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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2023

Moderator

Donald Goodnow
Term expires 2024

Assistant Moderators

Matthew Bacon, Thomas Burbank, Shelley Girdner
Charles Goss, Richard Erickson, Michael Card
Tracy Radaack, Katrin Siegels

Board of Selectmen

Janet G. Wall
Mark Avery
Tim Burt

Term expires March 2024
Term expires March 2025
Term expires March 2026

Administrator

Eric Fiegenbaum

Town Clerk-Tax Collector

Lisa Amarosa, Term expires 2025

Deputy Clerk/Collector

Amy Avery, appoint to 2025

Asst Clerk/Collector

Morgan Daigle

Treasurer

Deborah M. F. Ahlstrom, 2024

Deputy Treasurer

Susan Ossoff, 2024

Town Auditors

Linda Stewart, 2024 • Rhenda DeAngelis 2025

Trustees of Trust Funds

Robyn Gault, 2024 • Judith Engalichev, 2025 • Bob Renshaw, 2026

Cemetery Trustees

Sandra O'Neil, 2025 • Roderic Hutton, 2026 • Susan St. Louis, 2024
Susan Gong, 2024, resigned • Richard Erickson, Alt, 2024

Library Trustees

Noreen Gaetjens, Chair, 2026 • Hope Flynn, 2024 • Marie O'Neill 2025
Betsy Renshaw, Alt, 2025 • Georgeann Murphy, Alt, 2024

Supervisors of the Checklist

Mary Ellen Reisch, 2024 • Marie O'Neill 2026 • Kathleen O'Shea, 2028

Planning Board

Marcia Goodnow, Chair, 2025 • Douglas Hoff, V. Chair, 2026
Thomas Burbank, 2026 • Casey Jordan, 2026 • Michael Card, 2024
Andrew Losse, 2025 • Beverly Ketel, Alt, 2024, resigned
William Courtemanche, 2024 • Tim Burt (*ex officio*)

Conservation Commission

Eric Fiegenbaum, Chair, 2024 • C. Thomas Crosby, 2025
John Crooks, 2023 • Katherine Frid, 2026, resigned • Kevin Drees, 2025
Stephen Hagen, 2025 • Arul Mahadevan, Alt, 2025

Zoning Board

Matthew Bacon, Chair, 2024 • Shanti Wolph, Vice chair, 2025
Sandra Heald, 2026 • John Vanasco, 2026 • Heather Rivera, 2026

Recreation Commission

Justin Corrow, Chair, 2025 • Julie McCabe, 2026 • Charles Goss II, 2026
Gordon Davenport, 2026 • Janet Wall (*ex officio*)

Water Resources Board

Garret Ahlstrom, Chair, 2024 • Eric Fiegenbaum, 2024
Patricia Bickford, 2026 • Giana Gelsey, 2025 • Janet Wall (*ex officio*)
Michele Martin, Alt, 2025

Building Inspector

Justin Corrow

Health Officer

Zeus Rivera

Deputy Health Officer

vacant

Overseer of Public Welfare

Bruce E. Hodsdon, 2024

Road Agent

Joseph B. Moriarty, 2024

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Thomas Perley

Assistant Fire Chief

W. Jim Davis

Police Chief

Joseph E. McGann

Emergency Management Director

Thomas Perley

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

C. Thomas Crosby, 9/2026 • Mark Avery, 3/2025

Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative

Kristen Lemasney, Representative, 2024

Oyster River Cooperative School District

Daniel Klein, Board Member, 2024

Oyster River Local Advisory Committee

Eric Fiegenbaum, 2025

RECORD OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 28, 2023

Moderator Donald Goodnow called the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Madbury, County of Strafford, and the State of New Hampshire, to order on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:02, at the Madbury Town Hall. The polls were open at the Madbury Town Hall on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The following ballot clerks were in attendance:

Cameron Ahlstrom, Morgan Daigle, Teresa Keith,
Joan Melvin, Sandra O’Neill, and Joan Sundberg

Moderator Goodnow explained his expectations for the deliberative session to the assembled citizens (approximately 60). He introduced the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Administrator, and thanked everyone who helped organize the day, run the election, and set up for the town meeting. He also thanked Lulu Higginson for volunteering to provide a microphone to any resident wishing to speak during the town meeting.

The Moderator then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for those Madbury citizens who passed away in 2022. The names of the deceased were read aloud by the Moderator from the Town Report.

Town Clerk Lisa Amarosa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator reviewed the rules of order.

ARTICLE 1: The following Town Officers were elected by Official Ballot on March 28, 2023: (sample ballot on file)

Selectman for the ensuing three years	Tim Burt
Treasurer for the ensuing year	Deborah M. F. Ahlstrom
Auditor for the ensuing two years	Rhenda A. DeAngelis
Library Trustee for the ensuing three years	Noreen Gaetjens
Trustee of the Trust Funds for the ensuing three years	Bob Renshaw
Cemetery Trustee for the ensuing three years	Roderic Hutton

ARTICLE 2: To vote to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amendment 1: Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing town Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to update Madbury Zoning Ordinances Article XXI, Flood Hazard Area Overlay District? Recommended by the Planning Board (Majority vote required).

YES (128) NO (10)

ARTICLE 3: Donald Sundberg of Nute Rd. moved, and Doug Hoff of Hayes Rd. seconded, a motion authorizing the Selectmen to choose all other town officers. (Majority vote required)

Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 4: Selectman Fritz Green moved, and Tim Burt of Moss Ln. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three dollars (\$2,130,723) for general municipal operations. This operating budget

warrant article does NOT include appropriations contained in any other warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Green spoke in support of the motion. He explained that the budget increase is 11% higher than last year due to inflation and rising fuel costs. He then reviewed some of the notable budget items found on page 24 in the Town Report.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 5: Selectman Mark Avery moved, and Ric Erickson of Moharimet Dr. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to readopt the Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28 II for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Avery explained that this credit was originally adopted in 1989 at \$50, and was raised to \$500 in 2002. He said legislature amended the article in 2022 to include active duty military, and in order to keep our credit at \$500, we need to readopt it.

Rhonda Hodsdon of Hayes Rd. said she would like to approve the article and motion to raise the credit amount to \$750. She said the State of New Hampshire raised the allowable credit amount from \$500 to \$750 in April of 2018. She said she would like Madbury to raise the amount of the tax credit due to inflation. Selectman Green seconded the motion.

Moderator Goodnow asked for a vote to amend the Veterans Tax Credit amount from \$500 to \$750.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED

Moderator Goodnow then asked for a vote on the amended Article 5 to readopt the Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28 II for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a voice vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 6: Fire Chief Tom Perley moved, and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Davis seconded, a motion to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$105,600) for the purpose of hiring a consultant to complete a Fire Department needs assessment, develop a plan, and assist in negotiating any agreement for future fire protection. This special article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until a plan is negotiated or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Fire Chief Tom Perley explained that the town fire department is made up of volunteers who mostly work outside of Madbury, leaving us uncovered most of the time. He said the town is looking at future options for fire and EMS protection.

Henry Fones of Nute Rd. asked why the consultant fee is so high. Chief

Perley said the Selectmen set the amount but that he expects to come in under it. Mr. Fones asked the Selectmen to explain how they chose the amount.

Town Treasurer Deborah Ahlstrom explained that the number was put into the budget after seeking consultant quotes and speaking with surrounding communities.

Rhonda Hodsdon of Hayes Rd. asked what the possible options are. Chief Perley said they are looking at several options including hiring part-time from within the town and contracting for assistance from another community.

Steve Hagan of Garrison Ln. asked what is meant by the town being currently uncovered. Chief Perley said the National Fire Protection Association standards require a minimum crew of four people when responding to a fire call and Madbury usually has only two. He said we have been lucky to have neighboring towns help but we cannot count on that.

Karen Matta Oshima of Moharimet Dr. asked why it will take so long to negotiate a plan. Town Treasurer Deborah Ahlstrom explained that the RSA 32:7 VI works in annual increments and choosing a deadline of December 31, 2024, allows more flexibility to complete the plan. It will likely be negotiated before the deadline. Chief Perley said they already have a consultant in mind.

Jeanette Fones asked if the remainder of the votes during the meeting could be conducted by hand and not voice. Moderator Goodnow agreed.

Mike Anderson of Champowne said he knows that consultants can be very expensive and he is glad the town is handling the consultant budget correctly.

Don Sundberg of Nute Rd. said he has lived in Madbury for 45 years and has always worried about fires in the town with a volunteer fire department. He said he is in support of the article and urged the town to pass it.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 7: Road Agent Joseph Moriarty moved, and Joan Sundberg of Nute Rd. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand dollars (\$80,000) to add to the existing Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 5 at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town bridges. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Road Agent Moriarty said there is a large bridge project on Freshet Rd. that has been deemed necessary by the state. He said the state will pay 80% of the cost once the project is finished, but Madbury is responsible for paying up front.

Henry Fones of Nute Rd. asked where the money goes once the state sends reimbursement. Town Treasurer Deborah Ahlstrom said the money that is being set aside in the Capital Reserve Fund is only raising the 20% the town will owe. She said the town pays the consultant design work up front, but once the construction costs begin the state will pay a percentage.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 8: Selectman Mark Avery moved, and John Bickford of Moharimet Dr. seconded, a motion to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to add to the existing Public Works Development Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 9 at the 2020 Town

Meeting for the purpose of building a facility and initiating equipment purchases. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Avery said the town currently uses contractors for public works services. He said our current contractors are aging out and we need to plan ahead for the future. He said there is a citizen-lead public works committee in place and asked if they could provide a progress report. Moderator Goodnow agreed.

John Steele of Raynes Farm Rd. provided the progress report. He said the committee is continuing to gather facts and will be giving a recommendation to the town at the 2024 town meeting.

Henry Fones of Nute Rd. asked how long it will take to raise enough funds. John Steele said once a decision is made he anticipates it taking 2-3 years. He said they are also looking at available grants through several government agencies. Mr. Fones said he thinks it is wrong to raise money if the current contractor has not announced retirement. Mr. Steele said the funds can be used elsewhere if a public works department is not needed, but that the cost of such a department means planning ahead is prudent. Mr. Fones stated that he believes someone has already been chosen to run the future department. Selectman Avery said there has not been any determination of who would run a future public works department.

Selectman Fritz Green said regardless of what happens, the town should plan to store its own salt and sand for the roads. He said it is currently housed on the contractor's land and should be stored on town property.

Giana Gelsey of Hayes Rd. asked why the CPA audit for a bond was not mentioned in the budget. Moderator Goodnow said the question was getting off track. Mr. Steele said an audit and bond are things the committee is looking into.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 9: Selectman Janet Wall moved, and Selectman Fritz Green seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000) to add to the existing Government Buildings Repair Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 5 at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of major repairs to town government buildings. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Wall said major repairs will need to be done at the town hall and safety complex down the road.

Henry Fones of Nute Rd. asked if the previous painting contractor was insured. Selectman Wall confirmed that all contractors who work for the town must provide proof of insurance. Mr. Fones asked if the painting contract went out for bids. Selectman Wall said it did. Mr. Fones asked if the paint that was removed from the town hall was tested for lead. Moderator Goodnow said the questions were getting off topic.

Bill Courtemanche of Garrison Ln. asked if \$35,000 was enough money to ask for considering inflation.

Selectman Wall said this capital reserve fund was established in 2012 and has been funded annually. Selectman Green and Treasurer Ahlstrom confirmed that the fund has about \$60,000 currently.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 10: Jim Davis of Grounds Maintenance moved, and Lizzie Higginson of Cherry Ln. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) to add to the existing Grounds Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 4 at the 2012 Town Meeting for purchasing grounds maintenance equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Jim Davis said these funds are adding to the capital reserve fund for equipment failure or replacement as needed.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 11: Fire Chief Tom Perley moved, and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Davis seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) to add to the existing Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 8 at the 1994 Town Meeting and repurposed in Article 14 at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of the purchase of fire equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Fire Chief Perley said this money is being set aside as a savings account for fire apparatus. He described the current engine inventory and explained that future equipment will be purchased with these funds.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 12: Selectman Fritz Green moved, and Tim Burt of Moss Ln. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to add to the existing Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 6 at the 2010 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing police equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Fritz Green said this money will be used for a new police cruiser when the time comes. He explained that Madbury police cruisers are typically cycled out every 3-4 years.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 13: Justin Corrow of Nute Rd moved, and Chuck Goss of Cherry Ln. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to add to the existing Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 5 at the 2010 Town Meeting for the purpose of planning and development of recreational facilities within the town. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Justin Corrow of the Recreation Committee explained that a trail will be added to the current loop at Tibbetts Field in the spring of 2024.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 14: Selectman Mark Avery moved, and Tim Burt of Moss Ln. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to add to the Property Revaluation Capital

Reserve Fund established in Article 6 at the 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of the revaluation of town properties. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Avery said the town is required by the state to do a property revaluation every 5 years.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 15: Selectman Janet Wall moved, and Henry Fones of Nute Rd. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to add to the Purchase of Property and/or Easements Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 7 at the 2018 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchase of property and/or easements. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Wall spoke about the various properties that have been purchased over the years with this fund.

Henry Fones of Nute Rd. asked if the town could use these funds to buy property around the reservoir. He said Portsmouth has been buying the land and Madbury should not let them. Administrator Eric Fiegenbaum confirmed that Portsmouth is only buying easements and not land. He said the property owners still own their land, but Portsmouth has paid for easements that place restrictions on the land to protect the water quality of the reservoir.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 16: Selectman Mark Avery moved, and Joseph Moriarty of Mill Hill Rd. seconded, a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to add to the existing Iafolla Reclamation Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 4 at the 2010 Town Meeting for the purpose of reclamation of land purchased by the Town from the Estate of Michael Iafolla. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Avery explained that the town has been putting money aside for the purpose of building a park on the property between Old Stage Rd. at Rt. 9. The amount has been lowered because Pike Industries had no immediate plans of closing.

Joseph Moriarty of Mill Hill Rd. said the land is about 20 acres that has been mined for gravel. The town has been keeping the area around it mowed. He said it will eventually be used for town recreation in the future.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 17: Administrator Eric Fiegenbaum moved, and Marcia Goodnow of Garrison Ln. seconded, a motion to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to add to the existing Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund established in article 17 at the 2022 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware, software and related services to meet the technology requirements of the Town. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Administrator Fiegenbaum said the town currently has about 9 computers that run Windows 10 and all of those machines will need security updates in order to run Windows 11.

Danielle Heaton of Moharimet Dr. said she does not think \$2,500 is enough money. She said she questioned this last year and asked if the amount covers software and maintenance.

Mr. Fiegenbaum said there is some additional funding available from other sources within the budget to help with costs.

Mike Anderson of Champernowne said he has worked in IT for 25 years and \$2,500 is not enough money. Mr. Anderson made a motion to increase the amount to \$4,000. Lizzie Higginson of Cherry Ln. seconded the motion.

Moderator Goodnow asked for a vote to amend the amount in Article 17 from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

Moderator Goodnow then asked for a vote on the amended Article 17 to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to add to the existing Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund established in article 17 at the 2022 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware, software and related services to meet the technology requirements of the Town.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 18: Planning Board Chair Marcia Goodnow moved, and Doug Hoff of Moharimet Dr. seconded, a motion to see if the town will vote to establish a Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of covering consulting and other costs associated with the review, revision, updating, and amending of the Town's Master Plan and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to add to this fund; and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Marcia Goodnow said state law requires a master plan. The last master plan in Madbury was updated in 2003. She said the planning and zoning boards are made up of volunteers and knowing the rules and regulations is very challenging. Both boards are now utilizing a consultant. These funds will help pay the consultant for assistance with the master plan.

Danielle Heaton of Moharimet Dr. asked if \$20,000 is enough for a consultant. Marcia Goodnow said the \$20,000 will not cover the entire master plan. She anticipates coming back for the next few years asking for additional funds.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 19: Selectman Janet Wall moved, and Shelly Girdner of Garrison Ln. seconded, a motion to see if the town will vote to establish a Conservation Donor Trust Fund as an Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-A VI for the purpose of depositing private donations accepted by the Board of Selectmen to be used for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources, such as the stewardship of wildlife habitats, forests and waterways, the development of interpretive information, and trail enhancement: and further, to name the Madbury Conservation Committee

as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Treasurer Deborah Ahlstrom made a motion to amend the article to change the name of the Madbury Conservation Committee to the Madbury Conservation Commission. Lizzie Higginson of Cherry Ln. seconded the motion.

Moderator Goodnow asked for a vote to amend the Madbury Conservation Committee to the Madbury Conservation Commission.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

Treasurer Ahlstrom made a second motion to amend the article to reference RSA 31:19-a instead of RSA 31:19- A VI. Donald Sundberg of Nute Rd. seconded the motion.

Moderator Goodnow asked for a vote to amend the statutory reference of RSA 31:19-A VI to RSA 31:19-a.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

Moderator Goodnow then asked for a vote on the amended Article 19 to see if the town will vote to establish a Conservation Donor Trust Fund as an Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of depositing private donations accepted by the Board of Selectmen to be used for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources, such as the stewardship of wildlife habitats, forests and waterways, the development of interpretive information, and trail enhancement: and further, to name the Madbury Conservation Commission as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 20: Selectman Fritz Green moved, and Treasurer Deborah Ahlstrom seconded, a motion to see if the town will vote to establish a Contingency Fund in accordance with RSA 31:98 for the current year of 2023 for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000) to put in the fund. This sum to come from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, there is no impact on taxes. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Selectman Green read the RSA aloud. He explained that this money would allow for unexpected expenses that need to be covered.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a hand vote.

PASSED

ARTICLE 21: Administrator Eric Fiegenbaum moved, and Garret Ahlstrom of Drew Rd. seconded, a motion to see if the town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2023 appropriation as authorized by RSA 36-A:5, said funds to be placed in a conservation fund account held by the municipal treasurer. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Administrator Fiegenbaum explained that the Conservation Commission budget is \$1,500 and they can carry any unexpended money over each year.

ARTICLE 22: To hear the reports of any Town Committees, Boards, and/or Commissions, and act on any motion thereto.

Nothing was reported.

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Ric Erickson of Moharimet Dr. shared information about Ready Rides, a program that provides rides to residents unable to drive themselves to medical appointments. Volunteer drivers are welcomed and fuel is reimbursed. Mr. Erickson asked if townspeople could spread the word to those who could benefit from this service.

Moderator Goodnow asked for the townspeople to recognize Lulu Higginson for her assistance with the microphone throughout the meeting. She received a round of applause.

Jim Davis of Mill Hill Rd. moved, and Joan Sundberg of Nute Rd. seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moderator Goodnow adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

Lisa Amarosa, Town Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen on July 1, 2022

Frederick W Green

Janet Wall

Mark Avery

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE for 2022

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen and Treasurer, including Cemetery Trust Funds and Conservation Funds, according to the instruction of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. We recommend the Selectmen work to resolve ownership issues for two unimproved properties with regard to deeding.

Linda Stewart
Rhenda DeAngelis

Town Clerk

Motor Vehicles		
Registrations	\$418,382.20	
Title Fees	840.00	
Town Clerk/Agent Fees	<u>13,261.00</u>	
		\$419,222.20
Dog Licenses (376)		
Town Fees	1,470.50	
Late Fees (79)	<u>454.00</u>	
		1,924.00
Marriage Licenses (7)		
Town Fees		49.00
Vital Records		
Town Fees		424.00
State Fees		
Motor Vehicles	147,669.54	
Dogs	847.00	
Vital Records	<u>757.00</u>	
		149,273.54
Grants & Donations		
Grants	398,683.18	
Wentworth Family Trust	11,563.50	
Donations MPL	2,766.20	
NH Reimbursements	<u>25,491.99</u>	
		438,504.87
Special Details		
MPD (70)		143,015.38
State Reimbursements		
Highway Block Grant	55,268.94	
Meals & Rooms	<u>184,271.90</u>	
		239,540.84
Other Office Receipts		
Miscellaneous		<u>1,900.00</u>
Total		\$1,391,954.33

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending 12/31/2023

DEBITS

PRIOR LEVIES

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:

	Levy of 2023	2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes		\$537,404.72		<u>\$836.00</u>
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$8,368.18)			

Taxes Committed this Year

Property Taxes	8,093,466.86
LUCT	69,600.00
Yield Taxes	3,343.53
Excavation Tax	1,827.64

Overpayments:

Property Taxes	5,345.00
Interest & Penalties on Late Tax	<u>1,999.44</u> <u>12,588.76</u>

TOTAL DEBITS	\$8,167,214.29	\$549,993.48	\$0.00	\$836.00
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CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$7,870,087.86	\$442,679.73
LUCT	69,600.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	3,343.53	
Interest (Include Lien Conv)	1,909.44	11,397.76
Penalties	90.00	1,191.00
Excavation Tax	1,827.64	
Converted To Liens (Prin. only)		94,317.99

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	273.86	15.00
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Uncollected Taxes End of Year

Property Taxes	222,339.49	<u>392.00</u>	<u>\$836.00</u>
LUCT			
Property Tax Credit Balance	<u>(2,257.53)</u>		

TOTAL CREDITS	\$8,167,214.29	\$549,993.48	\$0.00	\$836.00
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SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

Unredeemed & Executed Liens	Levy of 2023	2022	2021	2020
Unredeemed Liens				
Beginning of FY			\$82,284.21	\$81,570.78
Liens Executed				
During FY		\$102,195.62		
Interest & Costs				
Collected		<u>396.45</u>	<u>1,864.35</u>	<u>20,030.90</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$0.00	\$102,592.07	\$84,148.56	\$101,601.68

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer

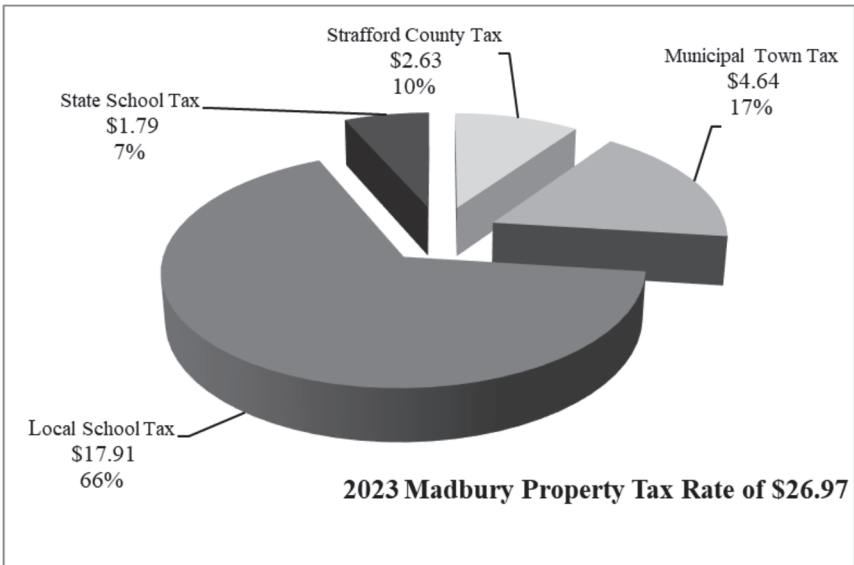
Redemptions		\$8,225.95	\$11,647.89	\$54,168.30
Interest & Costs				
Collected		396.45	1,864.35	20,030.90
Abatements of Unre- deemed Liens				
Unredeemed Liens				
End of FY		<u>93,969.67</u>	<u>70,636.32</u>	<u>27,402.48</u>
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	\$0.00	\$102,592.07	\$84,148.56	\$101,601.68



WHERE IT GOES

	2022		2023	
Local School Appropriations*	\$5,286,737		\$5,435,947	
State Education Tax*	354,071		505,687	
County Assessment Tax*	748,659		798,260	
Municipal Tax	1,297,982		1,406,689	
Breakdown of Current Tax Rate				
Local School (ORCSD) Tax	\$17.30	68%	\$17.91	66%
State School Tax	1.27	5%	1.79	7%
Strafford County Tax	2.45	10%	2.63	10%
Municipal Town of Madbury Tax	4.25	17%	4.64	17%
TOTAL	\$25.27 100%		\$26.97 100%	

*from DRA Tax Rate Calculation sheet



2023 INVENTORY

Land, Improved & Unimproved		\$97,378,789.00
Buildings: Residential	\$175,174,216.00	
Commercial	<u>\$8,833,100.00</u>	
		\$184,007,316.00
Public Utilities, Electric & Gas		\$20,888,900.00
Manufactured Housing		\$4,454,100.00
Discress. Preser. Easement		<u>(\$17,784.00)</u>
Total Valuation before Exemptions		\$306,746,889.00
Exemptions		
Blind Exemptions	(\$15,000.00)	
Elderly Exemptions	(\$1,914,576.00)	
VA Assistance Exemptions	\$0.00	
Solar Energy Exemptions	(\$1,370,000.00)	
Total Exemptions Allowed		<u>(\$3,299,576.00)</u>
Net Value on which tax rate computed		\$303,447,313.00
Total Property Tax Assessed		\$8,146,583.00
Veterans Tax Credit		<u>(\$50,750.00)</u>
Total Property Tax Committed		\$8,095,833.00
Property Taxes	\$8,093,466.86	
Timber Tax	\$3,343.53	
Excavation Yield Tax	\$1,827.64	
Land Use Change Tax	<u>\$69,600.00</u>	
Total Taxes Committed to Collector		\$8,168,238.03

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2023

SCHEDULE OF CASH ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023

TOWN OF MADBURY:

TD Bank - Checking/Cash Management	\$229,602.36	
Citizens Bank - Investment Checking	2,470,060.39	
Citizens Bank - Op/TC-EFT/Target	541,618.96	
Cash Register	75.00	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	34,763.46	\$3,276,120.17

LIBRARY DEDICATED FUNDS:

TD Banknorth - Checking	1,406.46	
TD Banknorth - MPL Building Account	2,243.92	3,650.38

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

TD Bank - Checking	68,042.06	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool		68,042.06

TOTAL CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023 \$3,347,812.61

DEPOSIT MONIES RECEIVED:

Tax Collector	\$7,644,310.83	
Tax Online Pymnts Processed	849,272.34	
Town Clerk / Administrative	1,351,477.10	
TC Online Pymnts Processed	122,085.44	
State portion Transferred to DMV	(147,669.54)	
Board of Selectmen	675.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	388,677.06	
Conservation Commission	35,940.71	
Library Dedicated Funds	796.23	
Interest on Investments	58,201.60	10,303,766.77

LESS ORDERS PAID PER:

Board of Selectmen	(\$8,791,469.75)	
<i>includes \$5,662,909.6 to ORCSD & \$798,260 to Strafford County</i>		
Conservation Commission		
Library Dedicated Funds	(1,982.41)	(8,793,452.16)

CASH AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 \$4,858,127.22

SCHEDULE OF CASH ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

TOWN OF MADBURY:

TD Bank - Checking/Cash Management	\$230,683.18	
Citizens Bank - Investment Checking	3,837,165.09	
Citizens Bank - Op/TC-EFT/Target	647,174.20	
Cash Register	75.00	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	36,582.78	\$4,751,680.25

LIBRARY DEDICATED FUNDS:

TD Banknorth - Checking	789.42	
TD Banknorth - MPL Building Account	1,674.78	2,464.20

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

TD Banknorth - Checking	103,982.77	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool		103,982.77

TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$4,858,127.22

CONSERVATION FUNDS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

AVAILABLE FUNDS JANUARY 1, 2023		\$68,042.06
Added Revenue from the Town		
Unexpended Portion of Budget (Article 21)	\$974.00	
One Half Land Use Change Tax Received 2023	<u>34,800.00</u>	
Total Revenue from the Town		35,774.00
Added Revenue from Other Sources		
Interest from Savings and Investments	<u>166.71</u>	
Total Revenue from Other Sources		<u>166.71</u>
Total Funds Available		103,982.77
Less Expenditures:	<u>-</u>	
Total Expenditures		-
AVAILABLE FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$103,982.77</u>
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		
TD Bank - Checking Account	\$68,208.77	
Outstanding checks	-	
Deposit in transit credited February 2024	<u>35,774.00</u>	
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$103,982.77</u>



2023 FINANCIAL REPORT
BALANCE SHEET
Governmental Funds as of December 31, 2023

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Library</u> <u>Dedic</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Capit &</u> <u>Grant</u> <u>Pri</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Trustees of</u> <u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Total Gov.</u> <u>Funds</u>
Assets					
Cash and Equiv.	\$877,932.38	\$789.42	-	-	\$878,721.80
Investments	3,873,747.87	1,674.78	-	\$1,139,281.61	5,014,704.26
Conservatn Funds	68,208.77	-	-	-	68,208.77
Taxes Receivables	214,758.35	-	-	-	214,758.35
Liens Receivables	192,008.47	-	-	-	192,008.47
Accounts Recvbl	31,037.47	-	-	-	31,037.47
Due frm State NH	93,206.21	-	-	-	93,206.21
Interfund Recvbl	-	-	\$14,731.72	-	14,731.72
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$5,350,899.52	\$2,464.20	\$14,731.72	\$1,139,281.61	\$6,507,377.05
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$151,962.71	-	\$4,907.72	-	\$156,870.43
Tax Credits Payable	2,257.53	-	-	-	2,257.53
Due to State	2,132.50	-	-	-	2,132.50
Due School District	2,591,816.00	-	-	-	2,591,816.00
Interfund Payables	14,731.72	-	-	-	14,731.72
Deferred Revenue	38,290.79	-	-	-	38,290.79
Bond/Security Held	716.00	-	-	-	716.00
Conserv.Funds Held	68,208.77	-	-	-	68,208.77
Total Liabilities	\$2,870,116.02	\$0.00	\$4,907.72	\$0.00	\$2,875,023.74
Fund Balance					
Unassigned Fund Bal	\$2,423,763.52	-	-	-	\$2,423,763.52
Restricted Fund Bal	57,019.98	\$789.42	\$9,824.00	\$4,969.00	122,602.40
Committed Fund Bal	-	1,674.78	-	1,084,312.61	1,085,987.39
Assigned Fund Bal	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Bal	\$2,480,783.50	\$2,464.20	\$9,824.00	\$1,139,281.61	\$3,632,353.31
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$5,350,899.52	\$2,464.20	\$14,731.72	\$1,139,281.61	\$6,507,377.05

\$2,349,652.54 **General Fund Balance - December 31, 2022**

\$2,480,783.50 **General Fund Balance - December 31, 2023**

\$131,130.96 **Net Change In General Fund Balance**

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT
Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds as of December 31, 2023

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Library Dedic Fund</i>	<i>Caplt & Grant Project Fund</i>	<i>Trustees of Trust Funds</i>	<i>Total Gove. Funds</i>
Revenues					
Taxes & Interest	\$8,190,253.73	-	-	-	\$8,190,253.73
MV & Boat Regis	432,358.20	-	-	-	432,358.20
Federal Funding	-	-	\$21,400.27	-	21,400.27
Rev frm State of NH	240,131.44	-	87,467.22	-	327,598.66
Vitals, Licenses & Per- mits	14,157.62	-	-	-	14,157.62
Chrgs for Services	122,347.87	\$80.44	-	-	122,428.31
Sale/Rent Town Prop	11,496.09	-	-	\$4,500.00	15,996.09
Reimb. & Donations	36,119.59	714.93	60.00	-	36,894.52
Intragovrnmtl	-	-	11,885.69	341,000.00	352,885.69
Interest on Invests	58,201.60	0.86	-	13,021.84	71,224.30
Grant Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Proj Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$9,105,066.14	\$796.23	\$120,813.18	\$358,521.84	\$9,585,197.39
Expenditures					
General Government	\$274,053.83	-	\$60.00	-	\$274,113.83
Boards & Comms.	13,517.29	-	21,400.27	\$300.00	35,217.56
Public Safety	469,396.70	-	-	-	469,396.70
Facilities, Streets & Sanitation	1,010,342.61	-	99,352.91	-	1,109,695.52
Health & Welfare	10,681.46	-	-	-	10,681.46
Culture & Recreatn	115,049.29	\$637.16	-	-	115,686.45
Trnsfr to Caplt Resrvs	341,000.00	-	-	-	341,000.00
Trnsfr to Genrl Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
County Allocation	798,260.00	-	-	-	798,260.00
School Allocations	5,941,634.00	-	-	-	5,941,634.00
Grant Funded Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$8,973,935.18	\$637.16	\$120,813.18	\$300.00	\$9,095,685.52
Net Chng in Fund Bal.	\$131,130.96	\$159.07	\$0.00	\$358,221.84	\$489,511.87
Fund Balnc, beginning	\$2,349,652.54	\$2,305.13	\$9,824.00	\$781,059.77	\$3,142,841.44
Fund Balance, ending	\$2,480,783.50	\$2,464.20	\$9,824.00	\$1,139,281.61	\$3,632,353.31

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET - Appropriations

<u>Dept #</u>	<u>Description</u>	2023 <u>Adopted Budget</u>	2023 <u>Adjusted Budget</u>	Actual <u>Unaudited 12/31/2023</u>	2024 <u>Proposed</u>
4130	Executive	\$76,012	\$76,012	\$74,133.79	\$81,588
4140	Election and Registration	6,950	6,950	2,855.49	14,760
4150	Financial Administration	109,226	104,226	94,169.33	116,163
4152	Assessing / Valuation	12,632	13,632	13,542.56	12,720
4153	Legal	30,000	19,000	2,526.45	30,000
4155	Personnel Administration	56,500	56,500	38,481.21	55,750
4191	Planning Board	15,593	15,593	11,464.30	17,156
4192	ZBA	3,531	3,531	177.99	3,565
4194	General Government Build	122,425	122,425	90,887.06	125,188
4195	Cemeteries	9,860	9,860	8,175.94	9,728
4196	Insurance	48,345	48,345	48,345.00	52,740
4210	Police Department	290,666	290,666	212,216.87	278,357
4215	Ambulance	6,604	6,604	6,604.00	21,602
4220	Fire Department	110,970	110,970	109,867.26	119,924
4225	Forest Fire	500	500	-	500
4240	Building Inspection	15,450	15,450	15,370.40	16,106
4242	Inspections Department	3,000	3,000	650.00	3,000
4290	Emergency Management	1,000	1,000	494.76	1,000
4299	Special Details	125,000	125,000	73,743.41	125,000
4312	Highway & Streets	770,500	799,500	799,339.61	923,850
4313	Bridges	7,000	7,000	5,000.00	3,000
4316	Street Lighting	2,400	2,400	1,250.95	1,800
4323	Hazardous Waste Collection	1,400	2,900	2,535.00	2,600
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	83,335	74,835	66,643.93	77,490
4329	Recycling	40,250	33,250	26,246.62	30,000
4338	Water	5,000	5,000	375.00	3,000
4411	Health	1,100	1,100	45.00	100
4414	Animal / Pest Control	5,500	5,500	265.00	2,500
4415	Health & Welfare Agencies	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000
4442	Direct Assistance	15,000	15,000	6,371.46	15,000
4445	Other Assistance	1,000	1,000	1,000.00	1,000
4520	Parks & Recreation	9,800	9,800	819.61	6,400
4550	Library	92,777	92,777	91,657.10	98,328
4583	Patriotic Purposes	600	600	164.05	200
4589	Oyster River Youth Assoc.	18,297	18,297	18,297.00	23,488
4619	Conservation Commission	1,500	1,500	1,500.00	1,500
4808	Use of Wentworth Fam. Trst	28,000	28,000	11,563.50	28,000
4810	Use of Donations	-	-	2,811.53	-
TOTAL OPERATIONAL		\$2,130,723	\$2,130,723	\$1,842,591.18	\$2,306,103

Dept #	Description	2023 Adopted	2023 Adjusted	<u>Actual</u> <u>Unaudited</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	2024 <u>Proposed</u>
Special / Individual Warrant Articles*					
4710	Debt Service <i>individ. article)</i>	-	-	-	-
4199	Restricted FB for Contingency	\$19,000	\$19,000	-	\$21,000
4904	Capital Outlay: Fire Consult <i>per 2022 Town Meeting Article 6 balance of \$55,150 remains available for this purpose</i>	105,600	105,600	50,450.00	-
4915	Transfer to Capital Reserves	341,000	341,000	341,000.00	357,000
GRAND TOTAL	Approp/expense	\$2,596,323	\$2,596,323	\$2,234,041.18	\$2,684,103

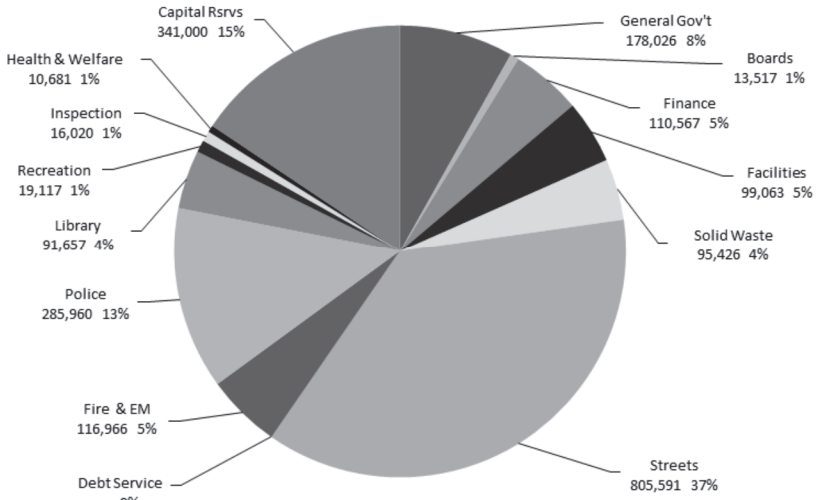
*The breakdown below provides specifics on this section of the budget.

Individual and Special Warrant Articles:		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fire Department Needs Assessment Consultant		\$105,600	-
Contingency Fund per RSA31-98-a		19,000	\$21,000
Capital Reserve - Bridge Repairs & Maintenance <i>approximate available balance \$164,909 held by TTF</i>	Article 06	80,000	80,000
Capital Reserve - Public Works Facility <i>approximate current balance \$283,518 held by TTF</i>	Article 07	80,000	90,000
Capital Reserve - Government Building Repairs <i>approximate available balance \$95,179 held by TTF</i>	Article 08	35,000	35,000
Capital Reserve - Grounds Maintennnc Equip. <i>approximate available balance \$30,656 held by TTF</i>	Article 09	15,000	10,000
Capital Reserve - Fire Equipment <i>approximate available balance \$90,956 held by TTF</i>	Article 10	50,000	50,000
Capital Reserve - Police Equipment <i>approximate current balance \$54,634 held by TTF</i>	Article 11	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve - Recreational Facilities <i>approximate current balance \$57,502 held by TTF</i>		10,000	-
Capital Reserve - CPA Audit <i>approximate current balance \$18,596 held by TTF</i>	Article 12	-	5,000
Capital Reserve - Property Revaluation <i>approximate current balance \$23,012 held by TTF</i>	Article 13	6,000	6,000
Capital Reserve - Purchase Property/Easement <i>approximate current balance \$82,526 held by TTF</i>	Article 15	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve - Iafolla Reclamation <i>approximate current balance \$74,707 held by TTF</i>		1,000	-
Capital Reserve - Master Plan <i>approximate current balance \$20,082 held by TTF</i>	Article 16	20,000	10,000
Capital Reserve - Information Technology <i>approximate current balance \$6,558 held by TTF</i>	Article 17	4,000	6,000
Capital Reserve - Hayes Road Repair & Repave <i>approximate current balance \$25,386 held by TTF</i>	Article 18 <i>noted for closure</i>	-	-
Capital Reserve - Major Road <i>establishing new fund</i>	Article 19	-	25,000
		\$465,600	\$378,000

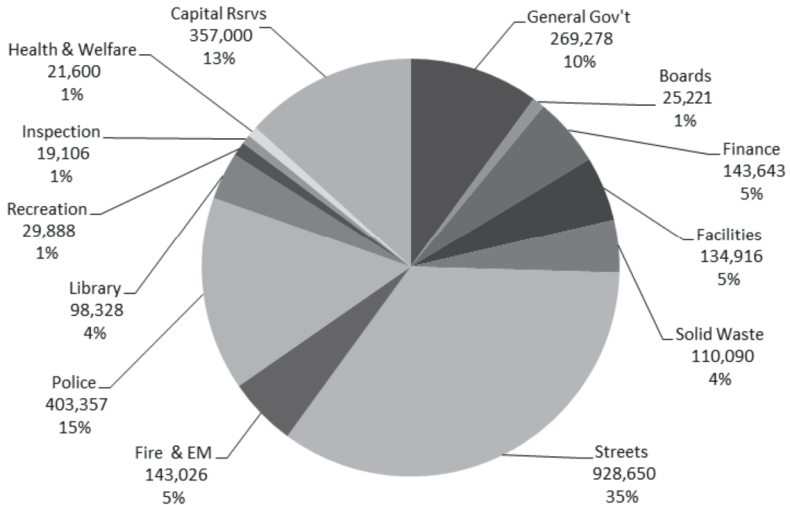
2024 PROPOSED BUDGET - Estimated Revenues

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	2023 Town <u>Meeting</u>	2023 MS-434 <u>Adjusted</u>	2023 Actual <u>Unaudited</u>	2024 Proposed <u>Estim.</u>
3120	Land Use Change Tax Revenue	-	\$34,800	\$34,800.00	-
3185	Timber Yield Tax Revenue	-	3,343	3,343.53	-
3187	Excavation Yield Tax Revenue	\$1,200	1,827	1,827.64	\$1,200
3114	Elderly/Disabled Tax Lien Def	-	-	2,092.53	-
3190-020	Intrst & Penlts on Property Taxes	10,000	13,517	14,588.20	10,000
3190-021	Intrst & Penlts on Tax Liens	10,000	18,435	22,291.70	10,000
3190-023	Interest & Penalties on Yield	-	-	-	-
3190-025	Intrst on Elderly Tax Def Liens	-	536	755.16	-
3190-026	Intrst & Penlts Gnrl Asst Liens	-	152	152.31	-
3210-028	Planning Board Revenues	500	1,685	1,685.00	500
3210-029	Zoning Board Revenues	50	130	130.00	50
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	407,650	415,330	432,358.20	407,650
3230	Building Permit Fees	6,000	7,792	9,150.62	6,000
3290	Vital Recds,LicensesPermit,Fee	2,250	2,410	2,399.00	1,850
3290-055	Transfer Station Permits	40	40	48.00	40
3290-056	UCC Filings	250	525	615.00	250
3291	Pistol Permits	40	40	30.00	40
3292	Excavation Permit Fees	100	100	100.00	100
3293	Inspection Fees	500	1,625	1,625.00	500
3351	NH Shared Revenue	-	-	-	-
3352	NH Rooms & Meals	100,000	184,272	184,271.90	100,000
3353	NH Highway Block Grant	54,000	55,276	55,268.94	54,000
3359	NH Railroad Tax	725	591	590.60	550
3401-71	Town Office Fees	400	439	439.50	400
3401-73	Police Department Revenue	600	525	760.00	600
3401-81	Library Revenue	-	120	235.87	-
3401-81	Cemetery Revenue	-	600	600.00	-
3401-83	Water Board	-	-	-	-
3410	Special Detail Revenue	125,000	125,000	118,567.50	125,000
3501	Sale of Town Property/Equip	-	-	-	-
3502	Interest on Investments	1,200	55,290	58,201.60	5,000
3503	Rental of Town Property	10,793	9,592	11,496.09	10,793
3504	Returned Check Fee	60	120	120.00	60
3505	Solar Revenue	-	17,330	20,887.24	20,000
3507-48	Wentworth Family Trust Gift	28,000	28,000	11,563.50	28,000
3508-78	Donations - Library	-	-	2,811.53	-
3511	Other Reimbursements Transfer from Capital Reserve	8,000	798	857.32	-
3915	Held in Trust	-	-	-	25,386
3915	Transfers from Unassigned Fund	19,000	19,000	-	46,000
	General Fund Revenue Total	\$786,358	\$999,240	\$994,663.48	\$853,969
3110	Property Tax Revenue	\$1,809,965	\$1,597,083	\$1,370,508.66	\$1,830,134
	General Fund Revenue Grand Total	\$2,596,323	\$2,596,323	\$2,365,172.14	\$2,684,103

2023 General Fund Expenditures (Unaudited)



2024 Proposed General Fund Budget



REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF MADBURY TTF ON DECEMBER 31, 2023

		PRINCIPAL					INCOME					
Date of Create	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Depo Citi CAP	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	With-drawals	Balance Year End	Balance Begin. Year	Income During Year	Exp During Year	Balance Year End	Grand Total
3/8/89	Cem. Com. Trst	Perpetual Care	2609	\$48,300.00	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$51,500.00	\$10,051.08	\$839.18	\$0.00	\$10,890.26	\$62,390.26
1/2/14	Literary	Education	2602	228.00	0.00	0.00	228.00	319.41	5.26	300.00	24.67	252.67
2/3/37	Demerritt Cem.	Care of Lot	2604	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	783.65	12.47	0.00	796.12	896.12
3/1/75	Adams/Jenison Bkten.	Care Demerritt Pk	2605	2,541.00	0.00	0.00	2,541.00	1,591.40	58.30	0.00	1,649.70	4,190.70
7/27/21	Jenkins Cem.	Care of Lot	2607	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1,824.87	28.57	0.00	1,853.44	2,053.44
	<i>Subtotal of Trust Funds</i>			51,369.00	3,200.00	0.00	54,569.00	14,570.41	943.78	300.00	15,214.19	69,783.19
3/8/94	Memorial Park Expendbl Trust	Cem. Maint.	2610	9,274.17	800.00	0.00	10,074.17	2,273.29	166.89	0.00	2,440.18	12,514.35
3/8/94	Fire Equipment	Fire Equip.	2611	112,170.38	50,000.00	78,944.00	83,226.38	6,863.42	866.15	0.00	7,729.57	90,955.95
3/14/00	Property Reval.	Periodic Reval	2612	15,308.33	6,000.00	0.00	21,308.33	1,433.26	270.14	0.00	1,703.40	23,011.73
3/13/18	Buy Prop/Ease.	Buy Prop/Ease.	1041	55,128.00	25,000.00	0.00	80,128.00	1,458.02	939.75	0.00	2,397.77	82,525.77
3/12/02	Library Bldg.	Library	2614	5,356.71	0.00	2,400.00	2,956.71	38.23	42.80	0.00	81.03	3,037.74
3/9/10	Police Equip.	Police Equip.	2616	36,800.20	15,000.00	0.00	51,800.20	2,198.86	635.06	0.00	2,833.92	54,634.12
3/9/10	Rec. Facility	Plan & Devel	2617	46,250.00	10,000.00	0.00	56,250.00	535.31	716.64	0.00	1,251.95	57,501.95
3/9/10	latolla Reclam.	Land Reclam.	2618	68,920.00	1,000.00	0.00	69,920.00	3,755.99	1,031.03	0.00	4,787.02	74,707.02
3/13/12	Grounds Maint.	Equipment	2619	33,305.49	15,000.00	18,993.00	29,312.49	1,038.31	305.68	0.00	1,343.99	30,656.48
3/13/12	Gov't. Bldgs	Maj. Bldg Rpr	2621	98,621.00	35,000.00	41,182.11	92,438.89	1,698.30	1,041.57	0.00	2,739.87	95,178.76
3/12/13	Bridge Repair	Repair/Replace	2622	252,216.71	80,000.00	174,602.98	157,613.73	5,629.23	1,666.19	0.00	7,295.42	164,909.15
8/24/16	Hayes Rd Rpr	Repair/Repave	7797	20,636.49	0.00	0.00	20,636.49	4,396.78	353.21	0.00	4,749.99	25,386.48
3/13/18	Fire Comms	Region. Coms.	2629	95,000.00	0.00	72,554.97	22,445.03	2,412.11	367.03	0.00	2,779.14	25,224.17
3/13/18	CPA Audit	Prof Audit	2630	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	337.65	258.73	0.00	596.38	18,596.38
3/10/20	Public Works	Build & Equip.	0493	200,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	280,000.00	240.85	3,277.60	0.00	3,518.45	283,518.45
3/8/22	Infor. Tech	Equip & Serv.	8398	2,500.00	4,000.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.33	57.89	0.00	58.22	6,558.22
10/20/23	Master Plan	Consult / Upd	7163	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	81.70	0.00	81.70	20,081.70
	<i>Subtotal of Cap. Reserves & Expendable Trust Funds</i>			1,069,487.48	341,800.00	388,677.06	1,022,610.42	34,309.94	12,078.06	0.00	46,388.00	1,068,998.42
				\$1,120,856.48	\$345,000.00	\$388,677.06	\$1,077,179.42	\$48,880.35	\$13,021.84	\$300.00	\$61,602.19	\$1,138,781.61

Madbury Trustees of the Trust Funds: Bob Renshaw, Robyn Gault, Judy Engalichev

**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MADBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Madbury, County of Strafford, and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall (13 Town Hall Rd.), in said Madbury on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. o'clock in the morning for the purpose of voting on Article 1, and at the 7:00 p.m. o'clock in the evening for action on Articles 2 through 23.

The polls, which open at the Town Hall at 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting on Article 1 will close at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To choose the following Town Officers: (Majority vote required)

- A Selectman for the ensuing three years
- A Moderator for the ensuing two years
- A Treasurer for the ensuing year
- An Auditor for the ensuing two years
- A Trustee of the Trust Funds for the ensuing three years
- A Cemetery Trustee for the ensuing three years
- A Library Trustee for the ensuing three years
- A Supervisor of the Checklist for the ensuing six years

Article 2: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:64, to authorize the select board to appoint an expert highway agent to have charge of the construction, maintenance, and repair of all town highways and bridges and the maintenance and repair of all sidewalks within the town; and authorizes the select board to add additional duties to those charged to the expert highway agent duties pursuant to RSA 231:63.

Article 3: To choose all other Town Officers. (Majority vote required)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$2,306,103) for general municipal operations. This operating budget warrant article does NOT include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 5: To see if the Town will modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Madbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, as provided in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b, to be as follows:

- For a person 65 years of age and up to 75 years - \$114,000
- For a person 75 years of age and up to 80 years - \$142,000
- For a person 80 years of age or older - \$168,000

To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five consecutive years preceding April 1st, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net

income of not more than \$45,000 or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$55,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$200,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to add to the existing Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 5 at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town bridges. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to add to the existing Public Works Development Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 9 at the 2020 Town Meeting for the purpose of building a facility and initiating equipment purchases. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to add to the existing Government Buildings Repair Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 5 at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of major repairs to town government buildings. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to add to the existing Grounds Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 4 at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing grounds maintenance equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to add to the existing Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 8 at the 1994 Town Meeting, and repurposed in Article 14 at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of the purchase of fire equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to add to the existing Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 6 at the 2010 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing police equipment. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to add to the existing CPA Audit Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 19 at the 2018 Town Meeting for the purpose of completing a CPA audit of the Town in a few years. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to add to the Property Revaluation Capital Re-

serve Fund established in Article 6 at the 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of the revaluation of town properties. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to change the title and purpose of the existing Purchase of Land and/or Easements Capital Reserve established in Article 7 at the 2018 Town Meeting, to be the Purchase of Property and/or Easements Capital Reserve for the purpose of the purchase of property, land, and/or easements. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This change will correct language inconsistent with intent. If this article is not passed article 15 will not be considered. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (2/3 vote required).

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to add to the Purchase of Property and/or Easements Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 7 at the 2018 Town Meeting and revised in Article 14 of this 2024 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchase of property, land, and/or easements. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 14. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to add to the existing Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 18 at the 2023 Town Meeting for the purpose of covering consulting and other costs associated with the review, revision, updating, and amending of the Town's Master Plan. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to add to the existing Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 17 at the 2022 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware, software, and related services to meet the technology requirements of the Town. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Hayes Road Repair and Repave Capital Reserve created by Article 15 at the 2016 Town Meeting. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. If this article is not passed Article 19 will not be considered. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to establish a Major Roads Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of major repair and repave projects and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 18. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to establish a Contingency Fund in accordance with RSA 31:98-a for the current year of 2024 for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) to put in the fund. This sum to come from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, there is no impact on taxes. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2024 appropriation as authorized by RSA 36-A:5, said funds to be placed in a conservation fund account held by the municipal treasurer (RSA 41:29). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 22: To hear the reports of any Town Committees, Boards, and/or Commissions, and act on any motion thereto.

Article 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

Janet G. Wall Mark Avery Tim Burt
Board of Selectmen

Strafford County, SS Town of Madbury and the State of New Hampshire. personally appeared before me, the above mentioned Selectmen, and took oath to the above statement.

Lisa Amarosa, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

We certify that on the 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-four, we posted a copy of the warrant at the Town Hall, Library, and the Town Clerk's Office being three public places in the Town of Madbury, as required by law.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen have moved to a larger meeting room for more open/transparent meetings. Public members are welcome to come forward and join us at the table as we listen to and discuss what is on their minds. Resident Jeannette Fones suggested Glass Routes on Route 9 for much needed replacement of seven leaky double pane window sashes. She also made a proposal to the Wentworth Family Trust Grant project to re-install curtains in the old part of town hall. It is hoped that the curtains will help with acoustics, heat loss and provide darkening for certain events. Repairs were made to the back of town hall after the building was hit by a car. Some needed electrical repairs provided the opportunity to install dawn to dusk controls and LED bulbs to increase outdoor lighting for safety and security. A cleaning contractor from Lee was hired at the request of several town employees to conduct regular cleaning at town hall and the safety complex.

The Board is looking into updating the town website with eyes on making it mobile-friendly and making the work of town boards and commissions more transparent and more accessible.

As work on the budget began, the Selectmen requested that departments reduce or eliminate line items that have not been in regular use. In recognition of increased living costs, the Selectmen approved a 5% increase in wages for town employees. The budget also needed to keep abreast of increasing road maintenance costs and the planned replacement of the Freshet Rd. bridge over Johnson Creek. The Selectmen are proposing adjustments to the elderly exemption to provide some relief to residents on low or fixed incomes. The criteria and exemption levels have not been adjusted since 2016.

Several property use complaints continue to be addressed by the Selectmen. Most involved unpermitted side businesses in the Residential District. The town ordinances provide for allowable uses. Adhering to the ordinances is a way to be respectful of neighbors. For some uses that might coexist outside the permitted uses, one can apply for a conditional use permit or a variance. Conditional use permits are addressed by the Planning Board. The Zoning Board of Adjustment judges whether relief from the rules are warranted and hears requests for zoning variances. Residents are encouraged to contact the Town Administrator for help in determining if their activities require permits or variances.

One of the most difficult challenges the Selectmen are facing is how to provide future public works services. Currently the Town relies on private contractors; however, their long-term availability is problematic.

The Public Works Exploratory Committee, formed in late 2022, completed its work and recommended “that the Town of Madbury develop a Public Works Department.”

The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing on November 6th, 2023, to hear the committee’s report and to receive public input on this issue. After the hearing, the Selectmen accepted the committee’s recommendation, but will maintain contractor operations for as long as possible while exploring the possibility of a DPW.

The Selectmen extended the Town’s current snow plowing contract through the winter of 2026-2027, at which time the contractor will retire. The Select-

men continue to solicit other snow and road maintenance contractors for future contracts.

Additionally, the Selectmen began considering how a public works facility can be implemented. The Board desires to do so incrementally so that the Town can change course if a contractor- only approach remains viable. The Board determined that a likely starting point is building a shed to store Town owned salt and sand, which could be expanded to a full DPW facility should the need arise. (Currently salt and sand these are stored at the contractor's facility which will not be tenable after his retirement).

The Board of Selectmen will continue these efforts in the coming year. The Public Works Exploratory Committee's full report is available on the Town's website, linked from the Selectmen's page.

The 2023 Town Meeting funded a fire department needs assessment to explore options of providing adequate fire services in the future. Volunteers are difficult to find and, along with ever increasing technical training requirements, the staffing of the fire department has been difficult. The Selectmen are awaiting the results of this report which is in its final stages of completion.

The Selectmen developed a set of rules and procedures by which the Board operates. This establishes and improves current practices.

The Selectmen enjoy making themselves more visible and accessible to residents by attending events including the ORYA baseball opening day at Demeritt Park, the Planning Board's Housing Forum, and Madbury Day. We welcome any comments or suggestions residents may have.

Finally, the Selectmen would like to thank all of our employees and volunteers who make Madbury such a great place to live. Our town relies heavily on volunteers, and there are frequent vacancies on the boards and commissions that keep the town working. Please consider helping on a board that interests you. You may contact the town clerk or administrator if you would like to know more.

Janet G Wall
Mark Avery
Tim Burt



ROAD AGENT

The paving of sections of Freshet Road and Huckins Road were the two main projects during the summer of 2023. Work included improving ditches and drainage. There were also some long overdue drainage improvements to Jenkins Lane, and more paving on Jenkins is planned for 2024.

The mowing of the town road shoulders was accomplished this year; albeit later in the season than preferred. We are appreciative of Talco Enterprises out of Nottingham for fitting us into their schedule, and we are working with them to return in the fall of 2024.

Preliminary design has been completed on the Freshet Road bridge over Johnson creek. The engineering firm's recommendations for the design were in line with choices for reasonable cost. After approval from the State, who will cover 80% of the costs, the engineering firm will start on final design and permitting work. Construction is expected in the summer of 2026 and is likely to involve a closure of Freshet Road (near Drew Rd) for an undetermined number of weeks.

As you may have sensed, Madbury's approach to public works tasks are in flux and the responsibilities of the road agent may also change as the town considers options which include a public works department.

I have announced my retirement for April of 2024. A job announcement for a replacement is on the town website in case you are interested or know someone who might be.

Respectfully,
Joseph Moriarty, Road Agent



A remnants of a very old, small diameter iron pipe on Jenkins Road that did not provide proper drainage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the citizens of Madbury for their continued support over the past year. Overall it was a quiet year.

We continue to promote the use of the states online Fire Permit service, you may now obtain a Fire Permit online at www.nhfirepermit.com. Please note that all burning laws must still be followed or your permit may be voided. Seasonal Permits are now available through this site as well. Renters must secure written permission of the property owner, and be able to produce that letter along with a copy of the permit if requested.

We are always in need of volunteers. The United States is experiencing a severe shortage of fire service volunteers, and the Madbury Fire Department is no exception, if you have an interest in Emergency Service or helping your neighbors, please come and talk to us. Even if you don't feel that responding to emergencies is for you, we could use help around the station making sure that our equipment is always ready.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Perley, Fire Chief

2023 Calls for Service

Building Fire	2
Outside Fire	2
Medical Aid	87
Vehicle Accident	16
Hazardous Condition	31
Service Call	39
Good Intent	22
False Alarm	3
Special Incident Type	2
<hr/> Total Calls for Service	<hr/> 204

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2023 offered the Madbury Police Department many challenges and marked my 23rd year of service to Madbury and 45th year as a Law Enforcement Officer. The greatest challenge the department faced in 2023 was finding qualified officers. Combined with losing officers due to changing career paths or retiring from law enforcement, we have been left with a shortage of manpower. The officers who remain are doing their best to cover shifts. We have been assisted by both the New Hampshire State Police and the UNH Police Department to ensure 24-hour coverage for the town of Madbury.

We continued our ongoing training for annual certification, as well as our in-house training. In addition, we continued to work with SAU personnel to ensure the safety of the Moharimet school.

I appreciate and enjoy having the opportunity to serve the Madbury community, and I look forward to having a successful 2024. I value the support I receive from the department personnel, the university police department, Troop A from NH State Police, the Strafford County Attorney's office, and from the Madbury Town Selectmen. Their ongoing commitment to this agency allows us to better serve the Madbury community and its residents.

Sincerely,

Chief Joseph E. McGann
Madbury Police Department



PLANNING BOARD

After a very busy two years devoted to the approval and completion of three big applications, the past year saw a decrease in both Subdivision and Site Plan Review work. We received and approved the following seven applications during 2023:

1 Site Plan Review

- Site Plan Review, seeking waiver to install utility service above ground : Tax Map 1, Lots 16 and 16-1 (10 and 12 Huckins Road)

4 Lot line adjustments:

- Lot Line Adjustment Tax Map 8 Lot 22 and Tax Map 8 Lot 23 (Miles Lane)
- Lot Line Adjustment Tax Map 1, Lots 16 and 16-1 (14 Huckins Road and 242 Littleworth Road)
- Lot Line Adjustment Tax Map 11 Lots 9 and 9B (115 and 117 Piscataqua Bridge Road)
- Lot Line Adjustment Tax Map 1 Lot 14 and Tax Map 1 Lot 14C (255 and 257 Littleworth Road)

2 Conditional use permits:

- Conditional Use Permit for Temporary Wetland Crossing: Eversource, powerline maintenance work
- Conditional Use Permit for a Home Occupation Tax Map 4, Lot 9A (18 Nute Road)

The lighter load of applications enabled us to discuss and focus on three big topics vital to the town:

First, an updating of Madbury's Master Plan has begun in earnest. A Master Plan is a long-term planning tool for the town that reflects the views and desires of its citizenry. Our Planning Consultant, Liz Durfee of EF Design & Planning, helped us to procure a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) grant, enabling some Board members to participate in a six session "New Hampshire Housing Academy". Madbury townspeople were subsequently invited to provide input via a survey (made available both electronically and in hard copy), and through activities on Madbury Day. On December 6, the Board hosted a public Housing Forum which was attended by many Madbury citizens. Their participation was robust and vital. All of this has led to the creation of the draft update of the "Housing and Demographics" Master Plan chapter. Currently still a draft, it will soon be ready for distribution. The Board has begun reviewing the draft chapter and public hearings to consider adoption of the chapter will be held in the spring of 2024. We are now choosing the next chapter to tackle and will again be soliciting your input.

Next, the increasing number of properties offered as short-term (i.e. AirBnB, VRBO rentals nationwide is confronting municipalities everywhere with the need to monitor their proliferation and new challenges they may bring. The Madbury Planning Board is currently exploring how other communities are responding to this emerging dilemma: it is an issue fraught with tensions between the rights of property owners and the towns' need to maintain some control over noise, invasive parking, excessive occupancy and other kinds of nui-

sance. In spring of 2024, we will host a public forum on this issue, inviting you to partner with us to examine if and how Madbury would like to regulate this growing industry. It is our objective—with your help—to define “short term rentals” and to create language in our Zoning Ordinance which will preserve the character of our neighborhoods. We welcome your input by email, letter, or your attendance at a meeting. It is our goal to have new policy about this issue on the warrant in March of 2025.

Finally, the planning board has pledged to work with the selectmen and other town entities over the next year to create a more user-friendly Town of Madbury website. The Planning Board has its own electronic record of applications, minutes and other documents; however, it is difficult to locate this page on the current site, and it comes with a disclaimer that it may be incomplete and not reliably up-to-date. Through a unified effort of all boards and committees, we hope to have a better presence on the web soon.

We continue to rely on the experience and dedication of citizen volunteers, those serving currently as well as past board members who have important institutional memory. We are grateful to them all! In April, we welcomed Selectman Tim Burt in his ex officio capacity, and new alternate Bill Courtemanche. At this time, there is an opening for a second alternate (alternates participate fully in all hearings and discussions, but vote only in the absence of one of the seven members). We meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm in the Town Hall. You are always welcome to attend our meetings, and do consider joining us if the projects you have read about here pique your interest.

Respectfully

Marcia Goodnow, Chair, Madbury Planning Board



Planning Consultant, Liz Durfee, leads a review at the Housing Forum.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Madbury Zoning Board of Adjustment had a light year handling only one application during that time.

In September, the board heard an application for a variance to alter the surface configuration on a lot located on Huckins Road (Tax Map 2, Lot 21) in Madbury. The applicants were seeking to add usable lawn space on their property. After deliberations, the board decided to deny the application. No appeal was filed.

The board has received multiple inquiries for the next calendar year and should meet multiple times.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Bacon, Chair



CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The trustees for the Madbury Cemetery continue to be committed to maintaining an attractive and safe park for the community. Spring and Fall clean-ups have occurred and some plantings of donated perennials also took place. Lawn care is provided by a local landscape company and mowing is done by our own Jim Davis. Our budget is relatively small and we would like the public to know that we do our best to have timely clean-ups but are ultimately at the mercy of landscaper's schedules and the weather.

Monuments that were showing signs of needing a clean-up due to the iron in the cemetery water, received one thanks to Rod Hutton. Trustees will keep an eye out for monuments showing signs of staining and will act accordingly.

Residents and friends visiting the cemetery can help keep it looking neat by removing spent arrangements and by not leaving objects that can be potentially run over by mowers. As per the cemetery regulations, no dogs or bikes are allowed in the cemetery.

Trustees are pleased that the online layout of the cemetery and the availability of lots can be found on the town website under "Cemetery Trustees." A former trustee, Sue Gong was instrumental in creating the vision of this online reference and in getting it produced. We owe a debt of gratitude to Fritz Green for continuing to update the webpage quarterly from information sent to him by the trustees.

A new trustee, Susan St. Louis, appointed by the selectmen has joined the team filling out the term of Sue Gong. Ric Erickson has also joined the trustees as an alternate. Welcome to them both!

There have been three (3) burials at the cemetery this year and eight (8) lot licenses have been sold this year. At the time of the writing of this report, there are two more license requests that have not been finalized.

Trustees will gladly accept hardy perennial plants that can be planted in the memorial garden next spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Hutton (2026)
Sandy O'Neill (2025)
Sue St. Louis (2024)
Ric Erickson, alt. (2024)

MADBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our Mission

In the many years I've written this summary of the year's activity, I've only mentioned the first sentence of our mission statement, mostly because it helped explain the need for a new library. Now that the building is a four-year reality, it's time to highlight the entire mission statement and how we fulfilled it in 2023.

The mission of the Madbury Public Library is to augment the center of community life and to enhance that life by:

- Encouraging free and open access to ideas and information in support of learning by people of all ages;
- Encouraging children's reading and learning by way of programs and services;
- Offering materials and programs which complement the interests of the community;
- Providing portals into statewide services and technological information sources.

Access to Ideas and Information for all Ages

We hosted 14 different kinds of programs for adults, including 74 individual meetings, which served 707 patrons. We hosted NH Humanities speakers, plus weekly and monthly meetings including our Quilters, book group, writer's group. New this year is the Madbury Genealogy Project, which meets the second Wednesday at 7:00, and was created by Madbury's Fritz Green. (You, too, can take a pet project and bring it to life at the library!) In addition to the children's programs, we gave space to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Pony Club, McGregor EMS, Moharimet and Carriage Hill staff training. In 2024 we look forward to adding a second book group on Thursday evening. The fourth Oyster River Community Read kicks off in February 2024 with several programs taking place at our library.

Encouraging Children's Reading and Learning

Story Time with Kayla, Jacky & Sheryl

Our story times are booming! Jacky LeHoullier, who joined our staff in 2021, hosted both Monday and Thursday 10:30 story times through August before returning to teaching. Kayla Morin-Riordan now does Thursday's 10:30 session, plus Yoga Story Time Wednesdays at 11:00. In October we were thrilled to find Sheryl Horton, an experienced early childhood educator. Sheryl is with us Monday mornings and, starting in January 2024, that includes a special Lapsit (0-24 months) Story Time at 9:30 and Preschool at 10:30.

Summer Reading

During the summer of 2023, 90 of you helped us celebrate friendship and unity through the year's theme "All Together Now." Again the three Oyster River libraries worked together to bring the best regional children's performers and presenters to our libraries. Keith Munslow, Bryson Lang, and Cactus Head Puppets entertained us. The ever-popular Wildlife Encounters came to our library lawn and 310 sat on blankets or camp chairs to watch. The most popular event of the summer was Foam Invasion, held at Lee's Little River Park. 400 thrill seekers showed up to run through foam-firing hoses. It was a riot, in the best possible way, and (spoiler) they'll be back in 2024. We held ten story times that featured oceans, friends, rockets, and yoga. Altogether attendance at our many programs was 1,083. See you soon for Summer Reading 2024, when the theme will be "Adventure Begins @your Library."

Natural Play Space

The play space was installed in the summer of 2022 and we loved seeing it full of activity spring, summer, and fall of 2023. Our plans for 2024 include designing

guidelines for age-appropriate ways to use the different pieces of the equipment to further educational and development goals. Of course just playing is always encouraged!

Complementing the Interests of the Community

Ask us for a book we don't have, a program we don't know offer, a lecture or workshop you'd like to attend. We love requests!

Portals into Statewide Services

Downloadable EBooks and Audiobooks

Through the library's annual subscription to the New Hampshire Download Library, we have access to more than 14,416 audiobook titles (38,953 copies) and 18,438 eBook titles (42,419 copies). In 2023 our patrons downloaded (borrowed) 3,021 items, including 1,647 audio, 1,251 eBooks, and 123 magazines. This represents a 9% increase over 2022. There are currently 120 unique users; 30 more than at the start of 2023.

Interlibrary Loans

During 2023, we loaned 724 items to other libraries (16.7% increase over 2022) and borrowed 712 items (47% increase) for Madbury patrons. Interlibrary loan is a valuable service that has grown in popularity with Madbury borrowers since 2021. It allows us to obtain almost anything for you—try it!

Databases

Through the NH State Library we subscribe to Ancestry and NovelList, a reader's advisory service. The library also subscribes independently to Hoopla.

Library Statistics

Collection

The library collection consists of 10,329 books, audiobooks, and DVDs. In 2023 (checkouts and renewals) circulation of these physical items was 11,251, almost identical to 2022.

Attendance

6,828 of you walked through our front door in 2023. (A 7% increase over 2022.) 3,349 attended our library programs (38% over 2022). We were not able to count everyone who walked on the Story Trail, sat at the picnic table, or played in our new natural space, but we hear from many who happily come to learn and play when the building isn't open.

As you can see reading this report, 2023 was a record-breaking year at the library. Thank you for supporting our budget at Town Meeting. Your enthusiasm for the new Madbury Public Library, its services, programs, motivates us to offer even more in 2024.

With Gratitude

Wentworth Family Trust

Thanks to a generous gift of \$9,000 from the Wentworth Family Trust, awarded at the end of 2022, we purchased new shelving for the Children's Room. The WFT funds have been invaluable in helping us make our interior what it is today: up-to-date, comfortable, beautiful.

Friends of the Library

Have you ever had a friend who, no matter what comes up, is always willing to support you? That's what the Friends of Madbury Library are to us. In 2023 they once again funded our children's programs—School Vacation weeks and Summer Reading—contributed supplies for the Story Trail, and funded all our museum passes. They also hosted two fun Saturdays with very popular book sales and

Thank you to the 2022 officers: Anne Marple, president; Pat Bartholomew, who served the first part of the year as vice president; Daphne Chevalier continued as secretary; Jennifer Goldberg continued in key role of treasurer. Thanks to all the members who worked on fundraisers!

Library Trustees and the NH Library Director of the Year

Heartfelt thanks to the library’s Board of Trustees for strongly supporting me in this long journey. I was shocked but thrilled to be named New Hampshire’s Library Director of the Year for 2023 by the NH Library Trustees Association. As I said in my remarks at the ceremony, there are many wonderful library directors in the state but they are not all lucky enough to work with such dedicated, hard-working Trustees. Thank you to Noreen, Marie, Hope, Betsy and Georgeann!

Madbury Public Library Financial Report FY2023:

Accounts in Trust Beginning of Year:

Lib Trustee Chkng-Copier,Fines& Donations	\$1,406.46	
Library Trustee Savings - Bldg Donations	2,243.92	
Less:Check in Transit to Town for Project	(1,345.25)	
		\$2,305.13

Plus Receipts During Year:

Town Op Budget (of \$92,777 adopted)	\$91,421.23	
Town Op Bldg Budget Utilized	3,301.55	
Department Receipts	74.27	
Donations Rec'd from Friends of MPL	2,391.53	
Other Donations	120.00	
Wentworth Family Trust Fund Awarded	1,300.00	
IMLS Grant passed thru State from ARPA	-	
NH Humanities Council Grant	300.00	
Copier, Patron & Fines, Gnrl Donations	795.37	
Use of Library Building Capital Reserve	-	
Interest on Savings	0.86	
		\$99,704.81

Total Receipts during Year

Less Expenditures during Year:

Personnel Wages	\$65,526.04	
Conferences, Dues & Other Personnel	555.00	
Utilities: Phone,Electricity,Heat,Water Testing	13,471.09	
Software/Tech Support	3,278.69	
Office Supplies	546.73	
Books, Periodicals, DVDs & Audios	5,668.31	
Downloadables	275.05	
Programs	2,547.57	
Furniture & Fixtures	1,852.21	
Equipment & Machinery	74.97	
Bldg - Maintenance Wages	4,440.21	
Property Maintenance & Equipment Repair	1,309.87	
Other Miscellaneous	-	
		\$99,545.74

Total Expenditures during Year

Year End Balance = Begin + Receipts - Exp \$2,464.20

Accounts in Trust at End of Year:

Lib Trustee Chkng-Copier,Fines& Donations	\$789.42	
Library Trustee Savings - Bldg Donations	1,674.78	
		\$2,464.20

Total Funds & in Trust at End of FY2022

Town of Madbury, New Hampshire Report of Library Building Project as of December 31, 2023

	<u>thru 2022</u>	<u>in 2023</u>	<u>Pri.t.To Date</u>
Funding Sources:			
Capital Reserve Appropriations voted by Town from 2002 - 2019	\$1,123,043.29		\$1,123,043.29
Trustees of Trust Funds Interest Earned	41,897.51		41,897.51
Friends of the Madbury Public Library	350,000.00		350,000.00
Donation Received by Town	3,100.00		3,100.00
Town Operational Budget - Legal	6,431.00		6,431.00
*Use of Restricted Fund Balance voted Article 6 at 2019 Town Meeting Non-Lapsing \$200,000 for Library Bldg Project	176,821.40		176,821.40
	\$1,701,293.20	\$0.00	\$1,701,293.20

Expenditures:			
Design & Contract Admin: Manypenny Murphy Architecture	139,346.67		139,346.67
Engineer Consult: Bauen Corporation	2,665.00		2,665.00
	Chapman Construction		
Legal: Wyskiel,Boc,Tillinghast & Bolduc	11,896.00		11,896.00
Construction: Chapman Construction original contract	11,608.25		11,608.25
	Plus Change Orders		
	1,407,940.00		1,407,940.00
Security System: Norris Inc	54,264.04		54,264.04
Service Pole: Consolidated Communication	7,369.78		7,369.78
Single phase line extension: Eversource	2,105.30		2,105.30
Site Electricity: Eversource	3,276.00		3,276.00
Debris Removal: Lamprey Regional, WasteMngmt,Shipyard Waste	807.53		807.53
Tree Removal: Cornerstone Tree Care	1,719.17		1,719.17
Post Construction Site Work: AJ Hartford Construc, Brox, Eliminator	14,225.00		14,225.00
Post Construction Building Enhancement: Crestone(whisper wall), Clark(fence)	11,289.48		11,289.48
Irrigation & Landscape: DoubleCoverage,HillsideLandscaping,SeacoastWaterGardens	15,343.00		15,343.00
Other Miscellaneous: Aubuchon (mailbox), StateNH (well design), Lot (paving)	11,113.00		11,113.00
	6,324.98		6,324.98
	\$1,701,293.20	\$0.00	\$1,701,293.20

The Library Bldg Capital Reserve balance of \$2,994,94 is held by the Trustees of Trust Funds
 *The balance of \$23,178.60 Committed Fund Balance expired as of the end of 2021 per RSA 32:7 VI.

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

The Madbury Water Resources Board (WRB) concerns itself with issues of water quality and quantity in Madbury and the watersheds of the region. The many areas of interest are guided by the Town's Master Plan which has identified water as an important resource.

The Board commented on several topics: It replied favorably to Ever-source's application for Conditional Use Permit to replace ten wooden poles and perform maintenance on lines 308 and M183 in the area between Madbury Road and Freshet Road. It did not support an application for a variance at 50 Huckins Road to allow additional filling of wetlands beyond what was granted in a 2017 variance, and the board adamantly opposed the Governor's HB 2-FN-A-L that proposed to repeal the certification requirement for Soil Scientists and Wetlands Scientists. The board is also working to engage a professional wetland scientist to do an outreach on the importance of wetlands at both the ZBA and Planning Boards sometime in the coming year.

Member Pat Bickford continued to attend meetings of the Seacoast Commission on Long-Term Goals and Requirements for Drinking Water. The Committee moved to two subcommittees: one dealing with interconnectivity of water supply between Portsmouth and Dover, and a second working on household hazardous waste disposal.

Member Giana Gelsey attended a meeting of the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management to discuss a proposal by the Conservation Law Foundation for the EPA to invoke a tool called Residual Designation Authority. The tool allows regulation of non-point sources of stormwater, primarily to protect Great Bay. It did not appear that it would affect Madbury.

Town resident John Bickford volunteered to create, and successfully completed, a database containing all Madbury's historical drinking well test data. It contains nearly 700 sample numbers, 14,000 test results, and 460 locations. It is a great asset and much appreciated.

It was noticed that well testing records from 2022 showed high levels of antimony in four wells near the intersection of Town Hall Road and Cherry Lane. The board shared concern with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and their water division offered to perform well water tests free of charge on thirty wells in that vicinity. High antimony level in water is a health concern. It can be removed using the same filters that remove arsenic. NHDES will share their test results when complete.

For Madbury Day, board members Michele Martin and Giana Gelsey again hosted an interactive watershed model where both young and old could learn how water interacts with different land uses and contaminates. John and Pat Bickford presented the new drinking well water test result database and answered questions from residents regarding Madbury water resources.

The board encourages any resident with interest to consider volunteering for the Board or simply to attend our meetings and participate in the discussions. The Madbury Water Resources Board meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Garret Ahlstrom, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2023, the Conservation Commission commented on one Conditional Use Permit. The Commission did not oppose the temporary wet area impacts for Eversource's utility line maintenance and pole replacement project. The Commission followed the Planning Board's revisions of the Town's Flood Hazard Area Overlay District. The revisions are meant to guide safe development and protect of water resources in flood prone areas.

The Selectmen decided to discontinue the annual mosquito monitoring in 2023. There are several diseases carried by mosquitoes and while monitoring can provide information on populations, it does not eliminate disease transmission. Madbury was one of the few towns in our region that was monitoring. The Commission developed some outreach materials on personal protection if requested by residents.

The Town continues to reduce areas of Japanese Knotweed on road shoulders by hand spraying. The Commission conducted a survey to target areas to both save money and reduce spraying. The control measures have shown significant reductions on town roads over the past few years.

A proposal by the Seacoast Chapter of the NE Mountain Biking Association to relocate a trail on town land and construct a bridge and an alternate trail on the Hayes Conservation Easement came under review. The trail relocation came under some scrutiny because previous investigations and knowledge of the area lead the Commission to conclude the new trail would not solve the wet area issues. The bridge and alternate trail will have be discussed with the landowner in the coming year.

In conjunction with the Building Inspector, the Commission investigated the filling of wetlands on Huckins Road. While the Zoning Board of Adjustment had granted a variance to fill wetlands for the purpose of siting a house, the landowner had gone significantly beyond that approval without addition approval from the town or any approvals from the NH Department of Environmental Services. The NH DES is requiring the landowner to remove fill back to what is sufficient for the use of the house and garage. There are at least two layers of jurisdiction over wetlands in Madbury. Any filling of wetlands requires permission from both the town and NH DES, and approval from one entity does not guarantee approval from the other. The Commission suggests residents have wet areas delineated to see if a project will have impacts to setbacks and wetlands and require permitting.

At the 2023 town meeting the Commission proposed a Conservation Donor Expendable Trust Fund as a way to accommodate anyone who might want to donate funds for a specific project that furthers the town's conservation goals. The voters approved the establishment of the fund, and in 2024 Commission will put some effort into outreach.

The Commission extends its deepest gratitude to Kathy Frid for her many years on the Commission, as she moved to be an alternate member and then resigned. Steve Hagen has been moved from alternate to full member and has taken on Kathy's long time task of taking Commission meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Fiegenbaum, Chair

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Electrical Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
1/9/2023	Add 20 solar panel array	Martocchio, Amanda	320 Route 108	\$36,472
1/9/2023	15 panel solar array	Butler, Seth A	60 Old Stage Rd	\$7,473
1/19/2023	Add 2 mini splits. electrical part	Elly, Walter	15 Moss Ln	\$1,500
2/6/2023	Electrical work for generator	Cesaretti, Massimiliano	12 Champernowne	\$7,000
2/6/2023	Electrical work for generator	Holden-Mount Family Rev Trust	14 Champernowne	\$9,000
2/6/2023	Electrical for generator	Lawrence Rev Trust, Albert Sr	155 Drew Rd	\$7,000
2/13/2023	Add 20 solar panels	Clapp, Daniel J	33 Nute Rd	\$10,000
2/13/2023	Electrical upgrades	Keith, Theodore & Jane	77 Hayes Rd	\$8,000
2/16/2023	Add 16 solar panels	Vanasco, Steven & Lara	96 Hayes Rd	\$8,211
2/27/2023	Electrical for generator	Greenwald, Joseph	13 Cherry Ln	\$1,000
3/2/2023	Remodel electrical	High Ridge Properties, LLC	39 Town Hall Rd	\$12,000
3/2/2023	Electrical upgrades	Goss II, Charles L	6 Cherry Ln	\$8,000
3/2/2023	Kitchen electrical	Holden-Mount Family Trust	14 Champernowne	\$8,000
3/13/2023	New home electrical	Meguire, Ryan John	10 Huckins Rd	\$20,000
3/20/2023	Mini split electrical	Litvaitis, John	3 Hook Mill Rd	\$500
3/23/2023	Add 29 solar panels	Shiva Nanda Revoc Trust	4 Andrew Way	\$41,421
3/30/2023	Family room electrical	Gault, Andrew M	67 Hayes Rd	\$2,000
4/3/2023	Add mini split	Renshaw, Robert W	29 Town Hall Rd	\$0
5/1/2023	Generator electrical	Spang Family Rev. Trust	16 Champernowne	\$1,000
5/4/2023	Add AC	Millikien, Mark C	19 Moharimet Dr	\$5,000
5/11/2023	Mini split electrical	Davis, Micum S	181 Drew Rd	\$1,500
5/18/2023	Generator electrical	Sundberg, Donald C	39 Nute Rd	\$11,400
5/22/2023	Mini split electrical	Staugaard, Ruth H Rev Trust	60 Cherry Ln	\$1,000
5/22/2023	Mini split electrical	O'Connell, Christopher	90 Hayes Rd	\$500
5/25/2023	Add 30 panel solar array	Elly, Walter	15 Moss Ln	\$41,557

Electrical Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
6/1/2023	New meter main, service re-fed	Butler, Seth A	60 Old Stage Rd	\$2,500
6/1/2023	Electrical for mini split	Klein, Amanda	18A French Cross Rd	\$3,450
6/5/2023	Add generator	Grebeldinger, Randall	4 Fern Way	\$11,400
6/12/2023	Wiring for room addition	Croot, Gary T	16 Fern Way	\$3,500
6/12/2023	Electrical for generator	Bartholomew, Patricia A	21 Cherry Ln	\$12,000
6/29/2023	Generator electrical	Herd, David A	94 Hayes Rd	\$13,900
7/24/2023	Pool electrical	Murtagh Family Trust	6 Hayes Rd	\$0
7/24/2023	Add 12 solar panels	Siebert, Alex Jed	41 Town Hall Rd	\$26,249
7/27/2023	Replace electrical service	Sonnenschein, Gary	204 Littleworth Rd	\$1,000
7/31/2023	Change service to 200 amp	Lemasney, Kenneth M	17 Moss Ln	\$3,500
7/31/2023	Bathroom electrical	Curtis, Bridget M, Rev Living	269 Littleworth Rd	\$2,500
8/3/2023	Electrical for third floor renovation	Moore, Thomas J	27 Moharimet Dr	\$5,000
8/17/2023	Relocate electrical service	Greenhalgh, John D	10 Fitch Rd	\$1,000
8/24/2023	Add 26 kw generator	Myers, Marlene Rev. Trust	162 Drew Rd	\$12,500
9/7/2023	Electrical upgrades	Avery, Devin Blinn	80 Cherry Ln	\$300
9/18/2023	Add 24 panel rooftop solar array	Millicken, Mark C	19 Moharimet Dr	\$30,899
10/9/2023	Kitchen electrical	Best, Donald Joseph	50 Evans Rd	\$2,800
10/19/2023	Bath electrical	Melvin Family Rev. Trust	61 Moharimet Dr	\$900
10/19/2023	Add 24 panel solar array	Stephan, Craig A Rev Liv Trust	14 Moss Ln	\$32,545
10/26/2023	Generator electrical	Hill, Gregory A	51 Evans Rd	\$6,000
11/2/2023	Garage wiring	Curtis, Bridget M, Rev Liv Trust	269 Littleworth Rd	\$1,500
11/6/2023	Barn electrical	Andersen, Kelly M	6 Fern Way	\$6,500
11/6/2023	EV charger	Vittengl, Eric Michael	51 Freshet Rd	\$1,200
12/21/2023	Add generator	Jakobs, Peter S.	55 Evans Rd	\$2,500

Building Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
1/9/2023	15 panel Solar array	Butler, Seth A	60 Old Stage Rd	\$10,676
1/9/2023	Remodel	High Ridge Properties, Llc	39 Town Hall Rd	\$70,000
2/16/2023	Replace 16x12 room	Croot, Gary T	16 Fern Way	\$60,000
2/16/2023	Solar roof array	Vanasco, Steven & Lara	96 Hayes Rd	\$11,731
3/9/2023	New home	Mcguire, Ryan John	10 Huckins Rd	\$400,000
3/13/2023	New home	Dunkle, John	12 Huckins Rd	\$400,000
3/30/2023	Finish room above garage	Gault, Andrew M	67 Hayes Rd	\$20,000
4/20/2023	Add 15x70 batting cage	Madbury, Town Of	12 Town Hall Rd	\$6,200
4/10/2023	Add 18x26 car port	Reynolds, Leann	8 French Cross Rd	\$16,000
4/20/2023	Add 10x16 storage shed	Madbury, Town Of	25 Lee Rd	\$19,000
4/27/2023	Interior repairs	Raynes, Brian P	54 Old Stage Rd	\$10,000
5/1/2023	Add 12x16 shed	Edwards, Brian	10 Moharimet Dr	\$3,000
5/11/2023	Add 10x14 shed	Diamond, Daniel R	230 Littleworth Rd	\$1,200
5/15/2023	Add pool	Murtagh Family Trust	6 Hayes Rd	\$60,000
6/5/2023	Add 10x16 roof over patio	Quigley Rev Trust 2019	171 Drew Rd	\$25,000
6/29/2023	Add 36x32 detached garage	Hopkins, David B	27 Evans Rd	\$75,000
7/10/2023	Add 10x14 shed	Walters, Jared	29 Moharimet Dr	\$5,000
7/10/2023	Add shed 12x16	Masse, Kailee Jingyi	2 Hayes Rd	\$5,000
7/13/2023	Add living space on 3rd floor	Moore, Thomas J	27 Moharimet Dr	\$50,000
7/24/2023	Re-roof home	Walnut Realty Trust	327 Route 108	\$3,500
8/3/2023	Bath renovation	Curtis, Bridget M, Rev Living	269 Littleworth Rd	\$10,000
8/3/2023	Add laundry and closet	Avery, Devin Blinn	80 Cherry Ln	\$1,000
8/10/2023	New roof	Amarosa Revc Trust, PJ & LA	19 Cherry Ln	\$0
8/14/2023	Add 36x36 garage /barn	Keenum, Brandon	5 Long Hill Cir	\$10,500
8/17/2023	Add 12x20 deck to home	Cannon, Eric	47 Freshet Rd	\$15,000
8/31/2023	Remodel kitchen	Best, Donald Joseph	50 Evans Rd	\$7,850

Building Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
10/5/2023	Kitchen upgrades	Stevens, Victoria Hm	240 Littleworth Rd	\$10,000
10/12/2023	Bathroom Remodel	Melvin Family Rev. Trust 2019	61 Moharimet Dr	\$22,285
10/16/2023	42x36 barn	Andersen, Kelly M	6 Fern Way	\$70,000
10/19/2023	Add 2 overhead doors to garage	Curtis, Bridget M, Rev Living	269 Littleworth Rd	\$5,000
10/26/2023	10x21 shed	Stewart, Joseph M	1 Mill Hill Rd	\$1,500
11/9/2023	24x26 shop building	Keeler, Jeffrey P	36 Cherry Ln	\$20,000
11/13/2023	12x24 greenhouse	Niland, Keven P	5 Hayes Rd	\$0
11/13/2023	12x16 mudroom Addition	Flannery Sr, Jonathan T	50 Bunker Ln	\$5,000
12/11/2023	Add 24x40 garage	Plante, Zachary D	1 Garrison Ln	\$30,000
12/14/2023	Cell tower alterations	Sba Communications Corporation	22 Jenkins Rd	\$50,000
12/18/2023	Rework interior stairs	Stevens, Victoria Hm	240 Littleworth Rd	\$5,000
12/28/2023	Add New roof, windows and siding	Long, Ryan	14 Moharimet Dr	\$40,000

Mechanical Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
1/9/2023	15' gas piping	Lawrence Rev Trust, Albert Sr	155 Drew Rd	1,300
2/6/2023	Electrical work for generator hook up	Cesaretti, Massimiliano	12 Champemowne	1,089
2/6/2023	Gas piping for generator hook up	Greenwald, Joseph	13 Cherry Ln	750
2/13/2023	New oil fired boiler	Cloutier, Lee C	20 Hayes Rd	16,090
2/27/2023	Standby generator to home	Greenwald, Joseph	13 Cherry Ln	8,000
3/13/2023	New home mechanical	Mcguire, Ryan John	10 Huckins Rd	20,000
3/16/2023	New home mechanical	Dunkle, John	12 Huckins Rd	20,000
3/16/2023	New home electrical	Dunkle, John	12 Huckins Rd	20,000
3/20/2023	Mini split electrical	Litvaitis, John	3 Hook Mill Rd	2,000

Mechanical Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
4/3/2023	Mini split mechanical	Renshaw, Robert W	29 Town Hall Rd	1,000
4/13/2023	2 - 120 gallon propane tanks & piping	Holden-Mount Family Rev Trust	14 Champernowne	715
4/17/2023	Generator to home. 15' gas piping	O'Connell, Christopher	90 Hayes Rd	9,000
4/17/2023	Forced air furnace with gas piping	High Ridge Properties, LLC	39 Town Hall Rd	12,000
4/24/2023	57 gallon LP tank & piping to range	O'Connell, Christopher	90 Hayes Rd	550
5/18/2023	Generator electrical	Sundberg, Donald C	39 Nute Rd	1,650
5/18/2023	Generator mechanical	Sundberg, Donald C	39 Nute Rd	1,650
5/18/2023	Mini split mechanical	Davis, Micum S	181 Drew Rd	12,000
5/22/2023	Mini split electrical	Staugaard, Ruth H Rev Trust	60 Cherry Ln	10,000
5/22/2023	120 gal LP tank for generator	Spang Family Rev. Trust of 2019	16 Champernowne	1,300
6/1/2023	Electrical for mini split	Klein, Amanda	18A French Cross Rd	24,018
6/8/2023	Mechanical for mini split	Klein, Amanda	18A French Cross Rd	24,108
6/5/2023	Mini split mechanical	Milliken, Mark C	19 Moharimet Dr	9,702
6/12/2023	Electrical for generator	Bartholomew, Patricia A	21 Cherry Ln	1,500
6/29/2023	Generator mechanical	Grebbeldinger, R&all	4 Fern Way	500
7/13/2023	Mechanical work for mini split system	Walker Revoc Tr of 1997, Melissa	124 Perkins Rd	5,500
8/14/2023	New forced air HVAC	Keating, Zachary	32 Town Hall Rd	13,999
8/17/2023	500 gallon underground tank & piping	Murtagh Family Trust	6 Hayes Rd	1,800
8/24/2023	26kw generator to home	Myers, Marlene Revocable Trust	162 Drew Rd	1,500
9/28/2023	Gas piping	Myers, Marlene Revocable Trust	162 Drew Rd	14,250
9/21/2023	HVAC	Tauriello, Daniel G	65 Cherry Ln	38,898
9/28/2023	26' of gas piping for generator	Smith, Samuel W	53 Moharimet Dr	500
10/9/2023	HVAC system	Smith, Samuel W	53 Moharimet Dr	16,000
10/9/2023	500 gallon underground lp tank & piping	Mcguire, Ryan John	10 Huckins Rd	300
10/9/2023	500 gallon underground tank & piping	Dunkle, John	12 Huckins Rd	300
10/16/2023	2-120 gallon LP tanks	Kolb, Sean	10 Kelley Road	500

Mechanical Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023


Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
10/26/2023	Tank swap	Lababidi Family Revocable Trust	21 Garrison Ln	-
10/26/2023	LP tank & piping	Hill, Gregory A	51 Evans Rd	250
11/6/2023	500 gallon underground tank	Tauriello, Daniel G	65 Cherry Ln	627
11/13/2023	LP tanks & gas piping	Henderson Rev Liv Trust 2003	12 Pendexter Rd	500
11/20/2023	Propane tank & underground gas piping	Goss II, Charles L	6 Cherry Ln	1,000
11/20/2023	New furnace	Daigle, Robert N	7 Bunker Ln	6,400
12/4/2023	Swap oil boiler to gas	Kolb, Sean	10 Kelley Road	15,000
12/4/2023	Oil tank	Dickerson Rev Trust 2005, D Anne	255 Littleworth Rd	-
12/4/2023	Swap oil boiler to gas	Henderson Rev Liv Trust 2003,	12 Pendexter Rd	13,300
12/4/2023	Swap oil boiler to gas	Larson, Karen C, Rev Trust	118 Perkins Rd	11,800

Plumbing Permits Issued Between Jan 1, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023

Date	Project	Owner	Location	Est. Cost
1/5/2023	New home plumbing	Temple, Kevin C	279 Littleworth Rd	10,000
1/9/2023	Plumbing upgrades	Kelley, Eric S	2 Cole Circle	4,000
2/13/2023	Remodel plumbing	High Ridge Prop., LLC	39 Town Hall Rd	14,500
3/9/2023	New home plumbing	Mcguire, Ryan John	10 Huckins Rd	20,000
3/16/2023	New home plumbing	Dunkle, John	12 Huckins Rd	20,000
3/30/2023	New home plumbing	James, Benjamin S	4 Mill Hill Rd	20,000
3/30/2023	Finish room above garage	Gault, Andrew M	67 Hayes Rd	2,000
6/15/2023	Replace water heater	Whitten, Denise Revoc Trust	3 Kelley Road	5,878
8/3/2023	Bath plumbing	Curtis, Bridget M, Rev Living	269 Littleworth Rd	1,000
9/7/2023	Electrical upgrades	Avery, Devin Blinn	80 Cherry Ln	2,000
10/16/2023	Oil boiler replacement	Brick & Mortar Prop., LLC	42 Nute Rd	11,000
11/2/2023	Bath plumbing	Melvin Family Rev. Trust 2019	61 Moharimet Dr	8,780

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 2023

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>
Town Hall, Land & Buildings	\$793,200	7-13, 7-3A & B
Furniture & Equipment	77,000	
Gangwer Purchase (behind town hall)	33,200	7-21, 7-22
Hix Hill (Wentworth Property)	14,300	7-17A
9 Town Hall Rd: Estes Property	316,100	7-14
11 Town Hall Rd: Library	1,400,000	7-13-B, 7-14
Furniture & Equipment	71,500	
Old Fire Station, (First parish site)	193,400	8-16
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds (Demerritt Park)	785,900	4-22, 4-23, 6-1, 8-26, 9-5A, 9-60, 9-60-L
Town Cemetery	152,000	6-4C
Hayes Rd/Cherry Ln (Bolstridge Forest)	58,900	5-14
Tibbetts Property	16,200	6-4
Schreiber Property	234,100	6-13C
Safety Complex, Bellamy Water Rights	1,310,900	8-27
Police Furniture, Equip., Vehicles	175,000	
Fire Furniture, Equip., Vehicles	545,000	
Bellamy Conservation Parcel A	131,800	2-16A
Bellamy Conservation Parcel B	8,900	2-16B
Hoyt Pond Conservation Area	27,800	9-68K
Tasker Lane Conservation Area	29,900	8-30
G & R Associates (Iafolla)	287,500	3-16
	157,800	3-16A
Transfer Station, Town Forest	545,300	8-4
All Land and Buildings acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds	<u>405,800</u>	1-31, 1-31A, 31B, 1-40 1-41, 1-44, 3-54, 3-32
TOTAL:	 <u>\$7,771,500</u>	

WENTWORTH FAMILY TRUST GIFT

When Carl Wentworth passed away in 2014 he left a generous Trust Fund to the town titled the Wentworth Family Trust which he and his wife Dorothy had established. It provides scholarship funding for the benefit of Madbury residents with financial need intending to pursue post secondary education with input from the Town's School Board Representative, and it directs the Board of Selectmen to provide a prioritized list of projects each year to the Trustee that meet the criteria “... *for the use of the Town of Madbury and or its inhabitants for charitable, educational and recreational purposes to the benefit of the Town of Madbury and its inhabitants and for the acquisition, repair and or replacement of maintenance, fire safety or other equipment necessary or desirable for the safe, efficient operation of the Town of Madbury.*”

The Board of Selectmen reviewed submissions and provided the following list of projects to Charter Trust, who approved them for 2023 disbursement:

\$1,300	Five wooden stackable chairs for the Community Room at the Library
\$10,263	curtains for eight windows in the older part of town hall, to help with noise, heat loss and light blocking. Proposed by a resident.
\$11,563	Total funds approved for the Town of Madbury.

Additionally, Charter Trust approved the School Board Representative's recommendation for: \$12,000, Scholarships. Ten scholarships and awarded to Madbury students graduating from high school and pursuing post secondary education.

\$23,563.00 - Grand Total Disbursed in 2023

You can view a Madbury Town Report dedication page to the Wentworths here: townofmadbury.com/1988AnnualReportDedicationWentworths.pdf

You can view a video of an interview with Carl Wentworth talking about the Kingman Farm here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ8oqpRM9MU&feature=youtu.be>

STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Strafford Regional Planning Commission works with municipalities, statewide organizations and other partners to provide technical assistance with planning documents, outreach, and regulations. SRPC creates a space for stakeholders to connect, share information, and engage with important planning initiatives.

2023 Local Accomplishments

(Value of each service provided at no additional cost to the town is in parentheses)

- Conducted 1 bike/pedestrian count to support local recreation and planning efforts. (\$300)
- Conducted 6 NHDOT traffic counts for local and statewide planning efforts. (\$1,800)
- New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books for local land use boards. (\$121.50)
- Met with select board to discuss and prioritize local transportation projects for engineering review. Priority projects include: Intersection of Madbury Rd/NH155/Town Hall Rd, and intersection NH9/French Cross Rd. (\$850)
- Updated the Town's Flood Hazard Area Overlay & conducted associated community outreach. (\$5,000)

2023 Regional Accomplishments

Transportation Planning

- Completed the Transportation System Performance Report that includes highway safety, bridge and pavement condition, system reliability and congestion, and transit asset conditions. (<https://strafford.org/reference/map-gallery/>)
- Created a Municipal Guide to EV Charging Stations designed to remove the barriers for municipalities to increase deployment of EV Charging Stations in the Strafford Region and beyond. (<https://strafford.org/reference/map-gallery/>)
- Updated the Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan.
- Hired an engineering consultant to review priority transportation improvement projects on behalf of all and at no cost to SRPC communities.
- Finalized the Regional Traffic Counts Dashboard for 2023 Data Collection Season.
- Co-managed the CommuteSmart Seacoast program, a collaboration of SRPC to engage the local workforce to compete in "challenges" to reduce overall miles driven.
- Purchased a Leetron video traffic counter to be used to count high-volume roads, winter roads, and pedestrians along a corridor.

Environmental Planning

- Hosted two Resiliency Roundtables including "Protecting Our Local Food Systems" and "Improving Your Energy Efficiency with NHSaves."
- Established a relationship with Clean Energy NH's Seacoast Region Circuit Rider to provide additional technical assistance to municipalities on community power benefits and local solar ordinances.

- Updated the Groundwater-Aquifer Zoning Ordinance Gap Analysis Tool to incorporate the revised NHDES Groundwater Model Ordinance and reviewed each communities' groundwater protection regulations for basic compliance.
- Mentored a group of UNH Capstone students in conducting research to update the Climate Change Appendix to the 2015 Local Solutions Regional Master Plan.

Economic Development

- Published the 2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update. (<https://strafford.org/plans/ceds/>)
- Organized bi-weekly meetings of economic development professionals to provide support, resources and guidance post-COVID.
- Created an Age-Friendly Resource Guide that highlights services where people of all ages can find transportation, healthy food, events, and other necessary resources to thrive. (www.strafford.org/reference/resources/healthy-aging-resources/)
- SRPC and Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) closed-out the CDBG grant which supported a shelter and day center/warming center for the region's homeless population during the COVID-19 pandemic. This project was critical to slow the spread of the pandemic within a vulnerable population.

Data and GIS

- Adopted the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which takes an in-depth look at local and regional housing needs, across all income levels, and provides a foundation for change by including tools and strategies for local decision-makers. (www.strafford.org/projects/rhna/)
- Expanded and updated the Regional Data Snapshot, Interactive Map, and Community Profiles that contain 144 demographics, economic vitality, livability and quality of life, mobility and accessibility, and resiliency metrics. (www.strafford.org/measure/data-snapshot/)

2024 Goals

Local

- Update the Madbury Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2024
- Assistance with the Town's Housing and Demographics Master Plan Chapter.

Regional

- Review and update the Municipal Guide to EV Charging Stations as needed.
- Support state efforts for broadband and digital equity initiatives.
- Kick-off the 2023-2027 SRPC Brownfield's Program and identify locations to conduct environmental assessments and reuse plans.
- Provide detailed engineering support through a consultant for municipalities developing transportation projects.
- Continue to advance new transportation initiatives including regional climate impacts and equity analysis and planning for increased micro-mobility adoption.

Commissioners: Tom Crosby, Mark Avery

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths

Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Death Place</u>	<u>Father's/Parent's Name</u>	<u>Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union</u>
Myers, Harvey Jack	02/03/2023	Madbury	Myers, William	Heilman, Luella
Scott, William Albert	02/07/2023	Nottingham	Scott, William	Pennell, Hilda
Mccrone, Gregory Scott	02/12/2023	Madbury	Mccrone Jr, Henry	Lowd, Lois
Gaudreault Sr, Richard Philip	03/24/2023	Madbury	Gaudreault, Charles	Reino, Eva
Wensberg, Andrea	04/06/2023	Madbury	Craigue, Allen	Hudon, Delena
Mazza, Susan Hopkins	05/25/2023	Dover	Loomis, George	Hopkins, Beverly
Hamel, Jeannine Marie	06/17/2023	Dover	Hamel, Ernest	Seaver, Edna
East, Owen Daniel	06/30/2023	Madbury	East, Bradley	Nadeau, Erica
Howarth, Mary Mccabe	07/07/2023	Dover	Mccabe, Tom	Donohoe, Regina
Wellington, Helen Clark	07/24/2023	Madbury	Clark, Henry	Johnson, Helen
Keith, Teresa Jane	07/25/2023	Dover	Schablik, Johnny	Carter, Joyce
Bjork, Marcia Ann	10/07/2023	Madbury	Grantz, James	Bloom, Gladys
Polichronopoulos Jr, George Joseph	10/17/2023	Madbury	Polichronopoulos Sr, George	Marcotte, Marie
Hoffman, June A	10/18/2023	Dover	Laney, Raymond	Laney, Patricia
Nute, Hester Anne	11/17/2023	Dover	Sasman, Erwin	Bassett, Hester
McMahon, John W	11/30/2023	Madbury	McMahon, Archibald	Gillespie, Ruth
Emro, Martha G	12/19/2023	Madbury	Anderson, Alf	Swensen, Johanne
Werner, Pauline	12/22/2023	Madbury	Dobek, Stanley	Unknown, Teresa

Resident Births

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Father's/Partner's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Kramer, Landon Tarrence	01/22/2023	Dover, NH	Rippett Iii, Edward Thomas	Kramer, Anishia Anlenea
Davis, Anna-Theia Frances	04/08/2023	Dover, NH	Davis, Tyler Chandler	Davis, Amber Lynn
Naples, Remi Lane	05/08/2023	Portsmouth, NH	Naples, Michael Lawrence	Naples, Emily Ogilvy
Liu, Daniel Mudao Wang	05/25/2023	Exeter, NH	Xiong, Yifeng	Wang, Juan
Fisher, Theodore Anthony	06/20/2023	Dover, NH	Fisher, Matthew Thornton	Fisher, Amanda Martocchio
Kolb, Luna Catherine	06/23/2023	Dover, NH	Kolb, Sean Patrick	Mercier, Emily Claire
Janelle, Andie May	08/18/2023	Dover, NH	Janelle, Blake William	Janelle, Elizabeth Anne
Napier, Isla Paige	09/05/2023	Dover, NH	Napier, Patrick Gerard	Napier, Kelly Elizabeth
Ray, Bailey Marie	10/09/2023	Dover, NH	Ray, Richard Daniel	Ray, Katherine Elizabeth
Moore, Monroe Rose	10/27/2023	Dover, NH	Moore, Thomas Joseph	Prendergast-Moore, Taylor Ellen
Anderson, Parker Lee	11/02/2023	Dover, NH	Anderson, Austin Cooper	Anderson, Nicolette Justine
Mackay, Julian Levy	11/03/2023	Dover, NH	Mackay li, William Brian	Mackay, Adrian Lee
Badger, Charlotte Mae	11/09/2023	Dover, NH	Badger Jr, Mark Allen	Badger, Lindsay Sedgewick
Spink, Elijah John	11/12/2023	Madbury, NH	Spink, Matthew James	Spink, Alexis Juliette

Marriages

<u>Person A's Name and Residence</u>	<u>Person B's Name and Residence</u>	<u>Town of Issuance</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date</u>
Klopper, Laura Neva; Madbury NH	Pike, Jamie George; Madbury NH	Madbury	Madbury	05/27/2023
Siegels, Johanna Sophia; Madbury, NH	Clough, Joel David; Somersworth, NH	Madbury	Madbury	06/17/2023
Healy, John Anthony; Madbury, NH	Healy, Karen Day; Rollinsford, NH	Dover	Dover	08/25/2023
Lamson, Isaac Mason; Madbury, NH	Bowser, Caylyn Marie; Madbury, NH	Madbury	Effingham	09/15/2023

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