

TOWN OF

New Sharon, Maine



ANNUAL REPORT

For The Calendar Year 2023



2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	Fiscal Year commences. Dog licenses due.
March 1	Annual Town Meeting Election of Officers, Town Meeting March 2
April 1	Assessment date for Real Estate. Veterans and others exempt by law must notify the Assessors by this date. Deadline for new or changed Tree Growth approval. New Homestead Exemption applications must be received by this date for approval.
May 2	Large item pickup for New Sharon residents only, tentative date pending voter approval.
October 10	Large item pickup for New Sharon residents only, tentative date pending voter approval.
December 31	Fiscal year ends. Taxes not paid by December 31, 2024 will be listed in the Town Report.
January, 2024	2022 Tax Commitment Foreclosure date.



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Selectmen meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Planning Board meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.



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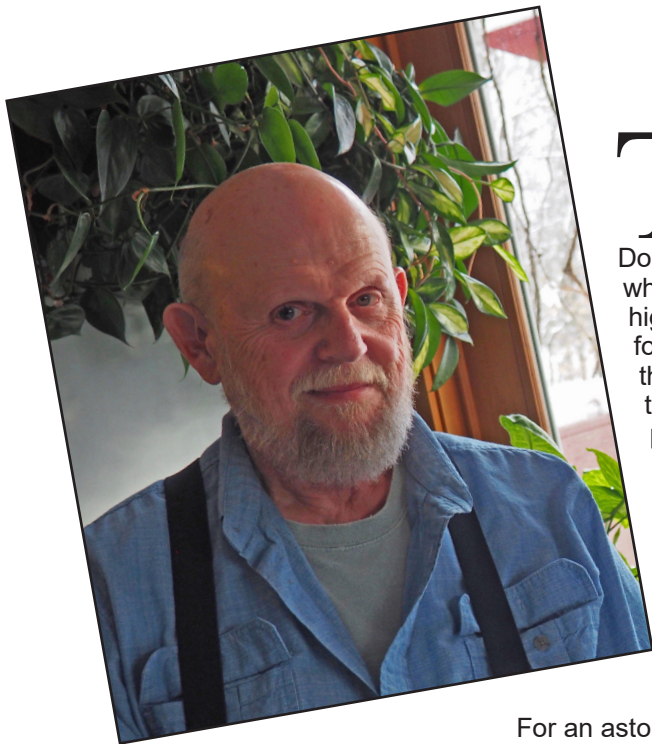


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“ *Dedication (Noun): Self-sacrificing devotion and loyalty. The quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.* ”



The New Sharon 2023 Town Report is dedicated to Maynard Webster.

Maynard moved to New Sharon when his parents, Donald and Ruth Webster, purchased their farm in 1960 on what is now known as the Webster Road. After graduation from high school, Maynard joined the Navy, serving our country for four years. Upon his return to New Sharon, Maynard attended the University of Maine at Farmington, where he earned his teaching degree. He has always been an outdoor enthusiast, planning and organizing canoe trips to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway for family and friends. Maynard is also an avid fisherman. Some of his favorite pastimes are the many hours spent on local lakes and rivers alongside his dad, son, brother-in-law Sam, and any other willing participant. Community service was important to the Webster family and actively modeled by his mother Ruth, who served as a long-time volunteer for the New Sharon Library and encouraged Maynard's dedication to public office.

For an astounding 37 years, Mr. Webster served at the pleasure of the Town as Selectman. Maynard was elected from 1977 to 2014 and served as first Selectman from 2009 to 2014. He wore many hats while serving the Town, including Surveyor of Wood and Lumber from 1978-1982 and Fence Viewer from 1978-2005. In addition, he became a State Certified Assessor and helped create the Town's first digitized GIS tax maps. This undertaking brought with it many challenges and required countless hours for very little compensation. He generously shared his knowledge and education around assessing for years as a board member.

Maynard's strong sense of fiscal responsibility made him a steadfast guardian of the town's financial well-being. He was always seeking ways to get things done without a large cost to residents. In 1996 he engaged the Maine Army National Guard 133rd Engineer Battalion to redo the Starks Road ball field saving taxpayers a tremendous amount of money over hiring the work commercially. Maynard was also instrumental in negotiations with the State of Maine to remove the old 1916 iron bridge in town at no cost to taxpayers. The State determined the bridge was no longer safe for passage as it was in disrepair, and all attempts to save it with grants had been exhausted. Fastidious with spending, Maynard approached every decision with a thoughtful and measured perspective, ensuring that the Town's resources were allocated wisely and always in the best interest of its residents.

One of Maynard's passions throughout his elected tenure that continues today is working with the Jim Ditzler Memorial Library. He has served as President of the trustees since 2000. This volunteer position includes many responsibilities, but Maynard has also managed all IT support and agreements with the state to provide free internet to patrons.

In August of 2017, Maynard helped organize a campaign to move the old (historical) library building to the Farmington Fairgrounds. There, in its final resting place, future generations can experience some of New Sharon's history while enjoying the fair.

Along with his incredible service to the Town, Maynard provided high-quality local weather data to the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine for over 40 years. His selfless contributions have played a vital role in shaping the course of New Sharon's development. His unwavering commitment to the town of New Sharon has left an indelible mark on our hearts and the fabric of our Community.

As we express our deepest gratitude for Maynard's dedicated and continued service to New Sharon, we reflect on the immeasurable impact he has had on our Town. His legacy will serve as a reminder that a sense of community, generosity, and volunteerism is what makes New Sharon such a wonderful place to live.

ELECTED OFFICERS, OTHER OFFICIALS AND APPOINTEES

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Gerry Provencher Jr.,
Dana Goldsmith
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Patricia Lovell

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Rodney Porter 2028
Butch Tracy 2027
Deborah Rose 2026
David Dill 2025
Dana Dill 2024
Associate Member - Glenda Raymond

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Josh DeRaspe

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District 5 Russell Black 287-1505

**LEGISLATIVE
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District 58 Daniel Newman 458-1837

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Scott Nichols Sr. 778-2680

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The town of New Sharon would like to thank Diana Oliver for her many years of service to our community. In her twenty plus years as Library Director, she exhibited great dedication to the job. It was a priority for her. She never missed a day of work other than for storms or planned days off. In fact, you could often find her at the library before or after hours or even on days when the library was closed, working countless volunteer hours. She held a bi-weekly story hour and welcomed homeschooling groups. She went out of her way to help patrons, knew the genres they liked, and was a good friend to them.

During her tenure as Library Director, libraries changed over from the traditional card catalog system to a computerized system. Diana had to oversee the process of barcoding every item in the library and entering it into the computer. Furthermore, she had to go through this process a second time when the original program was discontinued and the data could not be transferred.

In addition, Diana was a good steward of the library building, doing regular inspections and reporting anything that needed attention. Plus, she wrote a number of grants to help pay for such things as a new roof, new book acquisitions, computers, bookshelves, and moving the former library building to the fairgrounds.

All this was done after Diana had retired from teaching in our local school district. The Town of New Sharon is grateful that Diana chose to be our Library Director for her second career.

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

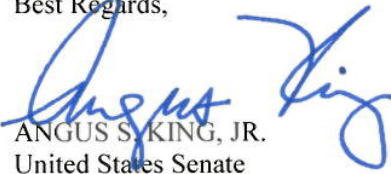
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress

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Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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January 2024

Greetings to all my friends and neighbors in the Town of New Sharon,

The Sheriff's Office answered 1,893 calls for service in the Town of New Sharon in 2023 which is 144 calls for service higher than for the previous year. In 2022 we covered 1,749 calls for service, in 2021 we covered 1,235 calls for service. This trend is what we have been seeing in other towns countywide, which includes an increase in mental health calls as well as drug overdose calls. Recognizing that we cannot do it all, we have reached out to various community partners to help us deal with drug issues, mental health issues, and other social needs.

Community Partnerships include, but are not limited to:

- Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach, Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS program) – This program is funded by the Office of Behavioral Health at DHHS with the goal of keeping individuals alive by providing intensive support post non-fatal overdose. The Sheriff's Office participates as Law Enforcement Agency champion.
- Franklin Community Health Network (FCHN) – The office works closely with our local healthcare system to ensure we're providing the best care for individuals with severe mental health issues or incarcerated individuals with who need medical care outside of the Jail.
- Kennebec Behavioral Health – the Sheriff's Office works to make referrals and support the Recovery Coach work being done in Franklin County.
- Healthy Community Coalition (HCC) – HCC is the community health arm of the county and provides programs and services to address some of the biggest health needs. Part of this work is securing state, federal and private foundation funds. Our focus areas include Substance use, Mental Health, Social Needs and outreach and access to care. The Sheriff's Office is involved in many of the community health initiatives from prevention to treatment and is a key partner in many federal grants.

Over the last year the department identified community needs related to safety, violence, and mental health. To help bring additional resources into Franklin County we identified potential federal grants and partnered with the Healthy Community Coalition to apply. Out of the three grants submitted, the Sheriff's Office was awarded two of them.

School Violence Prevention Program

Secured nearly 500,000 dollars grant to improve the safety of our schools by providing technology, equipment, and training. We are partnering with MSAD 53, RSU 9, RSU 73, the Stratton School, and the Rangeley School to complete a school safety assessment, develop a process for improvement based on the biggest needs and highest impact.

C.O.P.S CHP (Community Hiring Program)

With the increase of calls related to substance use, mental health and violence, this program supports additional staff to support the ongoing law enforcement needs of the County. We will be working with the Commissioner's Office to plan how to best implement this program.

Community Collaborations:

The Sheriff's Office partners on many grants and community groups that support the health and wellbeing of our communities. These include:

Rural Addiction Care Expansion (RACE) Consortium –

To work collaboratively to reduce death associated with substance/opioid use disorder and increase access to treatment and recovery services.

Activities:

- Identifies gaps and unmet needs.

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- Data sharing between Agencies
- Works together to solve problems with access to care.
- Explores funding opportunities.
- Works with individuals directly sharing resources.

• **Recovery Center Advisory Board –**

This past year Franklin County opened its first recovery center. The Sheriff’s department has been instrumental in the development of the center and provides leadership on the advisory board.

• **Western Maine Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Consortium – Healthy Babies.**

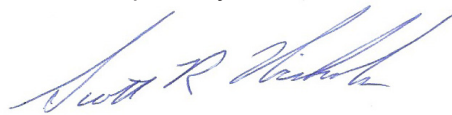
The overall goal of this project is to reduce the incidence and impact of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in babies in the rural Western Maine Region by improving systems of care, family support and social determinants of health. The Sheriff’s department is on the steering committee for this work.

Funding to support these projects are from the Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA), the Maine Access Foundation (MeHAF), Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and Maine CDC to mention a few.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the support that you have provided over the years to the Sheriff’s Office. We could not be as successful as we have been without you as our partner. Contact me anytime at 207-778-2680 or email me at snichols@franklincountymaine.gov if you wish to discuss an issue.

I pray 2024 will be a blessing to you all.

Respectfully,



Sheriff Scott R. Nichols

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>Call Total</u>	<u>Call Type</u>	<u>Call Total</u>	<u>Call Type</u>	<u>Call Total</u>
911 Hang up	91	Emergency Mental Health	5	Parking Complaint	0
Abandon MV	1	Escort/Transport	8	Request for phone call	45
Alarm	7	Footbeat	1	Remove Subject	1
Animal Complaint	27	Fire Alarm	2	Road Hazard	16
Assist other officer	12	Found Property	2	Sex offenses	1
Assault	3	Fire, vehicle	1	Shots fired/fireworks	2
Assist Citizen	26	Fire other	2	SORNA violation	1
Assist other agency	4	Fire, structure	4	Security Check	0
Attempt to locate	3	Fire,powerlines down	4	School Admin Action	0
ATV/Snowmobile	1	Follow up investigation	43	Special Detail	2
Bail/Probation check	3	Found Property	2	Suicidal person	0
Background check-firearms	1	Harassment complaint	10	Suspicious Activity	36
Burglary	1	Information	30	Theft/Fraud	17
Building Checks	147	Intoxicated Person	1	Threatening complaint	5
Civil Issue	10	Juvenile Offenses	1	Traffic Control	1
Complaint other	5	K-9 Assist	2	Tree in road	0
Community policing	11	Late Report	5	Trespass complaint	12
Death Investigation	1	Lost & Found prop	3	Vandalism	8
Dispatch Information	2	Fire/tree/lines down	8	Vio of Protection Order	0
Disturbance	7	Medical Emergency	20	Warrant Arrest	3
DHHS Referral	1	Missing Person	1	Warrant Search	2
Disabled MV	23	M/V accident injuries	27	Welfare Check	33
Domestic Disturbance	8	M/V complaint	87	Warrant/Probation check	2
Elder Check	69	M/V accident no injury	47	Weapons Violation	1
		M/V traffic violations	901		
		Noise Complaint	1		
		Paperwork Service	23		
Total calls for Service	1893				



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. I can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the 5.5% vehicle sales tax and 40% of the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session will begin in January 2024. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs, child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at russell.black@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black
State Senator

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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve the citizens of District 58 in the Maine House of Representatives. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that wait in the 2024 legislative session.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as lawmakers faced many difficult issues and decisions. I believe you will be pleased with some of the accomplishments of the 131st Legislature so far. My colleagues and I were able to pass multiple bi-partisan spending agreements that included supporting hospitals and long-term care facilities, working to stabilize highway and road funding, and improving the efficient delivery of government services. I continue to support legislation that would reduce high energy costs while shoring up supply resiliency and capacity, as well as procurement and generation priorities.

I was pleased to introduce LD 296, "An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses" allowing municipalities to keep a higher percentage of the registration fees for snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles; helping offset the increased cost to our municipalities for labor and printing.

I will continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety as we tackle matters that are crucial to our community. I encourage you to actively participate in your state government by monitoring all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. From here, you can browse bill summaries, view our legislative session and public hearing schedules, submit testimony, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

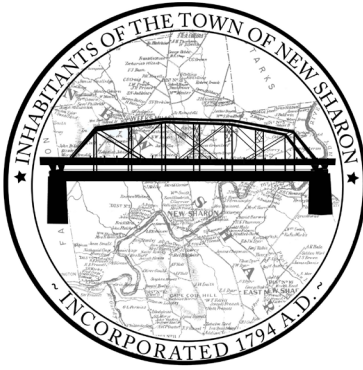
Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you. Hearing your thoughts on the issues that are important to you helps me to better serve you. Please, do not hesitate to call anytime if you feel you need my assistance. If you would like to be added to my email list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Daniel.Newman@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. Newman".

Daniel J. Newman
State Representative

District 58 Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Rome, Vienna & New Sharon



REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

2023 was another busy year for the Board! Selectman Travis Pond started as Chair and served until June in that capacity. His bid for reelection on the County Budget Committee failed. According to our records he's the second New Sharon Board member to ever serve.

Selectperson Paula Nason took over as chair from June through the remainder of the year. Her previous position on the Dyer Scholarship Committee was taken over by Selectman Kevin Libby; all members of the board have now served in this position.

Selectman Libby brought an idea to the board prior to his election about having the Maine Army National Guard provide assistance to the Town for specific projects that would create a savings to taxpayers. The board has completed the application process and is currently awaiting approval. This would allow work to get done for the cost of materials and no cost for fuel or labor, to upgrade some of our seasonal roads.

We signed two contracts after voter approval, one for the Revaluation of the town with KRT; an ongoing project we anticipate will be complete for the 2024 Tax Commitment. We also signed a maintenance agreement with Thayer Corp for the new municipal building which was negotiated at the same cost as the previous year.

With the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA), the Board completed the following significant items; installation of a water booster pump for the town office and fire station, heat pumps at the town library, and upgraded the computer server with onsite backup at the town office, all of which were previously approved by voters. The board used the remaining funds to complete the Weeks Mills paving. This helped our public works budget with the loss of so much funding to washouts in the spring and early summer.

Joyce Alcorn retired from her position of numerous years, at no cost to the town, as Health Officer. Fire Chief Felicia Bell completed the mandatory training and was appointed as the New Sharon Health Officer for a three-year term -also donating her time as a volunteer. Many thanks to Joyce Alcorn for her years of service to the Town in this position.

The Board along with the Parks & Recreation Committee approved Deborah Rose's request to add a "Never Forget Garden" to include a lighted flagpole and flower bed to the park on Chandler Road which she had previously donated to the Town. This was at no cost to taxpayers. Thank you, Deborah!

In December Mother Nature hit us with a devastating storm leaving all of New Sharon without power. Many roads were impassable due to severe flooding, downed trees, and washouts. The municipal building was used as a temporary warming shelter for several displaced families until volunteers opened Cape Cod Hill School as an emergency shelter. Shortly thereafter the shelter was moved to the Mt Blue Campus in Farmington.

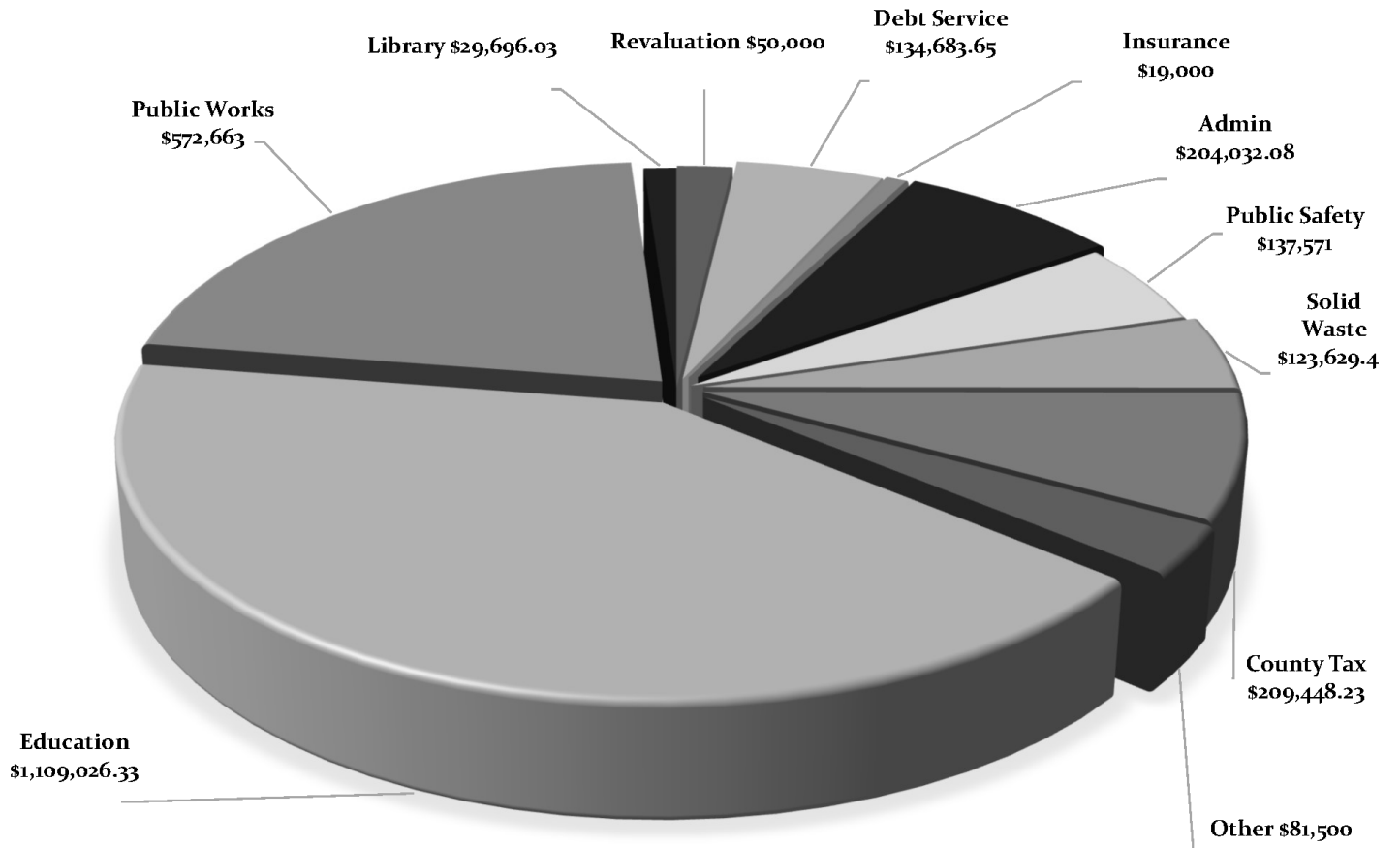
With no power to run the pump house the New Sharon Water District's reservoir was quickly depleted. Many residents were left without drinking water. Maine Rural Water stepped in to assist the Board by locating and delivering a loaner generator from the Kennebec PUC. As soon as flood waters receded Meader Electric hooked it up at no charge to the Town. Because of their generosity, we were quickly able to restore water to all water district customers. Franklin County Emergency Management coordinated with the Board for the Maine Army National Guard to deliver six pallets of water to the town office/fire station.

In closing, we would like to thank each of you for your continued support as we look forward to 2024 and serving the Town for another year.

Paula Nason, Chair
Travis Pond, Selectman
Kevin Libby, Selectman
Town of New Sharon, Board of Selectmen



2023 CHART OF EXPENSES





**Please note the following are draft Articles at the time of printing. Please check the posted warrant for the final language.*

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Friday, March 1, 2024

and

Saturday, March 2, 2024

To Mercy Hanson, resident of the Town of New Sharon, in the County of Franklin, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of New Sharon in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Office in said town on Friday, the 1st day of March, 2024 A.D. at twelve noon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from twelve noon until seven o'clock in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Cape Cod Hill School Gymnasium in said town on Saturday, the 2nd day of March 2024 A.D., at nine o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Article 3 to the end of the warrant.



ARTICLE 1

To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To elect all municipal officers and other members as are required to be elected by secret ballot.

- Selectman – 3-year term
- Road Commissioner - 3-year term
- Water District Trustee – 5-year term
- RSU 9 School Representative - 3-year term

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$802,082 established for the Town of New Sharon by State Law in the event that the municipal budget, approved under the following articles, will result in a tax commitment that exceeds that property tax levy limit?

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, a total of \$218,481.81 for operating expenses to include: Administration, Salaries for Elected and Appointed officials, Assistant to the Board, E911 Officer, Health Officer, GA Administrator, General Assistance, Historical Committee, Technology, Mowing Cemeteries, contracted Assessing, Town Office Operating, and to carry forward \$469.19 for General Assistance for the ensuing year?

Administration	\$57,089
Selectmen	\$22,500
Assistant to the Board	\$5,000
Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Deputy	\$47,950
Treasurer	\$16,512
Assessing Agent	\$20,400
Code Enforcement	\$11,000
E911 Officer	\$1,000
Health Officer	\$500
GA Administrator	\$500
Historical Committee	\$200
Technology	\$8,000
Town Hall Operating	\$18,000
Cemeteries	\$8,300

General Assistance	\$2,000
Less Carry Forward General Assistance	<u>\$-469.19</u>
TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$218,481.81

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$156,747 for the operation of Public Safety to include Animal Control, Street Lights, Fire Department, Fire Department Truck Reserve, Fire Protection (water/hydrants) and Ambulance Subsidy, and to carry forward \$240 for Animal Control for the ensuing year?

Animal Control	\$7,700
Street Lights	\$7,500
Fire Department	\$102,030
Fire Truck Reserve	\$10,000
Fire Protection	\$9,402
Ambulance Subsidy	\$20,355
Animal Control Carry Forward	<u>\$-240</u>
TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$156,747

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation of Public Works to include Snow Plowing, Care and Maintenance of Winter and Summer Roads, Salt Shed, Paving, Snow Blowing Route 2 Sidewalk, Capital Roads Reserve Account, and to carry forward Local Roads Assistance in the amount of \$50,488 for the ensuing year?

Roads	
Summer Maintenance	\$282,475
Winter Maintenance	\$75,000
Remaining Snowplow Contract	\$92,820
Snow Blowing	\$2,500
Capital Roads Reserve	\$60,000
Less 2023 Local Road Assistance	<u>\$-50,488</u>
Total to be raised from taxation	\$512,795

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Explanation: The remaining balance in the current winter plow contract is \$92,820 and ends on May 1st, 2024. The Board expects to hold a special town meeting in June once bids can be secured for the 2024/2025 winter season contract.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$134,685 for debt service as follows?

Town Office/Fire Station Year 3 of 15	\$85,496
Pierce Fire Truck Pmt. 2 of 6	<u>\$49,189</u>
TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$134,685

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$180,000.00 for Solid Waste Disposal and Curbside Pickup for the ensuing year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town vote to appropriate from taxation a total of \$10,643 for the Parks and Rec Department, and to appropriate from unappropriated surplus \$4,349 for a total budget of \$14,992?

Recreation	\$14,992
2023 Program Revenue	\$-1,257
2023 Masonic Lodge Donation	\$-1,500
2023 Carry Forward (remaining balance)	<u>\$-1,592</u>
TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$10,643

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$35,408, and to carry forward \$8,840 from unappropriated surplus for a total budget of \$44,248 for the Town's operation of the Jim Ditzler Memorial Library for the ensuing year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$21,500 for Insurance and Worker's Compensation for the ensuing year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$12,000 for the Town's share of Social Security for the ensuing year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from unappropriated surplus, the sum of \$10,000 to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the ensuing year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to allow overlay to cover Abatements?

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town transfer the money received from the State for Snowmobile Registrations to the New Sharon Snow Riders Snowmobile Club?

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, FEMA, federal or other governmental units, grants or private sources which become available during the year, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property and use to lower the commitment?

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town set the date of 30 days from mailing after which interest shall be charged at the rate of 8% per year, or part thereof, on taxes unpaid after that date; and that the Tax Collector shall settle with the Treasurer within one year of commitment?

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property? Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable?

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town use the Excise Tax money to help off-set the cost of capital improvements and maintenance of roads?

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to negotiate temporary loans, said loans to be repaid during the 2023 calendar year?

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the amount in the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025 to the 2025 annual Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads for winter maintenance?

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town accept prepayment of taxes prior to the commitment and to pay no interest thereon?

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year Franchise Agreement with Spectrum/Charter at no cost to the town?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus a total of \$3,629.48 to cover the 2023 Solid Waste overdraft?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town vote to appropriate from taxation a total of \$1,350 for the purchase of replacement flags and poles to be displayed in town for the ensuing year?"

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 28*

Shall the town vote to enact an ordinance entitled "New Sharon Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance"?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 29*

Shall the town vote to enact an ordinance entitled "New Sharon Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance"?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

**The two Ordinances can be viewed on the Town website or at the Town Office.*

Given under our hands this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Municipal Officers:

Paula Nason, Chair

Travis Pond, Selectman

Kevin Libby, Selectman

Board of Selectmen
Town of New Sharon

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
01 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
01 - ADMINISTRATION				
01 - Gen'l Gov't	223,709.00	224,780.87	6,747.28	5,675.41
01 - Admin	54,809.00	51,117.10	102.50	3,794.40
01 - Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 - Object	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 - Wages & Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 - Hourly - Regular	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 - Employee Costs	3,500.00	473.05	0.00	3,026.95
10 - Mileage	1,000.00	58.05	0.00	941.95
15 - Training	2,000.00	415.00	0.00	1,585.00
25 - Unemployment Benefits	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
12 - Town Meet & Election Workers	4,804.00	3,920.95	0.00	883.05
01 - Moderator	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
02 - Ballot Clerk	2,352.00	2,176.95	0.00	175.05
03 - Annual Report	1,852.00	1,644.00	0.00	208.00
05 - Other	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
13 - Dues	4,800.00	4,712.77	0.00	87.23
01 - MMA Dues	4,800.00	2,518.00	0.00	2,282.00
02 - AVCOG Dues	0.00	2,194.77	0.00	-2,194.77
15 - Supplies & Equipment	10,000.00	8,074.29	102.50	2,028.21
01 - Office Supplies	4,500.00	4,155.36	102.50	447.14
08 - Tax Map Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
10 - Postage	4,000.00	3,088.44	0.00	911.56
15 - Dump Stickers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90 - Miscellaneous	500.00	830.49	0.00	-330.49
35 - Contracted Services	20,755.00	22,129.41	0.00	-1,374.41
01 - Auditor	6,500.00	6,750.00	0.00	-250.00
05 - Software Support	14,255.00	15,379.41	0.00	-1,124.41
40 - Legal Fees	10,700.00	8,162.23	0.00	2,537.77
01 - Attorney Fees	6,000.00	4,917.04	0.00	1,082.96
05 - Advertising	200.00	40.00	0.00	160.00
15 - Register Deeds	500.00	48.19	0.00	451.81
16 - Lien Discharge	2,000.00	1,295.00	0.00	705.00
17 - Lien Expense	2,000.00	1,862.00	0.00	138.00
90 - Unclassified	250.00	3,644.40	0.00	-3,394.40
30 - Other Fees	250.00	3,644.40	0.00	-3,394.40
02 - INSURANCE	19,000.00	19,524.00	524.00	0.00
30 - Insurance	19,000.00	19,524.00	524.00	0.00
01 - Property & Casualty Pool	12,000.00	15,464.00	524.00	-2,940.00
20 - Workmen's Compensation	7,000.00	4,060.00	0.00	2,940.00
03 - Social Security	11,500.00	12,040.62	540.62	0.00
10 - Employee Costs	11,500.00	12,040.62	540.62	0.00

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
01 - FICA	11,500.00	12,040.62	540.62	0.00
05 - CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	0.00
06 - ASSESSING AGENT				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	17,400.00	20,400.00	3,000.00	0.00
07 - E911 ADDRESSING OFFICER				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	900.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
10 - Employee Costs				
10 - Mileage	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
09 - GA ADMINISTRATOR				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
10 - TOWN CLERK				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	14,350.00	14,350.00	0.00	0.00
11 - TAX COLLECTOR				
05 - Wages & Salary				
05 - Stipend	17,050.00	17,050.00	0.00	0.00
12 - TREASURER				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	0.00
13 - SELECTMAN POND				
05 - Wages & Salary				
05 - Stipend	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00
14 - SELECTWOMAN NASON				
05 - Wages & Salary				
05 - Stipend	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00
15 - SELECTMAN LIBBY				
05 - Wages & Salary				
05 - Stipend	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00
16 - DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	12,500.00	12,466.00	0.00	34.00
17 - TECHNOLOGY FUND				
90 - Unclassified				
35 - Miscellaneous	10,000.00	8,134.37	0.00	1,865.63
18 - NEW SHARON SNOW RIDERS				
90 - Unclassified	0.00	668.62	0.00	-668.62

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
31 - Snowmobile Reimbursement	0.00	668.62	0.00	-668.62
20 - TOWN HALL				
20 - Utilities	9,500.00	10,659.83	0.00	-1,159.83
01 - Electricity	2,000.00	3,213.18	0.00	-1,213.18
02 - Internet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03 - Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 - Phone	1,500.00	2,716.41	0.00	-1,216.41
08 - Water	500.00	434.70	0.00	65.30
09 - Security Monitoring	0.00	1,182.80	0.00	-1,182.80
10 - Heat	5,500.00	3,112.74	0.00	2,387.26
25 - Repairs & Maintenance	4,100.00	6,602.94	2,580.16	77.22
01 - Building	4,100.00	6,602.94	2,580.16	77.22
35 - Contracted Services	2,400.00	1,317.39	0.00	1,082.61
40 - Mowing	2,400.00	1,317.39	0.00	1,082.61
05 - PUBLIC SAFETY				
01 - Ambulance				
35 - Contracted Services				
35 - Other Contracted Services	17,528.00	15,886.00	0.00	1,642.00
05 - Animal Control				
05 - Wages & Salary				
05 - Stipend	4,200.00	3,720.94	0.00	479.06
10 - Employee Costs				
10 - Mileage	0.00	479.06	0.00	-479.06
11 - Reimbursed Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35 - Contracted Services				
25 - Franklin County Animal Shelter	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00	0.00
06 - HEALTH OFFICER EXPENSE				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
07 - LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM				
05 - Wages & Salary				
05 - Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 - FIRE DEPARTMENT				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	20,000.00	26,975.25	0.00	-6,975.25
03 - Chief Stipend	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
10 - Employee Costs				
10 - Mileage	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
15 - Training	2,000.00	2,973.00	0.00	-973.00
18 - Screening	1,888.00	879.00	0.00	1,009.00
19 - Conventions	110.00	0.00	0.00	110.00
13 - Dues				
03 - FD Dues	400.00	468.00	0.00	-68.00

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
01 - Office Supplies	500.00	214.38	0.00	285.62
02 - Cleaning	200.00	30.84	0.00	169.16
03 - Meals & Beverages	500.00	318.98	0.00	181.02
04 - Equipment Purchases	10,000.00	8,818.92	0.00	1,181.08
10 - Postage	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
31 - Radios & Pagers	0.00	895.82	0.00	-895.82
32 - EMS Supplies	2,500.00	728.84	40.00	1,811.16
35 - Uniforms	8,000.00	8,766.10	0.00	-766.10
50 - Gasoline & Diesel	2,500.00	3,287.22	0.00	-787.22
52 - Public Service Events	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	252.17	200.00	-52.17
20 - Utilities				
01 - Electricity	2,000.00	3,213.21	0.00	-1,213.21
05 - Phone	3,000.00	3,065.10	0.00	-65.10
06 - Cell Phone	0.00	227.58	0.00	-227.58
08 - Water	2,000.00	1,604.74	0.00	395.26
09 - Security Monitoring	700.00	837.27	0.00	-137.27
10 - Heat	2,000.00	3,112.76	0.00	-1,112.76
25 - Repairs & Maintenance				
01 - Building	4,700.00	4,314.33	0.00	385.67
03 - Vehicle	15,000.00	7,922.67	0.00	7,077.33
05 - Equipment	4,000.00	3,826.22	0.00	173.78
30 - Insurance				
05 - Fire Fighter Insurance	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
12 - FIRE TRUCK RESERVE FUND				
01 - Expense				
04 - 2009 Pierce Fire Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13 - FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL				
90 - Unclassified				
50 - Rental	19,402.00	19,402.00	0.00	0.00
15 - STREET LIGHTS				
20 - Utilities				
01 - Electricity	7,600.00	7,491.50	0.00	108.50
10 - SOLID WASTE				
01 - Consolidated Waste Management				
35 - Contracted Services				
20 - Tipping Fees	57,000.00	54,960.56	0.00	2,039.44
05 - Roadside Pickup				
35 - Contracted Services				
20 - Tipping Fees				
90 - Unclassified				
36 - Curb Side	63,000.00	69,998.20	2,544.28	-4,453.92

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
10 - Miscellaneous				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
10 - Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	1,215.00	0.00	-1,215.00
15 - PUBLIC WORKS				
01 - Summer Road Maintenance				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	5,000.00	2,482.08	0.00	2,517.92
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
51 - Job Materials	107,963.00	59,666.44	0.00	48,296.56
56 - Sm. Tools & Equipment	10,000.00	458.79	0.00	9,541.21
90 - Miscellaneous	100,000.00	107.57	0.00	99,892.43
35 - Contracted Services				
30 - Maintenance	110,000.00	126,248.75	0.00	-16,248.75
06 - Snow Removal				
35 - Contracted Services				
10 - Plow Contract	163,200.00	163,180.00	0.00	20.00
10 - Sand/Salt Facility				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
60 - Salt & Sand Material	54,000.00	76,592.60	0.00	-22,592.60
20 - Utilities				
01 - Electricity	1,000.00	866.68	0.00	133.32
25 - Repairs & Maintenance				
01 - Building	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
35 - Contracted Services				
11 - Stockpile	9,000.00	30,660.00	12,314.84	-9,345.16
30 - Maintenance	1,000.00	5,788.98	0.00	-4,788.98
11 - Paving				
35 - Contracted Services				
30 - Maintenance	0.00	118,719.70	0.00	-118,719.70
15 - Snow Blowing				
01 - Expense				
02 - Town Office Walkway	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	1,000.00	206.25	0.00	793.75
25 - Repairs & Maintenance				
05 - Equipment	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 - CEMETERY				
01 - Cemetery	7,300.00	6,937.24	0.00	362.76
05 - Wages & Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
01 - Hourly - Regular	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 - Repairs & Maintenance				
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	679.65	0.00	-679.65
35 - Contracted Services				
40 - Mowing	7,300.00	6,257.59	0.00	1,042.41
25 - PARKS AND RECREATION				
01 - Parks and Recreation	9,000.00	7,558.34	150.00	1,591.66
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	7,000.00	5,691.99	150.00	1,458.01
30 - Insurance				
30 - Delete	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35 - Contracted Services				
40 - Mowing	2,000.00	1,866.35	0.00	133.65
27 - HISTORICAL COMMITTEE				
01 - Historical Society				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	1,000.00	605.80	0.00	394.20
35 - LIBRARY				
01 - Ditzler				
05 - Wages & Salary				
01 - Hourly - Regular	14,976.00	14,350.75	0.00	625.25
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
01 - Office Supplies	750.00	289.03	15.58	476.55
02 - Cleaning	1,632.00	1,384.00	0.00	248.00
05 - Computer Supplies	1,000.00	32.69	0.00	967.31
07 - Books & Movies	3,000.00	2,661.31	0.00	338.69
10 - Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11 - DVDs	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
90 - Miscellaneous	40.00	74.00	0.00	-34.00
20 - Utilities				
01 - Electricity	1,500.00	1,609.86	0.00	-109.86
05 - Phone	1,000.00	1,057.66	0.00	-57.66
08 - Water	408.00	535.00	0.00	-127.00
09 - Securty Monitoring	516.00	645.00	0.00	-129.00
10 - Heat	4,000.00	2,508.88	0.00	1,491.12
25 - Repairs & Maintenance				
01 - Building	6,000.00	1,894.43	0.00	4,105.57
07 - Plowing	1,500.00	550.00	0.00	950.00
30 - Insurance				
30 - Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35 - Contracted Services				
40 - Mowing	600.00	658.67	0.00	-58.67
90 - Unclassified	1,315.00	1,460.33	0.00	-145.33

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
02 - Summer Prog	600.00	900.33	0.00	-300.33
03 - Balsam Consortium	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
04 - Newtwork Maine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27 - DOT Signage	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
28 - PO BOX	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
29 - Yearbook Advertisement	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
40 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE				
01 - General Asst				
20 - Utilities				
01 - Electricity	500.00	178.00	0.00	322.00
10 - Heat	1,500.00	350.00	0.00	1,150.00
35 - Contracted Services				
41 - Cremation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90 - Unclassified				
35 - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
45 - EDUCATION				
01 - RSU 9				
45 - Education				
01 - Education	1,109,026.33	1,109,026.33	0.00	0.00
46 - COUNTY TAX				
01 - County Tax				
46 - County Tax				
01 - County Tax	209,448.23	209,448.23	0.00	0.00
47 - NEW TOWN OFFICE				
01 - New Fire Station/Town Office				
01 - Expense				
03 - Office Station	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02 - Anonymous Donation				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00
03 - Sale of Surplus				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
48 - REVALUATION				
01 - Revaluation				
35 - Contracted Services				
42 - Revaluation	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
49 - RESERVE TRANSFERS				
01 - Transfer				
60 - Transfers				
01 - Fire Truck	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
02 - Capital Roads	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
03 - Fire Department Capital Reserv	0.00	4,100.00	0.00	-4,100.00

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
04 - Length of Service Award FD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 - Capital Reserve (municipal)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06 - Cemetery Maintenance & Repairs	0.00	15,862.92	0.00	-15,862.92
50 - UNCLASSIFIED				
05 - Abatements				
90 - Unclassified				
26 - Writeoffs	0.00	6,582.55	0.00	-6,582.55
25 - CONTINGENCY				
90 - Unclassified				
07 - Contingency	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
90 - Water District Advance	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
51 - DEBT SERVICE				
01 - Debt Service				
01 - Expense				
03 - Office Station	85,496.00	85,495.32	0.00	0.68
04 - 2009 Pierce Fire Truck	49,189.00	49,188.33	0.00	0.67
52 - DR. MARTIN LIBRARY DONATION				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
07 - Books & Movies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
53 - LIBRARY - BUTTERFIELD DONATION				
01 - Expense				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
07 - Books & Movies	0.00	78.49	0.00	-78.49
54 - JEANNE L SAWER FUND				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
07 - Books & Movies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
55 - LIBRARY - STATE GRANT				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
07 - Books & Movies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 - Building Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
56 - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT TEAM				
01 - CIT Expense				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	202.37	0.00	-202.37
57 - AMERICAN RESCUE ACT				
01 - Expense				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	85,145.00	84,874.99	0.00	270.01
58 - FD KING GRANT JAWS OF LIFE				
01 - Expense				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
62 - Jaws of Life	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	-30,000.00
72 - RECREATION RESERVE				

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	DEBITS	CREDITS	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
05 - Recreation Reserve				
90 - Unclassified				
60 - Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
73 - DUMP CLOSING				
05 - Dump Closing				
90 - Unclassified				
60 - Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
74 - FIRE STATION RESERVE				
05 - Fire Station Reserve				
90 - Unclassified				
25 - FD Design Plans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
75 - CAPITAL ROADS RESERVE				
05 - Capital Roads				
35 - Contracted Services				
37 - Capital Improvements	0.00	68,000.00	0.00	-68,000.00
76 - FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE				
05 - Fire Department Capital Reserve				
90 - Unclassified				
35 - Miscellaneous	0.00	4,691.24	0.00	-4,691.24
60 - Transfers Out	0.00	4,108.06	0.00	-4,108.06
80 - ELECTIONS GRANT				
01 - Grant				
90 - Unclassified				
80 - Elections Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90 - CEMTERY MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS				
05 - Cem Maintenance & Repairs				
90 - Unclassified				
35 - Miscellaneous	0.00	4,865.00	0.00	-4,865.00
60 - Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
93 - TOWN DYER TRUST FUND				
05 - Town Dyer				
90 - Unclassified				
08 - Scholarships	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
94 - RSU#9 DYER FUND				
10 - Miscellaneous Expense				
15 - Supplies & Equipment				
90 - Miscellaneous	0.00	5,154.00	0.00	-5,154.00
Final Totals	2,792,811.56	2,947,263.19	22,011.98	-132,439.65



CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT

ASSESSORS' CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the pages herein, numbered from 1 to inclusive, contain a list and valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, liable to be taxed in the Municipality of New Sharon for State, County, District, and Municipal Taxes for the fiscal year 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 as they existed on the first day of April 2023.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands at New Sharon this 5 day of September, 2023.

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Municipal Assessor(s)

MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

State of Maine Municipality New Sharon County Franklin
To Pamela Adams, Tax Collector

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to collect of each person named in the list herewith committed to you the amount set down on said list as payable by that person.

Assessments:

1. County Tax	209,448.23	
2. Municipal Appropriation	1,379,374.63	
3. TIF Financing Plan Amount	0.00	
4. Local Educational Appropriation	1,109,026.33	
5. Overlay (Not to Exceed 5% of "Net To Be Raised" (see tax rate calculation #16)	8,858.64	
6. Total Assessments		2,706,707.83

Deductions:

7. State Municipal Revenue Sharing	265,716.41	
8. Homestead Reimbursement	128,531.46	
9. BETE Reimbursement	0.00	
10. Other Revenue	485,051.25	
11. Total Deductions		879,299.12
12. Net Assessment for Commitment		1,827,408.71



CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT

You are to pay to Erin Norton, the Municipal Treasurer, or to any successor in office, the taxes herewith committed, paying on the last day of each month all money collected by you, and you are to complete and make an account of your collections of the whole sum on or before 09/18/2023.

In case of the neglect of any person to pay the sum required by said list until after 11/17/2023; you will add interest to so much thereof as remains unpaid at the rate of 4.00 percent per annum, commencing 11/18/2023 to the time of payment, and collect the same with the tax remaining unpaid.

Given under our hands, as provided by a legal vote of the Municipality and Warrants received pursuant to the Laws of the State of Maine, this 09/05/2023.

Handwritten signatures on lines, followed by the text 'Assessor(s) of: New Sharon'.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMITMENT

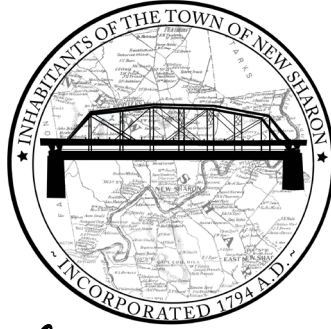
To Pamela Adams the Collector of the Municipality of New Sharon, aforesaid.

Herewith are committed to you true lists of the assessments of the Estates of the persons wherein named; you are to levy and collect the same, of each one their respective amount, therein set down, of the sum total of \$1,827,408.71 (being the amount of the lists contained herein), according to the tenor of the foregoing warrant.

Given under our hands this 09/05/2023

Handwritten signatures on lines, followed by the text 'Assessor(s) of: New Sharon'.

Complete in Duplicate. File original with Tax Collector. File copy in Valuation Book



From the Treasurer's Desk

Greetings New Sharon friends!

In early January we got to work calculating and estimating cost increases/decreases and how they would affect the LD1 Tax Levy Limit and our overall commitment this coming fall. For several years now, and specifically through the pandemic, we tried very hard to hold our municipal budget line and even slightly decrease. That is impossible now. We are seeing substantial increases to items we have no control over. We also saw an almost 30% increase to our county tax last year. Several line items within our budget are set figures obtained from individual vendors like Harris software, the ambulance subsidy, dues, the annual audit, Waste Management, the winter plow contract, and several others. Many of those items came in with large increases again this year; an unavoidable disappointment. When we met to prepare the budget and town warrant we considered all cost areas we could reduce. And when we commit taxes in the fall, we will seek out every usable dollar to reduce taxation.

In April of last year, the Cemetery Association turned over all perpetual care and maintenance funds to the Town. David Dill was instrumental in the transition working with me over a period of weeks to get it done. The perpetual care funds were combined with the Town's in a current reserve housed at TD Bank. We opened a new reserve for Cemetery Maintenance. We also expended all ARPA funds appropriated by the Town in 2023. In June the library received a \$10,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for maintenance they plan to perform at the library this year. In December The Fire Department received \$30,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to purchase the "Jaws of Life", which they were able to do just before books closed in late December. The New Sharon Alumni dissolved in 2023. They voted to donate the remaining funds to the current Dyer Trust Scholarship fund for the Dyer Scholarship Committee to oversee. Those finances and other information can be found just a few pages down from this one on my fund balance report.

As we prepare for the 2024 budget year, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Selectmen: **Travis, Paula, & Kevin** for their continued efforts on behalf of the Town, and their support of me as Treasurer. I'd also like to thank my office mate and dear friend **Pamela Adams** for being an incredible co-worker over the years. She cares deeply for New Sharon and we're lucky to have her. We're excited to welcome our newest deputy **Dana Redding** who is working with Pam in the office and doing great! We are also so grateful for **Myrna Robinson** who continues to work as a deputy. A few notable others that I work with or were helpful to me this past year were – **John Pond, Felicia Bell, Chris McKay, Jeff Brackett, Diana Oliver, Sara Pinkham, and Patricia Ray.** Thank you all! We were sad to see Diana retire from the library this fall after many years of service, but are excited to welcome new Librarian **Sarah Nutting.** You'll also see new exciting things from the Parks & Recreation Department. They have some new volunteers offering programming for kids and adults in New Sharon!

My role as a Municipal Treasurer has evolved considerably since I began this work in 2008. Thank you for supporting me over the years. I love working for the people of New Sharon and hope to continue for a very long time. If you have any questions about town finances, expired liens, or want to chat about your taxes, please feel free to reach out. I'm always happy to meet up and address your concerns.

Erin Norton



2023 TREASURER'S REVENUE REPORT

Account	Credits
Real Estate Payments	1,827,411.17
Supplemental Tax Payment	14,396.29
TOTAL	\$1,841,807.46

Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
100 - Excise - Auto	419.51	336,442.49	336,022.98
101 - Excise - Boat	23.00	1,620.40	1,597.40
105 - Fees - Agent	6.00	9,907.45	9,901.45
106 - Fees - Town Dog Reg.	0.00	240.00	240.00
107 - Fees - Late Dog Reg. Fee	0.00	425.00	0.00
115 - Interest - Bank	0.00	19,600.24	19,600.24
116 - Interest - Real Estate	0.00	6,571.06	6,571.06
117 - Lien Costs	0.00	4,082.10	4,082.10
118 - Cash Over / Short	0.61	2.00	1.39
119 - Fees - Bad Check	0.00	100.00	100.00
120 - Donations	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
123 - Library Grant	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
124 - Burn Permit Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
125 - Copier Income	0.00	83.75	83.75
126 - Prior Period Write-offs	486.46	0.00	(486.46)
127 - Snowmobile Refund	0.00	668.62	668.62
128 - State Revenue Sharing	0.00	271,421.47	271,421.47
129 - General Asst. Reimbursement	0.00	469.19	469.19
131 - Recreation Department Fees	0.00	1,257.08	1,257.08
132 - Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	101.00	101.00
133 - Dump Sticker	9.00	1,235.00	1,226.00
134 - Veteran Exemption - MVR	0.00	1,083.00	1,083.00
138 - BETE Reimbursement	0.00	8.00	8.00
140 - Workmen's Comp Refund	0.00	1,075.00	1,075.00
150 - Permit - Building	0.00	575.00	575.00
151 - Permit - Plumbing	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
152 - Permit - Planning Board	975.00	1,050.00	75.00
153 - Permit - Gun	5.00	60.00	55.00
155 - Tree Growth Reimbursement	0.00	37,234.50	37,234.50
156 - Homestead Exemption	0.00	117,540.00	117,540.00
159 - Cemetery Perpetual Care	0.00	21,170.00	21,170.00
160 - Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	20,727.92	20,727.92
160 - Historical Committee Donations	0.00	185.21	0.00
163 - Stabilization Credit	0.00	695.00	0.00
200 - LRAP	0.00	50,488.00	50,488.00
201 - Road Damage - Restitution	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
202 - FD King Grant Jaws of Life	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL		\$1,924.58	\$950,718.48

(Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)

\$2,779,296.15



2023 TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT

Description	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
Administrative Expenses	\$54,809.00	\$51,014.60	\$3,794.40	93.08%
Insurances	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$-	100.00%
Social Security	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$-	100.00%
Code Enforcement	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$-	100.00%
Assessing Agent	\$17,400.00	\$17,400.00	\$-	100.00%
E911 Addressing Officer	\$1,100.00	\$450.00	\$650.00	40.91%
GA Administrator	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$-	100.00%
Clerk, Tax Collector & Deputy	\$43,900.00	\$43,866.00	\$34.00	99.92%
Treasurer	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$-	100.00%
Board of Selectmen	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$-	100.00%
Technology Fund	\$10,000.00	\$8,134.37	\$1,865.63	81.34%
Town Office Operating Costs	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$-	100.00%
Ambulance Subsidy	\$17,528.00	\$15,886.00	\$1,642.00	90.63%
Animal Control	\$7,300.00	\$7,300.00	\$-	100.00%
Health Officer Expenses	\$500.00	\$-	\$500.00	0.00%
New Sharon Fire and Rescue	\$87,968.00	\$87,492.40	\$475.60	99.46%
Fire Protection (Fire Hydrants)	\$19,402.00	\$19,402.00	\$-	100.00%
Street Lights	\$7,600.00	\$7,491.50	\$108.50	98.57%
Solid Waste Disposal	\$120,000.00	\$123,629.48	\$(3,629.48)	103.02%
Summer Roads Maintenance	\$332,963.00	\$307,683.33	\$25,279.67	92.41%
Snow Removal Contract	\$163,200.00	\$163,180.00	\$20.00	99.99%
Winter Roads Maintenance	\$75,000.00	\$101,593.42	\$(26,593.42)	135.46%
Route two Sidewalk & Walkway	\$1,500.00	\$206.25	\$1,293.75	13.75%
Cemeteries	\$7,300.00	\$6,937.34	\$362.66	95.03%
Parks & Recreation	\$9,000.00	\$7,408.34	\$1,591.66	82.31%
Historical Committee	\$1,000.00	\$605.80	\$394.20	60.58%
Ditzler Memorial Library	\$38,537.00	\$29,696.03	\$8,840.97	77.06%
General Assistance	\$2,000.00	\$528.00	\$1,472.00	26.40%
Education - RSU #9	\$1,109,026.33	\$1,109,026.33	\$-	100.00%
County Tax	\$209,448.23	\$209,448.23	\$-	100.00%
Revaluation Installment 1 of 3	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$-	100.00%
Capital Roads Reserve Fund	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$-	100.00%
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$-	100.00%
Contingency	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$-	100.00%
New Building Debt Service	\$85,496.00	\$85,495.32	\$0.68	100.00%
Fire Truck Debt Service	\$49,189.00	\$49,188.33	\$0.67	100.00%
Totals	\$2,707,666.56	\$2,689,563.07	\$18,103.49	98.77%



2023 TREASURER'S SPECIAL REVENUES REPORT

Revenue from Sale of Fire Station - 68 Main Street

Sold in 2021 - Beginning balance \$60,700

check	Jrnl	Date	Vendor	Description	Debits
13423	0321	9/7/2021	Harris Realty	Real-estate Commission	\$2,890.00
13524	0370	10/12/2021	King & Sons LLC	Paving Parking Lot	\$31,600.00
14380	0332	9/20/2022	King & Sons LLC	Paving Fire Station Lot	\$15,000.00
				Total Expended	49,490.00
				Remaining Balance	11,210.00

Anonymous Donation 2020

Received in 2020 - Beginning balance \$60,171.34

Check	Journal	Date	Vendor	Description	Debits
electronic	0411	12/14/2020	Websturantstore.com	Viking oven	\$1,955.00
12877	0017	1/19/2021	J/M Superiors	New Building	\$14,993.81
12877	0017	1/20/2021	J/M Superiors	New Building	\$66.15
12893	0019	1/21/2021	J/M Superiors	New Building	\$1,018.49
12961	0072	2/26/2021	CN Brown	New Building	\$2,177.41
13095	0130	04/20/21	00101 Seacoast Sec	New Building Setup	2,263.50
13095	0130	04/20/21	00101 Seacoast Sec	New Building Setup	2,871.00
13095	0130	04/20/21	00101 Seacoast Sec	Equipment & Labor	1,420.00
12916	0045	2/2/2021	Expenet	Building Setup	\$4,923.84
12856	0003	1/5/2021	Seacoast Security	Building Setup	\$2,263.50
12992	0090	3/16/2021	Expenet	Town Office Setup	\$2,663.24
12494	0295	09/15/20	Acadia Insurance	Builders Risk Insurance	\$3,035.00
				Overdraft of available funds in FS Reserve paid to AE Hodsdon	\$678.15
13454	0336	9/21/2021	A.E Hodsdon	Post completion billing/mediation	\$8,958.70
14710	0009	1/10/2022	KTM Assessing	Assessing	\$600.00
Various	All	Jan-Dec	Lorna Nichols	Assistant to the Board	\$5,000.00
				Total Expended	54,887.79
				Remaining Balance	5,283.55

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Received in 3 Tranches 2021 Totaling \$149,619.99

Check	Journal	Date	Vendor	Description	Debits
14044	0136	5/3/2022	Woodsmith/Ware-Butler	Historical Display Cases	\$11,800.00
14337	0307	9/6/2022	Meador Electric	Generator at Municipal Building	\$32,875.00
14444	0358	10/4/2022	Woodsmith/Ware-Butler	Balance due on Historical Display Ca	\$11,800.00
14504	0387	11/1/2022	Meador Electric	Balance due on Generator Install	\$8,000.00
14913	0112	4/11/2023	Expenet Technologies	Server	\$6,906.29
15086	0199	6/20/2023	Corner Stone Plumbing	Library Heat Pump	\$4,845.67
15168	0225	7/11/2023	Corner Stone Plumbing	Library Heat Pump	\$9,691.34
15210	0243	8/1/2023	Ranor Mechanical	Booster Pump - Fire Dept.	\$12,215.00
15285	0289	9/5/2023	Pike Industries	Weeks Mills Paving	\$51,216.69
				Total Expended	149,349.99
				Remaining Balance	270.00



2023 TREASURER'S SPECIAL REVENUES REPORT

Library - Betty & Kirk Butterfield Donation

Received in 08/03/2021 R 01-123 to be used for LARGE PRINT books - beginning balance \$500

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13379	0301	8/17/2021	Barnes & Noble	Books	AP	110.37
13821	0040	2/14/2022	Barnes & Noble	Books	AP	171.16
13847	0054	3/2/2022	Devaney Doak & Garrett	Books	AP	19.98
14140	0183	6/8/2022	Center Point	Books	AP	120.00
15456	0385	11/21/2023	Center Point	Books	AP	78.49
					Total Expended	500.00
					Remaining Balance	0.00

Community Improvement Team

Received in 6/4/19 - Beginning balance \$1,816.76

Check	Journal	Date	Vendor	Description	Debits
10583	0274	10/1/2019	Meader's Construction	Mulch bark & Trucking	495.00
10587	0274	10/1/2019	Pond, Wendy	Robin's Flower Pot	195.88
12271	0157	6/16/2020	Don Waterhouse	Community Garden Exp	54.36
12292	0195	7/7/2020	Pat Lovell	Community Garden Exp	73.18
12609	0337	10/20/2020	Meader's Construction	Mulch bark & Trucking	600.00
13178	0205	6/1/2021	Pond, Wendy	Flowers for Town Beds	145.98
13393	0301	8/17/2021	Pond, Wendy	Flowers	49.99
15394	0345	10/17/2023	Meader Transport	Mulch bark & Trucking	202.37
				Total Expended	1,816.76
				Remaining Balance	0.00



2023 TREASURER'S REPORT FUND BALANCES

2023 Town of New Sharon Bank Accounts	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/22	As of 12/31/23
Franklin Savings Primary Checking Account	1,823,756.81	1,496,441.80
Franklin Savings Debit Purchase Account	4,503.33	1,888.93
TOTAL	\$ 1,828,260.14	\$ 1,498,330.73

2023 TD Bank Special Insured Funds	BALANCES			
	As of 12/31/22	Interest Earned	Due to/Due From	As of 12/31/23
TD Bank – Fire Truck Reserve	11,301.27	174.23	10,000.00	21,475.50
TD Bank – Dyer Trust Town Scholarships	15,062.16	233.83	9,999.26/2,000	23,295.25
TD Bank – Dyer Trust RSU #9 Programs	30,470.49	457.73	\$1,721.61/5,314	27,335.83
TD Bank – Length of Service (LOSAP)	2,009.42	30.39	0.00	2,039.81
TD Bank – Fire Department Capital Reserve	10,047.08	150.44	\$4,100/4,691.24	9,606.28
TD Bank – Cemetery Trust (Perpetual Care)	23,904.41	598.62	21,170.00	45,673.03
TD Bank – Cemetery Maintenance & Repairs	-	168.84	15,862.92/4,865	11,166.76
TD Bank – Mahlon Dyer Memorial	7,890.47	119.36	0.00	8,009.83
TD Bank – Capital Roads Reserve	68,959.99	883.84	60,000/68,000	61,843.83
TOTAL	172,999.32	2,817.28	22,862.10	210,446.12

Due to / Due From Summary

- \$10,000 Town Meeting Appropriation to Fire Truck Reserve.
- \$5,164.84 BOA Thomas Dyer Trust Fund interest -75% to town-funded scholarships
- \$4,834.42 Donation to Scholarship fund from New Sharon Alumni - \$2,000 withdrawn for scholarships
- \$1,721.61 BOA Thomas Dyer Trust Fund Interest - 25% to RSU #9 programs
- \$5,134 Issued to RSU#9 via Dyer Trust Committee for upgrades to signage and grounds at CCH School
- \$4,100 due to FD Capital Reserve after sale of 84 truck
- \$4,691.24 used for truck maintenance from FD Capital Reserve
- \$21,170 transferred to New Sharon after Cemetery Association dissolved
- \$15,612.92 transferred to New Sharon after Cemetery Association dissolved + \$250 in BOA interest dividends
- \$60,000 Appropriation to Capital Roads Reserve \$50,000 used for Industry Rd. Paving \$18,000 used for Muddy Brook Bridge

2023 Special Revenues & Grants	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/22	Due to/Due From	As of 12/31/23
American Rescue Act Funds	85,144.99	84,874.99	270.00
Anonymous Donation	10,833.55	5,000.00	5,833.55
Sale of Former Fire Station	11,210.00	0.00	11,210.00
TOTAL	107,188.54	89,874.99	17,313.55

Due to / Due From Summary

- \$84,874.99 Expended on Server, Library heat pump, FD booster pump, Weeks Mills paving
- \$5,000 Assistant to the Board Stipend

Bank of America / US Trust Account	BALANCES			
	As of 12/31/22	Gain / Loss	as of 12/31/23	2023 Interest
Thomas F. Dyer Trust Fund Market Value	437,851.53	47,717.52	485,569.05	6,886.45



**REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN BREAKDOWN
TAX YEARS 2017-2022
AS OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2023**

Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2017	McHugh, Jeannette	355.89	-6.85	362.74
2017	Wingfield, Charles Scott	1,287.42	-6.85	1,294.27
2017 TOTAL		1,643.31	-13.70	1,657.01
Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2018	McHugh, Jeannette	358.03	-6.95	364.98
2018	Wingfield, Charles Scott	1,295.94	-6.95	1,302.89
2018	Wright, Mark D.	1,137.12	271.86	865.26
2018 TOTAL		2,791.09	257.96	2,533.13
Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2019	Briscoe, Jessie Danielle	776.70	537.02	239.68
2019	Dill, Justin	235.40	-7.38	242.78
2019	McHugh, Jeannette	361.96	-7.38	369.34
2019	Porter, Rodney F	1,838.26	1,612.76	225.50
2019	Rackliff, Jason	210.77	-7.38	218.15
2019	Shaylin-Begin, Shaina M.	1,208.38	-7.38	1,215.76
2019	Smith, Edward	567.19	-4.56	571.75
2019	Wingfield, Charles Scott	1,311.95	-7.38	1,319.33
2019	Wright, Mark D.	1,151.08	-7.38	1,158.46
2019 TOTAL		7,661.69	2,100.94	5,560.75
Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2020	Bailey, Daryl	1,558.18	290.63	1,267.55
2020	Briscoe, Jessie Danielle	783.78	-7.85	791.63
2020	Dill, Justin	237.16	-7.85	245.01
2020	McHugh, Jeannette	558.78	0.00	558.78
2020	Murphy, Richard	1,660.43	1,282.36	378.07
2020	Porter, Rodney F	1,855.75	-7.85	1,863.60
2020	Rackliff, Jason	212.29	-7.85	220.14
2020	Rasco, Ivy A	2,128.11	-7.85	2,135.96
2020	Shaylin-Begin, Shaina M	1,219.68	-7.85	1,227.53
2020	Smith, Edward	572.21	-7.85	580.06
2020	Smith, William (devises of Smith,	238.03	-7.85	245.88
2020	Sweet, Jennifer	1,290.67	-7.85	1,298.52
2020	Wingfield, Charles Scott	1,317.26	-7.85	1,325.11
2020	Wright, Mark D	1,161.83	-7.85	1,169.68
2020 TOTAL		14,794.16	1,486.64	13,307.52
Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2021	Tuttle, Alexander J Jr	359.61	0.00	359.61
2021	Bailey, Daryl	1,621.81	-8.56	1,630.37
2021	Begin, Tasmin Ronson	718.81	-8.56	727.37
2021	Briscoe, Jessie Danielle	819.86	-8.56	828.42
2021	Dill, Justin D SR	253.81	-8.56	262.37
2021	Fails, Walter	580.21	-8.56	588.77
* 2021	Feegel, Raymond E	631.40	-8.56	639.96
* 2021	Ferrari, Michael P	597.90	419.12	178.78



REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN BREAKDOWN
TAX YEARS 2017-2022
AS OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2021	Foster, Stacie M	3,092.21	-8.56	3,100.77
2021	Goggin, Patrick	607.92	238.71	369.21
2021	Kaivas, Charles E	1,131.95	-8.56	1,140.51
2021	McCully, Robert E	1,126.04	150.09	975.95
2021	McHugh, Anna	141.13	-8.56	149.69
2021	Murphy, Richard	1,727.69	-8.56	1,736.25
2021	Porter, Levi	1,474.97	86.38	1,388.59
2021	Porter, Rodney F	1,482.84	-8.56	1,491.40
2021	Rackliff, Jason	228.05	-8.56	236.61
2021	Rasco, Ivy A	2,212.01	-8.56	2,220.57
2021	Richardson, Robert A	482.73	-8.56	491.29
2021	Smith, Edward	600.76	-8.56	609.32
2021	Smith, William (devises of Smith,	254.70	-8.56	263.26
2021	Sweet, Jennifer	1,344.78	-8.56	1,353.34
* 2021	Swisher, Patricia A	1,213.50	821.92	391.58
2021	The Johnson Foundation of Maine LLC	996.56	-8.56	1,005.12
2021	Vincent, Edward B	1,329.75	-8.56	1,338.31
2021	Wingfield, Charles Scott	1,372.32	-8.56	1,380.88
* 2021	Witt, Scott D	1,319.43	778.14	541.29
2021	Wood, Steven R	734.36	-8.56	742.92
2021	Wright, Mark D	1,211.35	-8.56	1,219.91
2021 TOTAL		29,668.46	2,306.04	27,362.42
Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2022	Bailey, Daryl	1,491.28	0.00	1,491.28
2022	Baker, Tammy	632.02	47.81	584.21
2022	Begin, Tasmin Ronson	522.09	0.00	522.09
2022	Briscoe, Jessie Danielle	636.65	0.00	636.65
2022	Buntin, Josh B	1,111.12	0.00	1,111.12
2022	Dill, Justin D SR	230.29	0.00	230.29
2022	Fails, Walter	531.15	0.00	531.15
2022	Feegel, Raymond E	169.46	0.00	169.46
* 2022	Feegel, Raymond E	580.10	0.00	580.10
2022	Ferrari, Michael P	545.33	0.00	545.33
2022	Foster, Stacie M	2,928.66	0.00	2,928.66
2022	Goggin, Patrick	556.70	0.00	556.70
2022	Hakins, Richard M	2,238.75	0.00	2,238.75
2022	Hilinski, Christine R	542.36	496.17	46.19
2022	Hills-Pettitt, Christopher	2,706.10	0.00	2,706.10
2022	Hopkins, Stephen	347.33	0.00	347.33
2022	Hoth, Kimbal L	422.36	0.00	422.36
2022	Huff, Herbert N	1,882.49	0.00	1,882.49
2022	Kaivas, Charles E	1,039.74	0.00	1,039.74
2022	Labatte, David	386.90	0.00	386.90
2022	Landford, Frank W	1,273.83	0.00	1,273.83



**REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN BREAKDOWN
TAX YEARS 2017-2022
AS OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2023**

2022	Lidstone, Timothy R	1,051.05	0.00	1,051.05
2022	Mayer, Karl (devises of)	1,528.37	0.00	1,528.37
2022	McCully, Robert E	1,034.29	0.00	1,034.29
2022	McHugh, Anna	119.99	0.00	119.99
2022	Millett, Gwendolyn A	685.79	0.00	685.79
2022	Murphy, Richard	1,588.87	0.00	1,588.87
2022	Place, Ronald K.	512.52	0.00	512.52
2022	Porter, Levi	1,355.93	0.00	1,355.93
2022	Porter, Rodney F	1,363.18	0.00	1,363.18
2022	Porter, Rodney F	337.22	0.00	337.22
2022	Rackliff, Jason	206.55	0.00	206.55
2022	Rasco, Ivy A	2,035.31	0.00	2,035.31
2022	Richardson, Robert A	441.30	0.00	441.30
2022	Sawyer, Michael R	439.16	0.00	439.16
2022	Schiche, Sheri Lynn Waters	1,509.75	0.00	1,509.75
2022	Smith, Edward	550.11	0.00	550.11
2022	Smith, William (devises of Smith,	231.10	0.00	231.10
2022	Sunset View, Inc.	330.85	0.00	330.85
2022	Sunset View, Inc.	337.44	0.00	337.44
2022	Sunset View, Inc.	337.44	0.00	337.44
2022	Sunset View, Inc.	327.55	0.00	327.55
2022	Sweet, Jennifer	1,235.91	0.00	1,235.91
2022	Swisher, Patrica A	1,311.91	0.00	1,311.91
2022	The Johnson Foundation of Maine LLC	914.94	0.00	914.94
2022	Tuttle, Alexander J Jr	407.01	0.00	407.01
2022	Vincent, Edward B	1,222.06	0.00	1,222.06
2022	Wingfield, Charles Scott	1,261.30	0.00	1,261.30
* 2022	Witt, Scott D	1214.30	0.00	1,214.30
2022	Wood, Steven R	673.25	0.00	673.25
2022	Works, Keven J	643.37	0.00	643.37
* 2022	Wright, David A	262.36	0.00	262.36
2022	Wright, Mark D	1,112.93	0.00	1,112.93
2022	Zaikarite, Matthew	135.16	0.00	135.16
2022 TOTAL		47,492.98	543.98	46,949.00

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>	<u>Payments/Costs</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2017	1,643.31	-13.70	1,657.01
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2018	2,791.09	257.96	2,533.13
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2019	7,661.69	2,100.94	5,560.75
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2020	14,794.16	1,486.64	13,307.52
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2021	29,668.46	2,306.04	27,362.42
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2022	<u>47,492.98</u>	<u>543.98</u>	<u>46,949.00</u>
Total owed to New Sharon as of 12/31/23	\$104,051.69	\$6,681.86	\$97,369.83

*Denotes paid in full after December 31st, 2023

**Denotes partial payment after December 31st, 2023



TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORT 2023



The commitment of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s office is to accurately maintain all town records, conduct elections with professionalism in accordance with State Law, issue town licenses, and provide information to both town officials and the general public in a friendly, professional, and confidential manner.

To the SelectBoard and our New Sharon Residents and Friends,

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibilities of Town Clerk and of Tax Collector positions. It is sincerely an honor to serve the residents of New Sharon. I love my job and delight in seeing you at the Town Office. I appreciate all our Town Officers and Employees, and value the collaboration and mutual respect extended by all. To our Board Members **Paula Nason, Travis Pond, and Kevin Libby**, thank you each for your support and for your efforts all year on behalf of our citizens. A special *Thank you* to my good friends and office mates **Erin Norton**, our Treasurer, and **Myrna Robinson**, our Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. In addition, please welcome **Dana Redding**, who has joined our crew and is actively engaged in training as our newest Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We all make a committed and wonderful team!

As you can see from our Vital Statistics report, New Sharon residents have celebrated nine marriages, and welcomed 20 new babies during 2023. And, also sadly, 19 of our residents have passed away this year. Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to all the family, friends, and loved ones of those we have lost.

A *Special Thank You* also to all Election Workers. Each person serves with kindness and skill, adhering to the letter and the spirit of all State and Federal election laws. Because of their efforts, our elections run smoothly, efficiently, and ethically. Sincere gratitude for your assistance in 2023 goes out to **Helen Ames, Caroleen Caldwell, Linda Grant, Mercy Hanson, Guy Linkel, Terry McManus, Dana Redding, Myrna Robinson, Shirley Sawyer, & Juniper Thompson.**





Whether your needs are to register your vehicle, a snow machine or ATV, get a fishing license, register to vote, register your dog, pay Real Estate taxes, or just have questions, please stop in and we will do all we can to assist you!

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Adams

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**Town office hours are: Monday 10a-12:30p & 1p-6p, Wednesday 1p-7p, & Friday 10a-12:30p & 1p-6p.
207-778-4046 or townclerk@newsharon.maine.gov**

 IF&W Issued 76 Hunting/Fishing Licenses, Registered 55 Snow Machines, 56 ATV’s & 96 Boats with \$1,597.40 Excise Tax Revenue.	 Dogs Registered 174 Dogs Does not include online receipts	 Vital Statistics Births 20 Deaths 19 Marriages 9	 Motor Vehicles Registered 1,718 vehicles, Collected \$336,022.68 in Excise Tax Revenue
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TOWN OF NEW SHARON
2023 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
As of December 31, 2023
MIL RATE 17.5

2023 Tax Commitment	\$ 1,796,200.20	
2023 Supplemental Taxes	<u>12,893.07</u>	
Total 2023 Tax Commitment		\$ 1,809,093.27
2023 Taxes Collected	\$ 1,578,340.06	
2023 Abatements	6,582.55	
2023 Corrections/Refunds	<u>215.30</u>	
Total 2023 Taxes Paid		<u>1,585,137.91</u>
Total 2023 Unpaid Taxes as of 12/31/2023		<u>\$ 223,955.36</u>



TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS REPORT 2023

Marriages: 9

Ahmed Rehman	Lauren Rebecca Guppy	January 21st
Colton Scott Nason	Lily Ana Solorzano	May 27th
Michael John Farrington	Jennifer Leigh Nuttall	August 12th
Derek Paul McCarty	Jaclyn Ann Mulholland	September 16th
Cory Tyler Starke	Crystal Lee Cook	September 23rd
Dana Elizabeth Redding	Guy Josef Linkel	September 24th
David Alton Wright II	Lisa Louise Smith	September 27th
Melissa Sue Shackley	Ian Byron Franck	October 13th
James Joseph Killion	Courtney Elizabeth Irwin	December 22nd

Births: 20

Deaths: 19

		Levi Wade Jewell	November 26th
Audrey W. Smiley	January 1st	David Alton Wright (Sr).	December 9th
Daniel Bent Sr.	January 24th	Janice Lynette Bullen	December 25th
Robert Spencer Thompson	February 10th		
Edith Maude Kimmick	February 26th		
Alberta S. Currier	February 28th		
Marshall Randolph Thombs	June 7th		
Margaret Brownlee Thompson	June 18th		
Craig C. McCabe	August 16th		
Richard A Morris Jr	August 19th		
Merton Parker	September 5th		
Scott James Hoder	September 17th		
Michael John Selley	September 28th		
Paul W Taylor	October 3rd		
Harvey Raymond Searles Jr	October 10th		
Sarah J Cleaves	October 17th		
Stephen Cote	November 26th		

Town of New Sharon
Real Estate Taxes Due
As of December 31, 2023

Acct#	Name	Original	Payment	Balance
5	Adams, Kaitlyn M	942.38	400.00	542.38
14	Adams, Kaitlyn M	1,891.05	0.00	1,891.05
** 7	Adams, Leonard R.	1,233.05	948.24	284.81
21	Allen, Derek	837.38	0.00	837.38
205	Allen, Lucinda E	2,009.96	0.00	2,009.96
1201	Alen, Lucinda E	1,512.35	0.00	1,512.35
28	Almy, John B	1,186.37	500.00	686.37
602	Alvaranga, Ronaldo J	1,524.25	1,334.74	189.51
479	Atwood, Richard A	577.85	0.00	577.85
** 1005	Averill, David A	1,023.23	0.00	1,023.23
1104	Bailey, Daryl	1,517.08	0.00	1,517.08
45	Baker, Tammy	759.15	0.00	759.15
155	Bard, Kayla	991.03	0.00	991.03
* 54	Beal, Michael K	1,552.74	1,342.00	210.74
477	Becker, Sara	390.25	0.00	390.25
972	Begin, Tasmin Ronson	488.25	0.00	488.25
144	Benson, Garret L	327.08	0.00	327.08
350	Blankenship, Dale	484.75	0.00	484.75
119	Brann, Andrea	1,029.00	0.00	1,029.00
453	Breingan, Brandon Robert	857.50	0.00	857.50
77	Breton, David	198.80	0.00	198.80
125	Briscoe, Jessie Danielle	609.88	0.00	609.88
126	Brousseau, Edward	407.75	0.00	407.75
249	Brown, Cindy E	506.45	0.00	506.45
1094	Buntin, Josh B	1,161.65	0.00	1,161.65
148	Burke, Lawrence	1,887.90	0.00	1,887.90
178	Casey, Thomas E	326.73	0.00	326.73
553	Casey, Thomas E	341.08	0.00	341.08
554	Casey, Thomas E	309.40	0.00	309.40
185	Chandler, Joel	362.25	0.00	362.25
1115	Chick, Isaac	2,823.28	0.00	2,823.28
115	Chu, Wai Man	343.00	0.31	342.69
1310	Couture, Athanase N	486.85	0.00	486.85
1311	Couture, Sara M	438.03	0.00	438.03
** 694	Daggett, Amy E	442.75	0.00	442.75
349	Daggett, Patrick L	1,124.03	0.00	1,124.03
** 238	Daggett, Terrance B	470.23	0.00	470.23
927	Daggett, Terrance B	2,464.18	0.00	2,464.18
241	Daggett, Travis	280.00	0.00	280.00
256	Dashnau, Donna M	1,276.32	0.00	1,276.32
264	Davis, Marguerite J	98.00	0.00	98.00
460	Davis, Ricky D	565.43	0.00	565.43

Town of New Sharon
Real Estate Taxes Due
As of December 31, 2023

Acct#	Name	Original	Payment	Balance
275	Demers, Paul A	570.50	0.00	570.50
83	Dilello, Kelly A	2,387.11	0.00	2,387.11
1312	Dill, Justin D SR	178.50	0.00	178.50
334	Dingley, Andrew H	1,510.25	0.00	1,510.25
1392	Dingley, Andrew H	819.70	0.00	819.70
252	Dipalma, Eric M	642.25	0.00	642.25
284	Dodge, Russell	1,276.10	0.00	1,276.10
285	Dodge, Russell	1,852.38	0.00	1,852.38
1234	Donald, Frank	541.45	0.00	541.45
303	Ducharme, George C	365.75	0.00	365.75
302	Ducharme, Jay A	365.75	0.00	365.75
301	Ducharme, Pamela M	676.73	0.00	676.73
* 314	Dunn, Ted B	2,497.25	0.00	2,497.25
319	Durrell, Glenn M	1,695.40	0.00	1,695.40
323	Durrell, Mark G	4,776.10	0.00	4,776.10
1040	Eldridge, Kelly	1,132.43	0.00	1,132.43
** 543	Ensminger, Mark E	498.75	88.31	410.44
348	Fagan, Daniel Fred	1,100.93	750.00	350.93
353	Fails, Walter	546.00	0.00	546.00
293	Farmington Falls Rd, LLC	4,018.35	0.00	4,018.35
386	Feegel, Raymond E	885.50	0.00	885.50
398	Feegel, Raymond E	4,721.15	0.00	4,721.15
1256	Feegel, Raymond E	540.75	0.00	540.75
338	Ferrari, Michael P	572.60	0.00	572.60
1127	Flaherty, Troy E	372.75	0.00	372.75
385	Fleming, James	936.47	0.00	936.47
* 936	Forgione, Darryl A II	1,923.25	42.04	1,881.21
1337	Foster, Stacie M	3,033.80	0.00	3,033.80
403	Gage, Donald A	2,648.98	0.00	2,648.98
404	Gage, Donald A	2,069.90	0.00	2,069.90
1229	Gage, Donald A	63.00	0.00	63.00
521	Girard, Marc	4,790.80	0.00	4,790.80
676	Giustra, Matthew	1,557.15	0.00	1,557.15
378	Goggin, Patrick	525.00	0.00	525.00
697	Gordon, Kimberly S	930.65	0.00	930.65
1398	Goulet, Dustin J	334.25	0.00	334.25
435	Goulet, John	1,486.63	0.00	1,486.63
367	Goulet, John Y	1,018.15	0.00	1,018.15
443	Greene, Gregory	1,100.40	0.00	1,100.40
813	Greenleaf, Bradley W	2,210.55	0.00	2,210.55
444	Greenough, James F	814.45	300.00	514.45
1207	Guimond, Diane E	1,043.70	0.00	1,043.70

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Acct#	Name	Original	Payment	Balance
655	Guimond, Roland J	82.43	0.00	82.43
1208	Guimond, Roland J	26.25	0.00	26.25
526	Hakins, Richard M	1,921.15	0.00	1,921.15
466	Hanson, Mercy M	1,436.90	896.17	540.73
517	Hilinski, Christine R	557.90	0.00	557.90
823	Hills-Pettitt, Christopher	2,845.68	0.00	2,845.68
865	Hinkley, Rian	663.78	0.00	663.78
866	Hinkley, Rian	2,748.03	2,600.00	148.03
731	Hood, Jeffrey M.	1,394.23	0.00	1,394.23
1374	Hopkins, Stephen	302.75	0.00	302.75
539	Hoth, Kimbal L	397.25	0.00	397.25
426	Huff, Herbert N	1,932.35	0.00	1,932.35
1212	Hutchinson, Ryan C	2,289.35	0.00	2,289.35
1155	Jenks, Jeffrey W	856.80	852.80	4.00
273	Johnson, Darrell	732.55	0.00	732.55
562	Kaivas, Charles E	1,037.75	0.00	1,037.75
** 567	Keith, Alan Richard	148.58	0.00	148.58
696	Kelly, Ian B	372.75	0.00	372.75
364	Kent, Jeffrey	848.05	0.00	848.05
1191	Kern, Monica	737.28	1.12	736.16
580	Kidd, John J	1,427.13	0.00	1,427.13
484	Knight, Melanie S	907.03	0.00	907.03
594	Labatte, David	344.75	0.00	344.75
610	Landford, Frank W	1,286.25	0.00	1,286.25
898	Letarte, Melissa L	835.10	0.00	835.10
632	Lewis, Joseph	585.03	1.02	584.01
635	Libby, Lori J	104.83	0.00	104.83
637	Lidstone, Timothy R	1,076.25	0.00	1,076.25
1080	M&N Douin LLC.	4,733.58	0.00	4,733.58
656	Makinen, Suzanne	353.85	0.00	353.85
678	Mayer, Karl (devises of)	1,556.45	0.00	1,556.45
436	Maynard, Nathanael	1,186.50	0.00	1,186.50
** 686	Maynard, Zebulon J	1,721.65	0.00	1,721.65
683	McAllian-Ayinde, Patricia A Martineau	1,052.63	0.00	1,052.63
24	McCabe, Barry	642.25	0.00	642.25
1093	McCourt, Dennis W	424.55	0.00	424.55
687	McCully, Robert E	1,031.98	0.00	1,031.98
689	McGaunn, Yvonne (devises of)	2,535.58	40.24	2,495.34
211	McHugh, Anna	109.55	0.00	109.55
1008	Mckenna, William T	558.25	0.00	558.25
828	Millett, Gwendolyn A	710.15	0.00	710.15

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726	Mooar, Anthony E	862.75	0.00	862.75
727	Mooar, Anthony E	1,254.75	0.00	1,254.75
735	Morgan, Tamara E	2,130.45	0.00	2,130.45
221	Mosher, Tessa L	383.08	0.00	383.08
749	Murphy, Richard	1,620.68	0.00	1,620.68
752	Nichols, Robert F II	937.13	0.00	937.13
780	Nichols, Robert F II	4,266.33	0.00	4,266.33
1206	Nichols, Sally D	1,800.40	0.00	1,800.40
1074	Nuttall, Jennifer Leigh	2,162.48	0.00	2,162.48
1075	Nuttall, Jennifer Leigh	636.30	0.00	636.30
1085	Olbert, Elizabeth	2,142.00	0.00	2,142.00
457	Oliver, Todd D	975.80	0.00	975.80
226	Olson, Michael E	1,370.43	0.00	1,370.43
**	799 Otto, Adelaide	18.20	0.00	18.20
*	800 Otto, Adelaide	1,228.50	0.00	1,228.50
764	Phillips, Mark A	1,015.18	0.00	1,015.18
798	Place, Ronald K	478.10	0.00	478.10
663	Porter, Levi	1,421.53	0.00	1,421.53
855	Porter, Rodney F	1,260.98	0.00	1,260.98
857	Porter, Rodney F	353.50	0.00	353.50
856	Porter, Nancy, Malcolm W. Jr	292.25	1.44	290.81
840	Powaga, Carolyn	428.40	0.00	428.40
101	Powers, Nicole Shannon	446.25	0.00	446.25
862	Powers, Philip J	494.36	0.00	494.36
867	Prescott, James	1,200.68	87.79	1,112.89
871	Prior, Stanley C	1,338.75	0.00	1,338.75
876	Rackliff, Jason	153.30	0.00	153.30
429	Rasco, Ivy A	2,094.58	0.00	2,094.58
886	Reid, William III	365.75	0.00	365.75
887	Reid, William III	1,049.30	0.00	1,049.30
888	Reid, William III	1,537.73	0.00	1,537.73
1308	Richardson, Robert A	402.50	0.00	402.50
**	906 Ripa, John	2,870.18	0.00	2,870.18
1221	Rodney J. Sparks, Trustee, Lollipop Trust	456.05	0.00	456.05
558	Rogers, Aaron D	636.13	0.00	636.13
915	Rollins, Carlton	255.17	0.00	255.17
811	Sabasteanski, Jacqueline	2,133.43	0.00	2,133.43
938	Sawyer, Michael R	448.35	0.00	448.35
941	Schiche, Sheri Lynn Waters	1,584.80	0.00	1,584.80
1073	Schramm, Daryl T	736.93	100.00	636.93
947	Seefeldt, Roy C	1,150.26	0.00	1,150.26

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Acct#	Name	Original	Payment	Balance
975	Silver Shade Land Holdings LLC	311.50	0.00	311.50
976	Silver Shade Land Holdings LLC	633.50	0.00	633.50
692	Silver Shade Land Holdings, LLC	402.85	0.00	402.85
977	Silver Valley Farms Inc.	2,807.18	0.00	2,807.18
268	Silvershade Land Holdings, LLC	1,467.90	133.92	1,333.98
903	Simpson, Katrina A	1,502.20	0.00	1,502.20
1288	Simpson, Katrina A	171.50	0.00	171.50
1352	Smith, Edward	518.00	0.00	518.00
1324	Smith, Robert	83.30	0.00	83.30
995	Smith, Robert W	647.85	0.00	647.85
1368	Smith, William (Devises of Smith, Matthew)	179.38	0.00	179.38
1007	Snyder, Karen D c/o Shannon Snyder	1,585.68	1,580.75	4.93
1254	Sobestanovich, John	1,733.73	1,726.02	7.71
763	Sparks, Rodney J	4,494.88	0.00	4,494.88
333	Spenciner, Amy	623.18	0.00	623.18
1285	Stevens, Alycia	373.63	0.00	373.63
890	Strata Trust Co. FBO Lauren Freeman IRA	306.25	0.00	306.25
1247	Sunset View, Inc.	285.25	0.00	285.25
1249	Sunset View, Inc.	292.25	0.00	292.25
1250	Sunset View, Inc.	292.25	0.00	292.25
1251	Sunset View, Inc.	281.75	0.00	281.75
1255	Sunset View, Inc.	287.00	274.86	12.14
1027	Swasey, Charlton J	400.40	0.00	400.40
1028	Swasey, Charlton J. Bucci, James R.	1,215.73	0.00	1,215.73
937	Sweet, Jennifer	1,246.00	0.00	1,246.00
1034	Swisher, Patrica A	1,326.68	0.00	1,326.68
1041	Taylor, Paul W	956.38	0.00	956.38
122	The Johnson Foundation of Maine LLC	905.28	0.00	905.28
566	Thomas, Heather L	1,613.68	0.00	1,613.68
1268	Tibbetts, Carl	1,166.81	0.00	1,166.81
1071	Tracy, Abbie	1,852.73	1,252.73	600.00
805	Tracy, Marcia	510.65	498.58	12.07
132	Tracy, Virgil W	976.50	20.00	956.50
196	Trask, Tyler	1,081.68	0.00	1,081.68
1215	Tucker, Dwayne	810.95	0.00	810.95
1298	Tuttle, Alexander J Jr	366.10	0.00	366.10
113	Tyler, Toby W	724.85	0.00	724.85
1092	Vincent, Edward B	1,231.30	0.00	1,231.30
497	Weber, Brian M	614.08	0.00	614.08
1106	Webster, Eric M	392.70	198.17	194.53
1114	Weese, John	1,120.00	0.68	1,119.32

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Acct#	Name	Original	Payment	Balance
1397	Welch, Cheryl A	250.25	0.00	250.25
1119	Welch, Michael E	454.13	0.00	454.13
672	Wheeler, Ivory A	392.18	0.00	392.18
1152	Wing, Shawn R	1,867.60	0.00	1,867.60
1153	Wingfield, Charles Scott	1,272.95	0.00	1,272.95
1154	Winslow, Peter V	1,213.10	0.00	1,213.10
51	Withey, Douglas A	439.08	0.00	439.08
1130	Witt, Scott D	824.60	0.00	824.60
1271	Wood, Steven R	648.73	0.00	648.73
1173	Works, Keven J	631.05	0.00	631.05
** 1177	Wright, David A	698.78	0.00	698.78
1181	Wright, Mark D	1,115.45	0.00	1,115.45
505	Zaikarite, Matthew	77.53	0.00	77.53
Total Unpaid as of 12/31/2023				223,955.36
*	Partial Payment after 12/31/2023			
**	Paid in Full after 12/31/2023			



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

I have been an Animal Control Officer for nine years, and things have certainly changed in that time. The biggest issue I face is the stray cat population and what can be done about it. Historically they were brought to the Franklin County Animal Shelter, but because of limited space available they are often at capacity and not accepting intakes. Donations for increased room is less effective. I recommend making a donation toward a spay/neuter movement. This will help to slow population growth, especially in strays. Please don't feed any cat that isn't yours. This will encourage them to hang around.

There is no leash law for cats. In general, when left alone and not fed, they will move on or go home. If you feel that you must feed a stray, then consider trapping to have it spayed or neutered. If you have a cat that is allowed outdoors, I strongly encourage you to have it spayed or neutered and microchipped. There are several programs available locally to do both of these for free or as little as \$10! A chip for tracking will make your pet easy to identify. At the very least, a tag or label on its collar will save you the expense of finding your stray dog at the Animal Shelter. If you own dogs they must be kept on your property. There are lots of options to ensure limited roaming, including panel or chain link fencing, a radio fence, runner or something similar.

Dogs can be licensed for the following year starting in

mid-October. A hefty late fee of \$25 is automatically applied after January 31st, except for new dogs. Thank you for entrusting me with this important responsibility. It's not always easy, and poses some challenges, but is rewarding. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dexter (Buzz) Bridges
New Sharon Animal Control Officer



ASSESSORS AGENT

Once again, I would like to thank the Town of New Sharon Selectmen for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Town of New Sharon as the Assessors' Agent, I have truly enjoyed my time here in this great community. The Homestead Exemption, Veterans Exemption and Blind Exemption are all still available for qualifying taxpayers. If you have questions concerning qualifications for these exemptions or are interested in obtaining an application, please contact me.

As it turns out the "Legislative Document #290", otherwise known as The Property Tax Stabilization Program was effectively eliminated after it's first year in existence. This program was intended to provide "Senior Citizens", 65 years of age or older, who are permanent residents of the State, and who have owned a homestead for at least 10 years, the opportunity to essentially freeze taxes at the same amount billed the year prior to applying for stabilization.

Over the past 12 months I have spent a great deal of time meeting and working with many of you to ensure that the assessment on your property(s) have been done accurately and have made a few necessary changes in assessments along the way, however there is much more work to be done. I ask that you please remain patient and allow me the opportunity to research your concerns and respond to your requests. I am only one person and generally speaking I have a just two days per month to assist the taxpayers of New Sharon, I assure you that I will attend to your concerns one by one as I can get to them.

As the Assessors Agent my duty is to ensure that fair and equitable assessments are being done throughout the Town of New Sharon. In short, if you have evidence that the valuations used for taxation purposes are "manifestly wrong," please provide me with the proper evidence. I am not an unreasonable person and will objectively review anything that needs consideration. Please contact the Town Office to determine the date of my return and to potentially schedule an appointment to meet with me via phone or in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin McCormick, C.M.A.
KTM Assessing, Co.



CEMETERIES

Albert Stehle was hired to repair stones at the Village Cemetery. With the funds available in our budget, Mr. Stehle was able to complete the following repairs:

- 5 Pin stones completely rebuilt
- 3 Broken stones fixed, reset in base
- 28 Stones reset
- 13 Stones reset in base
- 1 Small monument stone reset
- 6 Tablet stones reset
- 3 New bases made for reset stones

Selectman Travis Pond attended a work session with Deb Probert to learn how to safely clean old headstones without damaging them.

In 2023 the Town became lifetime members of the Maine Old Cemetery Association. We subsequently submitted a grant application to them for more stone restoration and repair in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted
David Dill, Chair

**PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS
HELD BY THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.
As of December 31, 2018**

Simon Greenleaf Fund	100.00
R.S. Leeman	50.00
John Harding	50.00
S.H. Paul	50.00
Ramsdell & Waite	100.00
Wilder & Plummer	50.00

A.K.P. Yeaton	30.00
Bullen & Alexander	150.00
Boardman	150.00
Norcross Fund	100.00
Samuel York	50.00
Alton L. & Wm. N. George	150.00
Harry & Nell Paine	100.00
Thwing & Hopkins	200.00
Josiah Morrill	100.00
Smith & Stover	100.00
Geo. Howes	100.00
Nellie Bean	50.00
Fred & Amy Gray	100.00
Sophie Nelson - Buck & Dunton Lot	100.00
Herbert Porter	100.00
Etta Gordon	200.00
D.S. Tucker	100.00
D.M. French	100.00
John Manter	100.00
Emily Norton (James Dyer Lot)	100.00
Elie & Harriet Greenleaf	100.00
Barnard	100.00
Mary Day	50.00
Susie Fletcher (John Dyer Lot)	100.00
Howard Maxwell Lot	100.00
Moses Gage	100.00
Capt. Chas. Dyer Lot	100.00
Frank Graves	400.00
John & Cleora George	100.00
L.J. & Harriette Bailey	100.00
H.W. Porter Lot	200.00
Harry L. Bailey Lot	50.00
Richard Stowers	100.00
Wallace B. Follett & Halleth	140.00
John T. Furber	100.00
Caleb D. & Albert Sawyer	200.00
Jacob Hodgkins	300.00
Howard Beach Lot	100.00
Francis Swan Lot	100.00
Jabez Moores Lot	100.00
Getchell Fund- Care of Lewis Paul Lot	150.00
Melvin Butterfield	125.00
Walter Leach	125.00
Clyde Getchell & Wesley Paul	125.00
Lawrence & Loretta Day	125.00
John Durrell	125.00
Claude Mitchell	125.00
Ervin & Helen Getchell,	
Philip & Phyllis Getchell	125.00
Leo & Pearl Lapierre	125.00
Ordway & Phyllis Russell,	
Ralph & Esther Russell	125.00
Simeon, Carrie, Roscoe, & Doris Paine	450.00
D. Max Fitch M.D.	125.00
Margaret Hatley Lot	125.00
Lester & Eva Brann Lot	125.00
V.W. & M.N. Saltmarsh	125.00
McCarthy, Cushman,	
& Porter- Stinson Lot	225.00
Harry & Addie Lovejoy (Greenleaf Lot)	100.00
House & Austin Lot	100.00
Albert & Mildred Howes Lot	125.00
S. Helen Stinson Fund	1,000.00
Arland & Clara Fitz Lot	125.00
A.W. Nichols Lot	125.00
Norman Bowen & Guy Day Lot	125.00
James & Hazel Smith Lot	125.00
Albion & Betty Butterfield Lot	125.00

L.L. House Lot	100.00
Cyrus & Maurice Dunn Lot	100.00
Cyrus Gordon Lot	100.00
William Thompson Lot	100.00
Will Durrell Lot	50.00
Frank Elliott Lots	500.00
William W. Blanding Lot	100.00
William Blanding Lot	100.00
Porter & Ames Lot	100.00
Ned Wilson Lot	50.00
Lyman Tracy Lot	80.00
Warren Ladd, Geo. Brown, Withie, & Cyrus Brown Lot	375.00
Frank Russell Lot	100.00
Roy Carson Lot	100.00
Cyrus Dunn Lot	50.00
Cyrus Gordon Lot	50.00
Levi Willard Sr., 2 Wives & Daughter, Levi Willard Jr. & Wife Orilla, Carlton & Cassie Ames	350.00
Byron Bean Lot	100.00
Nelson Bean Lot	100.00
George Grant Lot	100.00
D.J. Jordan	50.00
Marie H. Dulster	100.00
L.A. Deveraux	100.00
William Stanger	100.00
Leonard Holt Lot	200.00
George B. & Elizabeth L. Follett Lot	100.00
Paul E. & Eda N. Wilson	100.00
Herbert Campbell	200.00
Rose Mary (Eller) McCormick	100.00
Catherine Pert Lot	200.00



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

As 2023 has come to a end our town continues to grow with 8 new homes, 9 garages , 3 barns, 2 sheds, 1 addition. Just a reminder to folks to contact me before doing any activities with 250' of a great pond or river, or 75' of a stream/wetland.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Arnold
Code enforcement officer
207-242-3331



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Another successful community organic vegetable garden was undertaken in 2023. Planting was started Memorial Day weekend at the site beyond Ditzler Library and work weeding, watering, additional planting, and finally harvesting continued weekly through the summer into early October.

A half dozen New Sharonites were involved, start to finish. Fresh veggies were delivered to at least 25 individuals and families in town on a weekly basis. John Cox once again donated tilling. and Karla Bock from Hoof 'n' Paw contributed much of her own vegetables to the cause. We received compost and seedlings from Living Acres, seedlings from Sandy's Flowers, and sweet corn from Pikes, Yorks, and Whitewater Farm. The library allowed us to hook onto their outside faucet for watering.

The garden as started in 2010 under the auspices of the Community Improvement Team, then was continued by interested individuals after CIT dissolved. a few years later. As always, additional volunteers are welcome, on a regular or as--available basis.

Flower Beds:

3 ladies consistently worked on the flower beds this past summer with the help of a few others. Flowers were pruned, ground was rototilled, mulch bark was spread this fall, and plants were cut back. This next summer will be the last summer Wendy Pond will be the lead person of the flower beds. If there is anyone willing to be the lead person, please contact Wendy at 778-9025 she will mentor you through the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Pond, Don Waterhouse
Community Improvement Team



E-911 ADDRESSING OFFICER REPORT

I issued 9 addresses for this year, down from 22 last year. This little town continues to grow.

Respectfully submitted
Don Cornelio, E-911 Addressing Officer



JIM DITZLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

There have been lots of changes happening at the library. We had 16 people sign up for a library card, 1,381 visits, and a circulation of 2,120 items plus 277 computer users.

Our summer reading program was "All Together Now." It was heavily focused on community service so the animal shelter stopped by for the kick off and gave a presentation. We had 13 children sign up. A total of 149 books were read with six kids finishing the program and reading 20 books per person to earn an ice cream at Giffords. Seven kids were unable to finish, but read a collective 28 books. We also did a community service bingo card that eight people completed and got a community service credit for.

Our beloved librarian, Diana Oliver, retired in November. She worked as our library director for 23 years watching many of our children grow up and serving as a staple in our community. She will be missed and we wish her the very best in retirement.

Thank you to all of our patrons, the community, and trustees for your continued support. We are looking forward to the new year and hope to see you at the library.

Our hours are:
Tuesday and Wednesday: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Nutting, Library Director

**2024
Budget for Jim Ditzler Memorial Library**

Wages:	
Librarian and Substitutes:	\$14,976.00
Cleaning:	\$1,632.00
Utilities:	
Electricity	\$1,500.00
Phone	\$1,000.00
Water	\$530.00
Heat	\$4,000.00
Security	\$645.00
Unclassified	
P.O. Box	\$80.00
DOT Signage	\$60.00
Library Calendar	\$40.00
Yearbook Add	\$75.00
Summer Reading Program	\$1,000.00
Dues and Fees	
Balsam Consortium	\$500.00
Insurance for Trustees:	waiting for a quote
Supplies	
Office and Computer	\$750.00
Computer Fund	\$1,000.00
New Book Acquisitions (and DVDs)	\$3,300.00
Contract Services	
Mowing	\$660.00
Snow Removal/ Plowing	\$1,500.00
Building Upkeep	\$6,000.00
Handicap Parking Paving (Carryover from 2023)	\$5,000.00
Total Budget	\$44,248.00

**FINANCIAL REPORT of the TRUSTEES
OF THE MINISTERIAL,
SCHOOL AND LIBRARY FUNDS 2021
FINANCIAL REPORT
of the TRUSTEES OF THE MINISTERIAL,
SCHOOL AND LIBRARY FUNDS 2023**

Balance from 2022	\$8,518.76
Bank error 2022.....	10
Cash-book sales, copies, refund	136.50
Donations	155.00
Donation-F.Fair Little Library	17.00
Book Damage.....	20.00
Total.....	328.60
Balance.....	\$8,847.36

EXPENDED

Diana Oliver-Bouffards-rug.....	50.88
Total.....	50.88
Balance 12/31/2023.....	\$8,796.48

**MRS. ROSE BEQUEST
RECEIPTS**

Balance from 2022	\$191.72
EXPENDED	
Diana Oliver-Bouffards-rug.....	191.72
Balance 12/31/2023.....	0

LIBRARY FUNDS IN FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK	
SAVINGS.....	1218.60
CD #1	2235.44
CD #2	9674.17
Total 12/31/2023.....	\$13,128.21

**MINISTERIAL FUNDS IN FRANKLIN SAVINGS
BANK**

CD #1	4068.14
CD #2	1922.63
CD #3	1617.87
Total 12/31/2023.....	\$7,608.64

SCHOOL FUNDS IN FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK	
CD #1	8994.58
Total 12/31/2023.....	\$8,994.58

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Ramsey, Treasurer

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HEALTH OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen and the residents of New Sharon,

This year we have had a few instances where the Local Health Officer (LHO) was required to be involved in situations. All issues were mitigated promptly.

The LHO is designated to receive and investigate complaints from the public concerning conditions that pose a public health threat or potential hazard. Collaborating seamlessly with key town stakeholders such as the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Animal Control Officer (APO), Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI), and Fire officials, the LHO works diligently to address these concerns. The role of LHO is crucial in maintaining the well-being of our community.

I would like to extend an invitation to all residents to reach out to me with any health-related concerns or questions pertaining to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Felicia Bell, Health Officer
Town of New Sharon

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**NEW SHARON FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of New Sharon,

On behalf of all the members of New Sharon Fire & Rescue, we would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You!" to all of you for your continued support.

We ended 2023 with a total of 302 calls, which break down as follows:

- Medical Calls – 143
- Building Fires – 8
- Chimney Fires - 5
- Motor Vehicle Accidents – 40
- ATV Accident - 1
- Vehicle Fire - 1
- Propane/CO/Smoke Investigation – 5
- Trees/Lines Down – 38

Grass/Woods Fire – 5
Fire Alarm Activation - 8
Flood Assessment – 13
Water Rescue - 2
Assist PD – 2
Other - 2

* Mutual Aid Calls for assistance – 29 (Assistance provided to Farmington, Chesterville, Vienna, Norridgewock & Starks.)

Throughout the year, our department experienced an unprecedented surge in call volume, marking the highest in the last ten years and drawing comparisons to the historic Ice Storm of '98.

We take pride in welcoming four outstanding individuals to our roster: Scene Support K. Reis & H. La-Forge, EMT-B Max Olmstead, and FF/Paramedic N. Prescott. Additionally, we celebrate the achievement of Fire I&II certifications by FF/EMR K. Nichols and FF A. Couture, while Chief Bell successfully obtained certifications in both Fire Inspector 1 & 2. Deputy Chief McKay's inclusion in the County CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) team reflects our commitment to supporting the well-being of first responders.

Recognizing excellence within our ranks, FF/EMR K. Nichols has been promoted to the position of Captain, a testament to her unwavering dedication and leadership qualities.

In terms of equipment, we have made strategic additions and upgrades to enhance our operational capabilities. Notable acquisitions include a hydrogen cyanide meter, a second 4-gas meter, four new personal thermal imaging cameras, and a RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) Pack. Furthermore, the replacement of tires on both Tanker and Engine, along with the radio in Rescue, exemplifies our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of safety, efficiency, and preparedness. Just before the end of the year, we received word that we were awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation in order to purchase new extrication equipment. This extrication equipment will serve our community well, as they are all electric and not tied to a hydraulic system, making them versatile and easily portable. Thanks to Deputy Chief McKay for his work on obtaining this funding!

For those interested in becoming part of our dynamic team, we extend an invitation to attend our business meetings on the 1st Monday of the month at 6 pm, training sessions on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6 pm, or truck checks every Sunday at 8 am. We also have openings in our Junior Firefighter program for high schoolers aged 16 and 17 who aspire to serve in the fire service.

In closing, I express sincere gratitude to all members of the department for their unwavering professionalism and dedication to both the department and the residents of New Sharon. Your collective efforts have been instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Felicia Bell, Fire Chief



NEW SHARON PLANNING BOARD

We approved this year:

Permits:
NECEC
Randy Keach Auto – Addition Permit
Nancy's Garage
Root Down Market
Catalyze/Sandy River Solar Farm

Ordinances:
Parks and Recreation – Approved
Minimum Lot Size – amending to be in compliance with LD2003.
Food Sovereignty Ordinance – in progress
Solar Farm Ordinance – amending in progress

Respectfully submitted
Katie Reis, Chairperson
New Sharon Planning Board



NEW SHARON WATER DISTRICT

2023 was a very difficult and expensive year for the Water District.

Anything that could break or fail, did! The telemetry failed, hence we had to keep the reservoir filled by manually turning the pumps on and off; and then the radio transmission system also failed. We lost over 45,000 gallons during this issue.

During the power outage, our reservoir ran dry as there was no way to run the pumps to fill it. Maine Rural Water borrowed a portable generator and we then could fill the reservoir again.

We dropped a large pine tree that was headed toward our power line, and rewired the CMP pole to the pumphouse.

The hydrants were flushed in October, this is an annual requirement.

We have a major leak (40,000 gallons a day!), and have not yet found it. This is treated water, and hence is costly. Maine Rural Water is assisting with the search.

Three of our Board members resigned this year, for all different reasons, but leaving us with a nonfunctioning Board with no quorum. We asked the Town for help. Mr. Libby suggested that the Town take over the District, and they and the PUC and Maine Rural Water Association have all been of major assistance.

The PUC will be hiring an operator for our system shortly and then will work with us to ensure the long-term viability for the District.

We are starting the new year with a positive attitude, with gratitude to our customers for dealing with water issues, and for all the ongoing support from the Town and PUC and Maine Rural Water Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Mercy Hanson, Treasurer
New Sharon Water District



PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission was reformed in 2023. We have been meeting monthly and have made great strides thus far.

Parks and Recreation supported both our youth softball and baseball teams this past season. Work has begun to replace the dugouts on the Starks Road baseball field, by Foster Tech. Thank you to the Masonic Lodge for their gracious donation to the baseball program.

During the fall, the Homeschool Soccer League utilized the Starks Road field. We are currently working towards adding our own Rec soccer program for the fall of 2024.

This was our first season of Rec Basketball, and the participation was astounding. We are already planning and looking forward to the 2024 season.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Mrs. Rose, for the Flag and flagpole at the Chandler Road Park. As well as Wendy Pond and volunteers, for maintaining and caring for our flower gardens.

We are currently working towards adding more activities and events to offer in 2024.

Sara Abbott Pinkham, Elizabeth Tracy, Brittany Conrad, Josh Hill, Andrea Downing, Josh DeRaspe
Parks and Recreation Commission



PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2023

TO: The Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of New Sharon

In 2023, I issued twenty-three plumbing permits. Fourteen were for septic systems and nine were for internal plumbing.

If you are planning on doing internal plumbing or want to install a septic system please call me before you start. I can be reached at 684-4111.

Any violations of the septic system rules are being resolved amicably.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Marcotte
Plumbing Inspector



ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Town of New Sharon as your Road Commissioner. Your support has been appreciated. This was a challenging year due to 3 torrential rainstorms. One in December of 2022 and May 2023 that we are waiting on FEMA for reimbursement. During the storm in December 2023, there were multiple roads washed out. We are waiting to see if the town will qualify for FEMA reimbursement.

These 3 storms have required lots of gravel and labor to make many roads passable, not once but 3 times. Some roads still aren't passable. Most of the money from the roads budget has gone into repairing roads. Due to the many repairs, maintenance work has been minimal. When FEMA money gets reimbursed back to the town, maintenance can begin again.

- Pavement: Preparation work on Weeks Mills Road for pavement, paving was done one mile from Stop sign. Paved 800 feet on Industry Road.
- Ditching: 2 areas on Clearwater Road. Kimball Pond, Swan, York Hill Roads then rock lined the ditches.
- Bridge replacement: Entered into a contract with Wentworth Associates to replace Bullen Mills Bridge on Crystal Vale Road that needs to be replaced due to deteriorating framework deemed by DOT inspectors.
- Culverts: reset many culverts

Plan for 2024: Larger culverts installed on Saltmarsh, Swan, Welch Brook Hill, York Hill Roads as well as maintenance work.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Pond, Road Commissioner



RSU 9 SCHOOL DIRECTOR REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve on RSU9 School board as representative from New Sharon. My three year term ends this year, July 2024.

It is my opinion that our school district is doing a good job and that work implementing strategic plan goals are well under way. RSU9 website has strategic plan information if you are interested learning more. Mtblu-ersd.org

I volunteer at Cape Cod Hill School. Our students are engaged, learning, and enjoying school. They participate in academic, physical education, art, music, SEL and extra curricular activities. What more could we ask? Smaller class sizes!

Budget restraint has impacted class size. No one likes to pay the cost of education. Increased costs for goods and services continue to drive expenses higher for schools just like in home budgets. That said, classes of twenty or twenty one students is too large for one teacher in kindergarten and first grade.

I encourage New Sharon tax payers to look at all factors involved when considering the next fiscal year 2024/25 school budget. Salaries are the largest expense in a school district. Teachers and staff deserve a competitive wage and an environment supportive to their and their students success. Budget process has not started for 2024/25. It is a public process. If you want to be involved, speak up.

Dyer funds 2022/23 paid for landscape improvements in front of the school building. A new sign and a new lawn were installed Fall 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Kaut, RSU 9 School Board Director



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We were engaged by the Town of New Sharon and have audited the financial statements of the Town of New Sharon as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. A complete copy of the draft audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation throughout the entire audit process.

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NOTE: This year's audit was performed by RHR Smith & Company (3 Old Orchard Road, Buxton, Maine 04093) and unavailable at the time of printing. These reports as referenced on page 56 have been copied and made available with the town report and/or inserted. If you do not see a copy here or are missing this report, please contact the Town Office or view the full report at www.newsharon.maine.gov

