requested and participated in a meeting with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to exchange experiences and perspectives on a shoreland permit application so that each party could better understand the other's process and challenges.

Claire Lund revised new categorical response letters for the major water, wetland, and shoreland related permits that the UMLAC reviews.

Barbara Griffin continues in the role of UMLAC representative to the Brownfields Advisory Committee. While that Committee is dormant, the UMLAC continues to provide grant application support letters and monitor project progress in the region.

Wayne Ives is the lead in monitoring and commenting on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission applications for Lower and Upper Penacook Falls and Lakeport projects.

Krista Crowell and Barbara Griffin continue to monitor the proposed Bow-Concord Connections NH Department of Transportation project and provide Merrimack River watershed perspectives and documentation, including the Upper Merrimack Watershed Association's Turkey River Watershed Restoration and Management Plan.

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The UMLAC welcomed as a new representative David Pollak from Northfield.

During annual meeting the slate of offices of Michele L. Tremblay, Chair; Steve Landry, Vice-chair; and Adrienne Hutchinson, Secretary, was elected.

Madeleine Mineau, Essex Hydro provided an overview of the three pending dam license applications on the lower Contoocook River within the UMLAC designated river corridor, and offered an opportunity for discussion during an excellent session. Phil Trowbridge, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services outlined proposed rules and other regulatory changes pending for permitting programs. The UMLAC invited its counterparts on designated rivers from all over the state to participate in the presentation online.

The Committee continues to review and update all of its governance and guidance documents (<https://www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee/other-documents/>) including an evergreen version of the management plan update. The UMLAC intends to migrate its goals, objectives, and activities into a spreadsheet, where progress can be updated and revisions made easily and will be posted on the UMLAC's website. The current plan's executive summary, chapter narratives, and maps will continue to be in a PDF and posted on the UMLAC's website.

Non-statutory or discretionary programs include a variety of studies, planning activities, and programs related to the upper Merrimack River and its watershed, managed by the Upper Merrimack Watershed Association.

The UMLAC meets on a rotating basis in its six represented communities (where and when space is provided) on the second Monday of each month (except for holidays and unforeseen conflicts) at 7:00 PM. Thank you to the Towns, Cities, and other organizations in Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield for graciously hosting Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee meetings during the past year. All are welcome to attend. Should you be interested in becoming an UMLACer to represent your community, wish further information on the Committee, or want to know how to access meetings, please contact Michele L. Tremblay, Chair, via telephone at 603.796.2615, email at

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UMRLAC@MerrimackRiver.org or through your representatives listed below, or visit <https://www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee>.

Bow

Krista Crowell
Barbara Griffin

Boscawen

Vacant

Canterbury

Adrienne Hutchinson
David Day, *Resigned*

Concord

Clair Lund

At-large

Stephen C. Landry
Michele L. Tremblay

Franklin

Wayne Ives
Ted Nemetz

Northfield

David Pollak

PENACOOK RESCUE SQUAD

The Penacook Rescue Squad (PRS) provided continuous, professional emergency medical services throughout calendar year 2025 to the towns of Boscawen, Canterbury, and Salisbury. These three towns represent the core service area of the department and account for the majority of call volume and operational demand. PRS also serves neighboring communities as part of the Capital Area Mutual Aid Compact

During 2025, Penacook Rescue had 1,272 incidents within 1,243 emergency responses, reflecting a sustained increase in EMS utilization across all three communities. This growth underscores the expanding reliance on emergency medical services and reinforces the need for ongoing investment in personnel, equipment, and regional coordination.

Call Volume by Community

Town of Boscawen

Boscawen remains the department’s primary response area and continues to account for the largest share of annual call volume.

- 2025 call volume: 947 calls
- 2024 call volume: 880 calls
- 2019 call volume: 638 calls

The Town of Boscawen experienced a 7.6% increase in calls from 2024 to 2025 and a 48.4% increase since 2019. This steady and consistent growth

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reflects increased service demand, population needs, and medical call complexity within the community.

Town of Canterbury

Canterbury continues to be a significant secondary service area, contributing substantially to overall call volume each year.

- 2025 call volume: 149 calls
- 2024 call volume: 192 calls
- 2019 call volume: 226 calls

While Canterbury call volume fluctuates year to year, the town consistently generates a meaningful number of EMS responses, highlighting the importance of maintaining dependable coverage and strong mutual aid relationships.

Town of Salisbury

Salisbury has demonstrated notable long-term growth in EMS demand over the past several years.

- 2025 call volume: 107 calls
- 2024 call volume: 143 calls
- 2019 call volume: 79 calls

Since 2019, Salisbury call volume has increased by 35.4%, reinforcing the need for continued EMS availability and regional support.

Monthly Call Distribution

Call volume remained consistent throughout the year, with moderate seasonal variation:

- Highest activity months: March, September, and December
- Lowest activity months: July and August

Quarterly totals showed relatively even distribution, indicating sustained operational demand throughout all seasons rather than isolated peak periods.

Time-of-Day and Day-of-Week Analysis

A detailed heat-map analysis of calls by hour and day of week reveals several important operational trends:

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Peak Call Times

- Highest activity: 0800–1800 hours
- Busiest hours: Late morning through early evening
- Peak days: Friday and Saturday

Lowest Activity

- Overnight hours: 0000–0500 hours, though calls remain consistent enough to require full coverage

Day-of-Week Totals

- Saturday: 191 calls
- Wednesday: 185 calls
- Tuesday: 183 calls
- Sunday: 182 calls
- Monday: 179 calls
- Friday: 179 calls
- Thursday: 144 calls

The data shows that EMS demand is not limited to weekends and remains high across all days of the week, reinforcing the need for consistent staffing and readiness at all times.

Regional EMS Demand Summary

Collectively, Boscawen, Canterbury, and Salisbury account for the majority of Penacook Rescue Squad’s annual responses. While Boscawen drives overall growth, both Canterbury and Salisbury continue to place consistent operational demands on the department. These combined call volumes require year-round staffing, reliable apparatus availability, and effective regional coordination.

Operational Impact

The sustained call volume across all three towns directly impacts:

- Staffing levels and scheduling
- Apparatus utilization and maintenance
- Medical supply usage
- Training requirements and provider workload

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Despite these pressures, Penacook Rescue Squad maintained high standards of care and response readiness throughout 2025.

Future outlook

As EMS demand continues to grow within Boscawen, Canterbury, and Salisbury, the department remains focused on:

- Sustaining adequate staffing
- Supporting recruitment and retention
- Maintaining reliable ambulance coverage
- Strengthening inter-town and mutual aid partnerships
- Planning for future equipment and fleet needs

Community Involvement and Training

In addition to emergency response operations, the Penacook Rescue Squad remains committed to community preparedness, public safety education, and workforce development through its Training Division. Throughout 2025, the department actively supported the towns of Boscawen, Canterbury, and Salisbury by offering a range of medical training and certification opportunities to residents, municipal staff, and emergency service partners.

Community Education Programs

The Training Division conducted multiple CPR/AED and First Aid courses during the year, designed to equip community members with lifesaving skills and increase bystander readiness in medical emergencies. These programs were offered to:

- Residents and community groups
- Municipal departments and staff
- Partner public safety agencies

By expanding access to CPR, AED, and First Aid training, Penacook Rescue continues to strengthen community resilience and improve patient outcomes prior to EMS arrival.

EMS Workforce Development

The Penacook Rescue Squad Training Division also played a critical role in developing the next generation of EMS providers by supporting and delivering:

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- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) courses

These programs provide essential education and clinical preparation for individuals seeking certification and employment in emergency medical services. Hosting EMT and AEMT training locally helps address regional staffing challenges while creating opportunities for residents to serve their communities.

Regional Impact

Training opportunities offered through Penacook Rescue benefit not only the department itself, but also neighboring EMS agencies and the broader region. By serving as a training resource, the department contributes to:

- Improved regional EMS readiness
- Enhanced inter-agency coordination
- Long-term sustainability of the EMS workforce

Commitment to Community Preparedness

Community education and professional training remain core components of the Penacook Rescue Squad's mission. Through ongoing CPR/AED instruction, First Aid courses, and advanced EMS training programs, the department continues to support public safety, promote preparedness, and invest in the future of emergency medical services across the region.

The Penacook Rescue Squad extends sincere appreciation to its EMTs and Paramedics for their dedication, to the Towns of Boscawen, Canterbury, and Salisbury for continued support, and to the mutual aid partners for their cooperation and partnership in delivering emergency medical services to the region.

CAP FIRE COMPACT

The 2025 annual report is prepared for the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact as a summary of general activities and events occurring through December 31, 2025. It is also provided to the town offices of the Compact's member communities for information and distribution as desired.

The Compact serves twenty-four communities in four counties. The Compact's operational area is 852 square miles with a resident population

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of 149,254. The Equalized Property Valuation in the area we protect is over 31.3 billion dollars. We also conduct mutual aid responses with communities beyond our member area.

The Compact provides 24/7 emergency dispatch service to member communities. The Compact's Communications Center is staffed and housed through an agreement with the City of Concord's Fire Department.

The 2025 Compact operating budget was \$ 1,728,752. Funding for all Compact operations is provided by the member communities.

During 2024 we were fortunate to secure ARPA funding to update our aging radio system. In 2025 we reviewed vendor submissions and selected a vendor for our system improvements. Equipment was ordered and began arriving during the last quarter of 2025. We look forward to completing this project during 2026 and we continue to plan and seek funding for future stages of this ongoing project. The Compact and Hazmat Team have received over 5.2 million dollars in grant funding since 1999. These funds have been used for communications improvements, training, and equipment. We continue to apply for State and Federal Grant Funds when possible. During 2025 we worked with the State to attempt to secure Federal funding through 119-21 (the One Big Beautiful Bill). If we are successful, this will fund continued communications improvements. The direct benefit that your community has realized from these grants is made possible by your participation in the regional service that we provide.

Our dispatch center is the primary contact for the NH Statewide Mobilization Plan. If a large incident occurs in the State, we organize task force and strike team level responses to the affected area. During 2025 we worked with other dispatch centers in NH on multiple activations for large brush fires due to the summer's drought conditions.

Under the leadership of Deputy Chief Newbery, the Compact continues to provide training offerings to our member communities. Programs presented during 2025 included: Assisting at a live burn in Loudon, DEA training for all Compact members, carbon monoxide class in Hillsboro, multi-agency forestry drill in Pembroke, class B foam overview and foam trailer demo at the Central NH Forest Fire Wardens Association meeting, Class B foam training in Pembroke, Loudon and Henniker, mayday training and officer development training in Bow.

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The Central New Hampshire Hazmat Team represents 59 Capital Area and Lakes Region communities and is ready to assist or respond to hazardous materials incidents in our combined areas. The Team responded to fourteen hazmat incidents during 2025.

Compact officers serving during 2025 were:

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

All departments are encouraged to send a representative to all Compact meetings. Your input is needed. The Compact was created for the mutual benefit of member communities and active participation is necessary to ensure your needs are met.

Please visit the Compact web site at <https://capareafire.nh.gov/> for incident photos, news, scheduled events, training info, SOGs and department profiles.

I invite anyone with questions or comments to contact me. I thank all departments for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gilbert, *Chief Coordinator, Capital Area Fire Compact*

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

FIRST SESSION – MARCH 11, 2025

Election Officials Present: Jim Miller, Moderator; Kathleen Doherty, Assistant Moderator; Samuel Papps, Town Clerk; Brenda Murray, Denise Sojka, and Pam Smarling, Supervisors of the Checklist; Mary Hauptman and Kathleen McKay, Ballot Clerks. Also present: Kent Ruesswick, Scott Doherty and Beth Blair, Selectmen; Jessica Lozier, Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

The Polling was held at the Old Town Hall, Canterbury, NH. Ballot Boxes for the Town and School District ballots were checked at 7:00 a.m. by Moderator Miller and voter Brendan O'Donnell of Northwest Road and then closed and locked. Moderator Miller then opened the polls. The Town's Accuvote Ballot Counting Device was used to tally the votes cast for the Town election ballot.

Polling Hours were held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and a total of 416 voters cast ballots. Of those, 11 were Absentee for the Town, and 8 were Absentee for the School District. There were 1,973 voters on the checklist, and 2 new voters were registered.

Polling was closed at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Miller, and the count of votes for the Town Election Ballot and the School District Ballot was conducted by election officials assisted by BJ Entwisle, Kelly Papps, Ray Chesley, Sheree Johnston, and Beth McGuinn.

Town Ballot Results:

Selectman: <i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>	Todd, Calvin	309
Town Clerk-Tax Collector: <i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>	Papps, Samuel	405
Treasurer: <i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>	Edelstein, Albert	362
Moderator: <i>(1 position, 2 years)</i>	Miller, Jim	390
Planning Board: <i>(2 positions, 3 years)</i>	Gordon, Joshua	347
	O'Donnell, Brendan	317

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Cemetery Trustee: <i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>	Papps, Samuel	395
Library Trustee: <i>(2 positions, 2 years)</i>	Riendeau, Linda	363
	Routhier, Ron	322
Library Trustee: <i>(2 positions, 3 years)</i>	Craigie, Ray	352
	Zeller, G. Frederick	351
Trustee of the Trust Funds: <i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>	Brown, Tiffany	370

Zoning Ballot:

Article 2	Passed	Yes: 228	No: 143
Article 3	Passed	Yes: 305	No: 93
Article 4	Passed	Yes: 286	No: 110
Article 5	Passed	Yes: 251	No: 134
Article 6	Passed	Yes: 343	No: 59

Moderator Miller announced the results of voting at 10:10 p.m.

Reports were finalized at 11:30 p.m. by the Town Clerk.

The meeting convened until Friday, March 14, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Canterbury Elementary School for the deliberative session.

SECOND SESSION – MARCH 14, 2025

Moderator Jim Miller opened the meeting at 7 p.m., held at the Canterbury Elementary School Gymnasium on Baptist Road. He expressed comments of welcome to the voters gathered, and asked for acknowledgement of the veterans in the room, followed by applause from the voters. Evan Christensen of Baptist Road led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Fred Brewster of the Canterbury Historical Society and Naomi Scanlon of the Canterbury Tricentennial Committee spoke on the anticipated celebratory events in 2027 for the Town’s 300th anniversary. Moderator Miller asked for a few moments of silence for the loss of Canterbury residents in 2024, and noted the passing of Sumner Dole III of Old Tilton Road in January of 2025. Moderator Miller stated that registered voters were given a yes-no card at the door, which would be used to vote on a question, and signify that they could be recognized by the Moderator. The Town Report was dedicated to Howard Moffett and Lois Scribner, and they were recognized by the assembly for their volunteer work for the Town of Canterbury. Moderator Miller explained that the Canterbury

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Farmers Market was running a baked goods table at the back for people to get refreshments, and the Energy Committee and FOEPL had tables at the back of the room to share information. He also noted that the Concord Monitor newspaper had sent a reporter, who would be present at the meeting. Mr. Miller then thanked all the election workers and counters from Tuesday's town election, the Road Agent John O'Connor and his staff, and announced there were 416 voters who cast ballots in the election. Moderator Miller introduced the group at the dais; Selectmen Kent Ruesswick, Beth Blair, and Scott Doherty, and Town Clerk Sam Papps. He asked that the Road Agent Donald "John" O'Connor, the Police Chief Justin Crotty, and the Fire Chief Michael Gamache, all non-residents, be allowed to speak if called upon, and the body responded verbally in the affirmative. He also recognized Edgar Rivera, who was video taping the meeting. He proceeded to review the rules of how the meeting would run, how to address questions and make amendments. Scott Doherty offered words of thanks to outgoing selectman Kent Ruesswick, and presented him with a clock. Chairman Doherty also recognized Joe Halla's forty years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and shared a certificate with the audience that Mr. Halla would receive. Mr. Miller read the results of the voting session held that Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, thanking candidates for running for the offices. He asked that Article 19 be moved up to follow Article 10, with the body verbally affirming this request. Then he read Warrant Article 7:

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,485,250) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. *Motion by Polly Camire; second by Rick Crockford.*

Selectboard Chair Scott Doherty gave a brief explanation of the 2024-25 financial years, stating that the budget was underspent by over \$219,000 and that long term debt was decreasing for the Town with the last payment of the Gold Star Bond being due this year (2025). Comcast had almost completed bringing internet to all of Canterbury, with only approximately 20 households left to wire. The 2025 budget is 4.9% higher than the previous year's budget. The new Land Use Administrator position was filled, with Jan Stout being a temporary replacement until a new employee

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could be hired. The Building Inspector's line was entirely paid for by the fees that were collected in the 2024 year. There were unfilled vacancies in the Police and Highway departments, and at the Transfer Station. Then he opened the floor for questions.

Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road inquired about the Gas/Oil Line at 4210.7, and the Police Chief Justin Crotty responded that fuel costs are up now that all full-time officers have a cruiser to take home as a benefit for their position.

Bob Steenson of Hackleboro Road added that the Town was originally wired for broadband in 1996, and the most recent wiring for high-speed internet with Comcast was paid for with federal monies in 2024, which was a win in his opinion.

Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:

4915.3	Highway Equipment	\$10,000
4915.4	Highway Truck	\$30,000
4915.18	Rescue Truck	\$12,000
4915.24	Landfill Closure	\$1,000
4915.27	Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings	\$5,000
4915.30	Highway Loader	\$30,000

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Dale Caswell; second by Judy Nelson.***

Beth Blair explained the Town's capital reserve accounts, found on page 35 of the annual report, and stated they are used to save for big-ticket items.

Judy Nelson of Center Road asked how the amounts are determined. Beth and Scott Doherty responded there is a mixture of science and art to this calculation each year. Predicting what prices will be when the equipment will be replaced will be tough, so this is a best guess attempt.

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Laurie Lockwood of Northwest Road pointed out there are many more capital reserve funds than the listed deposits this year, and asked why more money isn't being put into them, including the Conservation Fund. Scott Doherty then went over the list and gave some brief rationale of why there weren't being funds added this year. *Kelly Short of Hackleboro Road, Vice-Chair of the Conservation Commission*, explained that from the Conservation Commission's perspective, the Land Use Change Tax Fund is more than adequate for any of their needs, so they haven't asked for any additional funds to be added to the Conservation Capital Reserve fund.

Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars (\$35,874) to pay principal (\$35,000) and interest (\$874) on the Gold Star Bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Clifton Mathieu; second by Kevin Bragg.***

Kent Ruesswick called the audience's attention to page 33 of the Town Report, and gave a brief summary of the Gold Star Project, which is the Brookford Farm property today. This represents the last payment to be made on the bond, and will close out the account for the Town.

Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purchase of a ballot counting device, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Brendan O'Donnell; second by Rachel Baker.***

Town Clerk Sam Papps explained that in 2023, the Town raised \$7,000 for a new voting machine in the annual budget. However, the new machine was not purchased in 2023 and it was encumbered into 2024. Since there was not a purchase made in 2024, the monies are now in the Town's unassigned fund balance and rather than raise the amount a second time

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through taxation, the machine would be purchased from the previously raised funds.

Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 19:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the forced distribution of funds from the Sam Lake Trust Fund. The exact dollar amount is to be determined by the Trustees of the Sam Lake Trust Fund and distributed to the Town by the end of the calendar year. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Ron Turcotte; second by Emily Preston.***

Scott Doherty explained that this is a forced distribution from the Sam Lake Trust, and it will be deposited into the capital reserve account for this purpose.

Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) for the renovation of the Sam Lake House (Town Office) Garage, with said funds to come from the Sam Lake House Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Steve Lundahl; second by Judy Nelson.***

Beth Blair gave an explanation of the Sam Lake property and the Trust left to maintain the property by resident Sam Lake upon his death. In 2018 when the Town Offices were built, it was the intention to convert the garage into long-term records storage, and eight years later, it is time to complete this project. Paper records stored in the basement of the Sam Lake House basement are not ADA accessible and therefore long-term storage there is not an option.

Judy Nelson of Center Road asked for an explanation of the project costs and if this space would be sufficient for future expansion should it be required. Beth Blair responded that there were two estimates received and they both were in the range of the requested amount, but no formal bid had been requested yet.

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Rick Crockford of Ayers Road spoke in opposition to this article, and asked if there were any residents with a dry barn for the Canterbury Fair to store their equipment that currently is housed in the garage.

Jan Cote of Baptist Hill Road asked about the records and why they needed to be kept for so long. Beth responded that the Town has a Municipal Records Committee that helps determine what should be saved and for how long. Some of the records can be disposed of after a period, but some must be kept forever.

Alexandria Dinome of Morrill Road questioned if the basement of the building will be dry and what is being done to fix this problem. It was clarified that the article is referring to the Sam Lake Garage, which has no basement.

Randi Johnson of Morrill Road felt that the building is very small, and asked if off-site file storage had been explored. Beth Blair responded that off-side storage had not been explored but that the garage space when renovated would be large enough for the storage needs of the Town for many years to come.

Nancy Roy of Morrill Road stated she was on the original planning committee for the Sam Lake House building project, and confirmed that the Fire Pond beside the building indeed wants to live in the basement of the Sam Lake House, so record storage isn't ideal. She reminded those gathered that the project for the garage renovation needs to be done in a thorough way.

Kevin Bragg of Baptist Road stated that taking an old building and making it airtight and watertight would be difficult, and he questioned if the amount of money was sufficient as it seemed small.

Bob Steenson of Hackleboro Road stated he was also on the original planning committee of the Sam Lake House rebuild with Nancy Roy, and the current file room was only designed to be a temporary storage area. The committee at that time looked at the garage as potential file space for the future. Bob also stated that Mark Hopkins felt the garage had more architecturally significant features than the original Sam Lake House, and that the files needed to remain under the control of the Town office staff.

Greg Paninski of Intervale Road asked for clarification about the Sam Lake Trust and asked why the rush to complete this project now. Beth

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responded that the Town Office was lacking adequate desk space for staff, and the Selectboard felt that this project would adequately serve the Town for the amount appropriated.

Laurie Lockwood of Northwest Road recalled when her husband was a Selectman, and having to turn on the sump pumps in the basement of the old Sam Lake House building. She spoke in favor of the article.

Kathleen McKay of Shaker Road spoke in favor of the article, stating that pursuant of RSA 33, different documents have different shelf lives, and that personally, she found moving the records up and down the basement stairs difficult, which could lead to ADA violations, and workman's comp issues should someone become injured.

Rob Riley of Old Tilton Road asked to move the question.

Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to move the question; motion carried. Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of "Weatherization" of the Elkins Public Library. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Mark Stevens; second by Clifton Mathieu.***

Tom Franco of the Canterbury Community Power Committee spoke about their collaboration with Elkins Public Library on the weatherization project to tighten up the library in anticipation of a new heating system in the future. There is a rebate letter already from Unitil which should help lessen the cost overall, and it should be eight years before the payback begins.

Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Voting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing voting equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

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Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Clifton Mathieu; second by Steve Rasche.***

Sam Papps explained that pursuant to HB1264, an Accessible Voting System would be required for all town, state, and federal elections. This system was previously loaned by the State to the individual towns, but it is unclear when that process will end, and how much purchasing a system will cost the Town.

Patrice Rasche of Center Road asked about the difference between this device and the tabulator which was already voted on. Sam Papps explained the differences.

Polly Camire of Northwest Road asked if this would be an annual fund to add money into, and what else could it be used for. It was not anticipated that there would be yearly deposits, but in anticipation of purchasing other equipment, technological or not, money could be added.

Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing renewable energy systems, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Additional funds would come from the Community Power adder funds and will not require any tax funding. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Al Edelstein; second by Ron Turcotte.***

Tom Franco stated this fund was related to the Canterbury Community Power Committee. With Community Power that supplied electricity to the Town came a small adder fee that could be deposited into this account for the Town to spend on projects.

Judy Nelson of Center Road asked if the funds could be used for the weatherization. Tom Franco responded that the committee was looking to fund other projects with the capital reserve money, and that \$5,000 wouldn't cover the weatherization project.

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Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road made a motion, amending the article to read, “To see if the Town will vote to establish an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing energy efficiency and renewable energy systems, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Additional funds would come from the Community Power adder funds and will not require any tax funding.”, motion seconded by *Arnie Alpert*.

Emily Preston of Southwest Road spoke in favor of this amendment.

Evan Christensen of Baptist Road questioned whether RSA 35:1 allowed for the change of the verbiage. It was determined that yes, the verbiage could be changed as RSA 35:1 referred to capital reserve accounts, but that without checking with the Department of Revenue Administration, it was likely not a wise move. Moderator Miller recommended withdrawing the amendment and to propose an article to amend the name and intent next year.

Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road requested to withdraw the amendment, and the text of the article reverted to the originally proposed text.

Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) for a feasibility and suitability study for the Town of Canterbury Transfer Station, to renovate/expand the Transfer Station at the current site or determine if the current site is not suitable for this purpose and authorize the withdrawal of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) from the Transfer Station Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Rich Marcou; second by George Gendron.***

Kent Ruesswick called the body’s attention to page 35 of the annual report, where the capital reserve account table listed some \$6,500 in interest in the Transfer Station account. It was explained that the Town’s Solid Waste Committee would like to fund a study to explore the suitability of the

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current Transfer Station property and buildings, and to look at any modifications that can improve the site.

Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 16:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) for the purpose of holding a Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Canterbury Transfer Station. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Jamie Higgins; second by LeeAnn Mackey.***

Rich Marcou from the Solid Waste Committee spoke to the article, explaining that it has been nine years since the Town held its last Hazardous Waste Day, and that the exact cost in 2025 will depend on how much stuff is collected. The committee is considering limiting what can be brought, and how much weight can be disposed of per household.

Robert Riley of Old Tilton Road inquired why this isn't an annual line item in the budget, since this is still going against the tax rate. *Scott Doherty* responded that they would consider it for next year's budget.

Laura Crockford of Ayers Road asked if collaborating with neighboring towns had been explored as a possibility to increase volume and lessen the cost. Rich responded that when they explored that possibility, the cost came out to be the same.

Donna Miller of Baptist Road asked what would be accepted and Rich explained some of the items that they could accept and some that they could not, saying that very few things would not be allowed.

Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to replace the existing packer truck with a stationary electric compactor with variable frequency drive, a compaction container, and the installation of a concrete pad. By Petition. Majority Vote Required. Not Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Frank Tupper; second by Sarah Strempher.***

Stephen Rasche of Old Tilton Road gave an explanation of the article and why the petitioners felt it was necessary, most importantly the fact that the

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current packer truck is emitting diesel fumes into the Transfer Station Building while the machine is running.

Herb Batchelder of Baptist Hill Road spoke against the article, citing multiple concerns including the Town not owning a vehicle to tow the waste, and stated he felt the Town should wait until after the study to see about this machine.

LeeAnn Mackey of Old Tilton Road stated she was a member of the Solid Waste Committee, and spoke against this article, citing that she felt that the comprehensive study needed to be done first.

Russell Maille of Southwest Road stated he and Steve Rasche met with an engineer/hydraulics expert, and there is a way to bypass the existing packer truck diesel motor and install an electric hydraulic motor. This would cost a third of the current article to install on the existing packer truck, and for those reasons he spoke in opposition to the article.

Roy Plisko of Old Tilton Road spoke that as a Town Highway Department employee, and having worked at the Transfer Station himself, there was really not much concern among the employees as to the diesel fumes and air quality being cited.

Scott Doherty reminded that the Selectboard is not in favor of this article nor is the Solid Waste Committee.

Judy Elliott of Mudgett Hill Road inquired as to the comprehensive study of the Transfer Station and wanted a guarantee it would include health hazards as part of the metrics of the study.

Bob Steenson of Hackleboro Road stated that the Town had taken Steve's request seriously, and a test of the air quality was conducted at the Transfer Station by experts. The results of the test did not show harmful levels of substances in the air. He also said that if the Town felt seriously about the health risks of their employees at the Transfer Station, they should help them quit smoking.

Seeing no further questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article failed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Transfer Station Upgrade capital reserve fund for the purpose of doing a feasibility and suitability study on the current

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Transfer Station and any future engineering site work on this site or any other potential site. By Petition. 2/3 Vote Required. Majority Vote Required. Not Recommended by the Selectmen. ***Motion by Judy Nelson; second by Steve Lundahl.***

Rich Marcou of the Solid Waste Committee simply requested that the body vote the article down, as it was duplicative of Article 15.

Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller asked for a show of cards to vote on the article; **article failed.**

Opening the meeting to other business, *Polly Camire* spoke regarding the BHS-Gilford hockey game, which would be held the next day. *David Tirrell-Wysocki* asked if the Selectboard would be working with the Fair Committee to rehouse the equipment in the Sam Lake Garage. *Kevin Bragg of the Historic District Commission* spoke seeking new members to the board. *Evan Christensen* inquired why the School Ballot was not posted on the Town's website, only the ballot for the Town election on Tuesday. *Rachel Eades* spoke on behalf of the Friends of Elkins Public Library, promoting the Imagination Library with support from a cardboard cut-out of Dolly Parton. *Frank Tupper* wanted to thank the Selectboard for the application of \$500,000 to help offset the tax rate set in December of 2024. He also wanted to comment regarding the small print in the Annual Report. *Judy Nelson* reminded the audience about the Canterbury Benevolent Society's annual clothing swap. *Beth McGuinn* spoke regarding the Window Dressers program, inviting residents to a workshop on building interior storm windows, and that the Energy Committee was seeking a new member. *Kent Ruesswick* added that the Town had paid some \$973 to the Window Dressers Program to build the interior storm windows that were installed in the old Town Hall. He also asked people to recognize David Heath's forty years of service to the town.

Seeing no other business, there was a vote by voice to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel Papps, Town Clerk
Canterbury, New Hampshire

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Date	Place	Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence
March 29, 2025	Rye, NH	Cincotta, Erica Catherine	Canterbury, NH	Ewens, Chad Spencer	Canterbury, NH
May 24, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Wilder, Teiana Chasity	Canterbury, NH	Wilder, Samuel Steven	Canterbury, NH
August 10, 2025	Canterbury, NH	O'Brien, Brett Patrick	Canterbury, NH	Moore, Sandra Ann	Canterbury, NH
August 23, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Ballou, Samantha Jane	Biddeford, ME	Lafreniere, Robert John	Biddeford, ME
September 20, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Hankinson Jr., Mark Steven	Batavia, NY	Colburn, Katelyn Laurel	Batavia, NY
September 20, 2025	Pittsburg, NH	Marson, Peter James	Canterbury, NH	Mason, Makayla Cheryl	Canterbury, NH
September 27, 2025	Concord, NH	Kruger, Nicholas Jay	Canterbury, NH	Cioppa, Carli Erin	Canterbury, NH
October 3, 2025	Ossipee, NH	Greene, Daniel William	Concord, NH	Gillette, Ronni Beth	Concord, NH

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Date	Place	Child's Name	Parent A's Name	Parent B's Name
November 7, 2024	Concord, NH	Ogilvie-Snyder, Orion Alexander	Snyder, Logan	Salas-Ogilvie, Felipe
January 9, 2025	Concord, NH	Lyman, Tatum Judith	Lyman, John Douglas	Lyman, Rachel Leigh
March 9, 2025	Concord, NH	Bean, Lindsay Rose	Bean, Eryk Glenn	Bean, Brianna Rose
March 23, 2025	Concord, NH	Van Cura, Coleman James	Van Cura, Craig James	Van Cura, Katie Ann
March 28, 2025	Concord, NH	Carr, Lydia Joan	Come, Keith Michael	Carr, Jennie Michele
April 2, 2025	Concord, NH	Williams, Jameson Alan	Williams, Justin Douglas	Williams, Kate Mulleavey
April 27, 2025	Concord, NH	Lacasse, Georgia Grace	Lacasse, Dean Albert	Lacasse, Erin Joy
May 13, 2025	Concord, NH	Morissette, Grayson Joseph	Morissette, Joseph Denis	Rose, Sarah Emily
June 2, 2025	Concord, NH	Davison, Kennedy Lynn	Davison, Jordan Richard	Davison, Sarah Ann
June 3, 2025	Concord, NH	Minery, Maggie Louise	Minery, Tyler Michael	Minery, Anna Lynn
June 5, 2025	Concord, NH	Ewens, Finn Alexander	Ewens, Chad Spencer	Ewens, Erica Catherine
July 26, 2025	Concord, NH	Hill, Vinnie Payton	Hill, Jonathan Alexie	Scott, Mercedes Lynn
August 1, 2025	Concord, NH	Lund, Theodore Maxwell	Lund, Edward Mikolaj	Lund, Alexis Briana
August 11, 2025	Concord, NH	Heath, Landon Joseph	Heath, Douglas Churchill	Heath, Stephanie Joan
August 19, 2025	Concord, NH	Clee Bailey, Jack Bryan	Bailey, Brian Timothy	Clee, Courtney Lynn
August 26, 2025	Lebanon, NH	Carr, Briar Alexandra	Carr, Andrew Adams	Carr, Katelyn Elizabeth
October 24, 2025	Lebanon, NH	Bergeron, Dakota Jade Yam	Bergeron, Jennie Lee	Yam, Kylee Stacey
December 11, 2025	Concord, NH	Lacasse, Wells Edward	Lacasse, Bruce Alcide	Lacasse, Skylar Whitney
December 23, 2025	Concord, NH	O'Brien, Avery Mae	O'Brien, Aiden Patrick	O'Brien, Kelsie Kempton
December 23, 2025	Concord, NH	O'Brien, Abigail Lynne	O'Brien, Aiden Patrick	O'Brien, Kelsie Kempton
December 23, 2025	Lebanon, NH	Tailor, Jovie Manan	Tailor, Manan Kalpeshbhai	McLean, Arianna Cole

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Date	Place	Decedent's Name	Parent A	Parent B
January 7, 2025	Concord, NH	Dole III, Sumner Alvord	Dole Jr., Sumner	Henry, Rebecca
January 21, 2025	Concord, NH	Gillis, David Emerson	Gillis, George	Emerson, Unknown
January 24, 2025	Nashua, NH	Albert, Zeb Jackson	Albert, Robert	Come, Christine
February 7, 2025	Concord, NH	Babcock Sr., Paul William	Babcock, William	Orbit, Rita
March 7, 2025	Concord, NH	Stavros, Arthur George	Stavros, George	Siatravani, Caliope
May 4, 2025	Concord, NH	Gallagher, Scott Richard	Unknown	Unknown
May 8, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Kinter, Sarah Anne	McNutt, Wilfrid	Hart, Leah
July 7, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Tonkin, Beverly Jean	Vigue, Vincent	Foote, Helen
July 22, 2025	Concord, NH	Sargent Jr., Harold Woburn	Sargent Sr., Harold	Come, Alida
July 23, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Hardy, Harold W.	Hardy, Herbert	Coulter, Mildred
August 5, 2025	Concord, NH	Bruckler, Peter J.	Bruckler, Paul	Witsken, Mary
August 14, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Cloutier Jr., Donald William	Cloutier Sr., Donald	Ayotte, Patricia
August 27, 2025	Laconia, NH	Fife, Peter Tracy	Fife, Clarence	Glines, Mary
October 22, 2025	Concord, NH	Russell, Wayne Robert	Russell, Robert	Nelson, Alice
November 19, 2025	Concord, NH	Methven, Sandra Eager	Eager, Gordon	McCaslin, Ruth
November 23, 2025	Canterbury, NH	Taylor, William Thayer	Taylor, Harry	Thayer, Grace

**Entry omitted by error from the 2023 Annual Town Report.*

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Samuel Pappas, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

BURIALS AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Blanchard, Donald G.	Gretsky, Collene (Fife)	Schleiger, Charles H.
Dole III, Sumner A.	Maxfield, Kerri (Lamprey)	Schleiger, Mildred L.
Fife Sr., John F.	Sargent Jr., Harold W.	Stavros, Arthur G.

Special Recognition



Since 1767 there has been a store, or more, in the center of Canterbury. Both before and after the infamous center fire; In times of peace and in time of revolution; With livestock stabled outside, or a house cat on the cheese counter, there has been a store.

In the year 2000 when the sale of the building threatened to change all that, the Canterbury Community Market, LLC was formed. It's purpose? To keep a store IN the heart of town...to keep a store AS the heart of town.

For the past 25 years this group has generously given countless hours to this mission in the form of financial and legal expertise, community outreach, materials, physical labor, and much more. They have both welcomed new storekeepers and said farewells to same.

We recognize with thanks this dedicated group, who have cheered each other on and kept to their purpose for the benefit of the Canterbury community.

Management Team

John Bouton	Kevin Bragg	Nancy Brownstein
Mel Burrowes	Pattie Capone	Lisa Carlson
Katie Dunn	Al Edelstein	Willard McGraw
Kathy Menard	Howard Moffet	Jim Moir
Lynda Moore	Eileen Peterson	Wendy Sanborn
Jim Sjoka	Howard Teaf	James Valz
Ted West	Shelly & Stan Wheeler	Florence Woods

Additional and heartfelt thanks to the numerous shareholders and friends who for the past 25 years have given unstintingly of their time, talents, and donations to support the Canterbury Community Market's mission.



THIS IMAGE SHOWS A TAVERN AT
HILLS CORNER, THAT LATER SERVED
AS A HOTEL TO SUMMER BOARDERS

Canterbury's oldest documented tavern, located at 204 Southwest Road, was built around 1750 by Samuel Moore. The building is first referenced as a tavern in 1756, and Lyford notes that "this hostelry was for many years on the line of travel north through Canterbury and it continued as a hotel for nearly a century." Ownership passed from Moore to his widow, Susannah, then to her second husband, David McCrillis, and subsequently through their daughter Hannah McCrillis Blanchard and her husband Jacob to their son, Nahum Blanchard, who served as the final tavern keeper around 1850. Although no longer operating as a tavern, the property remained in the Blanchard family until being sold in 1972.

Lyford concluded that "the coming of the railroads changed the method and lines of travel, and soon after there was but little occasion for taverns in Canterbury" which happened in the mid-nineteenth century. The larger taverns at Hill's Corner—beginning with the one opened by the Cogswell family in 1807—were already isolated from railroad traffic and transitioned on their own into hotels that catered to summer boarders. The last of these was the Upland House, which continued operating as a business into the early twentieth century.

Credits:

Archives of the Canterbury Historical Society

"History of Canterbury, N.H., 1727-1912" by James Otis Lyford.



CLOUGH TAVERN, REFERRED TO BY THE CLOUGH FAMILY AS
"THE HOMESTEAD", AS SEEN C. 1910 BY LUTHER CODY.



STEARNS HOUSE, FORMERLY BLANCHARD'S TAVERN, BY
LUTHER CODY C. 1910.