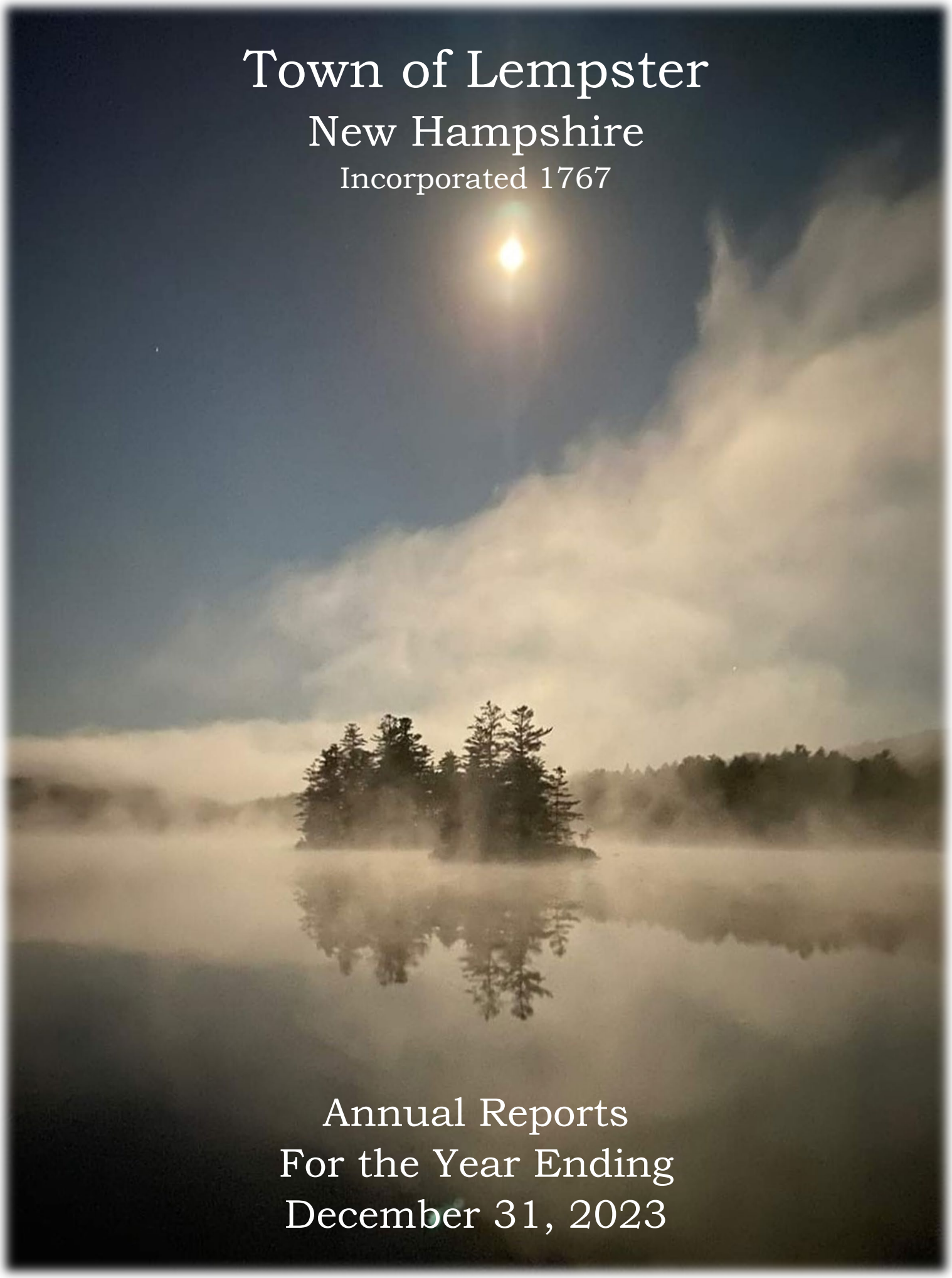

Town of Lempster

New Hampshire

Incorporated 1767

Annual Reports
For the Year Ending
December 31, 2023

Directory

Police/Fire/Rescue – Emergency 911

Animal Control	477-1229
Building Inspector/ Bob Porter (home)	863-9711
Fire Chief – Jon Thomas	504-2854
Forest Fire – Outside Burn Permits	
Warden David Richards (cell)	477-6301
Health Officer/Bob Porter (home)	863-9711
Highway Garage	863-6779
Miner Memorial Library	863-0051
Selectmen's Office	863-2698
Sheriff	863-7908
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	863-3213
Town Office Fax	863-8105
Transfer Station	863-7062
Town Welfare	863-3213

The following boards meet at the Town Office 856 NH Rte. 10
Selectmen – 2nd and 4th Tue. of each month at 7 PM
Planning Board – 2nd Mon. of each month at 7 PM
Conservation Commission – 2nd Wed. of each month at 9 AM
Cemetery Trustees – 3rd Mon. of each month at 4 PM

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Tue-Thurs 8 AM – 5:30 PM (closed 12-12:30 PM) Fri. 8 AM – Noon Sat. 8 AM – Noon First & Last Sat. of month
Selectmen's Office	Tue, Wed 8 AM – 4:00 PM, Thurs 8 – 1

MEETINGS AT THE FIRE STATION – 929 ROUTE 10

Fire Department/Rescue Squad	1st Wed. of month at 7 PM

MEETINGS AT MINER LIBRARY

Library Trustees	3rd Mon. of each month at 6 PM
Friends of the Library	1st Mon. of each month at 7 PM
Library Hours	Sun. 2 – 5 PM, Mon. 12 – 7 PM, Thur. 2 – 6 PM

MEETINGS AT HISTORY HALL

Historical Society	4th Thurs. 6:30 PM except Nov. & Dec

TRANSFER STATION – 118 LOVEJOY ROAD

Sunday 8 AM – 2 PM, Wednesday 10 AM – 2 PM

All meeting hours subject to change

2023

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Office	Name	Term Expiration
Selectmen	Traci Fulton Homol, Chair	2025
	Everett Thurber	2026
	Mark Lightner	2024
	Mary Grenier (resigned)	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Robin Cantara	
AUDITOR	James Grenier	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	Robert Porter	
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Carol Stamatakis, Chair	2026
	Glenn Wirkkala	2024
	Cheryl McGinnis	2025
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Phillip Tirrell, Sr. Chair	2025
Appointed positions	Lynda Perry	2026
	Ivan Wallace, Treasurer	2024
	Rachel Tirrell, Secretary	2024
	John Nowak	2024
	Scott Goodspeed	2024
	Mindy Jo Chadwick	2025
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	Phillip Tirrell, Sr.	
FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT	Jon Thomas, Fire Chief	
	Tom Moore, Jr. Assistant Fire Chief	
	David Richards, Fire Captain	
	Joseph Moulton, Jr. Fire	
	Lieutenant Michael Bosse, Fire	
	Lieutenant Beth Clark-Moulton,	
	Rescue Capt. Sydney French	
	Michael Snide	
	Thomas Brennan	
	Nolin Rankin	
	Nathanial Follansbee	
	Makenzie French	
	Thomas Madziarek	
	Kevin Bill	
	Shannen Bosse	
FIRE FOREST WARDEN	David Richards	
	Deputy Ronald Clark	
	Deputy Thomas Moore	
	Deputy Joseph Moulton, Jr.	
	Deputy Jon Thomas	

HEALTH OFFICER	Robert Porter	
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Daryl Simino, Supervisor	
	Jeremy Norris	
	Scott Goodspeed	
	Jim Jennison – Transfer Station	
	Vanessa Keith – Transfer Station	
LIABRARY TRUSTEES	Rebecca Farrand, Chair	2024
	Janice Brehio, Treasurer	2024
	Mary Reed	2025
	Georgeana Hill	2025
LIBRARIAN	Tina Fava	
	Robin Maguire	Assistant
MODERATOR	Michael Shklar, Esq.	
PLANNING BOARD	Kirk Wirkkala	2026
	R. Mark Adams	2024
	William Rodeschin	2024
	David Richards, Secretary	2025
	Everett Thurber, ex officio	
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	Chief Deputy J. Ethan Yazinski	
	Deputy Michael J. Batista	
	Deputy Glen St. Amant	
	Deputy Joshua Wade	
	Deputy Charles Mcleman	
SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST	Sharron Wallace	2028
	Marilyn Butler	2026
	Patricia McCabe	2024
TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR	Linda Callahan	2026
	Danielle Melvin	Deputy
TOWN COUNSEL	Michael Shklar, Esq.	
TREASURER	Mary Fellows	2024
	Cindy Rouillard	Deputy
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Jodi Fulton	2026
	Lynn Rodeschin	2024
	Barbara Parker	2025
WELFARE OFFICER	Selectmen	

Chair Report

2023 was a challenging year for all of us.

The tremendous loss of Mary Grenier was both shocking & heartbreaking. Mary devoted many years of service to the town of Lempster and will be deeply missed. I learned a lot from Mary and miss her, professionally & personally.

Everett Thurber is a fountain of knowledge & I have enjoyed working with him. He has overcome some incredible difficulties for us, many that go unnoticed.

Mark Lightner has been an excellent replacement, with vision, energy & great attention to detail, as well as financial savvy, being the CEO of his own successful business. He will have my vote at this year's town meeting.

Please make the time to make your voice heard and don't hesitate to speak up when you have something to say. Every vote counts!

Sincere thanks be to our Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Lempster Ladies Auxiliary as well as the volunteers for Old Home Day & Flags for Lempster! We very much appreciate all volunteers.

Edie has retired with our best wishes & Danielle has stepped up to the plate. Robin, Linda & Mary are all excellent at their jobs and we could not function without them. Thank you, ladies!

We are thankful for the hard work of the Highway Department, out on the roads, keeping us safe.

Looking forward to a prosperous 2024 & hope that everyone is happy, healthy & strong. I look forward to more chances to gather as a community and hope to see you soon.

Select Board meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, with the agenda posted on the website.

Traci Fulton-Homol
Chairman

Town of Lempster
2023 ~ 2024 Operating Budget

	2023 Expenses	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
4XXX · EXPENSES			
4100 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130 · Executive			
4131 · Compensation			
4131-1 · Selectmen	10,200.00	10,200.00	10,500.00
4131-2 · Administrator	50,840.17	49,440.00	54,672.00
4131-9 · Joint Loss Committee	600.00	600.00	600.00
Total 4131 · Compensation	61,640.17	60,240.00	65,772.00
4132-2 · Professional Dues	1,257.00	1,300.00	1,400.00
4132 · Training	20.00	800.00	800.00
4133 · Office Supplies	2,733.34	2,800.00	2,800.00
4134 · Office Technology and Equipment			
4134-1 · Admin. Comp. Support/Software	3,872.01	3,000.00	4,500.00
4134-2 · Twin Bridge Services	5,315.00	6,000.00	6,200.00
4134-3 · Office Technology and Equipment	672.89	1,000.00	1,200.00
Total 4134 · Office Technology and Equipment	9,859.90	10,000.00	11,900.00
4135 · Publications			
4135-1 · Town Report	2,863.00	2,800.00	3,200.00
4135-4 · Tax Maps	7,450.00	5,200.00	7,500.00
4135-5 · Advertising	0.00	450.00	500.00
Total 4135 · Publications	10,313.00	8,450.00	11,200.00
4137 · Sul. Cty Reg. of Deeds	41.26	400.00	400.00
4138 · Postage	693.16	750.00	750.00
4139-1 · Miscellaneous	0.00	300.00	300.00
4139 · Mileage	103.10	600.00	350.00
Total 4130 · Executive	86,660.93	85,640.00	95,672.00
4140 · Elections, Reg., & Vital Stats			
4140-1 · Compensation-Election			
4140-1a · Supervisors of the Checklist	3,150.00	3,065.00	6,630.00
4140-1b · Ballot Clerk	250.00	750.00	2,000.00
4140-1c · Town Moderator	200.00	400.00	1,000.00
4140-1e · Election Assistant	0.00	600.00	600.00
Total 4140-1 · Compensation-Election	3,600.00	4,815.00	10,230.00
4140-2 · Advertising	0.00	200.00	200.00
4140-3 · Postage	10.60	100.00	100.00
4140-4 · Meals	47.88	300.00	1,000.00
4140-5 · Miscellaneous	0.00	750.00	750.00
4140-6 · Computer, Software, etc.	256.97	1,000.00	1,000.00
4140-7 · Mileage - Election	0.00	100.00	100.00
4141-1 · Compensation-Town Clerk			
4141-1a · Town Clerk/Tax Collector	37,492.00	37,600.00	38,620.00
4141-1b · Deputy Town Clerk/Dep. Tax Coll	20,003.95	23,000.00	23,000.00
Total 4141-1 · Compensation-Town Clerk	57,495.95	60,600.00	61,620.00

Town of Lempster
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	2023 Expenses	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
4141-10 · Dog License Tags	176.48	200.00	250.00
4141-2 · Training/Seminars	1,345.50	1,000.00	1,250.00
4141-3 · Dues & Subscriptions	20.00	120.00	120.00
4141-6 · Computer Software and Support	4,302.00	5,700.00	4,700.00
4141-7 · Town Clerk Postage/Envelopes	592.74	600.00	850.00
4141-8 · Town Clerk Mileage	334.70	400.00	400.00
Total 4140 · Elections, Reg., & Vital Stats	68,182.82	75,885.00	82,570.00
4150 · Financial Administration			
4150-00 · Compensation			
4150-01 · Treasurer Salary	2,900.00	2,900.00	3,500.00
4150-03 · Auditor Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 4150-00 · Compensation	3,900.00	3,900.00	4,500.00
4150-04 · Bookkeeping ServicesTrust funds	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
4150-05 · CPA	1,500.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
4150-07 · Bank Charges/NSF fee	102.00	200.00	200.00
Total 4150 · Financial Administration	6,502.00	7,400.00	8,200.00
4151 · Tax Collector			
4151-2 · Training/Seminars	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00
4151-2a · Tax Collector-Professional Dues	20.00	20.00	20.00
4151-5 · Tax Collector Postage/Envelopes	2,480.52	2,500.00	2,850.00
4151-6 · Tax C. Billing/Office Supplies	379.93	300.00	500.00
4151-7 · Tax Lien Searches/Registry Fees	870.14	1,500.00	2,100.00
4151-8 · Tax C.-Software/supp.	2,288.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
4151-9 · Tax Collector - Mileage	224.65	300.00	300.00
Total 4151 · Tax Collector	7,263.24	8,120.00	9,520.00
4152 · Reval./Appraisal of Property	23,083.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
4153 · Legal Expense	12,161.55	20,000.00	20,000.00
4155 · Personnel Administration			
4155-1 · Health and Dental Insurance	105,809.25	143,000.00	143,000.00
4155-2 · Life and Short Term Disability	992.67	1,150.00	1,150.00
4155-3 · NH Retirement	34,538.65	34,000.00	38,000.00
4155-4 · Workers Comp Insurance	8,257.08	10,400.00	10,005.00
4155-5 · Unemployment Comp.	0.00	650.00	500.00
4155-6 · Town P/R Tax Expenses SS & Med	25,743.96	28,000.00	28,000.00
4155-7 · Wellness Grant	488.96	500.00	500.00
Total 4155 · Personnel Administration	175,830.57	217,700.00	221,155.00
4191 · Planning Board			
4191-10 · Compensation			
4191-11 · Salaries (Board)	1,800.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
4191-12 · Administrative Assistant	5,456.80	5,456.80	5,456.80
Total 4191-10 · Compensation	7,256.80	7,556.80	7,556.80
4191-20 · Professional Fees	0.00	3,815.43	3,726.96
4191-30 · Upper Valley Lake Sunapee	1,824.77	1,827.77	1,916.24
4191-40 · Mailings-Contingencies	328.96	1,800.00	1,800.00
Total 4191 · Planning Board	9,410.53	15,000.00	15,000.00

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	2023 Expenses	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
4194 · Town Buildings			
4194-10 · Compensation-Bldg Maintenance	2,775.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
4194-2 · Town Office			
4194-2a · Electric	2,317.65	2,400.00	2,600.00
4194-2b · Heating fuel	2,683.19	2,600.00	2,700.00
4194-2c · Maintenance, Supplies & Repairs	948.16	1,500.00	1,500.00
4194-2d · Water Rent	327.15	500.00	500.00
4194-2e · Furnace Maintenance	0.00	350.00	500.00
4194-2g · Telephone	3,273.90	2,800.00	3,300.00
4194-2h · Internet	2,972.87	2,350.00	3,000.00
4194-2i · Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	250.00
Total 4194-2 · Town Office	12,522.92	12,750.00	14,350.00
4194-3 · Town Hall			
4194-3a · Electric	1,321.76	1,600.00	1,500.00
4194-3b · Fuel Oil	628.46	1,200.00	1,200.00
4194-3c · Maintenance & Repairs	75.00	350.00	350.00
4194-3E · Telephone/Internet	959.40	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 4194-3 · Town Hall	2,984.62	4,150.00	4,050.00
4194-4 · Other Town Property Maintenance	2,300.00	3,000.00	4,500.00
Total 4194 · Town Buildings	20,582.54	23,500.00	26,500.00
4195 · Cemeteries			
4195-21 · Cemetery Expenses	6,041.34	8,500.00	10,000.00
Total 4195 · Cemeteries	6,041.34	8,500.00	10,000.00
4196 · Property & Liability Insurance	17,905.39	23,727.00	25,862.00
4199 · Other General Govt.			
4199-01 · Contingency	794.15	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total 4199 · Other General Govt.	794.15	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total 4100 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT	434,418.06	533,472.00	562,479.00
4200 · PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 · Police Dept.			
4210-70 · Dispatch	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
4210-90 · Sheriff's Dept.	58,413.00	61,278.00	63,000.00
Total 4210 · Police Dept.	58,413.00	69,278.00	71,000.00
4215 · Rescue			
4215-10 · Compensation	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00
4215-30 · Office Supplies	0.00	250.00	250.00
4215-40 · Equipment/Supplies/First Aid	5,679.12	3,600.00	3,600.00
4215-41 · Radio System Improvements	0.00	600.00	600.00
4215-50 · Truck Repairs	1,210.10	1,600.00	1,600.00
4215-60 · Office/Administration			
4215-61 · Computer Software	2,517.74	4,000.00	3,000.00
4215-64 · Training	3,900.00	3,150.00	3,150.00
Total 4215-60 · Office/Administration	6,417.74	7,150.00	6,150.00
4215-70 · Dispatch	9,895.00	9,785.00	9,785.00
Total 4215 · Rescue	24,461.96	24,245.00	23,245.00
4216 · Ambulance Service	10,500.00	12,000.00	12,000.00

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	2023 Expenses	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
4220 · Fire Department			
4220-10 · Personnel			
4220-1 · Compensation - Chief	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4220-2 · Training	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4220-5 · Volunteer Fire/Rescue Stipend	8,605.01	9,000.00	9,000.00
Total 4220-10 · Personnel	10,605.01	14,000.00	14,000.00
4220-40 · Equipment			
4220-42 · Fire Equipment	859.94	3,500.00	3,500.00
4220-43 · Protective Equipment	18,684.43	7,000.00	7,000.00
4220-44 · SCBA Maintenance	1,311.34	3,500.00	3,500.00
4220-45 · Ladder Truck Certification	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
4220-46 · Ground Ladder Certification	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4220-47 · Fire Suppression Foam	0.00	2,000.00	1,200.00
4220-48 · Uniforms	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total 4220-40 · Equipment	20,855.71	18,200.00	19,400.00
4220-50 · Vehicles Expense			
4220-51 · Maintenance & Repair	2,594.60	6,000.00	6,000.00
4220-53 · Gasoline	338.04	350.00	350.00
4220-54 · Diesel Fuel	2,161.18	3,000.00	1,500.00
Total 4220-50 · Vehicles Expense	5,093.82	9,350.00	7,850.00
4220-60 · Office/Administrative			
4220-61 · Telephone/Cell Phone	2,553.52	3,500.00	3,000.00
4220-62 · Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	250.00
4220-65 · Office Supplies	1,669.98	600.00	600.00
4220-66 · Computer Software	2,517.74	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total 4220-60 · Office/Administrative	6,741.24	8,350.00	7,850.00
4220-70 · Dispatch	9,895.00	9,785.00	9,785.00
4220-80 · Communications Equipment			
4220-81 · Radio Sys. Improvements	4,252.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4220-82 · Maintenance & Repair	1,459.11	2,500.00	2,000.00
Total 4220-80 · Communications Equipment	5,711.11	7,500.00	7,000.00
4220-90 · Building			
4220-91 · Heating Fuel	2,682.86	3,500.00	3,500.00
4220-92 · Electricity	4,109.49	4,000.00	4,000.00
4220-93 · Station MaintenanceSupplies/Rep	2,551.84	3,200.00	3,200.00
4220-94 · Building Air Filters	0.00		
4220-95 · Sprinkler System	813.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 4220-90 · Building	10,157.19	11,700.00	11,700.00
4221 · Forest Fire			
4221-20 · Training	0.00		1,000.00
4221-30 · Gas	199.14	250.00	250.00
4221-35 · Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	138.10	3,900.00	2,900.00
4221-50 · Fire control and/or Equipment	1,735.25	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 4221 · Forest Fire	2,072.49	6,650.00	6,650.00
Total 4220 · Fire Department	71,131.57	85,535.00	84,235.00

Town of Lempster

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	2023 Expenses	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
4240 · Building Inspection			
4240-1 · Supplies, Building Inspector	15.55	50.00	50.00
4240-2 · Bid. Inspector, Compensation	0.00		3,000.00
4240 · Building Inspection - Other	2,750.00	2,800.00	
Total 4240 · Building Inspection	2,765.55	2,850.00	3,050.00
4290 · Emergency Management			
4290-60 · Emergency Management Admin.	875.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4290-70 · EOC activation	0.00	500.00	500.00
4290-71 · EOC equipment	0.00	250.00	250.00
4290-80 · Supplies	516.78	300.00	300.00
Total 4290 · Emergency Management	1,391.78	2,050.00	2,050.00
Total 4200 · PUBLIC SAFETY	168,663.86	195,958.00	195,580.00
4310 · HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
4311-01 · Compensation	162,408.91	165,000.00	181,000.00
4311-11 · Highway Garage			
4311-08 · Telephone	2,659.05	2,600.00	2,800.00
4311-12 · Electricity	2,232.64	3,000.00	3,000.00
4311-13 · Heating Fuel	3,669.95	3,500.00	3,500.00
4311-14 · Facility Maintenance	978.90	1,300.00	1,300.00
4311-15 · Safety Equipment and Clothing	1,727.12	1,500.00	1,500.00
4311-16 · Garage Supplies/Tools	8,355.94	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 4311-11 · Highway Garage	19,623.60	16,900.00	17,100.00
4311 · Administration			
4311-03 · Mileage	175.60	250.00	250.00
4311-04 · Seminars	0.00	300.00	300.00
4311-06 · Professional Dues	100.00	250.00	250.00
4311-07 · Physical/Drug & Alcohol Testing	130.00	500.00	500.00
4311-10 · Rental Uniforms	6,587.42	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total 4311 · Administration	6,993.02	7,300.00	7,300.00
4312 · Highways & Streets			
4312-1 · Road Materials/Shur Pac	2,125.17	15,000.00	5,000.00
4312-10 · Road Signs	2,226.86	1,500.00	2,500.00
4312-11 · Beaver control	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4312-2 · Gravel	11,700.03	10,700.00	15,000.00
4312-3 · Culverts	25,118.40	2,400.00	2,000.00
4312-4 · Paving	52,158.54	50,000.00	75,000.00
4312-5 · Cold Patch	694.90	2,000.00	2,000.00
4312-6 · Salt/Calcium Chloride	28,330.18	35,000.00	35,000.00
4312-7 · Winter Sand	8,379.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total 4312 · Highways & Streets	130,933.08	127,600.00	147,500.00

Town of Lempster

2023 ~ 2024 Operating Budget

	2023 Expenses	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
4313 · Bridges			
4313-1 · Maintenance & Repair	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total 4313 · Bridges	0.00	500.00	500.00
4314 · Vehicles & Equipment			
4314-2 · Maintenance/Parts/Repairs/Oil	46,206.32	30,000.00	35,000.00
4314-3 · Tires	6,904.50	6,000.00	6,000.00
4314-4 · Plow Equipment	6,734.51	5,000.00	5,000.00
4314-5 · Gas/Oil/Diesel	40,588.24	50,000.00	45,000.00
Total 4314 · Vehicles & Equipment	100,433.57	91,000.00	91,000.00
4315 · Equipment rental & sub contract	5,625.00	56,070.00	25,000.00
Total 4310 · HIGHWAYS & STREETS	426,017.18	464,370.00	469,400.00
4316 · Street Lighting	1,081.99	1,020.00	1,100.00
4320 · SANITATION			
4321 · Administration			
4321-1 · Compensation	20,902.32	19,500.00	24,500.00
4321-2 · Attendant Cert/Training	678.75	900.00	900.00
4321-3 · Supplies			
4321-3a · Decals	411.11	450.00	450.00
4321-3b · Safety Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total 4321-3 · Supplies	411.11	950.00	950.00
4321-4 · Station Equipment			
4321-4a · Telephone	727.52	800.00	800.00
4321-4c · Equipment & FacilityMaintenance	9,182.29	3,000.00	3,000.00
4321-4d · Well Testing	5,192.90	6,000.00	7,000.00
4321-4e · Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	100.00
Total 4321-4 · Station Equipment	15,102.71	10,050.00	10,900.00
4321-5 · Electric	2,174.63	1,800.00	2,200.00
4321-7 · General Supplies	323.47	350.00	300.00
Total 4321 · Administration	39,592.99	33,550.00	39,750.00
4323 · Transport & Disposal TS	71,883.80	90,000.00	86,000.00
4325 · Tire Disposal	1,433.25	2,500.00	2,500.00
4326 · Hazardous Waste Disposal	1,196.81	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 4320 · SANITATION	114,106.85	127,550.00	129,750.00
4410 · HEALTH			
4411 · Health Officer			
4411-10 · Compensation	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,700.00
4411-20 · Health Officer Supplies	7.50	50.00	50.00
Total 4411 · Health Officer	2,507.50	2,550.00	2,750.00

Town of Lempster
2023 ~ 2024 Operating Budget

	2023 Expenses	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
4414-1 · Animal control	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4415 · Health Agencies			
4415-2 · Southwest Com. Services	1,376.00	1,376.00	1,276.00
4415-3 · West Central Services	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
4415-4 · Sullivan Nutrition	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4415-5 · Visiting Nurses	0.00	3,086.00	3,086.00
4415-7 · Newport Food Pantry	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 4415 · Health Agencies	4,776.00	7,862.00	7,762.00
Total 4410 · HEALTH	10,283.50	13,412.00	13,512.00
4440 · WELFARE			
4441 · Assistance Administration	1,587.11	1,600.00	1,600.00
4442 · Direct Assistance	0.00	5,400.00	5,000.00
Total 4440 · WELFARE	1,587.11	7,000.00	6,600.00
4500 · CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520 · Parks & Recreation	2,129.09	3,500.00	3,500.00
4550 · Library			
4550-01 · Compensation	10,104.50	11,000.00	11,000.00
4550-05 · Books	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
4550-06 · Propane	220.86	1,500.00	1,500.00
4550-07 · Telephone/Internet	1,263.92	900.00	1,000.00
4550-08 · Mileage	146.07	500.00	350.00
4550-09 · Electricity	402.43	600.00	600.00
4550-10 · Fees/Professional Developement	1,533.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4550-11 · Supplies	300.00	300.00	350.00
4550-12 · Programs	151.96	200.00	200.00
4550-13 · Computer & Consulting	189.96	200.00	200.00
4550 · Library - Other	0.00		
Total 4550 · Library	16,612.70	19,000.00	19,000.00
4583 · Patriotic Purposes			
4583-2 · Flags	263.50	500.00	500.00
Total 4583 · Patriotic Purposes	263.50	500.00	500.00
4589 · Other culture and recreation			
4589-02 · Old Home Day	1,985.94	1,250.00	2,000.00
Total 4589 · Other culture and recreation	1,985.94	1,250.00	2,000.00
Total 4500 · CULTURE & RECREATION	20,991.23	24,250.00	25,000.00
4600 · CONSERVATION			
4611 · Conservation Commission Expense	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00
Total 4600 · CONSERVATION	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00
4700 · DEBT SERVICE			
4711 · Principal - Bonds & Notes	166,041.43	166,038.00	166,301.00
4721 · Interest - Bonds & Notes	13,885.63	13,925.00	9,511.00
Total 4700 · DEBT SERVICE	179,927.06	179,963.00	175,812.00
Total 4XXX · EXPENSES	1,362,176.84	1,552,095.00	1,584,333.00

Town of Lempster

Balance Sheet
Year Ending December 31, 2023

Account	Description	Starting Balance	Ending Balance
Current Assets			
1010	Cash and Equivalents	$1,725,642	$1,188,587
1030	Investments	$0	$0
1080	Tax Receivable	$151,785	$1,493,965
1110	Tax Liens Receivable	$74,858	$76,776
1150	Accounts Receivable	$0	$0
1260	Due from Other Governments	$0	$0
1310	Due from Other Funds	$0	$0
1400	Other Current Assets	$0	$0
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale)	$0	$0
	Current Assets Subtotal	**$1,952,285**	**$2,759,328**
Current Liabilities			
2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable	$7,213	$230,781
2030	Compensated Absences Payable	$0	$0
2050	Contracts Payable	$0	$0
2070	Due to Other Governments	$1,956	$2,222
2075	Due to School Districts	$1,100,769	$1,134,453
2080	Due to Other Funds	$750	$0
2220	Deferred Revenue	$75,000	$75,000
2230	Notes Payable - Current	$0	$0
2270	Other Payables	$33,897	$13,882
	Current Liabilities Subtotal	**$1,219,585**	**$1,456,338**
Fund Equity			
2440	Non-spendable Fund Balance	$0	$0
2450	Restricted Fund Balance	$0	$0
2460	Committed Fund Balance	$101,981	$34,871
2490	Assigned Fund Balance	$0	$0
2530	Unassigned Fund Balance	$630,719	$1,268,119
	Fund Equity Subtotal	**$732,700**	**$1,302,990**

Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	14,324.81	$730,395
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	$0
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	$0
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	$0
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	$0
1F	Residential Land	3,672.59	$35,519,500
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	288.16	$1,207,000
1H	**Total of Taxable Land**	**18,285.56**	**$37,456,895**
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,991.67	$2,452,100

Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation
2A	Residential	0	$77,708,292
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	$5,355,500
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	$4,196,900
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	$0
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	$0
2F	**Total of Taxable Buildings**	**0**	**$87,260,692**
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	$4,220,808

Utilities & Timber		Valuation
3A	Utilities	$3,818,000
3B	Other Utilities	$0
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5	$0

5	Valuation before Exemption	$128,535,587

Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	$0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	$0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	$0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	$0
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	$0
10B	Utility Water & Air Polution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	$0

11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties	$128,535,587

Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	$15,000	0	$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	$0	4	$183,100
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	$0	0	$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	$0	0	$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	$0	0	$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	$0	6	$78,780
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	$0	0	$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	$0	0	$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	$0	0	$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	$0	0	$0

20	**Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions**	**$261,880**
21A	**Net Valuation**	**$128,273,707**
21B	**Less TIF Retained Value**	**$0**
21C	**Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value**	**$128,273,707**
21D	**Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption**	**$0**
21E	**Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction**	**$128,273,707**
22	**Less Utilities**	**$3,818,000**
23A	**Net Valuation without Utilities**	**$124,455,707**
23B	**Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value**	**$124,455,707**

New Hampshire
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MS-636

Proposed Budget
Lempster

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 14, 2024

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
Traci Homol	Chair	
Everett Thurber	Selectman	
Mark Lightner	Selectman	

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https://www.proptax.org/

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	03	$86,661	$85,640	$95,672	$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	$68,183	$75,885	$82,570	$0
4150	Financial Administration	03	$13,765	$15,520	$17,720	$0
4152	Property Assessment	03	$23,083	$23,000	$23,000	$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	$12,162	$20,000	$20,000	$0
4155	Personnel Administration	03	$175,831	$217,700	$221,155	$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	03	$9,411	$15,000	$15,000	$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	$20,583	$23,500	$26,500	$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	$6,041	$8,500	$10,000	$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	03	$17,905	$23,727	$25,862	$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		$0	$0	$0	$0
4198	Contingency		$0	$0	$0	$0
4199	Other General Government	03	$794	$25,000	$25,000	$0
	General Government Subtotal		**$434,419**	**$533,472**	**$562,479**	**$0**
Public Safety						
4210	Police	03	$58,413	$69,278	$71,000	$0
4215	Ambulances	03	$34,962	$36,245	$35,245	$0
4220	Fire	03	$71,132	$85,535	$84,235	$0
4240	Building Inspection	03	$2,766	$2,850	$3,050	$0
4290	Emergency Management	03	$1,392	$2,050	$2,050	$0
4299	Other Public Safety		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		**$168,665**	**$195,958**	**$195,580**	**$0**
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0
4302	Airport Operations		$0	$0	$0	$0
4309	Other Airport		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration	03	$162,409	$165,000	$181,000	$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	$263,608	$298,870	$287,900	$0
4313	Bridges	03	$0	$500	$500	$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	$1,082	$1,020	$1,100	$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		**$427,099**	**$465,390**	**$470,500**	**$0**

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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration	03	$39,593	$33,550	$39,750	$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	03	$71,884	$90,000	$86,000	$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		$0	$0	$0	$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	03	$1,433	$2,500	$2,500	$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	03	$1,197	$1,500	$1,500	$0
4329	Other Sanitation		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Sanitation Subtotal		**$114,107**	**$127,550**	**$129,750**	**$0**
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0
4332	Water Services		$0	$0	$0	$0
4335	Water Treatment		$0	$0	$0	$0
4338	Water Conservation		$0	$0	$0	$0
4339	Other Water		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Electric						
4351	Electric Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0
4352	Generation		$0	$0	$0	$0
4353	Purchase Costs		$0	$0	$0	$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		$0	$0	$0	$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Electric Subtotal		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Health						
4411	Health Administration	03	$2,508	$2,550	$2,750	$0
4414	Pest Control	03	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	03	$4,776	$7,862	$7,762	$0
4419	Other Health		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Health Subtotal		**$10,284**	**$13,412**	**$13,512**	**$0**
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration	03	$1,587	$7,000	$1,600	$0
4442	Direct Assistance	03	$0	$0	$5,000	$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		$0	$0	$0	$0
4445	Vendor Payments		$0	$0	$0	$0
4449	Other Welfare		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Welfare Subtotal		**$1,587**	**$7,000**	**$6,600**	**$0**

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	03	$2,129	$3,500	$3,500	$0
4550	Library	03	$16,613	$19,000	$19,000	$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	$264	$500	$500	$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	03	$1,986	$1,250	$2,000	$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		**$20,992**	**$24,250**	**$25,000**	**$0**
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administation	03	$5,100	$5,100	$5,100	$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		$0	$0	$0	$0
4619	Other Conservation		$0	$0	$0	$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		$0	$0	$0	$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		$0	$0	$0	$0
4652	Economic Development		$0	$0	$0	$0
4659	Other Economic Development		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		**$5,100**	**$5,100**	**$5,100**	**$0**
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	03	$166,041	$166,038	$166,301	$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	03	$13,886	$13,925	$9,511	$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		$0	$0	$0	$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		**$179,927**	**$179,963**	**$175,812**	**$0**
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		$0	$0	$0	$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		$779	$0	$0	$0
4903	Buildings		$21,848	$0	$0	$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		$312,121	$30,000	$0	$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		**$334,748**	**$30,000**	**$0**	**$0**

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0	$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0	$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0	$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0	$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0	$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		$0	$0	$0	$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations				**$1,584,333**	**$0**

Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04	$1,000	$0
	Purpose: *Emergency Management CR Funds*			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06	$10,500	$0
	Purpose: *Rescue Department CR Funds*			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	07	$51,400	$0
	Purpose: *General Government CR Funds*			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	08	$250,000	$0
	Purpose: *Highway Department CR Funds*			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09	$4,000	$0
	Purpose: *Sanitation Department CR Funds*			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10	$1,000	$0
	Purpose: *Cemetery CR/ET Funds*			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11	$5,000	$0
	Purpose: *Planning Board CR Fund*			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	05	$27,000	$0
	Purpose: *Fire and Forest Fire CR Funds*			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	10	$24,607	$0
	Purpose: *Cemetery CR/ET Funds*			
	Total Proposed Special Articles		**$374,507**	**$0**

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			**$0**	**$0**

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	03	$3,938	$3,938	$5,000
3180	Resident Taxes		$0	$0	$0
3185	Yield Taxes	03	$51,817	$26,000	$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	03	$571,540	$571,540	$508,099
3187	Excavation Tax	03	$280	$300	$300
3189	Other Taxes		$0	$0	$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	$22,410	$19,500	$18,000
	Taxes Subtotal		**$649,985**	**$621,278**	**$546,399**
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	$524	$275	$400
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	$294,807	$260,000	$275,000
3230	Building Permits	03	$5,319	$4,400	$3,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	$3,506	$3,000	$2,200
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		**$304,156**	**$267,675**	**$280,600**
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		$0	$0	$0
3312	Environmental Protection		$0	$0	$0
3313	Federal Emergency		$0	$0	$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		$0	$0	$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		$0	$0	$0
	From Federal Government Subtotal		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		$0	$0	$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	$107,429	$70,000	$70,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	$86,110	$68,000	$66,715
3354	Water Pollution Grant		$0	$0	$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		$0	$0	$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	$243	$243	$300
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		$0	$0	$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	03	$12,241	$200	$200
3360	Water Filtration Grants		$0	$0	$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		$0	$0	$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		$0	$0	$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	03	$396,654	$0	$95,000
	State Sources Subtotal		**$602,677**	**$138,443**	**$232,215**

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	03	$1,622	$25,500	$16,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		$0	$0	$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		$0	$0	$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges	03	$34,068	$0	$34,000
3405	Electric User Charges		$0	$0	$0
3406	Airport Fees		$0	$0	$0
3409	Other Charges		$0	$0	$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		**$35,690**	**$25,500**	**$50,000**
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		$0	$0	$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	03	$26,257	$25,000	$1,500
3502	Interest on Investments	03	$8,645	$4,700	$5,000
3503	Other		$37	$0	$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		$0	$0	$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		$0	$0	$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		$0	$0	$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	03	$1,332	$1,000	$500
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		**$36,271**	**$30,700**	**$7,000**
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		$0	$0	$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		$0	$0	$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		$0	$0	$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		$0	$0	$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		$217,518	$0	$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		$20,488	$0	$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		$0	$0	$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		**$238,006**	**$0**	**$0**
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		$0	$0	$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	08, 10	$0	$0	$124,607
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		$0	$0	$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		**$0**	**$0**	**$124,607**
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		**$1,866,785**	**$1,083,596**	**$1,240,821**

Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	$1,584,333
Special Warrant Articles	$374,507
Individual Warrant Articles	$0
Total Appropriations	$1,958,840
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	$1,240,821
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	**$718,019**

New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

MS-61

Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning 01/01/2023 **and ending** 12/31/2023

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

Instructions

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: LEMPSTER County: SULLIVAN Report Year: 2023

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name: Linda
Last Name: Callahan
Street No.: 856
Street Name: Route 10
Phone Number: (603) 863-3213
Email (optional): townclerk@lempsternh.org

Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Property Taxes	3110		$153,552.81		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		($1,767.33)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2022
Property Taxes	3110	$3,449,137.12	
Resident Taxes	3180		
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	$5,250.00	
Yield Taxes	3185	$51,817.36	
Excavation Tax	3187	$280.46	
Other Taxes	3189		

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	$14,251.03			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	$1,292.60	$7,141.26		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		**$3,520,261.24**	**$160,694.07**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**

Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	$1,944,136.60	$85,591.76		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	$5,250.00			
Yield Taxes	$51,817.36			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	$1,236.60	$5,261.55		
Penalties	$56.00	$1,879.71		
Excavation Tax	$280.46			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		$67,961.05		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	$23,519.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies 2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	$1,501,598.07			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	($7,632.85)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	**$3,520,261.24**	**$160,694.07**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	**$1,493,965.22**
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	**$76,775.86**

Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			$54,100.10	$20,757.46
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		$71,933.65		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		$1,687.40	$6,806.69	$5,482.44
Total Debits	**$0.00**	**$73,621.05**	**$60,906.79**	**$26,239.90**

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies 2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		$18,069.00	$31,188.89	$20,757.46
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		$1,687.40	$6,806.69	$5,482.44
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		$53,864.65	$22,911.21	
Total Credits	**$0.00**	**$73,621.05**	**$60,906.79**	**$26,239.90**

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	**$1,493,965.22**
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	**$76,775.86**

LEMPSTER (257)

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

Preparer's First Name	Preparer's Last Name	Date
Linda	Callahan	01/04/2024

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

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

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

Linda Callahan Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title

Lempster

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

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)
Date: March 12, 2024
Time: 3:30PM - 7:30PM
Location: Lempster Community School
Details: 29 School Road, Lempster, NH 03605

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)
Date: March 12, 2024
Time: 7:00PM
Location: Lempster Community School
Details: 29 School Road, Lempster, NH 03605

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 14, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Lempster Town Office and on the Town Website and that an original was delivered to the Lempster Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Traci Homol	Chairman	Traci J. Homol
Everett Thurber	Selectman	Everett Thurber
Mark Lightner	Selectman	Mark Lightner

Article 01 **Choose Officers**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 02 **Receive Reports**

To receive all reports and act thereon.

Article 03 **General Town Operations**

General Town Operations
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,584,333.00 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Executive	$95,672.00
Election & Registration	$82,570.00
Financial Administration	$17,720.00
Appraisal of Property	$23,000.00
Legal Expenses	$20,000.00
Personnel Administration	$221,155.00
Planning Board	$15,000.00
General Government Buildings	$26,500.00
Cemeteries	$10,000.00
Insurance Property & Liability	$25,862.00
Contingency	$25,000.00
Police Budget	$71,000.00
Ambulance Service	$12,000.00
Rescue Squad	$23,245.00
Fire Department	$77,585.00
Forest Fire	$6,650.00
Building Inspection	$3,050.00
Emergency Management	$2,050.00
Highway Department	$469,400.00
Street Lights	$1,100.00
Solid Waste	$129,750.00
Health Officer	$2,750.00
Animal Control	$3,000.00
Health Agencies	$7,762.00
Direct Assistance	$6,600.00
Parks & Recreation	$5,500.00
Library	$19,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	$500.00
Conservation Commission	$5,100.00
Principal Bonds & Notes	$166,301.00
Interest Bonds & Notes	$9,511.00

Article 04 **Emergency Management CR Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Emergency Response Capital Reserve (CIP 051)	$500.00
Emergency Communication and Power Generation Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 004)	$500.00

Article 05 **Fire and Forest Fire CR Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $27,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 055)	$5,000.00
Emergency Water Supply System Capital Reserve (CIP 006)	$7,000.00
Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036)	$15,000.00

Article 06 **Rescue Department CR Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,500.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 052)	$2,000.00
Rescue Squad Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 054)	$8,500.00

Article 07 **General Government CR Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $51,400.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Town Building Repair Expendable Trust (CIP 012)	$30,000.00
Municipal Buildings Complex Capital Reserve (CIP 010)	$10,000.00
Appraisal of Property Capital Reserve (CIP 027)	$7,900.00
Town Office Information Technology Capital Reserve (CIP 037)	$3,500.00

Article 08 **Highway Department CR Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $250,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. $100,000.00 to come from unassigned fund balance, $150,000.00 to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Town Bridge and Culverts Expendable Trust (CIP 018)	$30,000.00
Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026)	$30,000.00
Road Reconstruction and Paving Capital Reserve (CIP 048)	$150,000.00
Grader Capital Reserve (CIP 057)	$40,000.00

Article 09 **Sanitation Department CR Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 021)	$2,000.00
Landfill Closure Capital Reserve (CIP 022)	$2,000.00

Article 10 **Cemetery CR/ET Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,607.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds previously established. $24,607.00 to come from unassigned fund balance from the sale of timber in 2023, $1,000.00 to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Lawrence Johnson Estate Expendable Trust Fund (060)	$24,607.00
New Cemetery Capital Reserve (CIP 023)	$1,000.00

Article 11 **Planning Board CR Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Professional Assistance Contingency Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 058) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 **By Petition**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution, to read as follows:
Be it resolved that the Selectboard shall, pursuant to RSA 31:41-a, Motor Vehicle Race Tracks, make bylaws, with the advice of the Planning Board, relating to the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle race tracks within the limits of the Town of Lempster.

Article 13 **Any other business**

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

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Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Lempster **on December 31, 2023**

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning	PRINCIPAL New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning	% OF ALL CEMETERY	% OF IND CEMETERY	INCOME FROM Interest	INCOME from PRINC	INCOME Income During Yr	EXPNDED PROP FM cemetery	EXPNDED PROP FM common	Expended During Yr	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income
4/7/11	F. Davis	Perpetual	Common #1,2,6	75.00			75.00	317.69	0.46%	0.67%	0.43	0.19	0.62			-	318.31	393.31
4/29/15	A. Booth	Care	"	100.00			100.00	423.64	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	424.47	524.47
4/25/16	C. Booth	"		500.00			500.00	2,127.20	3.06%	4.47%	2.88	1.26	4.14			-	2,131.34	2,631.34
4/25/16	A. Honey	"	"	150.00			150.00	639.77	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	641.01	791.01
4/25/16	E. Honey	"	"	150.00			150.00	692.74	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	693.98	843.98
3/9/17	L. Hill	"	"	200.00			200.00	851.80	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	853.46	1,053.46
3/26/17	Wm. Thissel	"	"	200.00			200.00	551.72	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	553.38	753.38
2/14/20	H. Fund	"	"	300.00			300.00	1,273.94	1.84%	2.68%	1.73	0.76	2.48			-	1,276.43	1,576.43
9/12/24	M. Gee	"	"	75.00			75.00	317.69	0.46%	0.67%	0.43	0.19	0.62			-	318.31	393.31
6/6/25	F. Huntoon	"	"	100.00			100.00	416.80	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	417.63	517.63
3/30/33	A. Mitchell	"	"	200.00			200.00	846.40	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	848.06	1,048.06
12/13/33	M. Shanks	"	"	200.00			200.00	855.42	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	857.08	1,057.08
3/21/36	A. Hodgman	"	"	100.00			100.00	453.02	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	453.85	553.85
6/1/37	H. Bingham	"	"	100.00			100.00	453.02	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	453.85	553.85
1/3/40	C. Harris	"	"	125.00			125.00	522.02	0.76%	1.12%	0.72	0.32	1.03			-	523.05	648.05
3/25/40	F. Parker	"	"	200.00			200.00	917.67	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	919.33	1,119.33
4/18/40	L. Nichols	"	"	100.00			100.00	309.76	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	310.59	410.59
12/26/41	E. Hooper	"	"	100.00			100.00	456.50	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	457.33	557.33
3/31/43	W. Hodgman	"	"	100.00			100.00	399.50	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83				400.33	500.33
3/31/43	H. Huntley	"	"	40.00			40.00	108.30	0.24%	0.36%	0.23	0.10	0.33			-	108.63	148.63
5/2/47	J. Cumberland	"	"	200.00			200.00	841.13	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	842.79	1,042.79
9/28/49	A. Bellows	"	"	100.00			100.00	422.69	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	423.52	523.52
8/28/50	J. McLaughtin	"	"	150.00			150.00	694.00	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	695.24	845.24
3/16/53	E. Cutler	"	"	200.00			200.00	302.40	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	304.06	504.06
3/16/53	F. Lovejoy	"	"	125.00			125.00	565.14	0.76%	1.12%	0.72	0.32	1.03			-	566.17	691.17
3/18/54	R. Schrenk	"	"	300.00			300.00	1,358.13	1.84%	2.68%	1.73	0.76	2.48			-	1,360.62	1,660.62
4/16/54	G. Breed Fund	"	"	500.00			500.00	2,292.24	3.06%	4.47%	2.88	1.26	4.14			-	2,296.38	2,796.38
6/10/55	H. Nichols	"	"	150.00			150.00	633.01	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	634.25	784.25
4/6/56	G. Richardson	"	"	150.00			150.00	551.41	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	552.65	702.65
4/20/56	C. Parker	"	"	300.00			300.00	1,263.44	1.84%	2.68%	1.73	0.76	2.48			-	1,265.93	1,565.93
3/17/58	L. H. Davis	"	"	100.00			100.00	409.16	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	409.99	509.99
3/17/58	Wm. Way	"	"	100.00			100.00	110.16	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83				110.99	210.99
6/27/58	G. Evans	"	"	100.00			100.00	445.95	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	446.78	546.78
6/27/58	J. Evans	"	"	100.00			100.00	445.95	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	446.78	546.78
3/30/59	G. Leslie	"	"	50.00			50.00	204.35	0.31%	0.45%	0.29	0.13	0.41			-	204.76	254.76
3/30/59	L. Nichols	"	"	200.00			200.00	818.71	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	820.37	1,020.37
5/10/61	C. Campbell	"	"	200.00			200.00	793.75	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	795.41	995.41
9/21/62	H. Hansen	"	"	100.00			100.00	393.44	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	394.27	494.27
1/28/64	F. Welch	"	"	300.00			300.00	1,146.55	1.84%	2.68%	1.73	0.76	2.48			-	1,149.04	1,449.04
2/19/70	C. Abott	"	"	200.00			200.00	757.70	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	759.36	959.36
5/13/70	C. Rudenfeldt	"	"	200.00			200.00	722.44	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	724.10	924.10
3/2/72	H. Hartwell	"	"	100.00			100.00	369.10	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	369.93	469.93
3/2/72	R. Pitkins	"	"	150.00			150.00	553.56	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	554.80	704.80
12/21/73	M. Skie	"	"	200.00			200.00	619.10	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	620.76	820.76
2/18/75	Wm. Heiser	"	"	100.00			100.00	324.78	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	325.61	425.61
4/12/76	R. Champney	"	"	150.00			150.00	494.35	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	495.59	645.59
4/12/76	E. Kelso	"	"	200.00			200.00	659.38	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	661.04	861.04
3/11/86	E. Kosotsky	"	"	100.00			100.00	231.65	0.61%	0.89%	0.58	0.25	0.83			-	232.48	332.48
3/11/86	T. Wirkkala	"	"	200.00			200.00	460.15	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	461.81	661.81
3/8/88	H. Starkey	"	"	150.00			150.00	313.48	0.92%	1.34%	0.86	0.38	1.24			-	314.72	464.72
3/14/89	G. Clayton	"	"	300.00			300.00	593.35	1.84%	2.68%	1.73	0.76	2.48			-	595.84	895.84
8/22/90	F. Pitman	"	"	200.00			200.00	356.51	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	358.17	558.17
2/15/91	K. Ordway	"	"	200.00			200.00	341.02	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	342.68	542.68
6/7/91	A. Grotheer	"	"	200.00			200.00	325.08	1.22%	1.79%	1.15	0.50	1.66			-	326.74	526.74
9/22/93	D. Allen	"	"	450.00			450.00	513.62	2.75%	4.02%	2.59	1.14	3.73			-	517.34	967.34
11/1/93	A. Reynolds	"	"	300.00			300.00	431.57	1.84%	2.68%	1.73	0.76	2.48			-	434.06	734.06
2/3/94	E & R Frink	"	"	250.00			250.00	355.58	1.53%	2.23%	1.44	0.63	2.07			-	357.65	607.65
9/7/94	O. Golonka	"	"	500.00			500.00	690.60	3.06%	4.47%	2.88	1.26	4.14			-	694.74	1,194.74
11/9/94	C. Cragin	"	"	500.00			500.00	684.60	3.06%	4.47%	2.88	1.26	4.14			-	688.74	1,188.74
TOTAL	-			11,190.00			11,190.00	36,423.95	68.48%	100.00%	64.42	28.23	117.94				36,516.60	**47,706.60**
Interest from Cemetery Principal Trust **CD 5673** (m66)										28.23								
Interest from Perp Care Int. **CD 1579**									93.43									
Interest from portion of **ICS 684**									0.74									
TOTAL									94.07									

5/2/47	R. Beckwith	Cemetery &	Common #1,3	1,000.00			1,000.00	2,653.20	6.12%	19.42%	5.76	2.55	8.30	-		2,661.50	3,661.50
3/18/54	J. Bean	Common	"	2,000.00			2,000.00	4,499.98	12.24%	38.83%	11.51	5.10	16.61	-		4,516.59	6,516.59
6/1/79	C. Allen	"	"	2,150.00			2,150.00	3,282.02	13.16%	41.75%	12.38	5.48	17.85	-		3,299.87	5,449.87
TOTAL	-			5,150.00			5,150.00	10,435.20	31.52%	100.00%	67.72	13.12	42.77	-		10,477.97	**15,627.96**
Interest for Cemetery & Common Trust **CD 1588**										13.12							
expenditure for monument																	
5/17/96	Gen. Cem. Main.	Cem Care E/T	CD	6,620.00			6,620.00	638.50	CD 1613				17.18			655.68	7,275.68
			CD	960.00			960.00	40.00	SRB 5608				32.58			72.58	1,032.58
			common #6	5,020.00			5,020.00	1,338.41	from ICS 684				1.88			1,340.29	6,360.29
Lawrence Johnson E in Acct. 684			common#7	22,116.69		5,467.00	16,649.69	-					6.06			6.41	16,662.16
TOTAL				34,716.69			29,249.69	2,016.91					40.52			2,074.96	**31,330.71**
Total of Common #1,2,3,6,7				43,476.69			38,009.69	48,234.39								48,341.27	86,357.01
PRE 1896	Asa Way Fund	School	Common #5	447.50			447.50	261.98	72.86%				0.35	-		262.33	709.64
PRE 1912	Hurd Fund	"	"	166.66			166.66	100.06	27.14%				0.13	-		100.19	266.85
TOTAL	-			614.16			614.16	362.04					0.48	-		362.52	**976.50**

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning					Income During Yr		Expended During Yr	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income
				PRINCIPAL				**INCOME**									
11/30/83	Town Records Preservation	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	5,307.58	4,000.00		9245.67	7,173.97					9.77			7,183.74	16,429.41
11/30/83	Emerg. Mgmt. Comm. & Power	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	6,692.97	500.00		7192.97	2,007.76					8.66			2,016.42	9,209.39
12/29/89	Landfill Closure	Cap. Reserve	CD	31,296.75			31296.75	33,891.80					154.56			34,046.36	65,343.11
			Common #4	6,000.00	1,000.00		7000.00	17.17					5.98			23.15	7,023.15
12/29/89	Transfer Station	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	11,217.22	2,000.00		13217.22	32.22					11.20			43.42	13,260.64
12/31/93	Emerg. Water Supply	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	5,235.22	5,000.00		10235.22	87.35					5.30			92.65	10,327.87
4/1/98	Town Bldg. Repair	Expend. Trust	Common #4	67,826.67	8,000.00	20,488.00	55338.67	515.78					60.07			575.85	55,914.52
12/31/96	New Cemetery	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	9,250.00	1,000.00		10250.00	264.84					9.47			274.31	10,524.31
12/19/97	Town Bridges	Expend. Trust	Common #4	5,000.00	25,000.00		30000.00	239.76					5.22			244.98	30,244.98
12/27/04	Municipal Bldgs. Complex	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	190,000.00			190000.00	1,180.74					189.28			1,370.02	191,370.02
3/10/05	Fire Dept. Equipment	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	57,088.08	15,000.00		72088.08	693.60					57.51			751.11	72,839.19
12/17/18	Forest Fire Truck	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	25,000.00	5,000.00		30000.00	50.53					24.94			75.47	30,075.47
4/10/06	Hwy Dept Equipment	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	57,625.62	20,000.00		77625.62	335.56					57.68			393.24	78,018.86
12/22/06	Veterans Memorial	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	840.23		50.93	851.21	95.95					0.97			96.92	948.13
11/30/07	Meetinghouse Restoration	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	(558.39)			-558.39	572.62					0.01			572.63	14.24
12/6/08	Info. Tech. System	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	14,411.03	3,500.00		17911.03	671.68					15.01			686.69	18,597.72
				-			0.00	-								-	
12/12/13	Cemetery Tree Maintenance	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	7,921.86	1,285.00		9206.86	40.14					7.93			48.07	9,254.93
12/12/13	Road Reconstruction & Paving	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	61,736.43	150,000.00	211,736.43	0.00	310.24					81.85		263.57	128.52	128.52
12/14/15	Emergency Response	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	4,000.00	500.00		4500.00	14.19					4.00			18.19	4,518.19
12/14/15	Rescue Equipment	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	9,695.87	2,000.00		11695.87	46.69					9.70			56.39	11,752.26
4/3/17	Appraisal of Property	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	14,330.00	7,900.00		22230.00	74.23					14.33			88.56	22,318.56
1/18/24	Rescue Squad Truck	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	42,500.00	8,500.00		51000.00	85.91					42.38			128.29	51,128.29
12/1/22	Grader	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	60,000.00	30,000.00		90000.00	45.69					59.76			105.45	90,105.45
3/1/22	Professional Assist Contigency	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	5,000.00	5,000.00		10000.00	0.42					4.98			5.40	10,005.40
Total of Common #4				697,417.14	295,185.00	232,275.36	760,326.78	48,448.84					840.56		263.57	49,025.83	**744,009.50**
12/19/97	LCS SpEd	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	95,905.76			95,905.76	4,169.32					49.67			4,218.99	100,124.75
11/16/06	LCS Accounting Software	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	500.00			500.00	440.52					0.46			440.98	940.98
7/16/12	Vicky Goss Mem Scholarship	Expend.Trust	Common #5	(104.00)	1,078.68		974.68	25.32								25.32	1,000.00
			CD	10,000.00		1,078.68	8,921.32	378.05					25.83			403.88	9,325.20
7/1/17	LCS Building & Grounds	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	104,201.00		56,003.00	48,198.00	6,142.95					35.99			6,178.94	54,376.94
7/26/17	LCS High School Tuition	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	75,170.00			75,170.00	163.33					37.39			200.72	75,370.72
			44296				-										
							-										
Total of Common #5				285,672.76	-	56,003.00	229,669.76	11,319.49					149.34		-	11,468.83	232,789.89
Total of all common				1,026,566.59	300,205.00	288,278.36	1,039,196.23	107,118.71								145,352.53	1,063,156.40
Total of CD's (non-common)				52,184.33	4,000.00	1,078.68	57,043.74	42,001.74								42,362.24	82,976.57
Total of all accounts				**1,078,750.92**	**304,205.00**	**289,357.04**	**806,882.93**	**149,120.45**					**-**		**-**	**187,714.77**	**1,146,132.96**

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Lempster on December 31, 2023

	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Grand Total
	Description of Investment	Balance Beginning Year	Additions	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	of Principal & Income at End of Year
#1	Claremont Savings Bank	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 43,195.60	$ 102.48		$ 43,298.08	**$ 43,298.08**
	1yr CD					$ -			$ -	
	Cemetery & Common Interest					$ -			$ -	
	interest .35%					$ -			$ -	
						$ -			$ -	
#2	Claremont Savings Bank	$ 11,190.00	$ -	$ -	$ 11,190.00	$ 721.19	$ 28.23		$ 749.42	**$ 11,939.42**
	1 yr CD					$ -			$ -	
	Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal					$ -			$ -	
	interest .35%					$ -			$ -	
						$ -			$ -	
#3	Claremont Savings Bank	$ 5,150.00	$ -	$ -	$ 5,150.00	$ 373.42	$ 13.12		$ 386.54	**$ 5,536.54**
	1 yr CD					$ -			$ -	
	Cemetery & Common					$ -			$ -	
	interest .35%					$ -			$ -	
						$ -			$ -	
#4	Claremont Savings Bank	$ 673,294.89	$ 150,000.00	$ 232,275.36	$ 591,019.53	$ 7,382.54	$ 686.00	$ 263.57	$ 7,804.97	**$ 598,824.50**
	ICS 509 Town CR/ET					$ -			$ -	
	variable money market interest					$ -			$ -	
						$ -			$ -	
#5	Claremont Savings Bank	$ 276,286.92	$ 1,078.72	$ 56,003.00	$ 221,362.64	$ 11,303.29	$ 123.96		$ 11,427.25	**$ 232,789.89**
	ICS 652 School					$ -			$ -	
	variable money market interest					$ -			$ -	
						$ -			$ -	
#6	Claremont Savings Bank	$ 27,526.69		$ 5,467.00	$ 22,059.69	$ 3,514.62	$ 8.66		$ 3,523.28	**$ 25,582.97**
	ICS 684 Cemetery Funds					$ -			$ -	
	variable money market interest					$ -			$ -	
	Total	**$ 881,656.78**	**$ 151,078.72**	**$ 293,745.36**	**$ 850,781.86**	**$ 65,652.82**		**$ 263.57**	**$ 67,189.54**	**$ 917,971.40**

CIP FY 2024
PROPOSED
TOWN OF LEMPSTER

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT NO./PROJECT	2024 Article #	AGENCY	FINANCE TYPE	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	BALANCE IN CAP RESERVE/ EXP TR 12/31/2023	FY 2024 CRF/ET	FY 2024 CURRENT APPROP.	FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	PROJ NO.	PURCHASE YEAR	YEAR FIRST FUNDED	YEAR OF FINAL PAYMENT	YEARS TO BE FUNDED
EMERG MGT	004 Comm & Pwr Gen Equipmt	4	S		14,000	9,209.39	500			500	500	500	500	500	500	500	004	undetermined	1983	undetermined	undetermined
	051 Emergency Response	4	S		5,000	4,518.19	500			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	051	undetermined	2015	2024	10
FOREST FIRE	055 Forest Fire Truck	5	S		50,000 78,000	30,075.47	5,000			5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	055	2028	2018	2027	10
FIRE	006 Emerg Water Supply System	5	S		60,000	10,327.87	7,000			5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	006	undetermined	1990	undetemined	undetermined
	036 Fire Dept. Equipment	5	S		undefined	72,839.19	15,000			15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	036	ongoing	2007	ongoing	ongoing
	050 Rescue-Pumper		S	L	395,000				19,542	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	050		2014	2024	10
RESCUE	052 Rescue Equipment	6	S			11,752.26	2,000			2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	052	ongoing	2015	ongoing	ongoing
	054 Rescue Squad Truck	6	S		75,000	51,128.29	8,500			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	054	2025	2018	2024	7
GOVERNMENT	012 Twn Bldg. Repair Exp Trust	7	S		undefined	55,914.52	30,000			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	012	ongoing	85/98	ongoing	ongoing
	013 Town Records Preservation		S		undefined	16,429.41	0			2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	013	undetermined	1983	undetermined	undetermined
	010 Municipal Bldgs Complex	7	S			191,370.02	25,000			30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	010	undetermined	2004	undetermined	undetermined
	027 Appraisal of Property	7	S	C		22,318.56	7,900			TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	027	ongoing	2006	ongoing	ongoing
	030 Twn Hall/Meetghs Restoratn		S		undefined	14.24	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	030	undetermined	2010	undetermined	undetermined
	037 Twn Office IT System	7	S		undefined	18,597.72	3,500			3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	037	ongoing	2008	ongoing	ongoing
	042 Fire Station			L	513,000				29,759	29,198	29,641	28,085	0	0	0	0	042	2012	2011	2027	22
	053 Mountain Rd Recon & Paving			L	950,000				97,468	27,514	0	0	0	0	0	0	053	2016	2017	2025	10
PUBLIC WORKS	018 Twn Brid Repr & Recon ET	8	S		300,000	30,244.98	30,000			5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	018	ongoing	1997	ongoing	ongoing
	026 Highway Dept. Equipment	8	S		undefined	78,018.86	30,000			20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	026	ongoing	2006	ongoing	ongoing
	048 Road Paving & Reconst	8	S		undefined	128.52	150,000			150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	048	ongoing	2013	ongoing	ongoing
	056 Highway Dept. Truck		L						19,425	18,782	18,149	17,516	16,887	0	0	0	056	2021	2021	2028	18
	057 Highway Dept. Grader	8			350,000	90,105.45	40,000			30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	057	2021	2021	2032	12
	059 Highway Dept. Utility Truck		L		65,000				9,680	9,680	8,067	0	0	0	0	0	059	2021	2021	2026	5
SOLID WASTE	021 Transfer Station Equipment	9	S		undetermined	13,260.64	2,000			2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	021	undetermined	1989	undetermined	undetermined
	022 Landfill Closure	9	S		300,000	72,366.26	2,000			2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	022	ongoing	1989	ongoing	ongoing
CEMETERY	023 New Cemetery	10	CT		10,000	10,524.31	1,000			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	023	ongoing	1996	ongoing	ongoing
	047 Cemetery Tree Management		CT		25,000	9,254.93	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	047	undetermined	2013	2021	9
	060 Lawrence Johnson Estate ET	10	CT		undefined	16,662.16	24,607										060	ongoing	2021	ongoing	ongoing
Planning Board	058 Proff Assistance Contingency	11	S/PB		Undetermined	10,005.40	5,000			5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	059	undetermined	2022	2026	5
TOTAL							389,507	0	$175,874	$388,174	$358,857	$343,601	$314,887	$168,000	$168,000	$168,000					
							TOTAL CIP 2024 CRF/ET + CA + OB = $565,381														

Agency Legend	Financing Type
S - Selectboard	**LP** - Lease Purchase
CT - Cemetery Trustee Board	**C** - Contract
S/PB - Selectboard and Planning Board	**L** - Loan

Legend

CRF - Monies to be deposited in Capital Reserve Fund

ET - Monies to be deposited in Expendable Trust

Current Appropriations - Payment to be made

TBD - To be determined

New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration

2023
$27.11

Tax Rate Breakdown
Lempster

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	$739,504	$128,273,707	**$5.77**
County	$490,397	$128,273,707	**$3.82**
Local Education	$2,019,988	$128,273,707	**$15.75**
State Education	$220,854	$124,455,707	**$1.77**
Total	**$3,470,743**		**$27.11**

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	$3,470,743
War Service Credits	($25,000)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	$3,445,743

12/14/2023

Sam Greene
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Director-Approved Final Tax Rate - Lempster

How to Calculate Your NH Property Tax Bill

Property tax bills in New Hampshire are determined using these factors:

1. The property's assessed value 2. The tax rate where the property is located

For example, the owner of a home with an assessed value of $300,000 in a town where the tax rate is $23.06 would receive a bill of $6,918.

$300,000 / $1,000 = $300 x $23.06 = $6,918 (tax bill)

Here's a breakdown of the calculation:

1. The assessed value ($300,000) is divided by $1,000 (since the tax rate is based on every $1,000 of the property's assessed value).
2. Multiply the result ($300) by the local tax rate ($23.06).
3. The result ($6,918) is the homeowner's property tax bill.

Using Lempster's Tax Rate:

$300,000 / $1,000 = $300 x $27.11 = $8,133
Municipal Portion $300 x $5.77 = $1,731
County Portion $3.82 x $3.82 =$1,146
School Portion ($1.77 + $15.75) $300 x $17.52 = $5,256

Lempster
2023 Town Meeting
Minutes

Moderator Shklar opened the polls at 3:30 pm. Moderator Shklar closed the polls at 7:50pm.

Lempster's Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Moderator Michael Shklar. Moderator started the meeting with a salute to the Flag.

Article 01 Choose Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The following Town Officers were elected Everett Thurber, Selectman; Linda Callahan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Mary Fellows, Treasurer; Kirt Wirkkala, Planning Board; Jodie Fulton, Trustee Of Trust Funds; Carol Stamatakis, Cemetery Trustee; Cathy Philbrook (write-in vote), Library Trustee; James Grenier, Auditor.

Article 02 Receive Reports

To receive all reports and act thereon.

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Joe Moulton. Article two passed by voice vote.

Article 03 General Town Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,552,095.00 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Executive	$85,640.00
Election & Registration	$75,885.00
Financial Administration	$15,520.00
Appraisal of Property	$23,000.00
Legal Expenses	$20,000.00
Personnel Administration	$217,700.00
Planning Board	$15,000.00
General Government Buildings	$23,500.00
Cemeteries	$8,500.00
Insurance Property & Liability	$23,727.00
Contingency	$25,000.00
Police Budget	$69,278.00
Ambulance Service	$12,000.00
Rescue Squad	$24,245.00
Fire Department	$78,885.00
Forest Fire	$6,650.00
Building Inspection	$2,850.00
Emergency Management	$2,050.00
Highway Department	$464,370.00
Street Lights	$1,020.00
Solid Waste	$127,550.00
Health Officer	$2,550.00
Animal Control	$3,000.00
Health Agencies	$7,862.00
Direct Assistance	$7,000.00
Parks & Recreation	$4,750.00
Library	$19,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	$500.00
Conservation Commission	$5,100.00
Principal Bonds & Notes	$166,038.00
Interest Bonds & Notes	$13,925.00

Motion by Everett Thurber, seconded by Robert Porter

Selectman Mary Grenier presented the budget for 2023 and talked about the increases that have affected the

overall budget this year. Questions were answered regarding the election and registration line of the budget, streetlights we have in town, and the overall percent increase over last year. Alvin McNeill made a motion to cease debate seconded by James Grenier; motion passed. Article three passed by hand vote.

Article 04 Town Records Preservation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be added to the Town Records Preservation Capital Reserve (CIP 013) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Glen Wirkkala

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Callahan talked about the project and the importance of preserving Town records. Kevin Onnela made a motion to amend article four to read 'To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to be added to the Town Records Preservation Capital Reserve (CIP 013) previously established' , seconded by Michael Kowalczyk.

Much discussion was had about how long the project would take and when the books would be completed. Linda Callahan explained that the time to complete the current books would depend on when Kofile could complete the work. She also explained that this is only for the books we know about therefore more could come up later that we do not yet know about. Motion to amend passed by hand vote. Article four passed as amended by hand vote.

Article 05 Emergency Communication and Power

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be added to the Emergency Communication and Power Generation Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 004) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Phil Tirrell, seconded by Jon Thomas

Phil Tirrell talked about this article and explained how these funds are used. Article five passed by hand vote.

Article 06 Town Building CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Repair Expendable Trust (CIP 012) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Richard Fairweather

Selectman Mary Grenier talked about this article. Mary answer questions about how much money was currently in this CIP, and what this money is used for. Fire Chief Thomas stated that this money is used for all Town Buildings not just the Town Office. Alan Chandler made a motion to amend this article to $5000.00 seconded by Korrie Goodspeed. Motion to amend failed by hand vote. Article six passed by hand vote.

Article 07 Emergency Response CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be added to the Emergency Response Capital Reserve (CIP 051) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Phil Tirrell, seconded by David Richards

Phil Tirrell explained that these funds help during a major fire or natural disaster. Much discussion was had. Alvin McNeill made a motion to cease debate seconded by Maggie Kemp; motion passed. Article seven passed by hand count.

Article 08 Forest Fire Truck CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 055) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by David Richards

Forest Fire Warden David Richards spoke about the current truck, the age of truck, and the importance for a new truck in the future. Article eight passed by hand count.

Article 09 **Emergency Water Supply System CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Emergency Water Supply System Capital Reserve (CIP 006) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Jon Thomas, seconded by Phil Tirrell

Fire Chief Thomas spoke about this article and explained these funds are used to put new dry hydrants around town. Questions were answered regarding how many are currently in town, if they are tested yearly, how they work in the winter and other possible future locations. Article nine passed by hand vote.

Article 10 **Fire Department Equipment CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion Jon Thomas, seconded by Alvin McNeill

Fire Chief Thomas spoke about this article and some of the equipment and repairs this fund covers. Chief Thomas talked about the cost of gear that is used by each member of the department and the federal requirements that must be met. Much discussion was had about how much money was currently in this CIP, the use of grants, how long a set of gear lasts, and if the department had any planned purchase this year. Alvin McNeill made a motion to cease debate seconded James Grenier; motion passed. Article ten passed by hand vote.

Article 11 **Rescue Equipment CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be added to the Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 052) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Joe Moulton, seconded by Beth Clark Moulton

Rescue Captain Beth Clark Moulton spoke about what equipment was purchased from this fund this year (2022). Article eleven passed by hand vote.

Article 12 **Rescue Squad Truck CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,500.00 to be added to the Rescue Squad Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 054) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Joe Moulton

Rescue Captain Beth Clark Moulton explained that the current rescue truck is due to be replaced in 2025, and the cost of a new truck. Article twelve passed by hand vote

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Article 13 **Appraisal of Property**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,900.00 to be added to the Appraisal of Property Capital Reserve (CIP 027) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Robert Porter

Selectman Mary Grenier explained what is covered with these funds stating that the whole town is appraised every five years as required by state law. Korrie Goodspeed asked if we have looked into any other vendors other than Avitar, Mary said at this time the board has not taken any other quotes. Article thirteen passed by hand vote.

Article 14 **Town Office Information Technology CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to be added to the Town Office Information Technology Capital Reserve (CIP 037) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Carol Stamatakis

Selectman Traci Homol explained what is covered with these funds and stated that in the past year the Town Office has hired a new IT company, upgraded the server, and upgraded one of the computers in the office. There are still three more computers that will need to be upgraded. Article fourteen passed by hand vote.

Article 15 Town Bridge ET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 to be added to the Town Bridge and Culverts Expendable Trust (CIP 018) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Everett Thurber

Selectman Everett Thurber talked about the work that was completed over the past year. Selectman Thurber explained that there are still two bridges in town that need to be capped with concrete. He stated that the work being done will extend the life of our bridges in town. Article fifteen passed by hand vote.

Article 16 Town Highway Equipment CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to be added to the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Daryl Simino, seconded by Mark Adams

Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino spoke about how this fund is used and mentioned that the body on the 2009 will need to be replaced due to the condition. Article Sixteen passed by hand vote.

Article 17 Road Reconstruction and Paving CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $150,000.00 to be added to the Road Reconstruction and Paving Capital Reserve (CIP 048) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Daryl Simino, seconded by Debbie Simino

Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino spoke about the miles of black top in town, the cost of new black top, and maintaining the existing black top. Much discussion was had regarding the life of the black top on Mountain Road, what roads need to be resealed, what roads are next, and the type of materials that are being used. James Grenier made a motion to cease debate seconded by Traci Homol; motion passed. Article seventeen passed by hand vote.

Article 18 Grader CR

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Grader Capital Reserve (CIP 057) previously established.
The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Mary Grenier, seconded by Magie Kemp

Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino spoke about the condition of the current grader; he explained that it is old and tired and is starting to cost more than it is worth to fix as parts are hard to find and are very expensive. When it comes time to purchase a new grader the town will look into purchasing a slightly used grader from one of the surrounding towns if possible. Article eighteen passed by hand vote.

Article 19 Long Pond Wharf

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 for the purpose of removing and replacing 90 feet of the existing log bumper on the Long Pond Wharf with non-treated logs. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Everett Thurber, seconded by Mary Grenier

Selectman Everett Thurber explained due to unforeseen issues with volunteers not being able to continue working on this project the town had to put it out to bid. The bid to have the work completed is $34,500.00. Much discussion was had regarding the materials being used, why the volunteers couldn't continue, and DES permitting. Glen Wirkkala made a motion to cease debate seconded Phil Tirrell; motion passed. Article nineteen passed by hand vote.

Article 20 **Transfer Station Equipment CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 021) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Joe Moulton, seconded by Daryl Simino

Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino spoke about the current packer at the transfer station, the cost and importance of the replacing the current packer. Article twenty passed by hand vote.

Article 21 **Professional Assistance Contingency**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Professional Assistance Contingency Capital Reserve (CIP 058) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by David Richards

Mark Adams of the Planning Board spoke about the Planning Board's budget and how they have been able to level fund with no increases to their budget for quite some time. Mark Adams explained one project the board is looking at updating the town's master plan. James Grenier asked if this money can only be used for one project, Mark Adams explained that these funds will also be used for other upcoming projects including digitizing the Planning Board records to make them more accessible to the public. Article twenty-one passed by hand vote.

Article 22 **Landfill Closure CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve (CIP 022) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Robert Porter

Selectman Everett Thurber explained that when the times comes to fully close the old landfill it will be a very expensive project that could cost an estimated $300,000.00 plus to complete. Article twenty-two passed by hand vote.

Article 23 **New Cemetery CR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be added to the New Cemetery Capital Reserve (CIP 023) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Traci Homol, seconded by Glen Wirkkala

Cemetery Trustee Carol Stamatakis explained that these funds will be used to continue to develop the new section of the cemetery. Article twenty three passed by hand vote.

Article 24 **Elderly Exemption**

Shall the town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Lempster , based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $40,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $60,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older $80,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $20,000.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $28,000.00; and own net assets not in excess of $70,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Motion by Traci Homol, seconded by Everett Thurber

Selectman Traci Homol explained what this article would change if passed. Stating that this article would change the income limits needed to qualify for an elderly exemption. Much discussion was had regarding the current levels of income compared to the proposed income levels in this article. Jacob Champness made a motion to amend and double all dollar amounts in this article seconded by Mary Fallon. More discussion was had what amending this article would mean to the other taxpayers in town. Motion to amend failed by hand vote. Jacob Champness made a motion to cease debate seconded Robin Maguire; motion passed. Article twenty four passed as originally presented by hand vote.

Article 25 Optional Veteran's Tax Credit

Shall the town READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of $300.00? (Majority vote required)

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Phil Tirrell

Selectman Mary Grenier explained that due to a change in the law the town(s) need to vote to readopt the Optional Veteran's tax credit. Article twenty-five passed by hand vote.

Article 26 Resolution by Petition

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution, to read as follows: Be it resolved that the Select Board shall, pursuant to RSA 31:41-a, motor vehicle race tracks, make bylaws, with the advice of the Planning Board, relating to the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle race tracks within the limits of the Town of Lempster.

Motion by Richard Fairweather, seconded by Jennifer Gildner-Blinn

Read Gildner-Blinn explained this petition article; Mr. Gildner-Blinn talked about the different things that could be covered under by-laws if this article passes. Much discussion was had regarding if permits and State mandates were being met, how long this article would be in place, what if anything would the Town of Lempster be responsible for, and how would this affect our Fire/Rescues Department. Alvin McNeill made a motion to cease debate seconded Mary Grenier; motion passed. Moderator Shklar made announcement that a request had been made to have the vote by paper ballot at the beginning of the meeting. Moderator Shklar reopened the polls at 9:02 pm and closed the polls for this article at 9:37 pm. Article twenty six failed by ballot vote No Votes 51/ Yes Votes 43.

Article 27 Any other business

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

Motion by Alvin McNeill, seconded by Traci Homo

Korrie Goodspeed talked about the town thinking about a Budget Committee in the future. Fire Chief Jon Thomas said that both the Fire and Rescue department are in need of volunteers. Anyone who is interested can stop by the Station on Wednesday nights. Selectman Traci Homol let everyone know that a dance is planned for May 6th, 2023 at the Meeting House on Lempster Street, and the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale. Article twenty-seven passed by hand vote.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Everett Thurber at 9:50 pm, seconded by Linda Callahan all in favor.

Respectively,

Linda Callahan

Linda Callahan
Town Clerk

Town of Lempster

2023 Treasurer's Report

		Beginning Balances	Ending Balances
General Fund		$1,555,839.91	
Income:			
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	$2,683,540.26		
Treasurer	$1,441,485.48		
Interest	$1,422.42		
Disbursements:			
Selectmen's Orders Paid	$4,941,775.45		
			$740,512.62
Forest Fund		$138,015.65	
Income:			
Interest	$7,222.93		
Disbursements:			
			$145,238.58
Conservation Commission Checking		$18,725.66	
Income:			
Deposits	$6,412.50		
Interest	$1.36		
Disbursements:			
CC Orders Paid	$13,805.80		
			$11,333.72
Conservation CD		$4,254.87	
Income:			
Interest	10.64		
			$4,265.51
Total all Accounts			$901,350.43

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Fellows

Mary Fellows, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES				
Permits				
	Excavation	$238.97		
	Junkyard Permits	$285.00	$523.97	
Auto				
	Auto Registration	$283,048.00		
	Agent's Fees	$6,330.00		
	Town Title Fees	$698.00		
	Transfer Fees	$485.00		
	Clerk's Fees	$4,246.00	$294,807.00	
Building Inspector				
	Building Permits	$5,019.00		
	Occupancy Permits	$300.00	$5,319.00	
Town Dog Licenses				
	License Fees	$1,384.50	$1,384.50	
Vital Statistics				
	Marriage Licenses	$28.00		
	Certified Copies	$292.00	$320.00	
Permits, Fees				
	Town Boat Agent's Fees	$737.68		
	UCC Filings	$135.00		
	NSF bank charge	$148.00		
	Town OHRV/Hunting Licenses	$616.00		
	Driveway Permits	$165.00		
			$1,801.68	
TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES				**$304,156.15**
FROM FEDERAL/ STATE GOVERNMENTS				
Forest Fire Reimbursement		$59.72		
			$59.72	
TOTAL FROM FEDERAL/STATE GOVERNMENTS				**$59.72**
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS				
Selectmen's Office				
	Town Hall Rental	$150.00		
	Copies & Faxes	$286.60		
	Parks & Rec - Beach Permits	$154.00	$590.60	
Police Department				
	Pistol Permits	$80.00	$80.00	
Planning Board				
	Subdivision App. Fees	$400.40	$400.40	
Highway Department				
	Refunds/Returns/Overpayments	$51.21	$51.21	

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS (CON'T)

Cemetery

	Burial Preparation	$0.00		
	Sale of Cemetery Plots	$535.00	$535.00	
Transfer Station				
	Tin/Metal Recycling Revenue	$5,912.71		
	Decals	$10,020.00		
	Demolition Fees	$12,291.00		
	Electronics	$518.00		
	Appliances/AC	$1,155.00		
	Tires	$2,594.00		
	TV/Monitors	$1,006.00		
	Florescent Bulbs	$55.50		
	Household Items	$428.00		
	Propane Tanks	$88.00		
			$34,068.21	
TOTAL INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS				**$35,725.42**
REVENUE FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES				
Sale of Municipal Property		$846.00		
Misc. Reimbursements to Town		$36.74		
			$882.74	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM MISC. SOURCES				**$882.74**
FEES COLLECTED FOR STATE				
State of NH-DMV		$102,672.14		
State of NH Boat		$2,564.00		
State of NH-Vital Records		$500.00		
State of NH-Fish & Game		$10,764.00		
State of NH- Dep't of Agriculture		$637.00	$117,137.14	
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR STATE				**$117,137.14**
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK				**$457,961.17**

Linda Callahan

LINDA CALLAHAN, TOWN CLERK

Miner Memorial Library Treasurers Report 2023

Janice Brehio, Treasurer

Beginning Balance BHBT Checking		**$2,150.48**
Total Inflows		
Budget Allocation	$2,339.91	
Other Income	$698.81	
Total Income	$5,189.20	
Total Outflows		
Library Trustees Order's Paid	$4,491.41	
Ending Balance BHBT Checking		**$697.79**

Friends of the Library – Bonnie Cilley and Grayce Schmidt

Auditor's Report

The responsibility of a locally elected town auditor is identified in **RSA 41:31-c:**
All municipalities shall annually, or more often as necessary, conduct an audit of the accounts of any officer or agent handling funds of the municipality. Elected auditors conducting such audits shall follow audit procedures in rules adopted by the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration pursuant to RSA 541-A.

The auditing process follows the form, MS-60. This form has a section for each town department that handles town funds; general ledger, treasurer, tax collector, trustees of trust funds, town clerk and library. The specific sections have questions designed to identify if pertinent statutes are being followed and, generally, if fiscally sound practices are being practiced. Even for those expenditures not authorized through the select board, all expenditures of town funds are subject to this audit.

The 2022 auditor report was completed and returned to DRA before April1of 2023. Once all of the 2023 data is available, I will meet with the individuals responsible for the six areas to be covered in the town auditor report. The final report will be completed and returned to the Department of Revenue Administration by April 1, 2024. Recent DRA rule changes have clarified the responsibility of municipalities to complete this audit and have it finished by April 1; there are now monetary penalties if the audit is not completed by April 1, 2024 or not done at all. I have completed the Lempster town audit each year since fiscal year 2005 and will be certain to have this year's audit completed and sent to DRA by April1.

For the fiscal year it is important for each department to spend no more than the money appropriated at last town meeting by the residents of Lempster. Any funds not spent must become part of the general fund of the town. At the end of each fiscal year a breakdown of all expenditures for each department must be made to the residents via the town report as well as the amount of unspent funds, if any.

The employees responsible for receiving funds, handling funds and paying town expenses are doing so efficiently and are complying with State RSA's. Records of receipts and expenditures are being accurately recorded and appropriately filed by town employees.

Jim Grenier

Building Inspector Report

There was a total of fifty-three building permits in 2023, below is a list of the types and quantities:

Houses / Renewals	9
Garage / Barn / Shed	9
Additions	2
Occupancy Permits	5
Other (decks, roofs, porches, improvements, etc.)	27
Demo	1
Commercial Building	0
Total	53

The number of permits issued in 2023 was 3 less than in 2022 with 2 less occupancy permits. If you have questions whether a permit is required or if you have questions about the state and federal building codes that might pertain to your construction, please feel free to call me.

Bob Porter

Building Inspector / Health Officer

603-863-9711 / Cell 603-477-4950

Cemetery Trustees

The Lempster Cemetery Trustees are responsible for maintaining the Town Cemetery, located behind the town offices on the corner of Route 10 and the 2nd NH Turnpike. The Trustees assist family members who wish to have a loved one interred at the cemetery and help coordinate arrangements for burial. The Cemetery Trustees actively promote a tradition of stewardship of the cemetery within the community and appreciation of its cultural and historical significance. Information about the cemetery and current rules can be found on the Cemetery Trustees page of the Town web site.

The Cemetery Trustees have continued to develop the "new" area of the cemetery. This past year the Trustees engaged the services of Surveyor Clayton Platt to establish boundaries and lay out lots in the area to the south of the access road. This is the next area where burials will be taking place. The Cemetery Trustees also took on a project to lay out bluestone on the access road. This project was paid for by funds from the Larry Johnson Trust that benefits the cemetery. Stone Vault was engaged to repair and straighten gravestones, as has been done for many years.

The fourth-grade students of the Lempster Community School, along with their teacher Lynne Clough and other members of the community, came to the cemetery on May 23rd to place flags on the graves of veterans in preparation for Memorial Day. Glenn Wirkkala, Ivan Wallace and Reggie Shepard dressed as Revolutionary War soldiers and Everett Thurber as a Civil War soldier and provided demonstrations and history lessons for the students. A visit to History Hall with members of the Lempster Historical Society followed.

The Trustees organized a "Living History" Cemetery Walk for Old Home Day Sunday. Lempster residents Becky Ferrand, Bob Cilley and Michael Shklar portrayed Lempster historical figures Mary Elizabeth Perley, Samuel S. Harris and George Bancroft Griffin, sharing stories from their lives that were well-researched and presented. 45-50 people enjoyed the program.

Greg Lynch, our Cemetery Maintenance Contractor, submitted his resignation, effective at the end of the year. The Trustees have appreciated the commitment to the cemetery and community that he brought to his work and wish him well.

Submitted by Cemetery Trustees Carol Stamatakis (Chair). Cheryl McGinnis and Glenn Wirkkala.

Bob Cilley, Becky Ferrand, and Michael Shklar presenting at Old Home Day Living History Event.

Lempster Conservation Commission Report 2023

The Conservation Commission has been actively involved in managing and protecting the town's valuable lands. Our Commission is a member of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions and as such training opportunities, educational seminars, and guidance is available at low or no cost to our commission

We continue to work to improve the trails in the town forest. Duck Pond Trail, Lady Slipper Trail, Beaver Meadow Trail and Moose Trail off Long Pond Road have been maintained throughout the year. A new trail that starts at the Town Beach at Long Pond has been named River Ledge Trail. That trail connects with Moose Trail and is an easy walk down to the Beaver Meadow. These trails are in the process of being remarked with location markers and names. An updated map will be available at the Kiosk, at the parking area, this spring. Trail maps and handouts are currently available at the town office.

The orchard on Earls Lane is being worked on to salvage many of the trees. We have contracted with Matt Magnusson of Northeast Forest Services to do the cutting and pruning necessary to restore this orchard. There is a plan on how best to share the bounty of this orchard with the entire community. We have future plans for a parklike area on this 30 acre lot and we purchased the first picnic table that was placed this past fall.

Porta Potties were set out at both Earls Lane and Duck Pond hiking area this year. Several people have expressed their appreciation for their availability.

The PTSA/PTO and Lempster Fire Auxiliary have adopted Lovejoy Road and a sign has been installed to indicate their commitment. A replacement sign on Second NH Turnpike, indicating that the Lempster Conservation Commission has adopted the section from Hurd Road to Route 10 has been made and installed by the NHDOT. If your group or organization is interested in adopting a road please contact the Conservation Commission.

The LCC supports the NH Lakes program for both Long Pond and Sand Pond to inspect boats and trailers for invasive aquatic plants and animal species prior to entering our pristine waters. Currently we have no infestations in these two lakes. We also support the Ashuelot River and Cold River LACs that provide testing and monitoring of these two rivers. The rivers that run through Lempster have tested very clean, but lower Ashuelot River has had increased levels of Phosphorus perhaps related to beaver activity.

The River Road area is being used as a new Conservation walking trail. We will continue to investigate solutions for a pedestrian walking bridge that crosses Dodge Brook.

If you are interested in being involved in the Conservation of our town properties please feel free to attend a meeting or reach out to one of our members.

Respectfully submitted Phil Tirrell Chairman, Ivan Wallace Treasurer, Rachel Tirrell Secretary, John Nowak, Scott Goodspeed, Lynda Perry, Mindy Chadwick and Robin Maguire(Alternate)

Lempster Fire Department

Annual Report 2023

Submitted by Fire Chief Jon Thomas

The last year was one that was not void of challenges and successes, every year has its way of throwing new curve balls at the department. Some of the challenges include, daytime coverage of calls, mother nature, and personal/family schedules. Successes include the addition of two new members, training of members, and the upcoming addition of Advanced Life Support to the department.

Just like every year before we want to inform about the ability to join the departments. Our doors are always open to those who want to make a difference in their community, learn skills, and challenge themselves physically and mentally. The department meets every Wednesday at 7pm. We welcome anyone that can bring positivity to our great organization regardless of age, and experience.

Lempster Fire and Rescue is looking at the future and ways to cover the daytime responses. We are tracking metrics on calls to better find a solution. In the mean time we have dedicated members who are always doing their best to cover these calls. We ask that the towns people be supportive of the department as we work to a solution and find a way to best provide services 24-7. This problem is not unique to Lempster, this is a regional and national issue.

The members not only answer calls, they work to improve themselves and the town through education. In a short amount of time the town is going to have two members that will be able to provide Advanced Life Support to the towns people. This will reduce the time to life saving interventions immensely. We are also excited that the state has allowed us to train in house for firefighting, we have two members taking advantage of this already. We also ask for the support of the town on building some props to facilitate this training properly.

Above and beyond the day-to-day activities in 2024 we look to bring back some of the previous traditions that we missed out on due to the Covid pandemic and inclement weather of years past. We hope to also add some new events to the already existing list of: Holiday events, winter gatherings, and most of all Old Home Day just to name a few. The men and women really enjoy these events and appreciate being the hub of activity during these times of community gathering.

This past year Lempster Fire and Rescue answered 118 calls for service. 50 Medical, 10 Building fires, 6 Cover Assignments, 17 MVAs, 5 MVAs with entrapment, 3 Chimney Fires, 6 Trees and Wires, 2 Alarm Activations, 2 Landing Zone calls, 5 Service Calls, 3 Brush Fires, 5 Tech Rescue/ice rescue/water rescue, 2 Haz-Mat, 2 CO. These calls are always handled with pride, ownership, and compassion with nothing less than professional volunteerism.

Roll Call:

Chief Jon Thomas, Assistant Chief Thomas Moore, Captain David Richards., 1st Lieutenant Joe Moulton Jr, 2nd Lieutenant Michael Bosse, Rescue captain Beth Clark-Moulton, Sydney French, Michael Snide, Thomas Brennan, Kevin Bill, Tom Madziarek, Nolin Rankin, Nathanial Follansbee, Shannen Bosse, Makenzie French

Life and Honorary Members (Active and Non-Active)

Philip Tirrell, David Loring, James Richards, Barbara Chadwick, Ron Clark, Thomas Moore Sr., Wesley Ash, Loretta Loring(honorary), William Baker(honorary)

2023 Lempster Rescue Report

Another year has sped by here in our little corner of the world. This year our department experienced some growth. We added a few members to the department. It is always exciting when we receive new members to our family. When new member volunteer often times, they come with family as well. We are always excited to bring them into the fold as well. We enjoying spending time with these new members and their families getting to know them.

In 2023 the Rescue had a lot of various trainings. We did a lot of combined training with the Fire Department. As well as other area departments. 2023 we went back to basics for a lot of our trainings. While it helped the new members it is always good to go over the basics to make sure that we are always up to date with all of the standards of care put forth by the State of New Hampshire. 2 of our members started a class to become Advanced Emergency Technicians. We are so excited to add this level of care to Lempster again. We are grateful that they stepped up to take on this class and new level of care for the town of Lempster.

I would like to take a moment to Thank 2 of our members who have been with the Lempster Fire and Rescue department for over a combined total of 100 years. Phil Tirrell and Ron Clark. Both of these gentlemen have taken a very hard role on this past year. As expressed last year the department is having a very hard time with day time coverage. While these 2 don't do it alone as we have other members who are available some days, these 2 have stepped up to respond to fire and medical calls alike. They both are past licensed emergency responders but now just hold basic First aid and CPR. But they go to as many calls as they can because some times just a friendly face can make someone feel better just by being there. They do all they can to make the patient comfortable and treat them to their highest ability and help the ambulance crew when they arrive. While we are grateful to them, we need you the towns people that this can not continue. We need to start looking forward. We need to start thinking about how to staff during the day and the ever-growing possibility that we may need to staff the station. Area towns have already had to start this practice. I just want you to be aware that while we are doing everything in our power to gain new volunteers to serve, we will come to this in the future.

The Lempster Fire Station always welcomes visitors. We are most often there on Wednesday evenings, so stop in and check out the place. We would be happy to give you a tour, answer any of your questions, or just visit with you the towns people. I love to meet new members of the community that we all call home. As Always, we look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Lempster.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ann Clark-Moulton
Rescue Captain

2023 Forest Fire Report

To the residents of the Town of Lempster,

Due to the improved conditions of Covid-19, the spring warden trainings were conducted in person this year.

This year we observed wet weather through most of the fire season. Fortunately the fire danger remained low for the majority of the year and there was very little fire activity with nothing burning out of control.

Permits issued for 2022:

42 Category 1 (cooking fire)

19 Category 2 (camp fire)

80 Category 3 (brush fire)

1 Category 4 (commercial fire)

Seventy-six of these permits were obtained through the state online permit system. Permits can be obtained online at nhfirepermit.com (Please note that online permits include a processing fee that covers website development and maintenance.) Permits obtained in person are still free. Permits can be issued by David and Carrie Richards, Barb Richards, and Jon Thomas.

Deputy Wardens appointed for the Town of Lempster are Jon Thomas, Thomas Moore, Jr. and Joseph Moulton, Jr. Issuing agents are Barbara Richards and Carrie Richards.

In the fall, Lempster Fire personnel were able to join with personnel from Unity and Goshen for a couple of combined training operations including personnel from the Division of Forest and Lands. During the training event, personnel worked at a higher command level than they normally would have at a scene. This allowed for expansion of personal ability and experience.

Respectfully submitted,

David Richards, Forest Fire Warden

2023 Transfer Station Department

The Town of Lempster appreciates the recycling efforts of our residents as we try to resource as much as possible for recycling. We regret that plastics are still not recyclable at this time. Lempster collects approximately 531 tons of total waste at the Lempster Transfer Station per year.

A big thank you to the residents and our regular attendants
Jim Jennison and Vanessa Keith for a job well done.

2023 Highway Department Report

We had an average winter for the Highway Department, with the exception of the March storm which dropped upwards of 4 feet of snow in Lempster.

The Highway Department used 3,000+/- yards of sand and 350+/- tons of salt keeping the roads safe for travel in 2023.

Summer brought us multiple road damages caused by heavy rains. The abundance of rain left several washouts in its path, some roads still needing additional repair.

Our plans for 2024 include completing existing storm damages and catching up on the routine maintenance of roads including ditching and resurfacing.

We would like to thank all the Lempster residents for their patience as we have a small crew and 50 plus miles of road to maintain.

A special thank you to the highway department crew for their hard work on the roads, at the transfer station, and general maintenance of the town.

Daryl Simino
Highway Supervisor

Miner Memorial Library

Miner Memorial Library houses a catalog of 7,171 items available for circulation. Included are new, best-selling, and classic books for children, young adults and adults, DVDs, audiobooks on CD, Kindles, Launchpad tablets for pre-schoolers, Early Learning Backpacks, board and card games, and toys. We have a large collection of jigsaw puzzles for the taking or trading. A link to the catalog, and more information about the library can be found on the Miner Memorial Library page on the town website: www.lempsternh.org

As members of the New Hampshire Automated Information System (NHAIS) Interlibrary Loan program, we may access items from other libraries throughout the state. If something you are looking for isn't in our catalog of holdings, please contact us to initiate an interlibrary loan request. Miner Memorial Library processed 630 NHAIS transactions in 2023.

Our enrollment in the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium gives library users access to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines online or using the Libby app.

The Friends of the Miner Memorial Library support the library and the community by fundraising, hosting entertaining and educational presentations, purchasing items for the library and for circulation, and by organizing and participating in local events. These volunteers work year-round to bring us the Rabies Clinic, Book Sale, Old Home Day entertainment, and so much more! New members are welcome.

Current programs at the library are Library Club for students in grades 4+, Summer Reading Program, Game Day, and Book Group.

Email minerlibrary@gmail.com for information, registration, and requests for programming, or if you would like information about joining the Friends of the Miner Memorial Library, or becoming a library trustee.

YEAR	VISITORS	NEW PATRONS	CHECKOUTS	DOWNLOADS	A/V
2023	1071	25	944	947	181
2022	891	38	1169	679	217

Library cards are free, and we do not charge fines for overdue items. If you need assistance returning items to the library, please reach out to us by phone or email.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Fava, Library Director

2023 Annual Report
Lempster Planning Board

The Planning Board members for the year ending 2023 were: Mark Adams (Chairman), William Rodeschin (Vice Chairman), David Richards (Secretary), Kirt Wirkkala, and ex officio Everett Thurber. Scott Goodspeed was added as an alternate member in April until March 2026.

Subdivisions, Annexations and Mergers:
Della Fulton subdivision was approved on February 13th.

Excavations:
An excavation permit for Howard Family Holdings, LLC on Route 10 was granted on September 11th.

All six excavation sites in Lempster are inspected yearly and this was done in October. All excavation sites were found to be in compliance with permitting and no major concerns were found.

Gary Caron requested to close his excavation permit on Caron Drive. The reclamation was found to be complete and the permit closed on November 13th.

A total of 3 driveway permits were issued on town roads.

Drift New England has submitted updated plans and copies of state permit applications to the board during the year. Currently, the plan is still conceptual and no town permits have been applied for.

Read Gildner-Blinn and Traci Homol were appointed as the representatives to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Read Gildner-Blinn was appointed to a four year term. Traci Homol was appointed to a two year term that would be renewed as a four year term to provide staggered terms.

The Planning Board met with department heads and the Select Board in November to discuss and create the 2024 CIP (Capital Improvements Plan).

Throughout the year, the Board has held work sessions to review and update the Master Plan.

The Board welcomes all interested persons to attend their regular meetings held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. The Planning Board can be contacted at planningboard@lempsternh.org

Respectfully submitted,

R. Mark Adams

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Chairman

Office of the Sheriff

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I would like to thank the citizens of Lempster for allowing us the opportunity to continue to provide law enforcement services for another year. 2023 has brought a few significant changes. To start, Chief Deputy Jeremy Wilson has retired from the Sheriff's Office after nine years of service to the County, and over thirty years of law enforcement service to the State of New Hampshire. Jeremy was a major asset to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office overseeing daily operations.

He was also responsible for our successful drone program. Our drones have been used many times over the past two years for a range of law enforcement and non-law enforcement calls for service. Emergency service agencies throughout the county have used the drone service for natural disasters, fires and other needs that have arisen.

Over the past year, we have acquired an additional, much larger drone, that will allow us to fly in more situations than ever before. We will be able to fly in inclement weather with increased flight times and a longer range of visibility. New technology acquisitions are always sought after and well utilized to help keep the Sheriff's Office current with the ever-changing landscape of law enforcement. Please join me in thanking Jeremy for his hard work and dedication. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement. Everyone here at the Sheriff's Office wishes you well.

Since the retirement of Jeremy Wilson, former Sergeant Ethan Yazinski has taken his place and will be the new Chief Deputy. We have also recently hired Charles Mcleman who was a long-time sergeant and former lieutenant from the Newport Police Department. Charlie brings many years of law enforcement and leadership experience to the Sheriff's Office, and we look forward to having him on the team. We further anticipate the acquisition of another full-time deputy within the next few months to bring us back to a full staff.

Another project I would like to mention from this past year is a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Highway Safety. This is a federal grant that is given to law enforcement agencies across the country. The primary function is to provide extra motor vehicle enforcement patrols throughout the county and Lempster. These patrols include "Safe Commute", which is based on speed and cell phone use, "Join the New Hampshire Click", as well as "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over". The main goal of these Highway Safety grant patrol details is to try and reduce the increase in traffic fatalities that have occurred across the state over the past few years. New Hampshire has had fifteen fatalities this year-to-date. The Sheriff's Office has applied for the 2024 grant year. Please do not get behind the wheel if you feel under the influence to any degree.

The Claremont Dispatch Center received 262 calls for service as of December 18, 2023. If you need assistance or believe that you are the victim of a crime, please contact the Claremont Police Dispatch Center at 603-542-9538. They will dispatch the Sheriff's Office or New Hampshire State Police to assist you. Best wishes for 2024.

Respectfully,

John P. Simonds
High Sheriff

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
VITAL STATISTICS
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

DEATHS

DATE	NAME / MILITARY **	PLACE	FATHER / PARENT	MOTHER / PARENT
01/31/2023	DOMINICK FEDE	LEMPSTER	DOMINICK FEDE	ANN STRELECKY
02/18/2023	DOROTHY COURTEMANCHE	LEMPSTER	CHARLES PENN	BELVA KIMBLE
03/12/2023	WILLIAM MURPHY	LEMPSTER	WILLIAM MURPHY	BARBARA NICHOLS
04/19/2023	PAUL DUMONT **	UNITY	UNKNOWN DUMONT	UNKNOWN
06/26/2023	MARY GRENIER	LEMPSTER	AMEDEE GENDRON	CATHERINE JACQUIN
12/19/2023	MICHAEL WAGNER **	LEMPSTER	NORMAN WAGNER	HELENE GETTINGS

BIRTHS

DATE	CHILD	PLACE	FATHER / PARENT	MOTHER / PARENT
01/12/2023	SAMUEL FELLOWS	LEBANON, NH	DOUGLAS FELLOWS	BRIDGETTE HUFF
05/10/2023	HENDREX MADZIAREK	LEBANON, NH	THOMAS MADZIAREK	VICTORIA MADZIAREK
05/13/2023	CARLOS GUALPA MACAS	KEENE, NH	JUAN CARLOS GUALPA	GINGER MACAS
06/09/2023	JETT COLBY	LEBANON, NH	TYSON COLBY	TIFFANY COLBY
06/09/2023	OLIVIA BAILEY	KEENE, NH	CHRISTOPHER BAILEY	NICOLE BAILEY
09/24/2023	KINSLEY JENNISON	LEBANON, NH	CODY JENNISON	FELISHA NICHOLS
11/02/2023	MAVERICK WILSON	KEENE, NH	TREVOR WILSON	SAMANTHA DUNBAR
12/07/2023	BARRETT RUEL	LEBANON, NH	JOSHUA RUEL	SHEENA RUEL

MARRIAGES

DATE	PERSON A	RESIDENCE	PERSON B	RESIDENCE
02/12/2023	RICHARD INGRAM	LEMPSTER, NH	PATRICIA BURNS	LEMPSTER, NH
09/23/2023	MATTHEW TRUMAN	LEMPSTER, NH	ALARICE SIMINO	LEMPSTER, NH
09/23/2023	MICHAEL KOWALCZYK	LEMPSTER, NH	JESSICA TORRES	LEMPSTER, NH
9/30/2023	CHRISTOPHER POWERS	WHITE RIVER, VT	HANNAH HIBBARD	LEMPSTER, NH

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Callahan, Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Edie Bednarcyk and Doug Fellows

Moving on….

Edie 03/03/2020 – 08/18/2023

Doug 10/10/2019 – 09/22/2023

Both of you are missed!

The 2023 Annual Report is dedicated to the Remembrance of

Mary Elizabeth Grenier

Selectman, UVLSRPC Commissioner, Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Friend
October 19, 1941 ~ June 26, 2023

In 1982 Mary Grenier and her husband Jim bought and moved to a run-down farm on Benway Hill in Lempster. Although located on a beautiful hilltop location, there was endless work to be done on the house, barn and land. After many years of upgrades to both the farm buildings and land, it was possible for Mary to focus on the workings of the town. She loved the open land, wildlife, raising livestock and the many new friends she and her husband connected with. She was attentive to the function of the town government and decided she wanted to work toward making improvements in the operation of the town.

She decided to run for selectman in 1994. She met with the folks at the Jolly Farmer to gain their support and spent many hours at the Lempster transfer station (town dump back then). She was elected in March to begin her service to the residents of Lempster and continued to serve the town until August 2001 when she resigned for personal reasons. She again ran and was elected in March of 2007 serving until she passed from this world in June of 2023. She also served on the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission from December 2013 to February 2023.

While serving during these times, she worked with other board members to improve town roads and properties including a suitable highway building and a new fire station. Her work on the UVLSPC helped the town secure funds to study and remediate contamination at the land where the new Fire Station was built. This land was previously owned by the Jolly Farmer organization and was purchased with a generous donation from Steve and Caroline Fellows. It will potentially serve as the location for future town buildings to accompany the fire station.

Mary had a supportive and pleasant attitude toward town employees; always focusing on the positive qualities of the person. Each year she and her husband had a large vegetable garden that produced way more than they needed. They never sold vegetables, but gave away what they did not use to friends, neighbors and others. Often the others were town employees or personnel. Mary spent many hours making relishes, pickles or jams to be given away to the same folks at Christmas. Mary shined when she brought each town employee or personnel their Christmas gifts. These were gifts of love from her.

People fortunate enough to work with Mary loved her for her compassionate and caring nature, her fairness and ability to see all sides of a situation and of course her great sense of humor.

She rarely (if ever) missed a town event whether it be a concert, a dinner, a dance or anything in between, if it benefited her beloved Lempster she was there showing her support. Mary's support did not end at the town borders, she also gave generously to several surrounding community programs.

One thing is certain, her absence will never go unnoticed to those she blessed with her unconditional love and support.