

# Town of Ossipee

## New Hampshire

### Annual Report 2023



#### SELECTMEN OF OSSIPEE

Jonathan H. Smith

Susan J. Simpson

Martha B. Eldridge

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Youth Fishing Derby at Mill Pond, May 2023



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Annual Reports  
of the Town Officers  
Ossipee  
New Hampshire  
2023

Tax Rates

\$10.37 per \$1,000

		Center Ossipee	West Ossipee	Ossipee Corner
Town	\$3.24	\$3.24	\$3.24	\$3.24
County	\$0.73	\$0.73	\$0.73	\$0.73
Local School	\$5.41	\$5.41	\$5.41	\$5.41
State School	\$.99	\$.99	\$.99	\$.99
Fire Precinct		\$1.06	\$1.31	\$1.21
Total	\$10.37	\$11.43	\$11.68	\$11.58

For the Fiscal Year Ending

December 31, 2023

Vital Statistics for 2023

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## Dedication



### *-E. Morton Leavitt -*

Morton was raised in Ossipee, and was a local star-athlete and standout student before becoming a highly successful entrepreneur and developer.

In 1970, Morton purchased what was known as “Bradford’s Cove” along with the adjoining back land, and developed what is now known as “The Bluffs on Ossipee Lake.” After turning the operations over to the Bluffs Association, Morton purchased Tamworth Oil Co. and served the community until 1983. From there he did lots of investing and enjoyed winters with his wife in Florida.

Morton then purchased a large parcel of land on Route 16 in West Ossipee and developed a driving range with a mini golf course named “Valley Golf” and enjoyed that for several years until he sold it.

Morton’s political achievements included serving the town of Ossipee as a selectman for six years, establishing the first full-time Ossipee Police Department and serving as a County Commissioner for four years. He is remembered as a well-respected and well-liked leader. He was a gentleman who always had a smile and asked “How are you today” with a hand shake.

Morton rejoins the love of his life, Mary Ann Bellerose to whom he was married to from May 8, 1963, to May 28, 2023, when she passed away. He leaves extensive family behind, many in the Ossipee area.

Ossipee Selectmen,  
Jonathan H. Smith  
Martha B. Eldridge  
Susan J. Simpson

## Citizen of the Year 2023



### *-Edwina Boose-*

Edwina Drummond Boose has resided in the Ossipee Lake area for many years, both in Freedom and more recently in Ossipee. During her time here, she has made a name for herself as one of the most involved and influential people in the community. She has a long history of leadership relative to education and local humanitarian matters. In her professional career, Edwina is a renowned Interior Designer/Decorator who has earned many accolades and awards.

In recent years, Edwina formed the Friends of Constitution Park, an inclusive and effective non-profit organization that has more energy and gets more done with less resources than most. The all-volunteer group started by cleaning up and rehabbing the walking trails, which are loved by families and individuals of all age and ability groups. This included new signage and an information kiosk and other marketing to spread the word about this resource. They then won a grant in partnership with the AARP Age-Friendly Community group and installed a beautiful pavilion near the playground and athletic fields, which provided a desperately needed shelter from the hot summer sun and drizzly fall rain. It also provides a nice picnic area, in a time when outdoor activities and community spirit are often lacking.

Not stopping there, Edwina and crew fundraised and project managed an entirely new facet to the park: a disc golf course. Disc golf (like the use of the walking trails) is an activity that can be enjoyed by almost anyone regardless of financial means, or athletic ability. Any outdoor adventure/facility that keeps kids active and healthy, promotes family time, and has hardly any cost is a true blessing for a community such as ours.

Edwina and her nonprofit have asked almost nothing from the Town and therefor the taxpayers. They instead involve local officials in an inclusive and partner-oriented way, and gain buy-in from the community. They fundraise and often use their own physical labor. They advocate for and focus on projects that benefit a very diverse set of the population. This is all built on the FCPO's core assets- Edwina's relentless energy, her heroic ability to gain-buy in and rally volunteerism, and her executive-level organizational skills.

The Town is excited to partner with Edwina and FCPO as it seeks to acquire grant funding to rehab the Deer Run Trail and Boardwalk through a natural wetlands, connecting Constitution Park to Ossipee Lake. The effort and effectiveness of Edwina's fundraising is tremendous, as is her quest for grants as she tackles this huge challenge.

In addition to her staunch civic group commitments, Edwina and her husband Bob are often in attendance at important board meetings within the Town government. Their involvement and leadership is much appreciated. We are happy to name Edwina Boose the Ossipee Citizen of the Year.

Ossipee Selectmen,  
Jonathan H. Smith  
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Susan J. Simpson

## Employee of the Year 2023



### *-Jim Champagne-*

The 2023 Ossipee Employee of the Year is bestowed upon Jim Champagne with pride and appreciation.

Jim has worked for the Town's Water/Sewer Department for nearly a decade and earned a stellar reputation in that time. If you know Jim's work ethic and the quality of his work, it should come as no surprise that he has served as the Lead Operator since 2021. His dedication to the Town and the 350 or-so municipal Water/Sewer customers is admirable and very appreciated. His duties consist of a wide variety of tasks and overseeing various types of locations, equipment, and functions, and he looks after these assets as if they are his own. One of Jim's trademark abilities is his creative problem-solving when parts availability or cost are prohibitive.

When not at work, Jimmy enjoys time with his family and waxing (but not driving) his RAM TRX.

It is with great pride and pleasure that we, the Board of Selectmen, Town Employees, and our Townspeople honor Jim Champagne with the award of "Employee of the Year for 2023".  
Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

Ossipee Board of Selectmen:  
Jonathan H. Smith  
Martha B. Eldridge  
Susan J. Simpson

# Dedicated to Ossipee Selectmen

*Who Served from 1900-2023*

Dana J. Brown	1900-1904	Richard E. Brown	1948-1949
Orodon P. Hobbs	1900-1904	Earl T. Mellow	1949-1950
Levi W. Brown	1903-1905	Murray E. Cate	1949-1951
Charles A. White	1905-1906	Albert P. Ballard	1949-1951
L. E. Moulton	1905-1906	Harold C. Neal	1951-1964
Thomas Nute	1906-1906	Rolland W. Lord	1951-1969
Herbert W. Hobbs	1907-1908	Douglas McFarlane	1951-1971
Charles A. Wiggin	1907-1908	Henry Wagenfield, Jr.	1965-1967
Newell P. Sias	1907-1909	Edward Hickey	1968-1970
Mark H. Winkley	1909-1910	E. Morton Leavitt	1970-1973
Joseph W. Chamberlain	1909-1910	Roger H. Busch	1971-1979
Charles Thompson	1911-1912	David Helme	1972-1974
Newell P. Sias	1911-1913	Edwin P. Brownell	1973-1975
Herbert W. Hobbs	1912-1913	Bruce Rines	1975-1977
Fred W. Hurn	1912-1913	Douglas Meader	1976-1981
Bartley A. Carleton	1914-1914	Franklin R. Riley	1978-1980
Dana J. Brown	1914-1916	William K. Malay	1980-1981
Orodon P. Hobbs	1914-1916	Wendell S. Thompson	1981-1986
Charles E. Smart	1915-1919	David Helme	1982-1982
Howard E. Young	1915-1919	Warren F. Witherell	1982-1984
Ervin W. Hodsdon	1915-1920	Ralph C. Eldridge	1983-1990
Walter S. Hodsdon	1920-1920	Maurice E. Bishop	1985-1986
John W. Pike	1920-1922	R. Christopher Templeton	1986-1988
George B. Reed	1921-1922	Natalie Hall	1987-1989
Walter L. Robinson	1921-1923	Douglas Meader	1989-1990
Walter S. Welch	1922-1924	John E. Fogarty, III	1990-1992
Charles E. Smart	1922-1925	Wayne K. Aleska	1991-1993
Newell P. Sias	1923-1926	John P. Picard	1991-1994
Perley O. Nichols	1924-1927	Joseph G. Skehan, Jr.	1993-1998
William H. Pascoe	1925-1928	Patricia H. Jones	1994-1999
Harry P. Smart	1926-1938	Sandra P. Martin	1995-1997
Arthur L. Mason	1927-1930	Harry C. Mellow	1998-2007
Sidney L. Perkins	1928-1934	Sandra P. Martin	1999-2001
Perley O. Nichols	1930-1933	Peter A. Olkkola	2000-2009
Lisle O. Moulton	1933-1936	Joseph G. Chromy	2002-2005
Charles Thompson	1934-1937	Joseph G. Skehan, Jr.	2005-2008
Edward G. Coughlin	1936-1942	Kathleen M. Maloney	2007-2013
Perley Loud	1937-1938	Harry C. Mellow	2008-2014
Lester G. Buswell	1938-1940	E. Morton Leavitt	2009-2012
George L. Campbell	1938-1941	Robert C. Freeman	2012-2018
Clyde B. Drinkwater	1940-1948	Richard H. Morgan	2013-2019
Charles F. Meloon	1941-1943	Franklin R. Riley	2014-2017
Harry P. Smart	1943-1944	Sandra P. Martin	2017-2020
Harry M. Leavitt	1943-1946	Martha B. Eldridge	2018-
R. Grant Kramer	1945-1948	Susan J. Simpson	2019-
Lester G. Buswell	1947-1948	Jonathan H. Smith	2020-2023
George E. Pearson	1948-1949	R. Christopher Templeton	2023-2023
		Jonathan H. Smith	2023-



# Passages

The Board of Selectmen would like to extend their sympathies to the families of those lost this year

Adjutant, Alice H	Knight Jr, George Floyd
Ashe Jr, Robert W	Kondrotas Jr, Vincent M
Bartoswicz, Barbara Diane	Lassy, Dana Kevin
Bauer, Thomas Frederick	Leavitt, Ernest Morton
Bennett Jr, William Joseph	Leavitt, Mary Ann
Berry, Donna Elaine	Levitsky Jr, Walter Simeon
Berry, Duane H	Lievi, Peter Raymond
Bibber, Orville Richard	Lord, John Gregory
Bowen, Marilyn J	MacIver, Joanne Betty
Brennan Jr, James Arthur	Milroy, Edward Gordon
Broughton, Eleanor Lorraine	Moody, George Lyman
Brown, Patricia A	Morrill, Kathleen Christina
Brownell, Frances Lilla	Morris, Lois Arlene
Burns, James L	Nelson, Nicholas Arthur
Bushman, Lois Elaine	O'Brien Jr, Robert Griffin
Bushman, Richard John	O'Brien, Carol Ann
Butler, Lynne	Patterson Jr, Edward
Cameron, Anita Nudd	Patterson, Gail Louise
Chase, Jean Muir	Peaslee, Patricia Ida
Chase, Kathleen Marie	Pecjo, Belarmino B
Christie, Olive Idella	Phillips, Ted Evan
Costello, Betty Marjorie	Potter, Hazel S
Cotter, Anne S	Reis, Steven C
Crowley, Patricia Mae	Sargent Jr, Everett
Davis, Joan Baker	Sargent, Donna Elizabeth
Dusevitch, Richard Joseph	Scully, Timothy James
Ellis, Ashley Clayton	Segnitz, Anita Rejane
Falzone, Christine Marie	Simon, Leona Cram
Ford, David Brian	Sloane, John Edmund
Freeman, David Henry	Sloane, Karen Mae
Gorman, Dorothy Clara	Spencer, James Dickinson
Grace, Bruce Charles	Stewart-Coy, Geraldine Carol
Hall, June Carleton	Stout, Doris Kay
Hamlin, Thomas Norman	Swahn, Karl Robert
Hart, James Henry	Taylor, Barbara L
Hartford, Gloria	TerKuile, Alice Jane
Holmes, Eva Jane	Thompson, Thomas Leavitt
Horne, Thurley Ann	Trail, Deborah Esther
Huckman, Susan Martha	Van Tassel, Jan Whittemore
Johnson, Bernice A	Weymouth, Charles Leon
Kehoe, Anthony James	Wims, David Kelly
	Wonoski, Frederick Henry
	Wood, Gordon F

# Elected Town Officers - 2023

## Three Member Board of Selectmen

Martha B Eldridge, Chairman .....Term Expires 3/2024  
Susan J. Simpson.....Term Expires 3/2025  
R. Christopher Templeton, Resigned.....Term Expires 3/2026  
Jonathan H. Smith .....Term Expires 3/2024

## Moderator

Katy Meserve .....Term Expires 3/2024

## Treasurer

Karen Deighan .....Term Expires 3/2024  
Brian Keyes, Deputy.....Term Expires 3/2024

## Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Kellie J. Skehan .....Term Expires 3/2025  
Patricia A. Hodge, Deputy

## Three Member Board of Trustees of Trust Funds

Condict M. Billings, Chairman .....Term Expires 3/2024  
Angela Rizzitano .....Term Expires 3/2025  
Kathryn Paris.....Term Expires 3/2026

## Three Member Board of Cemetery Trustees

Angela Eldridge, Chairman .....Term Expires 3/2026  
Krystal Eldridge.....Term Expires 3/2025  
Ann Cady .....Term Expires 3/2024

## Five Member Board of Library Trustees

Patricia Pustell, Chairman .....Term Expires 3/2025  
Linda Hatfield,.....Term Expires 3/2026

## Six Member Budget Committee

Joseph Goss, Chairman.....Term Expires 3/2026  
Michael Hunter.....Term Expires 3/2026  
Donna Gridley, Resigned.....Term Expires 3/2024  
Krystal Eldridge.....Term Expires 3/2024  
Dallas Emery.....Term Expires 3/2024  
Brian Keyes.....Term Expires 3/2025  
Robert Roakes .....Term Expires 3/2025  
Fire Reps: Jennifer Brown, West Ossipee; Susan McGuire-Doyle, Ctr. Ossipee; Lynne Elaine Parker,  
Ossipee Corner; Jonathan Smith, Selectmen's Rep.  
Laura Nash, Secretary

# Elected Town Officers - 2023

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## Three Member Supervisors of the Checklist

Robert Pustell, Chairman ..... Term Expires 3/2028  
Kim Brownell..... Term Expires 3/2026  
Carl Tyler ..... Term Expires 3/2024

## Seven Member Planning Board

Sharon “Sharie” Cohen, Chairman ..... Term Expires 3/2025  
Ash Fischbein, Vice Chairman..... Term Expires 3/2026  
Bruce Stuart..... Term Expires 3/2024  
Roy Barron .....Term Expires 3/2024  
Krystal Eldridge .....Term Expires 3/2025  
Melissa Ames, Alternate 2025  
Jake Dawson III, Selectmen’s Rep.  
Laura Nash, Secretary

## Five Member Zoning Board of Adjustment

Roy Barron, Chairman .....Term Expires 3/2026  
Daniel Fischbein, Vice Chairman .....Term Expires 3/2026  
James F. Rines .....Term Expires 3/2024  
Daniel Karl .....Term Expires 3/2025  
Dallas Emery .....Term Expires 3/2024  
Doreen French, Alternate  
Laura Nash, Secretary

## Five Member Board of Library Trustees

Patricia Pustell, Chairman ..... Term Expires 3/2025  
Linda Hatfield,..... Term Expires 3/2026  
Lisa Buerk, Treasurer .....Term Expires 3/2024  
DorisAnn Allenson, Secretary ..... Term Expires 3/2026  
Carl Tyler..... Term Expires 3/2024  
Roger ter Kuile, Alternate..... Term Expires 3/2024  
Terry Sousoures, Alternate

# Appointed By Selectmen



## **Town Administrator**

Matt Sawyer, Jr.

## **Public Works Director**

Tony J. Eldridge

## **Board of Health**

Matt Sawyer, Jr., Health Officer

Jonathan H. Smith, Deputy Health Officer

## **Chief of Police**

Donald Babbin

## **Highway Foreman**

Neil Eldridge

## **Parks and Recreation**

Justin Chaffee, Recreation Director

## **Transfer Station Supervisor**

Tony J. Eldridge

## **Water & Sewer Superintendent**

Tony J. Eldridge

## **Emergency Management**

Dana Cullen, Jr., Director

Cameron Quigley, Deputy Director

# Appointed By Selectmen

## Welfare Director

Sandra P. "Sam" Martin

## Building Codes Officer

Mike Beaulieu (part time)

## Zoning Enforcement Officer

Jonathan Smith (part time)

## Fire Department Chiefs

Dana Cullen - Center Ossipee

Adam T. Riley - Ossipee Corner

Carl Huddleston - West Ossipee

## Forest Fire Warden

Adam T. Riley, Warden

## Boat Tax Collectors

Wards Boat Shop, Inc.

Melvin Village Marina of Ossipee

## Lakes Region Planning Commission

Tony J. Eldridge

## Ossipee Lake Dam Authority

John P. Picard, Chairman

## Dog Officer

Heather Calligandes

Call 603-539-2284

## Ossipee Economic Development Council

Joy Gagnon, Chair

## Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council

Bob Boose, Town Representative

## Appointed by Library Trustees

### Librarian

Jenny Spofford

## Five Member Appointed Conservation Commission

Marie McConarty, Chairman Term Expires 3/2024

Ralph Buchanan, Jr., Vice Chairman. Term Expires 3/2024

Krystal Eldridge ..... Term Expires 3/2025

Angela Eldridge, Resigned..... Term Expires 3/2024

Gordon Pilotte..... Term Expires 7/2026

## Organizational Chart - Town of Ossipee

### Board of Selectmen:

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman (2024)  
 Martha B. Eldridge (2024)  
 Susan J. Simpson (2025)

### Administration:

Matt Sawyer Jr, Town Administrator

### Public Works Director:

Tony J. Eldridge

### Selectmen's Office:

Andrea Picard, Finance Director  
 Jessi O'Blenes, Assessing Clerk \*  
 Angela Eldridge, Secretary \*  
 Laura Nash, Boards & Commission Secretary \*  
 Sandra P. "Sam" Martin, PT Welfare Director  
 Mike Beaulieu, PT Building Inspector  
 Jonathan H. Smith, PT Zoning Enforcement Officer  
 Matt Sawyer Jr, Health Officer

### Town Clerk / Tax Collector:

Kellie J. Skehan, Town Clerk / Tax Collector (2025)  
 Rachel Ciarmella, Assistant Deputy Town Clerk  
 Patricia Hodge, PT Deputy Town Clerk

### Emergency Management:

Dana Cullen, Jr., EM Director

Cameron Quigley, Assistant EM Director

### Police Department:

Donald F. Babbitt, Police Chief  
 Rob Ripley, Lieutenant  
 Sean Mask, Sergeant/Detective  
 Joseph Oswald, Sergeant  
 Will French, Corporal  
 Carrie Blackwood, Patrolman  
 Tessa Llewellyn, Patrolman  
 Joseph Sanchez, Patrolman  
 Jennifer Benedict, Administrative Assistant  
 Heather Calligandes, PT Animal Control Officer

### Forest Fire:

Adam Riley, Fire Warden

### Public Works Departments

#### Highway Department:

Neil Eldridge, Highway Foreman  
 Tim Eldridge, Assistant Foreman \*  
 Scott Riley, Head Mechanic \*  
 Shawn Berry, Equipment Operator \*  
 Chris Ouellette, Truck Driver/Laborer \*  
 Chris Seamans, Truck Driver/Laborer \*  
 Eric Seamans, Equipment Operator \*  
 Justin Eldridge, Truck Driver/Laborer \*  
 Scott Mudgett, Truck Driver/Laborer \*

#### Government Buildings:

Chris Vittum, Laborer \*  
 Jen Eldridge, Custodial Tech

#### Recreation Department:

Justin Chaffee, Recreation Director  
 Isabelle Holden, PT Program Assistant

#### Transfer Station:

Dennis Coates, Transfer Station Operator \*  
 Bernie Dow, Transfer Station Operator \*  
 Bonnie Ames, PT Transfer Station Operator  
 Jason Katsanos, PT Transfer Station Operator

#### Water & Sewer Department:

Jim Champagne, Lead Water & Sewer Operator  
 Tracy Waterhouse, Water & Sewer Operator

\* AFSCME Council 93, Local 534 Union Positions

# State and Federal Officials - 2023

## **Carroll County Commissioners**

Terry McCarthy

Kimberly J. Tessairi, Resigned

Matthew Plache, Resigned

Chuck McGee

Bill Nelson

## **Ossipee State Representatives District 5**

Jonathan H. Smith

## **Ossipee State Representative District 7**

Glenn Cordelli

## **President**

Joseph R. Biden

## **Vice President**

Kamala D. Harris

## **Senators**

Maggie Hassan

Jeanne Shaheen

## **House of Representatives District 1**

Chris Pappas

## **Governor**

Christopher T. Sununu

## **Executive Council District 1**

Joseph D. Kenney

## **Secretary of State**

David Scanlan

## **Senator District 3**

Jeb Bradley

# Town Election Minutes

Town of Ossipee

Election Minutes

March 14, 2023

10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Moderator Katy Meserve announced the opening of the Town Election at 10:00 am. Moderator Meserve led the voters who were present in the Pledge of Allegiance and then displayed the Accu Vote ballot box for all to see that it was empty. Moderator Meserve announced that there is not politicking inside the building, and she would be opening the Absentee Ballots at 11:00 am. It was a small crowd at the opening, and it remained slow throughout the day. We started opening the Absentee Ballots at 11:00 am and was done at 11:30 am. Moderator Meserve went outside at 6:55pm to see if there were any last-minute voters outside and announced the polls would be closing at 7:00pm.

The Ballot Clerks were Angela Eldridge, Krystal Eldridge, Robert Roakes and Dennis Legendre. The Board of Selectmen were a great help as we had fewer Ballot Clerks due to the weather. The Supervisors of the Checklist were Robert Pustell, Carl Tyler and Kim Brownell.

Respectfully submitted.

Kellie J. Skehan

Town Clerk

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Registered Voters: Republican	1139	Ballots Cast	229
Democrat	636	Absentee Ballots Cast	<u>68</u>
Undeclared	<u>1203</u>	Total Ballots Cast	297
SUB TOTAL			2978
Election Day Registration	<u>4</u>		
TOTAL	2982		



# 2023 Town Meeting Minutes

## State of New Hampshire County of Carroll, Town of Ossipee Town Meeting March 15, 2023

Moderator Bedley called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She asked that everyone make sure their cell phones were either on silence or vibrate. Moderator Bedley asked that everyone please stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Bedley thanked the highway crew for all their hard work with the set up for the election and all their work during the election yesterday. Moderator Bedley also thanked the Selectmen's Office staff, the Town Administrator and the Town Clerk's Office staff for all the work that it takes to run the elections and the Town Meeting.

Moderator Bedley started with the introductions on her left. Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Selectmen Sue Simpson, Martha Eldridge and Chairman Jonathan Smith; Town Administrator Matthew Sawyer Jr.; Town Council Huddy Grady and Public Works Director TJ Eldridge. Moderator Bedley introduced Joseph Goss as Chairman of the Budget Committee. Joseph Goss then said that he would let the Budget Committee members introduce themselves. Roland Millette, Donna Gridley, Dallas Emery, Jennifer Brown, Lynne Parker and Brian Keyes.

Bedley went over the guidelines and asked if there was any questions.

Seeing none she moved on to the Governor Wentworth Regional School District results for Ossipee. Moderator Bedley stated that because Effingham did not hold their election yesterday there are no totals for the district at this time.

School Board Member at Large 1 year term – Mary Pray Schillereff  
School Board Member from Wolfeboro – Carlene Seibel  
School Board Member at Large 3 year term – G. Thomas Bickford  
School Board Member from Brookfield – James B. Manning, DDS  
Moderator – Kaitlin Purdy Murphy

Article # 2	Yes 163	No 112
Article # 3	Yes 170	No 106
Article #4	Yes 160	No 118
Article #5	Yes 143	No 133
Article #6	Yes 180	No 98
Article #7	Yes 165	No 114
Article #8	Yes 66	No 204
Article #9	Yes 160	No 118

Moderator Bedley then went over the results of the Town Elections.

Board of Selectmen for 3 years – R. Christopher Templeton  
Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years – Kathryn Paris  
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years– Angela Eldridge  
Library Trustee for 3 years – Linda Hatfield  
Library Trustee for 3 years – DorisAnn P. Allenson  
Supervisor of the Checklist 1 year – Carl Tyler

Town of Ossipee

Town Meeting

March 15, 2023

# 2023 Town Meeting Minutes

Budget Committee Member for 3 years - Joseph Goss

Budget Committee Member for 3 years - Michael Hunter, write in votes and has accepted the position.

Budget Committee Member for 2 years - Robert Roakes, write in votes and has accepted the position.

Planning Board Member for 3 years - Brian Ames

Planning Board Member for 3 years - Ash Fischbein

Planning Board Member for 2 years - Krystal Eldridge

Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 years - Daniel Fischbein

Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 years - Roy Barron

Zoning Board of Adjustment for 1 year - Daniel Karl

Moderator Bedley stated that Articles 2 through 26 all passed. She asked if anyone wanted the results read or any questions. There were no questions.

Moderator Bedley announced that the Swearing in would be on Monday, March 20, at 5:30pm.

Moderator Bedley stated that she would hand over the mic to Chairman Jonathan Smith for opening remarks. Jonathan Smith said he would like to read the letter that was handed out as the voters came in. Please see attached.

Moderator Bedley asked if there was any non-residents in the audience that would like to speak at this meeting. If they would come to the mic and state their names and which article or articles they would be speaking to. Matthew Sawyer Jr. - Town Administrator, any of the articles that were in question, no objections to Matt speaking.

Justine Chaffee - Article #40, no objections to Justin speaking.

Doris Sirois - Freedom Food Pantry, no objections to Doris speaking.

Michael Cloutier - New Hampshire Lake Host Program, no objections to Michael speaking.

TJ Eldridge - Public Works Director on all articles that is asked of him, no objections to TJ speaking.

Huddy Grandy - Town Council any article that she could help with, no objections to Huddy speaking.

Moderator Bedley stated that we start with article #27 and will go over each line item so if there is any amendment on a line item we will address that line item. Then we will the vote on the total of the operating budget.

**Article #27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the BUDGET COMMITTEE'S recommended amount of \$7,148,801 for GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Joseph Goss

Seconded by Robert Roakes

# 2023 Town Meeting Minutes

Town of Ossipee					
Town Meeting - March 15, 2023 - Results					
DEPARTMENT	2023 Selectmen Recommended	2023 B.C. Recommended	Amedments		
Selectmen's Salary	\$19,920	\$19,920			
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$388,275	\$388,275			
Elections	\$6,750	\$6,750			
Voter Registration	\$5,515	\$5,515			
Treasurer	\$8,230	\$8,230			
Selectmen's Office	\$919,900	\$919,900			
Economic Development	\$2,500	\$2,500			
Legal	\$40,000	\$40,000			
Planning Board	\$40,070	\$40,070			
ZBA	\$17,153	\$17,153			
Government Buildings	\$287,555	\$287,555			
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$5,741	\$5,741			
Cemeteries	\$43,745	\$43,745			
Insurance	\$154,200	\$154,200			
Police Department	\$1,324,950	\$1,299,950			
Police Special Duty	\$25,000	\$25,000			
Dog Officer	\$14,350	\$14,350			
Fire Warden	\$21,995	\$21,995			
Highway	\$1,398,350	\$1,398,350			
Transfer Station	\$589,206	\$589,206			
Outside Agencies					
Appalachian Mtn Teen Project					
Tri County CAP	\$13,000	\$13,000			
Caregivers of S. Carr. Cty	\$2,500	\$2,500			
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$7,000	\$7,000			
Freedom Food Pantry	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$ 1,000.00		
Kingswood Youth Center	\$5,000	\$5,000			
Life Bridge – Mentoring					
Life Ministries Food Pantry	\$6,000	\$6,000			
Ossipee Revitalization (Main St)					
Green Mountain Conservation	\$2,400	\$2,400			
Northern Human Services	\$4,425	\$4,425			
OCC Elderly Nutrition	\$20,000	\$20,000			
OCC Day Care	\$7,000	\$7,000			
Ossipee Children's Fund	\$22,000	\$22,000			
Ossipee Historical Society	\$4,000	\$4,000			
Starting Point	\$10,261	\$10,261			
White Mountain Comm Health	\$4,780	\$4,780			
Granite VNA & Hospice	\$14,000	\$14,000			

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White Horse Addiction Center	\$0	\$0			
Lake Host	\$2,500	\$2,500			
Children Unlimited	\$3,000	\$3,000			
Ambulance	\$449,000	\$449,000			
Emergency Management	\$6,700	\$6,700			
General Assistance (Welfare)	\$40,000	\$40,000			
Recreation	\$219,355	\$219,355			
Library	\$244,070	\$244,070			
Patriotic Purposes	\$3,000	\$3,000			
Long Term Debt-Principle					
Conservation	\$26,784	\$26,784			
Interest on Line of Credit	\$10,000	\$10,000			
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance	\$274,291	\$274,291			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,718,471</b>	<b>\$6,693,471</b>			
Water	\$223,180	\$223,180			
Sewer	\$232,150	\$232,150			
<b>OPERATING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,173,801</b>	<b>\$7,148,801</b>			
			\$1,000.00	\$ 7,148,801.00	\$ 7,149,801.00

Amendment was made to decrease the Dog Officer budget to \$10,000.00.

Moved by Richard Faye

Seconded Robert Roakes

Amendment to decrease the Dog Officers budget to \$10,000.00 failed.

Amendment was made to the Freedom Food Pantry to be increased by \$1,000.00 to a total of \$5,000.00.

Moved by Peter Waugh

Seconded by Greg Howard

Amendment to increase the Freedom Food Pantry by \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 passed.

Moderator Bedley read Article #27 as amended.

Article #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,149,801.00 as amended.

Moved by Greg Howard

Seconded by Robert Roakes

Passed as amended

Motion to not to reconsider Article #27

Moved by Greg Howard

Seconded by Robert Roakes

Motion to not to reconsider Article #27 Passed.

Greg Howard asked to move Article #46 up before Article #28.

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Moved by Greg Howard  
Seconded by Greg Scholand

**Article #46** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the adoption of the Town of Ossipee Building Code at the 2021 Town Meeting, thereby dissolving the Building Inspector position and eliminating the current building permit fee schedule.

Moved by Greg Howard  
Second By David Babson  
Tabled and not to be reconsidered

Marie McConarty asked to have Article #42 up before Article #28

Moved by Marie McConarty  
Seconded by Greg Howard

**Article #42** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of funding the Schools Out Program. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-2) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Marie McConarty  
Seconded Ann Cady  
Passed as Read

**Article #28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of completing a BTLA ordered full revaluation, with \$30,000 to come from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and \$120,000 to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Greg Scholand  
Seconded by Robert Roakes  
Passed as Read

**Article #29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of improvements and maintenance to Town-owned buildings. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved By Greg Scholand  
Seconded by Robert Roakes  
Passed as Read

**Article #30** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Government Buildings Improvements ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Ms. Lang  
Passed as Read

**Article #31** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of paving. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Greg Scholand  
Seconded by Robert Roakes

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Passed as Read

**Article #32** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment CRF previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Greg Howard  
Seconded by Greg Scholand  
Passed as Read

**Article #33** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000 to make the annual Grader payment. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Greg Scholand  
Seconded by Ms. Lang  
Passed as Read

**Article #34** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Invasive Species ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Greg Scholand  
Seconded by Robert Roakes  
Passed as Read

**Article #35** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Bridge Repair/Replacement ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved by David Babson  
Seconded by Robert Roakes  
Passed as Read

**Article #36** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 for annual Water Bond payment. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand  
Passed as Read

**Article #37** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Benefit Pay ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand  
Passed as Read

**Article #38** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Ann Cady



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Seconded by Greg Scholand  
Passed as Read

**Article #39** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purchasing of police vehicles and equipment and to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand  
Passed as Read

Mr. Lang made a motion not to reconsider article #28 through article #39, Article #42 and Article #46.

Moved by Mr. Lang  
Seconded by Robert Roakes  
Motion Passed

**Article #40** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for maintenance, upgrades, improvements, and construction relative to any Town Parks and/or Recreation locations, and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Daniel Fischbein  
Passed as Read

**Article #41** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Property Cleanup Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the abatement of public health and/or safety nuisances and zoning violations and to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund (Optional). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0). (Majority vote required)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Daniel Fischbein

Moderator Bedley made a motion to take out the word (Optional).

Moved by Moderator Bedley  
Seconded by Mr. Lang

Motion to take out the word (Optional) passed.

**Article #42** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of funding the Schools Out Program. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-2) (Majority vote required)

Marie McConarty asked to have Article #42 moved forward to before Article #28

Please see Article #42 prior

**Article #43** Shall the Town readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500? (Majority vote required)

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Moved by Greg Howard  
Seconded by Robert Roakes  
Passed as Read

**Article #44** Shall the Town readopt the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand

**Article #45** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the composition of the Conservation Commission to 3 members pursuant to RSA 36-A:3. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand

An amendment was made to Article #45 to read as follows:

**Article #45** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the composition of the Conservation Commission to 5 member pursuant to RSA 36-A:3.

Amendment Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand

Discussion took place as to why they should go with a 5 member board verses a 3 member board. The amendment passed.

**Article #45** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the composition of the Conservation Commission to 5 member Pursuant to RSA 36-A:3.

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand  
Passed as Amended

Motion was made to not to reconsider Article #40 through Article #45

**Article #46** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the adoption of the Town of Ossipee Building Code at the 2021 Town Meeting, thereby dissolving the Building Inspector position and eliminating the current building permit fee schedule.

Greg Howard asked to move this question before article #28

Please see Article #46 prior to Article #28

**Article #47** Shall the Town of Ossipee accept the provisions of RSA 53-G:1-RSA 53-G:11 providing for the establishment of a communications district, together with the municipalities of Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hales Location, Harts Location, Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth and Tuftonboro in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with the Ossipee Selectmen.

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Ann Cady  
Passed as Read



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**Article #48** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Economic Council's Signage Improvement Project. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Moved by Robert Roakes  
Seconded by Greg Scholand  
Passed as Read

Moderator Bedley asked if there was any other reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers thereof.

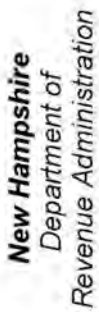
There was no other reports.

Motion was made to Adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm, by Moderator Bedley.

Respectfully submitted:



Kellie J. Skehan  
Town of Ossipee  
Town Clerk



## Proposed Budget Ossipee

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024  
Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: \_\_\_\_\_

## BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

[illegible]

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal: <https://www.proptax.org/>

**For assistance please contact:**  
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
(603) 230-5090  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



# 2024 Budget of the Town of Ossipee MS-737

## Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
4130	Executive	18	\$1,100,000	\$1,080,000	\$1,087,990	\$0	\$1,087,990	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	18	\$325,000	\$400,540	\$413,425	\$0	\$413,425	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	18	\$13,971	\$13,971	\$15,435	\$0	\$15,435	\$0
4152	Property Assessment		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	18	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	18	\$65,000	\$57,223	\$15,150	\$0	\$15,150	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	18	\$250,000	\$287,555	\$303,605	\$0	\$303,605	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	18	\$38,000	\$43,745	\$58,550	\$0	\$58,550	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	18	\$0	\$154,200	\$162,000	\$0	\$162,000	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,022,971</b>	<b>\$2,227,234</b>	<b>\$2,131,155</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,131,155</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210	Police	18	\$1,250,000	\$1,324,950	\$1,421,200	\$0	\$1,421,200	\$0
4215	Ambulances	18	\$437,000	\$449,000	\$435,000	\$0	\$435,000	\$0
4220	Fire	18	\$12,900	\$21,995	\$22,070	\$0	\$22,070	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	18	\$2,175	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$0	\$6,700	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	18	\$0	\$0	\$14,450	\$0	\$14,450	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,702,075</b>	<b>\$1,802,645</b>	<b>\$1,895,420</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,895,420</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	18	\$1,602,000	\$1,889,692	\$1,483,850	\$0	\$1,483,850	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$253,000	\$274,291	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,855,000</b>	<b>\$2,163,983</b>	<b>\$1,483,850</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,483,850</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	18	\$510,000	\$589,206	\$602,035	\$0	\$602,035	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$510,000</b>	<b>\$589,206</b>	<b>\$602,035</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$602,035</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>								
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>								
4411	Health Administration	18	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$142,929	\$0	\$146,929	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$14,350	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0	\$177,866	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$367,216</b>	<b>\$142,929</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$146,929</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Welfare</b>								
4441	Welfare Administration	18	\$9,100	\$40,000	\$39,450	\$0	\$35,450	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$9,100</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$39,450</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$35,450</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520	Parks and Recreation	18	\$195,000	\$219,355	\$226,505	\$0	\$226,505	\$0
4550	Library	18	\$235,000	\$244,070	\$268,841	\$0	\$268,841	\$0
4583	Patrotic Purposes	18	\$2,167	\$3,000	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$432,167</b>	<b>\$466,425</b>	<b>\$509,346</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$509,346</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611	Conservation Administration	18	\$23,000	\$26,784	\$10,350	\$0	\$10,350	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	18	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$7,000	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$34,284</b>	<b>\$15,350</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,350</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	18	\$0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	18	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$287,500	\$0	\$287,500	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$77,000</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>	<b>\$287,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$287,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	18	\$232,150	\$232,150	\$244,250	\$0	\$244,250	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	18	\$223,180	\$223,180	\$240,780	\$0	\$240,780	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$455,330</b>	<b>\$455,330</b>	<b>\$485,030</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$485,030</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>				<b>\$7,626,065</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,626,065</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	20 <i>Purpose: Add to Govt Buildings ETF</i>	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	22 <i>Purpose: Add to Highway Equip ETF</i>	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	24 <i>Purpose: Add to Invasive Species ETF</i>	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	25 <i>Purpose: Add to Bridge Repair/Replace ETF</i>	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	26 <i>Purpose: Add to Benefit Pay ETF</i>	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	27 <i>Purpose: Add to Solid Waste and Recycling ETF</i>	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	28 <i>Purpose: Add to Police Vehicle and Equipment ETF</i>	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	29 <i>Purpose: Add to Recreation ETF</i>	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	32 <i>Purpose: Create Deer Run Trail ETF</i>	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	35 <i>Purpose: Add to Property Cleanup ETF</i>	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$550,000	\$0	\$550,000	\$0





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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4199	Other General Government	34	\$97,000	\$0	\$97,000	\$0
<b>Purpose: Ratify the Union's CBA</b>						
4312	Highways and Streets	21	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
<b>Purpose: Paving</b>						
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	30	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
<b>Purpose: Schools Out Program</b>						
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	38	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
<b>Purpose: Way Station</b>						
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	39	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
<b>Purpose: Main Street Program</b>						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	23	\$57,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$0
<b>Purpose: Grader Payment</b>						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	33	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
<b>Purpose: Cemetery Mower</b>						
4903	Buildings	31	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
<b>Purpose: Library Heating/Cooling System</b>						
4903	Buildings	19	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
<b>Purpose: Government Buildings Improvements</b>						
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$575,000</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$575,000</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>



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# 2024 Budget - Revenues MS-737

## Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Charge Taxes for General Fund	18	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	18	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	18	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	18	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$174,000</b>	<b>\$174,000</b>	<b>\$174,000</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	18	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	18	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	18	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,025,000</b>	<b>\$1,025,000</b>	<b>\$1,025,000</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	18	\$389,000	\$389,000	\$389,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	18	\$178,000	\$178,000	\$178,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	18	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>State Sources</b>					
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	18	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$588,000</b>	<b>\$588,000</b>	<b>\$588,000</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	18	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$380,000</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	18	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
3502	Interest on Investments	18	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
3503	Other	18	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$255,000</b>	<b>\$255,000</b>	<b>\$255,000</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	18	\$244,250	\$244,250	\$244,250
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	18	\$240,780	\$240,780	\$240,780
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$485,030</b>	<b>\$485,030</b>	<b>\$485,030</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from LT Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	18	\$50,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$2,957,030</b>	<b>\$3,407,030</b>	<b>\$3,407,030</b>

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## Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$7,626,065	\$7,626,065
Special Warrant Articles	\$550,000	\$550,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$575,000	\$575,000
Total Appropriations	\$8,751,065	\$8,751,065
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$3,407,030	\$3,407,030
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$5,344,035</b>	<b>\$5,344,035</b>



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$8,751,065
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$8,751,065
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%)	\$875,107
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	\$9,626,172

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Total Appropriations	\$8,751,065	\$8,751,065
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$3,407,030	\$3,407,030
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$5,344,035</b>	<b>\$5,344,035</b>

## Independent Auditor's Letter



Sheryl A. Pratt, CPA\*\*

Michael J. Campo, CPA, MACCY

Sylvia Y. Petro, CPA, CFE, MSA\*\*

\*\* Also Licensed in Vermont

January 31, 2024

Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ossipee  
P.O. Box 67  
55 Main Street  
Center Ossipee, NH 03814

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen:

This is to advise you that as of January 31, 2024, the fieldwork for the audit of the financial statements of the Town of Ossipee for the year ending December 31, 2023 will be completed by February 23, 2024. A completed audit report will be sent to you in early Spring 2024. The prior year's audit has been completed and is available at the Town Office.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Campo, CPA, MACCY  
Director

# Assessor's Report

Dear Ossipee Residents,

Another year has passed. It was very busy time in the Assessing Office. The Assessor is Todd Haywood, RES, CNHA of Granite Hill Municipal Services. John "Jack" McCarthy, also of Granite Hill Municipal Services, provide assessing services as well.

Ossipee has Jessi O'Blenes as its Assessing Clerk, she is an integral part of the overall coordination of the Assessor's Office which is responsible for assisting the public with routine questions and maintaining continuity within the office.

The Town of Ossipee continues to maintain new technologies to assist the general public. The newest technology available is GIS information which can be accessed on the assessing home page at [www.Ossipee.org](http://www.Ossipee.org). This enables the user to view town maps via aerial imagery. In addition to the assessing information, there are additional layers available for the user.

In 2023, the Assessor's Office processed 17 properties who had abatement requests. There were also over 400 properties that were inspected due to building permits issued and anything that was noted as unfinished as of April 1, 2022. The town conducted a town wide revaluation for 2023 bringing the assessment to market value as of April 1, 2023. The town continued the cyclical data verification process in 2023. This process involves 25% of the property in town, which will continue to be systematically measured and listed when possible to ensure the assessing data base is kept up to date on a rolling five-year basis

The NH Assessing Standards Board has a reference manual that was developed specifically for elected/appointed municipal officials and taxpayers. You may find this by using this link: <http://revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/property/documents/asb-manual.pdf>.

The Assessing Tax Maps are available online at [www.Ossipee.org](http://www.Ossipee.org) as well, for printing and viewing from the convenience of the user's home.

As is every year, we invite you to use the resources available to view your property cards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call or come on in. We are here to serve you, the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Haywood, RES, CNHA  
Assessing Department



# Summary Inventory Valuation for 2023



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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	24,220.65	\$1,694,241	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	11,414.72	\$692,015,700	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	4,556.67	\$93,919,600	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	40,192.04	\$787,629,541	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	4,063.27	\$21,433,100	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$562,276,100	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$37,692,900	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$127,953,100	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$727,922,100	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$64,139,800	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$18,424,200	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$1,533,975,841	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Polution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$1,533,975,841	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	2	\$30,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	58	\$4,513,700
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	3	\$3,000
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$4,546,700
21A	Net Valuation			\$1,529,429,141
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$1,529,429,141
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$1,224,200
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$1,528,204,941
22	Less Utilities			\$18,424,200
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$1,511,004,941
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$1,511,004,941

# Tax Rate Calculation



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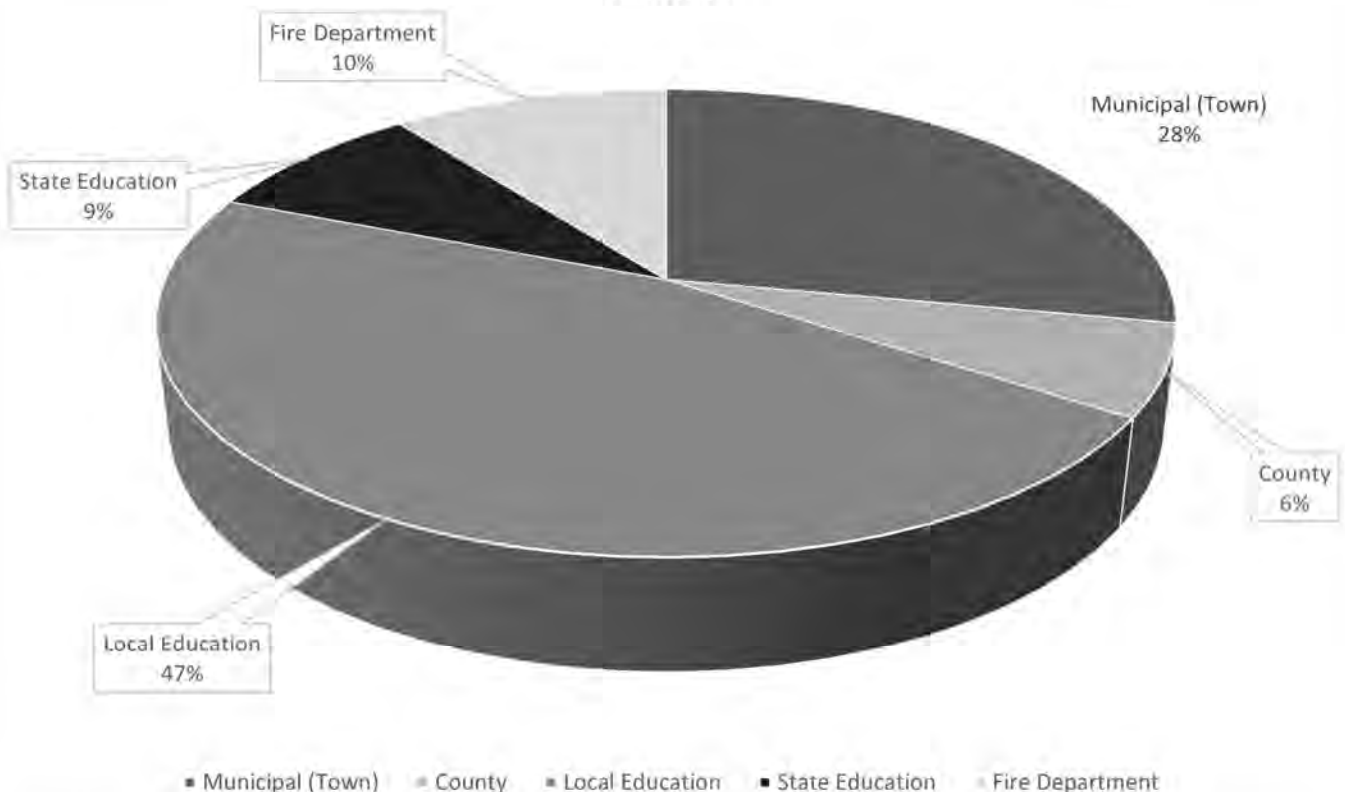
**2023**  
**\$10.37**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Ossipee

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$4,944,320	\$1,528,204,941	<b>\$3.24</b>
County	\$1,120,248	\$1,529,429,141	<b>\$0.73</b>
Local Education	\$8,265,588	\$1,528,204,941	<b>\$5.41</b>
State Education	\$1,501,195	\$1,511,004,941	<b>\$0.99</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,831,351</b>		<b>\$10.37</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Center Ossipee Fire	\$766,552	\$723,162,204	<b>\$1.06</b>
Ossipee Corner Light	\$540,382	\$446,596,478	<b>\$1.21</b>
West Ossipee Fire	\$471,090	\$359,611,059	<b>\$1.31</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,778,024</b>		<b>\$3.58</b>

Tax Rate



## Finance/Treasury Report

Balance on Hand 1/1/2023	\$ 5,341,784.75
Receipts during 2023	\$16,046,765.51
Sub Total	\$21,388,550.26
Less Disbursements	\$20,134,797.11
Balance on hand 12/31/2023	\$ 1,253,753.15

In 2023 we continued to progress in the finance office. The 2022 audit was conducted and concluded with unprecedented success. The one recommendation from the Auditors had already been addressed and resolved by this office before the audit concluded.

The revaluation ordered by the BTLA, conducted in 2023 caused a delay in the setting of the tax rate, the mailing of tax bills and in turn, receipt of tax revenue. Even with this delay in receiving tax revenue this office continued its savvy cash management and the Town did not borrow from the Tax Anticipation Note (bank line of credit) for the third straight year.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Picard  
Finance Director

Karen Deighan  
Treasurer

# Tax Collector's Report



**New Hampshire**  
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## Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

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

### Instructions

#### Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:

County:

Report Year:

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)

# Tax Collector's Report



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## Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Property Taxes	3110		\$1,385,976.93	\$243.00	
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		\$77,650.36		
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$61,133.83)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2022	
Property Taxes	3110	\$17,465,488.78	\$45,617.00	
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$30,910.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$41,760.03		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$14,847.96		
Other Taxes	3189	\$531,099.28		

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$13,988.60			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$14,701.73	\$49,933.56	\$16.84	
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$18,051,662.55	\$1,559,177.85	\$259.84	\$0.00

# Tax Collector's Report



**New Hampshire**  
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Revenue Administration

**MS-61**

<b>Credits</b>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>	
			<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Property Taxes	\$9,490,384.83	\$997,064.16	\$243.00	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$30,695.15			
Yield Taxes	\$36,556.24			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$7,256.62	\$30,950.24	\$16.84	
Penalties	\$7,445.11	\$18,983.32		
Excavation Tax	\$14,847.96			
Other Taxes	\$481,932.53	\$43,742.70		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$413,824.83		
Discounts Allowed				

<b>Abatements Made</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>	
			<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Property Taxes	\$6,566.88	\$43,227.11		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$40.00	\$8,943.92		
Current Levy Deeded	\$1,081.00			

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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$7,975,997.00	\$2,441.57		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$214.85			
Yield Taxes	\$5,203.79			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$49,126.75			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$55,686.16)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$18,051,662.55</b>	<b>\$1,559,177.85</b>	<b>\$259.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$7,977,297.80
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$405,271.62

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## Lien Summary

### Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$209,675.00	\$142,161.87
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$441,165.93		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$8,690.04	\$24,714.58	\$37,949.18
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$449,855.97</b>	<b>\$234,389.58</b>	<b>\$180,111.05</b>

### Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$148,717.19	\$100,431.66	\$129,969.67
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$8,690.04	\$24,714.58	\$37,949.18
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$2,384.60	\$991.89	\$633.40
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$1,892.91	\$1,888.67	\$821.19
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$288,171.23	\$106,362.78	\$10,737.61
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$449,855.97</b>	<b>\$234,389.58</b>	<b>\$180,111.05</b>

#### For DRA Use Only

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OSSIPEE (357)

## 1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Kellie

Preparer's Last Name

Skehan

Date

Jan 3, 2024

## 2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM


Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

## 3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

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

## PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

 TC/TC  
Preparer's Signature and Title

# Town Clerk's Report

Notes from the Clerk's Office...

Dogs over 4 months old need to be registered on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, to prevent any future penalties. To register your dog, the rabies shot must be current.

You can now register your cars online at [ossipee.org](http://ossipee.org). At that time, you will be allowed to make payments out of your checking, savings or with a credit card. Please remember that this process can take up to 7 business days. Please remember that your registration is not valid until you receive your decals and registration in the mail.

You can also use your debit card or credit card at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office, there is a 3.25% user fee on the total of your transaction. We still accept cash or checks.

**OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM,  
MONDAY – FRIDAY  
APPOINTMENT HAVE PRIORITY**

WE WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN 2024:

January 1, 2024 – NEW YEAR'S DAY  
January 15, 2024 – CIVIL RIGHTS DAY  
January 23, 2024 – PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY  
February 19, 2024 – PRESIDENTS' DAY  
March 12, 2024 – TOWN ELECTIONS  
May 27, 2024 – MEMORIAL DAY  
July 4, 2024 – INDEPENDENCE DAY  
September 2, 2024 – LABOR DAY  
September 10, 2024 – STATE PRIMARY  
October 14, 2024 – COLUMBUS DAY  
November 5, 2024 – GENERAL ELECTION  
November 11, 2024 – VETERANS' DAY  
November 28 & 29, 2024 – THANKSGIVING BREAK  
December 24, 2024 – CLOSING AT NOON  
December 25, 2024 – CHRISTMAS DAY

Respectfully submitted,  
Kellie J. Skehan  
Town Clerk

## Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist is a three person elected body that maintains an accurate list of Voters (The Checklist) in Ossipee. Their duties and responsibilities are detailed in NH State Law. In addition to keeping the Checklist they are present at and assist in the proper running of all Elections - Town, State and Federal - in Ossipee.

During the past year the Supervisors performed their normal duties and also attended training programs and seminars to remain “up” on their jobs.

Respectfully Submitted, Supervisors

Kim Brownell

Bob Pustell

Carl Tyler

# Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen, Town Administrator, Public Works Director and Selectmen's Office staff are very proud of another year of stellar fiscal management, organizational improvements and community contributions. In addition, this Board of Selectmen faithfully executed the duties of Building and Zoning compliance which are their duty by law.

In 2023 we:

- Helped the acquisition of grant funding and rollout planned for high-speed fiber internet throughout the town in 2024 by partnering with Fidium and the Carroll County Communications District.
- Earned an excellent Financial Audit.
- Through tight fiscal management, built the Unassigned Fund Balance to \$2.6 million, well above goal.
- As a result of the above bullet point, increased the Unassigned Fund Balance Policy to a target of 13%, above the median DRA recommended amount.
- Secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in FEMA funding for several extreme flooding events. We partially utilized this grant funding to acquire the Town's first excavator which is being used to improve ditching and road maintenance and save money by reduced outsourcing.
- Navigated extremely tumultuous legal waters with an ongoing court case at the Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding past assessing practices. Have made many improvements to our process as a result.
- Oversaw complex court-ordered Revaluation of all real estate in Town.
- Fought tirelessly to seek good-cause abatements for churches and other nonprofits who had their tax exemptions overturned by the BTLA, and we ultimately succeeded.
- Engaged Avitar Associates in a 5-year contract as our new Assessor.
- Authorized the hiring of an experienced attorney to be the Town's part time Prosecutor, freeing up other officers to respond and investigate and to improve success of criminal prosecution.
- The Town Administrator served on the committee to hire a new Library Director.
- Performed an extensive search for a new Police Chief and engaged Municipal Resources in the process to broaden search and vet candidates extremely thoroughly. As a result, hired an extremely qualified new Chief who hit the ground running and is focused on improved accountability and performance of the department.
- Continued benefiting from the previous years' improvements to financial policies, process simplification, and excellent personnel decisions.
- Delivered another end of year surplus to add to the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Respectfully,

Jonathan H. Smith, Selectman  
Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman  
Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Matt Sawyer Jr.  
Town Administrator

# Trustees of Trust Funds Report

We, the Trustees, have had a terribly busy year. With the interest rates at the start of the year at a low and the banks not offering great rates. The banks had been holding low interest rate securities when the Federal Bank started to raise the rates. We started to get some better rates as the year went on.

Mid-year we asked three banks to submit a proposal for the holding and reporting of our trust funds. With several meetings with each bank taking place, asking them to meet the proposal guidelines and deadlines, one bank could not meet them. The rates and fees to which the other bank had submitted were such that we would be better off staying with the present bank.

January 1, 2023, the balance of all accounts was \$2,759,211.13, with the deposits and withdrawals the accounts ended the year at \$2,972,450.40.

We want to welcome Brenda Hallisey to the Trusts as an alternate.

We want to thank all of you for your help this year.

Trustees of the Trust Funds

# Summary of Principal and Income

## TOWN OF OSSIPEE, NH

## ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS MS-9

December 31, 2023

		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				MS - 9	TOTAL
		HOW	BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	BALANCE	BALANCE	EARNINGS	EXPENDED	BALANCE	Principal and Income
NAME	INVESTED	1/1/2023				12/31/2023	1/1/2023			12/31/2023	12/31/2023
<b>PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS</b>											
Carol E. Duchesne Scholarship	BANK	26,551.00	0.00	0.00		26,551.00	7,359.54	620.31	1,250.00	8,729.85	33,280.85
High School Funds	Bank	2,000.00	0.00	0.00		2,000.00	1,987.58	71.75	0.00	2,059.33	4,059.33
Meeting Houses	Bank	597.50	0.00	0.00		597.50	2,220.88	50.71	0.00	2,271.59	2,869.09
Lyford Merrow Schol'shp	BANK	562,530.23	0.00	0.00		562,530.23	68,801.38	11,837.74	11,400.00	69,039.12	631,569.35
Library Funds	Bank	1,426.66	0.00	0.00		1,426.66	448.72	33.74	0.00	482.48	1,909.12
Cemetery Trust Funds	Bank	46,682.80	85.35	0.00		46,768.15	22,018.89	1,236.14	0.00	23,255.03	70,023.18
LYFORD MERROW HOSPITAL	BANK	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		10,000.00	7,666.81	318.24	0.00	8,005.05	18,005.05
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS</b>		<b>649,788.19</b>	<b>85.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>649,873.54</b>	<b>110,129.30</b>	<b>14,168.62</b>	<b>12,650.00</b>	<b>131,842.43</b>	<b>761,715.92</b>
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS (TOWN)</b>											
Benefit Pay (Cap Res)	BANK	44,935.49	15,000.00	51,392.05		8,543.44	58.83	183.38	0.00	241.89	8,785.43
TownClerkComputerEquipment	BANK	3,271.80	0.00	0.00		3,271.80	58.84	59.93	0.00	118.77	3,390.57
Forest Fire Prevention	BANK	51,001.71	0.00	0.00		51,001.71	231.14	921.82	0.00	1,152.96	52,154.67
Disbursement Account	Bank	527.62	1,200.00	0.00		1,727.62	6.86	166.73	0.00	173.59	1,901.21
Highway Equipment (Cap Res)	BANK	127,283.30	200,000.00	0.00		327,283.30	7,587.17	2,799.29	0.00	10,386.46	337,669.76
Invasive Species Control	BANK	83,341.01	25,000.00	30,076.00		78,263.01	285.81	1,238.62	0.00	1,534.43	79,797.44
Ossipee Town Revaluation	BANK	48,394.01	0.00	30,000.00		18,394.01	182.63	814.86	0.00	997.48	19,391.49
Ossipee Town Sewer (Cap Res)	BANK	232,129.73	0.00	0.00		232,129.73	776.12	4,190.61	0.00	4,966.73	237,096.46
Ossipee Town Sidewalk Trust	BANK	40,952.83	0.00	0.00		40,952.83	155.43	739.65	0.00	895.08	41,847.91
Ossipee Town Water (Cap Res)	BANK	22,739.00	0.00	0.00		22,739.00	26,395.52	894.07	0.00	27,279.59	50,018.59
Sale of Cemetery Town Lots	Bank	69,865.95	0.00	0.00		69,865.95	9,939.03	1,506.19	0.00	11,445.22	81,311.17
Chickville Church/	Bank	26,642.55	0.00	0.00		26,642.55	85.49	480.91	0.00	566.40	27,208.95
Town Beach	Bank	25,000.00	0.00	0.00		25,000.00	109.74	451.79	0.00	561.53	25,561.53
Whittier Bridge	BANK	108,611.77	0.00	110,000.00		(1,388.23)	388.44	1,743.86	0.00	2,112.30	724.07
Emergency Funds	BANK	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		10,000.00	70.74	181.20	0.00	251.94	10,251.94
Bridge Replacement and Repairs	BANK	69,853.33	25,000.00	0.00		94,853.33	242.72	1,307.78	0.00	1,550.51	96,403.84
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	BANK	40,000.00	20,000.00	0.00		60,000.00	28.82	757.48	0.00	786.10	60,786.10
Government Building Improvement	BANK	30,000.00	20,000.00	0.00		50,000.00	16.50	577.34	0.00	593.84	50,593.84
Police Vehicle & Equip	BANK	0.00	50,000.00	44,758.25		5,241.75	0.00	8.04	0.00	8.04	5,249.79
Recreational Expendable	BANK	0.00	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00	0.00	15.34	0.00	15.34	10,015.34
Property Cleanup	BANK	0.00	100,000.00	0.00		100,000.00	0.00	153.42	0.00	153.42	100,153.42
<b>TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS (TOWN)</b>		<b>1,034,550.10</b>	<b>466,200.00</b>	<b>266,228.30</b>		<b>1,119,280.05</b>	<b>46,809.43</b>	<b>19,182.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>66,614.92</b>	<b>1,300,313.62</b>
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS (PRECINCTS)</b>											
Center Ossipee Fire(Cap Res)	BANK	116,765.08	0.00	0.00		116,765.08	2,518.53	2,146.20	0.00	4,664.73	121,427.81
Center Ossipee Fire (Facilities)	BANK	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	18.83	0.34	0.00	19.17	19.17
West Ossipee Fire Suppression Sys	BANK	100,000.00	0.00			100,000.00	54.80	1,800.26	0.00	1,855.06	101,855.06
Ossipee Cmr L&P (Cap Res Appar)	BANK	136,450.00	100,000.00	124,175.25		112,274.75	7,800.25	2,579.58	0.00	10,379.81	122,654.56
Ossipee Cmr L & P (Cap Res Bldg)	BANK	347,987.00	50,000.00	0.00		397,987.00	21,534.21	7,370.58	0.00	28,904.79	426,891.79
Ossipee Cmr L & P (cap Res New Equip)	BANK	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		10,000.00	30.55	180.48	0.00	211.03	10,211.03
Ossipee Cmr L & P (Cap Res Water)	BANK	22,190.97	0.00	0.00		22,190.97	5,101.01	491.05	0.00	5,592.06	27,783.03
Ossipee Cmr L & P (Cap Res Maint)	BANK	63,619.45	0.00	0.00		63,619.45	4,804.88	1,231.14	0.00	6,036.03	69,655.48
Ossipee Cmr L&P (Payroll Reserve)	BANK	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		10,000.00	1,018.32	198.25	0.00	1,216.57	11,216.57
West Ossipee Fire Precinct	BANK	61,597.94	50,000.00	100,000.00		11,597.94	6,449.79	658.69	0.00	7,108.47	18,706.41
<b>TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS (PRECINCTS)</b>		<b>868,610.44</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>124,175.25</b>		<b>844,435.19</b>	<b>49,329.17</b>	<b>16,656.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>66,985.72</b>	<b>910,420.91</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>		<b>1,903,160.54</b>	<b>666,200.00</b>	<b>390,403.55</b>		<b>1,963,715.24</b>	<b>95,938.60</b>	<b>35,838.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>133,600.64</b>	<b>2,210,734.43</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>		<b>2,552,948.73</b>	<b>666,285.35</b>	<b>390,403.55</b>		<b>2,613,588.78</b>	<b>206,262.40</b>	<b>50,007.47</b>	<b>12,650.00</b>	<b>309,057.99</b>	<b>2,972,450.40</b>

## Ossipee Main Street Program

Our outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest was won by Mary Eldridge, Peter Waugh, and Ashley Wilmot. The decorations on the gazebo and in the park were spectacular.

This year a Christmas Parade was organized by Melita Dixon and helpers. Everyone said it was a wonderful event and hope it becomes an annual event. After the parade, children decorated the tree with colorful balls and enjoyed refreshments by OCC.

Fall work consisted of weeding, trimming, and cutting in the flower beds by volunteers.

Activities are being planned for all ages on Wednesdays, including Music in the Park. If you have suggestions, please share them.

We plan to use funds raised by the Rubber Ducky Computer race to continue our revitalization efforts by painting the Main Street Building.

A Penny Sale is planned for February 24. Please donate items and come to the sale.

Ossipee Main Street

Pat Jones

# Ossipee Public Library



## Ossipee Public Library 2023 Report

2023 saw many changes at Ossipee Public Library. One of the biggest changes, was the introduction of our new Director, Jennifer Spofford. Jennifer began the role on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. While originally from Illinois, Spofford has been in the Valley for the past 20 years. She earned her Master of Library and Information Sciences from Simmons University and has 10 years of experience in the library field. Jennifer was the library director at Fryeburg Public Library and most recently the head of technical services at Conway Public Library. Jennifer has brought renewed energy and enthusiasm to the library, introducing many new programs.

In 2023, we were thrilled to announce that the library went overdue fine free! Ensuring the library is living up to its commitment to provide free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent learning and the joys of reading for our diverse community. Removing the fines helps erase barriers to library use. Patrons do remain responsible for replacement charges for lost and damaged items.

### 2023 Program Highlights

**All Together Now** The children who participated in the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program enjoyed entertaining and educational programs, projects and activities. The children enjoyed making tie-dyed prints for our meeting room display, outdoor playtime, crafting, decorating our sidewalk with chalk, and lively storytelling with a mime. 25 children turned in reading logs and recorded a total of 5,645 minutes read over the summer. Congratulations readers!

**Carroll County Adult Education** hosted High School Equivalency Testing (Hi-Set) classes at the library that were well attended. Students interested in the Hi-Set class should contact Carroll County Adult Education.

**AARP NH Tax Aide** was at the library during tax season and prepared over 230 returns at no cost to the clients.

**Local author programs** We welcomed new and familiar authors to speak about their work at our library. Authors included Bruce Robert Coffin, Jen Dupree, and Mj Pettengill.

**Friends of the Ossipee Public Library** welcomed several new members this year. They did a lovely job decorating the library.



*Officer Llewellyn*



# Ossipee Public Library

**Art Displays** School's Out Program, Summer Reading students, Governor Wentworth Arts Council Frolic in the Fall Leaves, Diana Spalding, Rob Marx, and Cheryl Shanahan were gracious enough to share their artwork with us throughout the year.

**Ossipee Police Department Story Time** took place for the first time in 2023, providing children with an opportunity to meet with local law enforcement. The program will be repeated in 2024.



*Sadie Story Time*

**Sadie Story Time** was introduced this year, where children had the opportunity to read their book selection to certified therapy dog Sadie.

**Sasquatch of Ossipee** made an appearance for Halloween, and they proudly sat outside during much of October, to read to anyone passing by.

## Gifts and Donations:

The library received the following gifts and donations: \$25.00 from the John Carroll Poland Trust for books, \$500 from Anne and Jeff Carr, \$400 In memory of Jane Ter Kuile and \$448 in anonymous donations. The Friends of OPL donated \$1100 for children's programming

and book give-a-ways as well as sponsored the purchase of insulating window inserts for \$850.

***We are grateful for these generous donations in support of the library.***

## Books and Materials

Number of books 20,773; Audiobooks 517; DVDs 868; VHS 6; Music CDs 267; Papers/pamphlets 50; Magazine subscriptions 18; Newspapers: Carroll County Independent and Conway Daily Sun; Passes:4; Other: 18. The number of items added by gift, purchase and otherwise: 865. The number of items lost: 10. The number of items deleted due to damage, lack of interest, or dated information: 961. OPL patrons have access to articles and periodicals through EBSCO Databases and access to genealogy research on a library computer with Ancestry Library Edition. The library has a telescope that can be borrowed. The library offers 8 public access computers as well as free Wi-Fi.



*Sasquatch of Ossipee*

# Ossipee Public Library

## Inter Library Loan (ILL)

Through the ILL program, the Ossipee Public Library borrows items from other libraries in the state and lends items to other libraries in the state. This year we borrowed 437 items from other libraries and lent 662 items to other libraries.

## Grants and Awards

We are thrilled to announce that towards the end of 2023, the library received a \$9,667 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The grant will be used to better meet the needs of the 21st century learner by upgrading the public computers. This will give our patrons access to modern hardware and software to take advantage of video conferencing, telehealth appointments, workforce development, and digital literacy opportunities. We envision the completion of hardware and software updates by March 2024.

The library received a \$300 Art in Libraries Grant from the Governor Wentworth Art Council. The grant funds have been used to create take home art kits for all ages to enjoy.

## Library Accounts

Through strategic planning and prudent decision-making, the library director and library trustees have successfully utilized resources to meet their objectives without exceeding the budgetary constraints. This disciplined approach to financial management not only reflects the trustee's commitment to fiscal responsibility but also ensures the optimal utilization of resources for the benefit of the town.

**Website** [www.ossipee.lib.nh.us](http://www.ossipee.lib.nh.us). Access the online catalog from the website as well as other library information.

**Patrons** 2,181 Ossipee residents have library cards. Patrons added this year 132.

**Passes** to the following places were available to library patrons this year

- Castle in the Clouds
- Libby Museum
- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center
- Wright Museum

## Statistics

- Number of visits to the library: approximately 7,824
- Number of items borrowed: 8,335
- Ancestry searches: 210
- Adult programs: 76; attendance: 694
- Children's programs: 42; attendance: 573
- Young Adult programs: 18; attendance: 95

**Thank you**, residents of Ossipee, patrons, friends, visitors, town boards, town employees, and all who supported the library this year. We appreciate all of you.

## Respectfully Submitted, Library Board of Trustees

- Patricia Pustell, Chairman
- DorisAnn Allenson, Secretary
- Lisa Buerk, Treasurer
- Carl Tyler, Trustee
- Linda Hatfield, Trustee
- Jennifer Spofford, Library Director
- Roger ter Kuile, Alternate Trustee
- Theresa Sousoures, Alternate Trustee

# Ossipee Economic Development Council

Members: Joy Gagnon - Chair, Jim Mueller - Vice Chair, Phil Villari, Chris Elliot, Robert Levey, Ash Fischbein, Matt Trahan, Pat Jones, Misty Ryder

The Ossipee Economic Development Council's mission is to enhance the economic development of the Ossipee region, to encourage business start up, growth and expansion, to identify, create and support necessary infrastructure and to operate in a manner that is socially conscious and environmentally responsible.

This year, The Ossipee Economic Development Council (OEDC) has focused on projects that improve visibility and communication with the public. Some project areas were signage, website design, connecting with the Greater Ossipee Chamber of Commerce, and working with the Ossipee Planning Board to facilitate an Envision night focused on housing. Through these initiatives, the OEDC strives to enhance the economic vitality and prosperity of Ossipee.

## **Signs Project**

Initiated in 2022, the OEDC worked on reviewing current signs in Ossipee and designing new signs to help direct visitors to find recreation areas, parking, and businesses. The OEDC identified locations where public parking exists within the Center Ossipee Village. Signs were designed and installed at five locations in June of 2023.

Concepts for larger signage on RT16 and RT16B to direct travelers into Center Ossipee Village were developed. A Warrant Article to fund these signs was presented to the Town Meeting in March 2023 and the community approved it. A review of the proposed signs and locations with NHDOT required the EDC to modify the approach due to right-of-way issues on RT16. The EDC pursued alternative locations with private landowners and expects to conclude this with installation in the spring of 2024.

## **Housing Envision Night with the Ossipee Planning Board**

The Ossipee Planning Board reached out to the Economic Development Council after they received a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant through Plan NH to have the EDC help facilitate a Housing Envision Night. The Envision Night - Let's Talk About Housing was held August 24th and had about 25 participants.

## **Website Project**

In 2023, the OEDC identified communications as an important priority, recognizing that the promotion of Ossipee as a viable economic destination is best served with an updated website. To this end, a new website was designed and a professional photographer was hired to photograph areas of economic activity throughout greater Ossipee. This enhanced website, which has been launched this year, is part of a larger communication plan in which the OEDC will more effectively leverage traditional PR and social media to better promote Ossipee's economic vitality.

## **Connecting with the Greater Ossipee Chamber of Commerce**

Connecting with the Ossipee Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Council began to identify possible interactions between the two organizations that have similar missions and focus. Following discussion, it was agreed that a member of the Chamber would serve as a liaison between the two groups for the next six months. During this time we will identify deeper and broader connectivity possibilities that would benefit both organizations and the Town of Ossipee.

## **Rail Trail Update**

Several years ago, the OEDC investigated the possibility of utilizing the existing Conway Branch Rail corridor that runs through Ossipee. This rail bed has the potential for non-motorized pedestrian, bicycle, and other forms of recreational usage in the winter and summer months. The group initiated discussions with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and with the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. In December of 2023, the group received notification that the 21-mile trail starting at Route 28 and continuing to West Main Street in Conway was now open to recreational usage for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and other winter sports activities. We will continue to work with the various departments to explore the possibility of extending the usage of this section for year-round non-motorized for the benefit of all members of our community. To learn about other projects we are working towards and get involved, visit [www.ossipeedevelopment.com](http://www.ossipeedevelopment.com)

# Ossipee Historical Society

The Ossipee Historical Society presented six programs in 2023: June was a coffee klatch and questions with our own local, longtime resident, Rachel Ward. July was “Liberty is our Motto”- Steve Blunt, gave the history of the Hutchinson Family Singers and we had a great time singing along. August was Kim Varney-Chandler giving the history of the Whittier Covered Bridge. August also was the annual service at Early Settlers Meeting House in Granite.

September was the Small Murder presented by Janice Petrie and the Annual Meeting in October had a talk by Rick Estes about being a guide & fly fishing history in the area. He even created a “KÖÖS-ipee” fly especially for this area. It is on display at our Grant Hall Museum on old Route 16B-come in to see it & to enjoy our display of “Textiles from Ossipee”. The programs were very interesting & informative, but not well attended. So we are going to try something new in 2024. “Have a light lunch on us!”~we are going to cater to Ossipee residents, during the daylight hours on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We will have the program at 11am; doors will close at 11:15, then lunch at noon. The Masonic Lodge, Route 25E, is graciously donating their meeting room & kitchen. Watch for our sign at the end of their driveway (across from Abbott & Staples gas station). We are hoping that this will solve the “I can’t drive at night” and that the older residents will be able to come to enjoy it all, since the new comers and the visitors don’t seem to care & don’t want to attend and everyone likes food!

Scheduled for 2024: June Gems, is usually a local person making a presentation, July will be the history of Christmas by celebrating ‘Christmas in July’ & having Bob Cottrell telling the history from the first Christmas in 1539. We are going to have a decorated tree, music, and many trimmings. Our ideas for August, September & October have not been confirmed as of this date, so we cannot share them right now. Keep informed of the programs, hours of the Museum, and any updates by going to our website at [www.historicalsocietyofossipee.org](http://www.historicalsocietyofossipee.org). You can also join our membership there. Hope you will attend our programs-we’d love to see you.

-Ossipee Historical Society Board Members

# Mt. Washington Valley Age Friendly Community

In April of 2021, the Selectmen agreed to have Ossipee join 12 other towns to be a member of the Mount Washington Valley Age Friendly Community.

The Mount Washington Valley Age Friendly Community is housed at the Gibson Center in North Conway. This initiative is affiliated with the state and national AARP Livable Communities Network.

The initiative is a regional approach that capitalizes on the resources and assets that exist in our communities and are supported by a multitude of well coordinated non-profits.

The focus is on 5 Domains: Housing, Health, Transportation, Community Connections and Outdoor Spaces. We encourage anyone to contact us to offer ideas or to participate. You can reach us at [agefriendly@gibsoncenter.org](mailto:agefriendly@gibsoncenter.org)

Ossipee has not only benefited by participating in many of the initiatives, but has also helped other organizations in accomplishing their goals.

To date, Ossipee has benefited with the following information and programs:

1. **MWV Walkable Trails (by Town)** A list of 52 “walkable” trails have been identified in the 12 towns of the Mount Washington Valley that make up the MWV Age-Friendly Community. (MWVAFC) A rack card was printed and distributed throughout the Valley that explains our walkable trails and lists one from each community. The complete list of all the 52 trails can be found on the website: <https://www.gibsoncenter.org/mwv-walkable-trails-by-town/> The list will be updated on a regular basis.

In addition, an iPhone APP is being developed that will show all the “walkable” trails on one map with descriptions and directions on how to get there. Look for it in late spring 2024.

2. **Garden Project-** The Ossipee Public Library once again hosted a Garden Project for families. A bucket of potting soil, seeds and planters were available in the Summer through the library for anyone who was interested.

3. **Window Dressers-** Several homes in Ossipee participated in having custom window frames covered with plastic and inserted into windows to help retain heat in the winter.

4. **A Safe and Smart Home Expo** was held this summer with a demonstration of assistive technology to make aging in place more feasible for older adults and those with mobility challenges..

If you are considering an ADU as part of your property, help can be found at [www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing](http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing).

5. **Affordable Housing** continues to be an important conversation. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) are at the top of the list for discussion with town zoning and planning boards. Ossipee has been a leader in our area. Be sure to check in with our local leaders around this conversation.

6. **80 chromebooks and iPads** were given away with access to training by Andrea Libby of Libby Computers. Older adults learned skills to communicate and connect through email and video conferencing (Zoom), as well as how to access medical practice portals for appointments, labs and questions.

7. The **Stay Warm, Safe and Dry** program enables seniors to remain in their homes by providing help to ensure a healthy and safe home environment. To receive more information regarding this program, please contact Renee Wheaton at 802-424- 2074 or [staywarm@gibsoncenter.org](mailto:staywarm@gibsoncenter.org)

8. The OCC, Library and Town website all have the **82 page Planning and Resource Directory**. The guide offers resources in six general areas: -Connecting services in local towns and the state. -Health Programs -Housing and Residential Care -Nutrition and Food resources. -Recreation -Transportation. It is available at [agefriendly@gibsoncenter.org](mailto:agefriendly@gibsoncenter.org) and is updated regularly.

9. Two new **community health workers** are available to the region:

Alana Illsley with Memorial Hospital who specializes in dementia supportive care, and Soyla Hernandez with Carroll County Coalition for Public Health serving the general population of residents with chronic complex illness.

10. Working to become a more **Dementia Friendly Community**, Memorial Hospital and other non-profits have participated in major campaigns including Education and Awareness, Caregiver Support, scholarships for the Adult Day Care Center, increased referral for Palliative care, and Opening Minds Through Art supporting families with a member with early cognitive decline.

11. **Listening and learning sessions** around transportation issues have taken place in many of the communities this year. Scott Boisvert, the new Carroll County Mobility Director, has launched the **Free Vehicle Inspection and Repair** program. The **Carroll County ReCycled** program has taken in over 100 used bikes, had them repaired, and returned back into the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwina Boose, Chair Outdoor Spaces, Steering Committee

Patricia Pustell, Ossipee Town Representative- Steering Committee

# Conservation Commission



Window on the Ossipee Mountains

The Ossipee Conservation Commission is responsible under RSA 36-A for assuring the protection and proper utilization of Ossipee's natural resources. Members are appointed by the Selectmen. The Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the town "Freight House" at 1 Moultonville Road. The public is welcomed to attend.

The Commission members is comprised of Krystal Eldridge as Chairman, Ralph Buchanan, Vice-Chairman, Marie McConarty and Gordon Pilotte.

In July, the Board of Selectmen approved Gordon Pilotte to the Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission along with the Town of Freedom continue to support the Lake Host Program. This year's Lake Host program, coordinated by Ned Kucera, was successful in finding some hosts to help with monitoring boats for milfoil and other invasive plants species, along with the increasing migrations of snails. Lake Hosts were stationed at Pine River on Route 25 East, and the Marina.

The Conservation Commission 2023 Projects:

Window on the Ossipee Mountains (Scenic Overlook) clearing and cleaning-up the brush and sapling over growth was put on hold due to NHDOT road construction on Route 16. The landscaping project continues and will resume in the summer of 2024.

The Commission reviewed 31 communications to and from the NH Department of Environmental Services, such as applications to alter wetlands or other matters that would require a DES permit or monitoring. The Commission also reviewed 9 "Intents to Cut" forwarded by the Selectmen.

The Boards and Commissions Secretary, Laura Nash may be contacted via email at [conservation@ossipee.org](mailto:conservation@ossipee.org) or by calling 603-651-1154 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday's or you may leave a voice message at any time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ossipee Conservation Commission

# Ossipee Concerned Citizens, Inc.



In 2023, our Elderly Meal Program proudly delivered 54,785 meals to homes and served 18,960 Congregate meals in Southern Carroll County. With a heartwarming touch, we catered to over 400 clients, ensuring we're making a meaningful difference, one meal at a time.

In the heart of Southern Carroll County, Ossipee Concerned Citizens (OCC) is a beacon of hope deeply connected to the community's pulse. Our mission is a dynamic force, addressing hunger, supporting seniors' independence, and enhancing overall well-being in perfect alignment with our nonprofit goals.

In essence, Ossipee Concerned Citizens is more than a nonprofit organization; it's a living embodiment of community care and resilience. Our mission, deeply rooted in understanding Southern Carroll County's needs, evolves to remain a beacon of hope, growth, and prosperity for future generations. OCC stands united with the community, leaving an indelible mark on the journey toward a caring and vibrant Southern Carroll County.

Our Childcare Program thrived in 2023, nurturing 36 children and celebrating the success of 6 graduating headed to kindergarten. The summer program was a hit, creating a vibrant learning and laughter environment here to foster growth, build bright futures, and make every season a special chapter in our childcare journey.

At Ossipee Concerned Citizens Childcare Center, our mission is more than words; it's a dedication to building a foundation for the future. Situated in the heart of our community, our center is a steadfast support system, providing a safe, educational, and nurturing environment for children aged 13 months to 12 years. Our approach aligns seamlessly with evolving community needs while upholding our nonprofit goals.

With 36 children under our care, each seen as an individual with boundless potential, our mission reflects a deep-seated commitment to enriching lives. As we look to the future, we stand ready to align our mission with the ever-evolving needs of our community, ensuring every child entrusted to our care receives the foundation to become tomorrow's leaders.

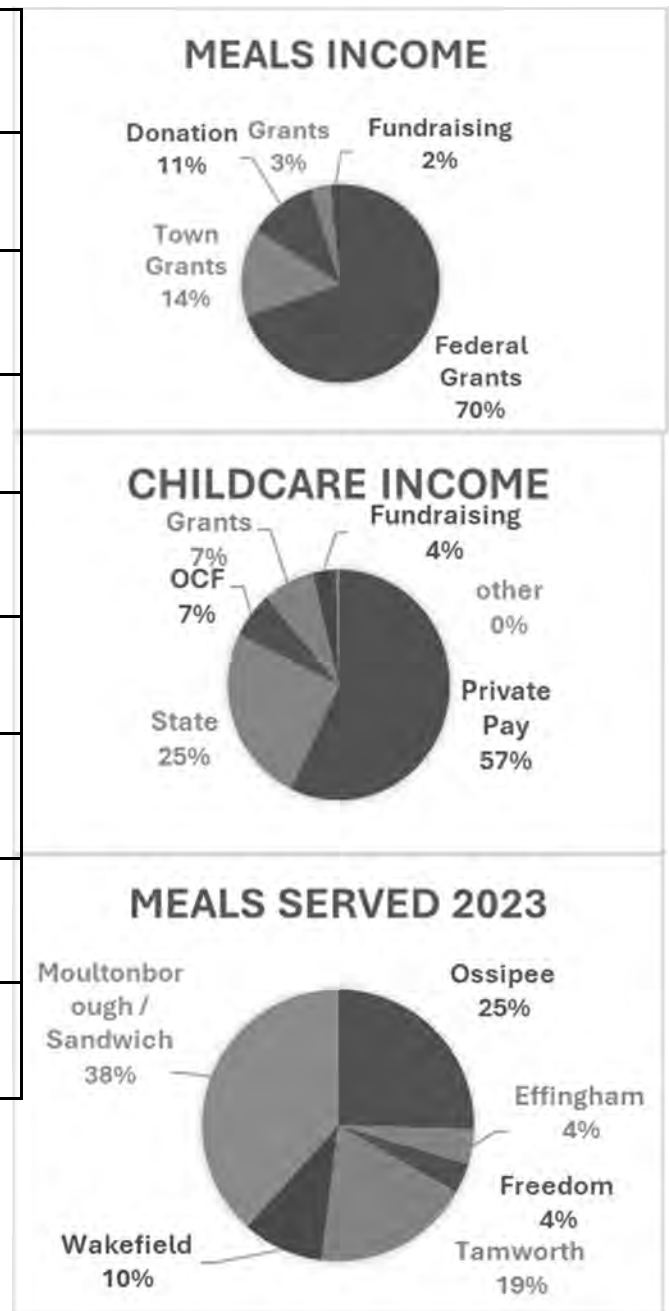
"Embrace the delicious chaos of life! As the Executive Director of OCC, I encourage you to sprinkle a bit of madness into your meals. Remember, a nutritious diet is essential, but a side of laughter and a pinch of wild stories make the banquet of life truly extraordinary. Let's devour both the sensible and the crazy with a hearty appetite for joy!"

# Ossipee Concerned Citizens, Inc.

## Survey Results from 2022 & 2023

Home Delivered (Meals on Wheels) Survey for the lower half of Southern Carroll County (from all the towns served by our Elderly Nutrition Program.

Survey Questions	2022	2023
Overall services provided by Meals on Wheels Excellent - Good	95%	100%
Meals on Wheels has positively impacted their life	95%	100%
Meals on Wheels has made them feel less hungry during the day	81%	87%
Meals on Wheels is vital to their ability to stay in their home	71%	65%
Meals on Wheels is their primary source of nutrition	55%	62%
They don't always have enough money to buy food	39%	40%
They eat less when they don't have Meals on Wheels	35%	49%
Meals on Wheels is the only person they see all week	32%	52%



Respectfully Submitted by

Misty Ryder, Executive Director,

Ossipee Concerned Citizens Inc.



# Annual Kids' Fishing Derby

A huge "THANK YOU!" to our sponsors:

L&P Electric

Malcolm MacIver  
Memorial Fund

GoshAnge

Pine River  
Sand and Gravel



Ossipee Auto Parts / Napa



Bob and  
Edwina  
Boose

Pizza  
Barn

Melvin Village  
Marina

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# Friends of Constitution Park - Ossipee

The FCPO is an all volunteer, non-profit organization that was formed in the fall of 2021. The organization is 100% run by multi-generational volunteers.

The board of directors includes: Edwina Boose, Chair, Chris Elliot, Vice Chair, Alison Hayford, Secretary, Barbara Clifford, Treasurer, Robert Levey, Patricia Pustell, Alicia Cushing, Duain Cook, and Karolina Brzozowska.

Our mission statement is "To develop, promote, and sustain the age-friendly recreational and educational opportunities of Constitution Park for Ossipee and the surrounding communities."

FCPO has shown in a short period of time that we have energized the pride in our community. FCPO and local businesses. Along with community volunteers of all ages and incomes, we have made improvements in our long-neglected park. By inviting citizens to take part and feel satisfaction in having contributed, we have created a sense of belonging and pride that has led to secondary benefits for the environment, education, youth participation, and public health.

We continue to host several clean up days, and a festival with games, food trucks and educational demonstrations and many organizations such as School's Out, 4-H, OLLI and UNH Ext. are now using the park.

## **In the past year we have:**

- Developed a website: [www.fcpossipee.org](http://www.fcpossipee.org)
- Developed digital customer relationship data tools with Little Green Light and Mail Chimp.
- Collaborated with Green Mountain Conservation Group to design and install a new nature interpretive trail.
- A panorama sign was designed and installed at the top of Hill Top trail that overlooks Ossipee Lake and the mountains.
- Story Walks have been installed by the "School's Out" program.
- A new Constitution Park sign was designed and installed.
- The Rotary Club has donated two benches.
- Work has begun to develop a landscaped area in the Park.
- Picnic tables have been distributed throughout the trails and pavilion.

Last year there were ~ 3870 volunteer hours given to the work in the park. Monetary/In Kind donations were ~\$150,213 from 19 businesses and 95 people.

The New Hampshire Parks and Recreation Association presented us with their 2023 High Five Award for "outstanding contributions to the field of public recreation and parks". We were also honored to be chosen as "Business of the Year" by the Greater Ossipee Chamber of Commerce.

## **DEER RUN ALL ACCESSIBLE TRAIL CAMPAIGN**

Deer Run is a .23 mile boardwalk trail that meanders through woodlands and wetlands. This trail features a large number of flora and fauna, glacial eskers, bogs and rare plants, as well as a wide variety of wildlife. Decades ago this trail was considered ADA compliant. It has now fallen into disrepair. The project to improve the Deer Run boardwalk trail is necessary to continue to provide a year - round, welcoming, healthy, active, and vibrant place to play and gather.

The goals of the Deer Run Boardwalk Trail Campaign are:

Restore Deer Run as an accessible trail for all people, including those with mobility issues, and

Provide the only public access, by land, to view Ossipee Lake, NH's 6th largest lake, for those with mobility issues.

We have formed an advisory committee to help us on this journey. The estimate to complete this trail is about \$300,000.

We cannot do this work alone. We need people to help us with fundraising, grant writing, public relations and physical work. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to us at [fcpossipee@gmail.com](mailto:fcpossipee@gmail.com).

We want to thank the Town Selectmen, Administrator, Public Works Department, Conservation Commission, and Justin Chaffee, our Parks and Recreation Director, for partnering with us and supporting our efforts.

We want to give special recognition to four volunteers, Tim Otterbach, Bob Boose, Bob Grazer and CJ Emerson, who have dedicated and donated an extraordinary amount of time, expertise and equipment while helping us along this journey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edwina Boose, Chair FCPO

Alison Hayford, Secretary FCPO

# Tri-County Community Action Program Inc.



January 5, 2024  
Town of Ossipee  
PO Box 67  
55 Main St.  
Center Ossipee, NH 03814

Tri County CAP is a Family of Programs, serving families in Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties. We are dedicated to improving the lives and well-being of New Hampshire's individuals, families, and communities. We provide opportunities and supports for people to learn and grow in self-sufficiency and to get involved in helping their neighbors and improving the conditions in their communities. We seek to eliminate the root causes of poverty through the development of programs that allow low-income individuals the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the State and National economy and the social fabric of their communities through programs that address: Education; Emergency Support; Economic Development; Food Self Sufficiency; Marshalling of Local Resources; and Transportation.

Tri County Community Action Program provides opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals.

Annually we serve more than 24,000 individuals that reside over 4,455 sq. miles of Northern New Hampshire. TCCAP and our 16 service programs provide services to all residents of Coos, Carroll, and Grafton County's requesting and needing support.

During our Fiscal Year 2023 we served a Total of 1,514 Ossipee Clients valuing \$1,318,898 in services provided.

Tri County Community Action Program thanks all communities and counties that we serve for their financial support of the programs, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our community families in need.

Respectfully,

Brenda Gagne  
Chief Programs Officer  
Tri County Community Action Program, Inc.

30 Exchange Street, Berlin NH 03570 | P: 603-752-7001 | [www.tccap.org](http://www.tccap.org)

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# Caregivers of Southern Carroll County Inc.



Caregivers of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc.

PO Box 801

Wolfeboro, New Hampshire 03894

Annual Report – 2023

Caregivers of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc. (“Caregivers”) mission statement states that “Caregivers of the Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc., an interfaith volunteer coalition, offers short-term, non-emergency volunteer services for local transportation and out-of-town transportation for medical appointments.”. This includes doctor appointments, rehabilitation sessions, laboratory tests, X-rays, chemo and radiation therapy. Door to door transportation is provided without charge to the residents of Alton, Ossipee, Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro. The need for this service is ongoing.

Our volunteer drivers are reimbursed at the rate of 45 cents per mile if their trips total 50 miles or more. This can amount to a sizable expense because some assignments are for appointments as far away as Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Manchester, Concord and Portland, Maine. The many more trips under 50 miles are not reimbursed. Due to the spike in gas prices we have added a temporary 10 cent supplement to the reimbursement rate.

Because we are an all volunteer organization, we fund no salaries or benefits. In addition, we do not have an office so we have no rental or utility expense. Typically each year reimbursed miles account for about 92% of our expenses. Besides the reimbursement to drivers, expenses generally include phone charges, insurance for the Board and supplies.

In 2023 the impact of COVID on our operations began to subside, but we were still not back to our pre-COVID reimbursement level. We ended any suspension of our services in the spring of 2022, with a checklist of the procedures to be followed for the ongoing safety of our clients and our volunteer drivers. The calls from those needing rides has been steadily increasing over the last half of 2023.

For the calendar year 2023 there were 205 reimbursed trips totaling 18,604 miles, with total reimbursement of \$10,237 to the volunteer drivers. Caregivers volunteers also logged 20,945 additional miles for trips under 50 miles that were not reimbursed. Total volunteer miles driven in 2023 were 39,549. This was still about half of a typical year pre-COVID, but almost twice as much as 2022.

The four towns served by Caregivers give annually to help meet the expenses. In 2023 the total as approved was \$9,500. The First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro contributed again in 2023. The Bald Peak Community Fund, through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, donated \$2,000 as they have in past years. The Hikers also have continued to contribute toward our expenses throughout the pandemic but other donations have declined during the pandemic as has the remaining portion of our income supplied by donations from grateful clients and other individuals. Caregivers is grateful for any and all of this support.

It is very rewarding to realize how many clients are able to remain in their homes because of our organization, but it is truly a community effort.

Chris Rose  
Chairperson  
Caregivers of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc.

# Planning Board

The Ossipee Planning Board members include Sharon “Sharie” Cohen - Chairman, Bruce Stuart - Vice - Chairman, Charles “Ash” Fischbein, Roy Barron, Krystal Eldridge, Brian Ames, and Alternate – Melissa Ames

March elections resulted in Brian Ames being elected to the Planning Board and Ash Fischbein being re-elected to the Planning Board. The Board of Selectmen selected newly elected Selectman, R. Christopher Templeton to be the Planning Board’s Selectmen’s Representative.

In June, The Planning Board lost the Selectmen’s Rep. member with the resignation of Selectman, R. Christopher Templeton.

In October, The Planning Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Alternate – Melissa Ames, who would be getting married and moving to Wolfeboro. The Planning Board thanked Melissa Ames for time and dedication to the Planning Board and wished her many years of happiness on her pending nuptials.

The Planning Board ruled on 23 applications in 2023 as follows:

2023				
Site Plan Review = 8	Approved = 6	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 2	Pending = 0
SPR Amendment = 5	Approved = 3	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 2	Pending = 0
Subdivision = 4	Approved = 3	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 1	Pending = 0
Boundary Line Adjustment = 1	Approved = 1	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 0	Pending = 0
Lot Merger = 4	Approved = 4	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 0	Pending = 0
Special Use Permit = 1	Approved = 1	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 0	Pending = 0
Gravel Pit Application = 0	Approved = 0	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 0	Pending = 0
Total Cases: = 23	Approved = 18	Denied = 0	Conditional Approval = 5	Pending = 0

The Planning Board along with the Zoning Officer, Jonathan Smith have proposed several revisions to the Ossipee Zoning Ordinances, along with continued progress towards revising the Master Plan. The Planning Board’s appointed Bruce Stuart, as the Planning Board’s designated point of contact, who applied for a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP’s) Grant through Invest NH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$21,750 designated solely for the purpose of updating the Housing chapter of the Master Plan.

The Planning Board hired a consulting service and Bruce Stuart has worked closely with Carol Ogilvie, Planning Consultant and Ivy Vann, AICP-CNU-A on gathering the necessary information, holding public Envision Night’s in collaboration with the Economic Development Council to where the first two chapters on Population and Housing are in draft form. The Planning Board is searching for more grant funding and getting estimated cost quotes to complete the remaining chapters of the Master Plan.

If you have ideas or suggestions on how you would like to see Ossipee thrive going into the future, please submit your suggestions to the Planning Board by either attending a meeting, mail-in suggestions or email them to the Board secretary at [planningboard@ossipee.org](mailto:planningboard@ossipee.org)

The Ossipee Planning Board recommends that applicants meet with or discuss their intentions with the Zoning Enforcement Officer prior to applying to the Planning Board to help ensure compliance with all zoning regulations. The Planning Board encourages pre-application discussion (Informal Discussions) with the Board, which can be scheduled for any Planning Board meeting by calling the Board’s Secretary.

Ossipee Residents wanting to serve on the Ossipee Planning Board must be a registered voter in Ossipee, must be fair to all residents regardless of you affiliation, Open Minded, and Submit Candidacy for Office during the election filing period with the Town Clerk and most importantly care about your community.

The public is always invited and encouraged to attend any of the meetings which are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Annex, (The Freight House) at 1 Moultonville Road, Center Ossipee.

The Boards and Commissions Secretary, Laura Nash may be contacted via email at [planningboard@ossipee.org](mailto:planningboard@ossipee.org) or by calling 603-651-1154 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday’s or you may leave a voice message at any time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ossipee Planning Board

# Zoning Board of Adjustment

The members of the Ossipee Zoning Board of Adjustment include Chairman; Daniel Fischbein, Vice-Chairman; Roy Barron, Jim Rines, Dallas Emery and Daniel Karl.

The Zoning Board of Adjustments had five meetings canceled due to no cases on the agenda. Projects heard for a Variance and/or Special Exception applications resulted as follows:

The ZBA ruled on 12 applications in 2023 as follows:

2023				
Variance = 10	Approved = 9	Denied = 0	Withdrawn = 1	Pending = 0
Special Exception = 2	Approved = 2	Denied = 0	Withdrawn = 0	Pending = 0
Administrative Appeal = 0	Approved = 0	Denied = 0	Withdrawn = 0	Pending = 0
Total Cases: = 12	Approved = 11	Denied = 0	Withdrawn = 1	Pending = 0

The Ossipee Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Freight House- 1 Moultonville Road. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is actively seeking new members. If you are interested please contact a current member, the Board Secretary, or come to a meeting to observe the Board at work. The Board needs you!

The Boards and Commissions Secretary, Laura Nash may be contacted via email at [zba@ossipee.org](mailto:zba@ossipee.org) or by calling 603-651-1154 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday's or you may leave a voice message at any time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Zoning Board of Adjustment

# Recreation Department

Another incredible year at Ossipee Parks and Recreation! Our participation numbers continue to grow with 1,682 participants in our regular parks and recreation programming. This does not include any programs and events in which we do not require pre-registration. This was over a 17% increase in registration compared to last year. The department continued to add new programs and events as well as offer many of our staple programs.

In January and February, we offered basketball for those 4-years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team went undefeated and won the Carroll County Tournament! We also continued our Junior Ski Lesson partnership with King Pine Ski Area. In the spring we brought many of our favorite programs including soccer, softball, t-ball, and Granite State Track & Field. Our track and field program continued to grow. Our very own Josie Hayford won the State Championship in the 50 Meter! Summer brought back our always popular Day Camp Program. We had record participation this summer and we were able to go on some great field trips including Fun-Z Trampoline Park, Polar Caves, and Wallis Sands State Park. The Fall saw our soccer and field hockey programs have fantastic seasons. We had over 112 participants between our soccer and field hockey programs, which was up 24% over last year. Our Halloween Family Dance was another huge success with over 150 attendees. We introduced several new programs and continued programs that have been successful over the past few years including additional toddler programs, Half day camp, Teen Dodgeball & Donuts Night, Family Paint Night, and much more. We were able to offer a “Mini Day Camp” program during both December and April vacations. We had over 60 participants join us for a compacted day camp experience.

Our outdoor facilities continued to see a lot of usages. Constitution Park saw a tremendous amount of use this year. The fields, courts, playground, and dog park were popular spots for families to come and enjoy nature. Due to the heavy usage of our outdoor facilities, facility, and park maintenance of over 120 acres of property and several buildings continued to be a priority for the department this year. The management of these properties is a joint effort between the Recreation, Public Works Department, and the community. The properties include Constitution Park (hiking trails, tennis courts, playground, dog park, baseball & soccer fields, YMCA Field (basketball court and softball field), Mill Pond Park, Main Street Park, skateboard park, ice rink, and the Cleveland Beach at Duncan Lake. This year with the help of the Ossipee Schools Out Program we added Story Book Walks to the trails at Constitution Park. The Friends of Constitution Park also added several viewing and information stations throughout the trails. The Friends of Constitution Park continues to be an amazing asset to this community.

Throughout the year we had the Re-Fit Exercise program which met multiple days a week, Adult Open Gym Basketball, Walking Groups, Adult Pickleball, Tumble Bugs Toddler Playgroup and more. A special thank you to all the volunteer coaches we had for basketball, softball, field hockey, and soccer throughout the year. We are also lucky to have an amazing group of staff from our part-time program coordinator, seasonal staff, and bus drivers. They truly make many of our programs and events what they are.

I encourage you to be involved with your town and with the Recreation Department. Many of our programs rely on volunteers, to run. The more volunteers we have the more programming and events we can offer. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Parks & Recreation Director this year and I’m excited to see what 2024 brings to this department. If you have an idea or a suggestion regarding the parks or recreation programs, please call (603) 539-1307 or email [recdept@ossipee.org](mailto:recdept@ossipee.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Public Works Director  
Tony Eldridge

Parks & Recreation Director  
Justin Chaffee



# Highway Department

The Ossipee Highway Department started 2023 off as a crazy year for weather and that trend never stopped throughout the year. Wind caused massive amount of damage all over town mixed with heavy rain that caused damage to a handful of roads. The Department removed hundreds of downed trees and debris from the roadways for over two months from the storm we had in December of 2022. Heavy rains tested our roads to the fullest and the crew worked tirelessly to keep our roads open to travel.

A 4' corrugated culvert failure on Granite Road tested the Highway crew and the Town of Ossipee's administration to get that road open and safe for the traveling public. G.W. Brooks and Son Inc. assisted by the Ossipee Highway Department was able to have the road opened in just three days with the project being completed in five. The pipe was increased to a 5' concrete pipe to increase longevity and water flow to ensure no further issues for a long time. With the December storm being declared by FEMA as a major disaster, the Town of Ossipee was able to be awarded a grant for this project.

The 2023 Winter was a mild but challenging winter with the ground never truly freezing which made winter maintenance very difficult for Neil and his crew. Heavy rain in the spring caused damage to almost every road in the Town of Ossipee which left the crew with a huge list of things to do before winter. The crew did not go home until the roads were open and safe for travel. Roads were temporarily repaired for travel and then each road was revisited and thoroughly ditched and graded. Foggs Ridge Road was especially challenging and with the help of some private contractors the Ossipee Highway Department was able to finally fix the road so that it is capable of taking more water for these unexpected downpours.

The crew spent the rest of the year fixing roads to get them where they needed to be to take what seems to be the new norm of storms we have been getting. Ditching and grading it being done in a much more efficient and effective way with the new purchase of a Volvo Excavator. This machine allows the crew to ditch wider, deeper, and much faster. This piece of equipment broadens the capabilities of the highway department greatly.

Huckins Street, Blake Hill Road, Covered Bridge Road, and Nudd Road all see 2" of base pavement with a 1" top to make for a much more pleasant traveling experience. Roads were ditching and ground before paving with a layer of gravel added to each road. Huckins Street got all new Sewer Covers and Water shut offs along with a new water sump at the bottom of the hill to help with water runoff.

The Ossipee Highway Department looks forward to another year and hopes for less major weather events to allow for more thorough maintenance to make traveling more pleasant. The Department would like to thank all the residents of Ossipee for their support and we wish everyone a joyful 2024.

Photos are the culvert pipe replaced on Granite Road and a Drainage Ditch on Foggs Ridge Road to relieve the amount of water reaching the bottom of the hill.



Tony Eldridge  
Public Works Director



Neil Eldridge  
Highway Foreman



# Transfer Station

The Town of Ossipee Transfer Station had another very successful year taking in a record amount of material for the facility. The crew at the facility continues to keep one of the cleanest facilities you will find while serving the residents of Ossipee. The Town of Ossipee continues to see the benefits of the new operating hours and new scale. The flow at the facility is much more efficient and has been mentioned by several residents. The crew has been getting constant praise from customers at the Transfer Station for their service and pleasant personalities. Dennis has been constantly working on ways to save money for the department by sending containers back to our vendor in the slow season to prevent paying container fees. Dennis has done an excellent job along with his crew to make the trip to the Transfer Station the best it can be.

The facility has taken in over 55 tons of glass with the Highway Department hauling the material to Rochester which is an almost 100-ton savings from previous years. Dennis and crew processed and sold 125 tons of corrugated cardboard ranging from \$52.00 per ton to \$95 per ton depending on the market. Over 6 ton of electronics were sent out along with 70 air conditioners, 123 refrigerators, and 115 propane tanks. Two and half tons of batteries were taken in and sold to vendors along with 20,300 pounds of tin cans. The crew processed 25,820 pounds of aluminum cans and sold 394,760 pounds of light iron. Municipal waste was up for 2023 at 149 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction debris as well at 930 tons of construction and demo material.

The crew has cleaned up some old trailers down back of the facility and added some better drainage to clean up the property. Maintenance of this facility is nonstop for the crew, and they do an excellent job. The Town of Ossipee and the Transfer Station crew look forward to 2024 to continue the great service this crew and facility bring to the taxpayers of Ossipee. We also would like to thank the residents of Ossipee for their support and their patience with a very busy facility. We would like to wish everyone a pleasant 2024 and see you at the “DUMP”!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony J. Eldridge  
Public Works Director

Dennis Coates  
Lead Operator

# Water and Sewer Department

The Town of Ossipee Water and Sewer Department continued making improvements throughout the system and there are more improvements anticipated for 2024. The Ossipee Water System has been running efficiently and is in outstanding operating condition. All water testing has come back with excellent ratings. A sanitary survey was conducted on the system to review the safe drinking water. It was determined by the State of New Hampshire DES that the Ossipee Water Department is operated in a professional manner and the operators are very knowledgeable of the system and its components.

The 300,000-gallon water storage tank has been sealed and painted in a patriotic color scheme to not only preserve the tank but also make the tank more appealing. The tank is scheduled for an interior cleaning 2024. The Department treated and distributed over 28 million gallons of quality water to the patrons of Ossipee. There were two water main breaks throughout the year that were addressed and repaired in an efficient manner.

The Ossipee Sewer Department had all new sewer manhole covers installed for the road project on Huckins Street. The Department has started work with Gemini Electric to update the electric system and install a new transfer switch for Beech River Sewer Pump Station. Both 50,000-gallon storage tanks have been pumped down and thoroughly cleaned out to prevent the possibility of solids entering the wet wells.

The Department processed over 30 million gallons of wastewater through 2023 fiscal year. Residents are reminded that it is illegal to connect gutters, downspouts, and basement sump pumps into the Sanitary Sewer System here in Ossipee. These devices should connect to the storm drains or daylight away from the structure.

It was another busy year at Camp David with the maintenance of the lagoons and leach beds. All the siphoning chambers have been pumped down and cleaned as well as the main wet well. A new bar rack was built for use at the discharge area of the lagoons to keep debris and other septic material out of the infrastructure.

The facility received 961,450 gallons of septage and processed more than 30 million gallons of wastewater. PFAS testing was conducted, and all monitoring wells and surface water came back within EPA standards.

The Ossipee Water and Sewer Department is operated by two Ossipee employees that do an exceptional job maintaining and operating the system. Jim Champagne is the Lead Operator and Tracy Waterhouse is an Operator. These two employees work very hard and take extraordinary pride in this system and a quick look into any of the buildings shows that. Jim was named employee of the year and his work at the Water and Sewer department does not go unrecognized. The Town of Ossipee is very lucky to have both employees operating and maintaining the water and sewer system.

We would like to extend out appreciation to our patrons and residents of Ossipee for their support as well as Dawson's Excavation and Utility Service for their extraordinary work.

James Champagne  
Lead Water and Sewer Operator

Tony Eldridge  
Public Works Director

# Building and Zoning Department

The Building Inspector and Zoning Officer had a very busy year. The amount of interest in Ossipee in both current and future development continues to grow.

The Building Inspector's primary function is to ensure compliance with the State Building Code from the beginning of the project until the end. Currently the State has adopted the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2018 International Building Code (IBC). The Building Inspector not only ensures compliance with the code but is there to assist and guide the project to a successful completion.

The Zoning Officer's primary function is to act as an agent of the Board of Selectmen who are responsible for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance's purpose is to define how a property in specific geographic zones can be used. Within the ordinance there are many regulations pertaining to an assortment of categories. Some examples are:

- FEMA floodplain regulations (which is necessary to ensure the town qualifies for flood insurance)
- Setbacks of structures from property lines (to ensure you have an adequate buffer from your neighbor)
- 8 types of geographic zones (to ensure you don't have a conflicting use in the same zone)

The type of ordinance Ossipee has adopted is of the "permissive" type. Meaning, if the use is not listed as being permitted than a variance will be needed for that use. The Zoning Officer regularly deals with complaints from residents, conducts field inspections, ensures building permits comply with the ordinance and regularly consults with clients regarding what is permitted on a particular parcel of land before they purchase it.

The number of permits issued in 2023 were as follows:

Building: 187	Electrical:128	Plumbing: 50
Sign:4	Occupancy: 67	Demo: 16
Temp Occupancy: 6	Camper: 8	

**Total Permit Fee Revenue: \$79,447**

Active Zoning Investigations as of 12/31/23:	21
Court Decisions in Town's Favor (RE: Zoning)	4
Property Cleanup ETF Expended	\$75,000

If you have a zoning complaint, please remember- your information remains confidential under the law. This office is here to help and guide you with your projects. If you need assistance please call (603) 539-4181 X5 or [Building@Ossipee.Org](mailto:Building@Ossipee.Org) or [Zoning@Ossipee.org](mailto:Zoning@Ossipee.org).

Sincerely,

Jonathan Smith,  
Zoning Officer

Mike Beaulieu  
Building Inspector

# Police Department

On behalf of the men and women of the Ossipee Police Department, it is my privilege as your new Police Chief to present to you the 2023 Annual Report of the Ossipee Police Department. The report summarizes the incredible work that was completed by the men and women while providing as many services as possible that we could cover. The Ossipee police officers and staff have worked diligently and maintained professionalism while the transitioning to the new Police Chief.

The Officers and civilian staff worked tirelessly every day to assist and perform the duties to enhance the Vision and Mission of this Department. Without their dedication this would not have been possible. The support from the Selectboard, Town Administrator and all Town employees has increased our commitment to the Town of Ossipee and its residents. We will continue to engage our community to build even more trust and strengthen transparency.

As your new Police Chief, I cannot express enough that without Town support the past year would not have been possible. In the first six months, as Chief, the Ossipee police had an officer graduate from the New Hampshire Standards and Training Council as a certified Police Officer. Officer Sanchez completed his field training program and is currently a solo officer. We hired Joseph Oswalt, a new Patrol Sergeant. The Police department also took over the Animal Control Officer position and now is under the Police administration. The Ossipee Police Department hired Animal Control Officer (ACO) Heather Calligandes, who is the Part Time ACO.

In July 2023 the Ossipee Police Department applied for the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. This Accreditation program is voluntary and is especially designed to be both achievable and affordable for smaller agencies like Ossipee. The Program's standards reflect industry recognized best practices in each critical area of law enforcement. These standards reflect what agencies should be doing, but not how they should do it. In any accredited agency, the attitudes, training, and actions of personnel best reflect compliance with the standards included in this program. The New Hampshire accreditation program, and the development of a culture within the Ossipee Police Department which understands and accepts the tenants of accreditation. This will enhance and is consistent with an application and reinforcement of written department directives, will strengthen community trust and support of the agency.

As we progress through 2024, I encourage you to support this department as we strive to evolve into an accredited police department and enhance the safety of our citizens and visitors alike.

We would also like to thank the Ossipee Fire Departments, Carroll County Sheriff's Department, New Hampshire State Police, Action Ambulance, and surrounding agencies for their assistance throughout the year.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Chief of Police

Donald Babbín

# Police Department Statistics

## Criminal Charges:

Sexual Assault	4
Assault	22
Domestic Violence	35
Homicide	1
Burglary	1
Shoplifting	6
Property Theft	12
Drug Crimes	10
DWI	20
Driving After Revocation	6

## Accidents:

Total Accidents	159
Fatalities	0

**Total Calls for Service: 15,080**

## Non Crime Incidents:

Assist Fire Department	56
Assist Other PD	139
K9 Assist	2
CAC involvement	26
Assist DCYF	10
Lost/Found Property	66
Protective Custody	19

## Motor Vehicle:

Total Traffic Stops	839
Citations Written	53
Warnings	786

## Reasons for MV stops:

Defective Equipment	44
Speeding	691
Traffic Device Violation	6
Unregistered Vehicle	27

# Center Ossipee Fire & Rescue Department

On behalf of the Fire Officers and members of the Center Ossipee Fire & Rescue Department, it is my distinct privilege to submit our annual report which illustrates our commitment to the citizens of Center Ossipee. The 2023 season was the 4<sup>th</sup> busiest year on record for the members of the Center Ossipee Fire & Rescue Department. We answered 506 emergency runs for the year. These runs produced 965 individual unit responses. These calls ranged from water leaks to building fires on the fire side and cardiac arrests to welfare checks on the medical side.

The roster has grown during 2023 from 18 members to 23. The average department turnout for fires stood at 12 members, for all other runs we averaged 4 responding members.

Training Division: The department has reached a point where the average COFD member has exhausted most



Photo: dive team members at the first dive operation in Madison

available training courses provided by the NH Fire Academy. To keep interest and expand capabilities we had to send several members to other states for advanced certifications. In 2023 we were able to send 2 members to the PADI rapid entry rescue swimmer course held in Tacoma, Washington. 2 members to the pro-board accredited rope rescue technician 1 & 2 course held at Alabama Fire College. 2 members to Dive Rescue 1 held in Cambridge, Massachusetts put on by Dive Rescue International. In addition to sending several members through the basic training held at the NH Fire Academy.

The special operations division totaled 10,210 hours researching new equipment, recertifying in areas such as confined space rescue, collapse rescue, rope rescue, ice rescue and vehicle extrication. We were also able to acquire a 13' foot Inmar inflatable boat to serve our remote lakes and ponds. 2023 also saw the incorporation of Ossipee's first Dive Rescue Team. The team consists of 6 certified rescue divers with associated equipment who stand ready to respond to any water related incident. A dive team trailer was purchased with donations made in memory of Ex Captain Jan Vantassel who passed away this year.

The fire prevention/inspection division totaled 52 oil/gas burner permits, as well as completing ten plan reviews and the normal annual inspections that are always required. We also spent significant time preparing and presenting our annual fire prevention program with the Ossipee Central School.

2022 was yet again another unprecedented year in the history of the Center Ossipee Fire & Rescue Department, even with a slight drop in emergency incidents. Our members handled the challenges presented with professionalism, flexibility, and a focus on safety for our community. As Chief, I am extremely proud of the work the members of Center Ossipee Fire & Rescue Department did this past year. It was busy with emergency calls (9% increase), requests for services, and adapting to a changing world but our members responded to these challenges in a manner that can make our community proud. I would like to thank the Precinct Fire Commissioners, Clerk and Treasurer for their dedicated time in supporting us, as well as the members of the department who continue to answer the call.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge our community and all they do to support us. While the town faces many budget challenges not only this year but, in the future, our community showed their incredible support by passing our budget and voting in favor of maintaining that source of funding despite high levels of economic hardship, uncertainty and inflation currently facing this great nation. For this level of support, which maintains the high level of performance and efficiency that the taxpayers are accustomed to, we are forever thankful.

Respectfully Submitted

Dana Cullen Jr

Fire Chief

# Ossipee Corner Fire Department

The Members of the Department responded to 503 Emergency Calls in 2023. Currently there are 17 Members on the Department. The Members also met for weekly Trainings or Meetings and attended various courses to continue their education in both Fire and EMS.

## DEPARTMENT STATISTICS:

### YEARLY CALL TOTALS: 503

Structure Fires: 18	Misc. Responses: 13
Carbon Monoxide Alarms: 5	Chimney Fires: 3
Vehicle Fires: 1	Motor Vehicle Accidents: 47
Outside Fires: 13	Smoke Investigations: 4
Haz-Mat Incidents: 10	Wires/Trees Down: 12
Alarm Activations: 39	Medical Aids: 323
Special Services: 5	Station Coverage: 9
Smoke in Building: 1	

The Department responded Mutual Aid to assist other Departments: 41

The Department received Mutual Aid from other Departments: 9

The new Engine to replace Engine 1 from Alexis Fire Equipment through Lakes Region Fire Apparatus should be arriving soon. This Engine is being custom built to fit into the station. The Engine will seat four, hold 1,250 gallons of water and 30 gallons of foam and have the same compliment of ladders that the current Engine holds. This Engine will replace a 1998 Engine and is expected to serve the Precinct for twenty years.

The Department purchased additional battery tools for Engine 1 and Rescue1. A portable band saw, chain saw, cut off saw, and blower were purchased. A number of portable radios and pagers were purchased under our replacement plan. Also under our replacement plan, 3 sets of gear were purchased. The cost of everything has gone up significantly. The 3 sets of gear were purchased for roughly the same amount that 4 sets of gear were purchased for last year.

This year over 62 permits were issued for new construction, place of assembly, wood, oil, and propane appliances. Most of these permits require multiple inspections to complete. The Commercial growth in the Precinct is still slow, but new homes and renovations have continued to be busy from last year.

Two projects were completed on the station this year. The hose tower had the flashing completely replaced to stop and prevent the roof from leaking. The walls and roof of the hose tower were also cleaned and refinished. The second project was changing all of the lights in the station to LED to help reduce cost.

I would like to thank the Members of this Department that continue to adapt to all the changes and requirements that this year presented to keep this Community safe. Thank you to the Precinct Commissioners for your hard work this the year and residents of the community for your continued support of the Department.

Respectfully Submitted:

Adam Riley, Chief

Ossipee Corner Fire Department

# West Ossipee Fire Department

West Ossipee Fire Department  
2380 Route 16, PO Box 643, West Ossipee NH 03890

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Annual Report

2023

The West Ossipee Fire Department received 289 Emergency Calls for Service in 2023.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Of these calls, 167, were Emergency Medical Service calls. In addition to those Emergency Medical Service calls, there were 26 Motor Vehicle Collisions that involved an Emergency Medical Service component. There was 1 other EMS / Rescue Calls. This brings the total number of EMS related calls 194.

**Fires:** There were a total of 29 calls for Fire related incidents. Of these, 11 were Building Fires, the remainder were for Chimney/ Wood Burning Appliances, Forest, Woodland, Natural Vegetation, Vehicle and Debris Fires.

**Other Emergency Calls:** The remainder of our Emergency Calls for Service include Fire Alarms, Power Lines Down, Hazardous Conditions, Propane Leaks, Water Rescues and Smoke Investigations.

**Training:** Members of the West Ossipee Fire Department attended a total of 957.5 hours of training during 2023. This included Recruit Academy, Firefighter II, Air Boat, CDL and required Continuing EMS Training to maintain Certification.

**Work Performed:** During 2023, our members performed 1,795.5 hours of Station Duty. This work included responding to emergencies, Apparatus Maintenance, Hose Testing, Personal Protective Clothing Testing, Building Maintenance, Gas / Oil Boiler Inspections, Place of Assembly Inspections, and Issuing Fire Permits.

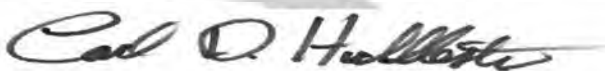
**Department Membership:** The Department Roster has 19 members. Of these 19 members, 18 are Licensed Health Care Providers. 2 are currently certified as Emergency Medical Responders, 9 are Emergency Medical Technicians, 6 are Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and one is a Paramedic.

I would like to thank the members of the West Ossipee Fire Department for their dedication and hard work performed during 2023, and look forward to working with them during the next year.

I would also like to thank the West Ossipee Fire Commissioner's for their support.

Respectfully

Fire Chief Carl D. Huddleston



"Smoke Detectors Save Lives"



# Ossipee Forest Fire Department

Fire Permits continue to be available to be obtained online in this Town. The cost per online permit is now \$5.50 which all goes to the company maintaining the site. This continues to be challenging for some, so written permits are also issued from the Fire Departments. There were 680 permits to burn issued throughout the Town for 2023. Of these, 381 were online and 299 were written out of the Fire Departments. Crews responded to 20 fires throughout town this year. The Fire Departments were able to quickly contain these fires which kept them relatively small in size. Most of these fires were the result of human error. The snow was gone in March in most places and crews began responding to calls in April. The area remained fairly dry into May, resulting in a number of fires. For the rest of May and into the fall, wet weather moved in, reducing the fire threat. There was one more dry stretch resulting in a couple of fires in November before the snow and wet weather moved back in. All things considered it was a pretty wet year.

All of the Department's tools and equipment have been maintained. The equipment stands ready for the next fire season. Several lengths of booster reel were replaced this year.

Both Fire Danger signs located by the Fish Hatchery and West Ossipee Fire Station had the Smokey Bear figures replaced this year.

Law Brochures are available at the Town Hall and each Fire Station. Information on the laws can also be found through the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forest and Lands at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org). Please remember that if the ground is not completely covered with snow at least within a 100 foot radius around any brush pile to be burned, then a fire permit is needed. When in question call and ask. If you wish to burn without snow cover, please call the Fire Department in your Precinct. The Department numbers are listed below. Please only leave a message at one Department. These calls are returned by call fire/rescue personnel that are answering emergency calls on a daily basis, so it is recommended to call at least one day before the day that you wish to burn so there is adequate time for your call to be returned and for someone to issue the permit. If you would like to obtain a permit online you can go to [www.nhfirepermit.com](http://www.nhfirepermit.com) enter the required information and apply for the specific permit you need. Please note that if you would like a Seasonal Permit, make sure you choose **Seasonal** with either your Category 1 or 2, otherwise the system will only give you a day permit.

Ossipee Corner Fire Station	539-2407
Center Ossipee Fire Station	539-4401
West Ossipee Fire Station(s)	539-6906
Forest Fire Warden	539-5290

Respectfully Submitted:

Adam Riley

Forest Fire Warden

# State Forest Fire Department

## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

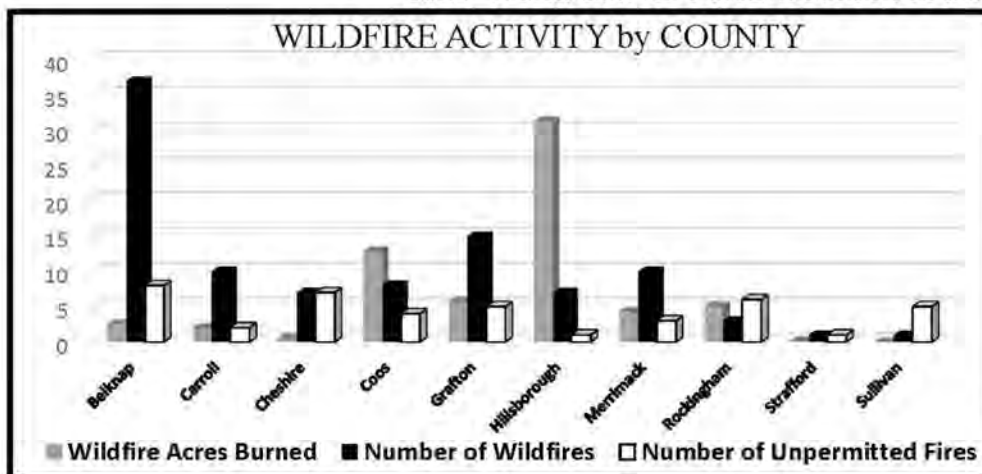
This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdf/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/). For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: @NHForestRangers



### 2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4

# Ambulance Service



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[www.actionems.com](http://www.actionems.com)

Action Ambulance Service Inc is proud to be serving the residents of Ossipee New Hampshire. We are grateful to have been chosen by the 6-town ambulance search committee to provide Advanced Life Support Ambulance service to the towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, and Tamworth starting on April 1, 2020.

We operate two Advanced EMT staffed ambulances, and a Paramedic Staffed Ambulance 24-7, 365 days per year with an on-duty supervisor, and an on-call senior manager. This year we have added and additional management position to the division of Director of Operations. We have also added a new education center, being built out now, located on Rt 16 in Tamworth, opening February 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

Our bases of operation are in Center Ossipee, and Tamworth.

Special thanks to Center Ossipee Fire department, West Ossipee Fire department, and Ossipee Corner Fire Department, as well as all local first responders for their much-appreciated assistance on each call.

Action has responded to the following calls in the town of Ossipee since January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

1236 calls requiring Advanced life support care.

82 calls requiring Basic life support care.

8 calls requiring no transport or Fire standby request.

Once again thank you for allowing us to become your community partner.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Hatch", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

John S. Hatch, Executive Vice President

New Hampshire Division, Chief

# Report of the Executive Council

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Executive Council

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EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR  
DISTRICT ONE



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The year of 2023 saw a rise in inflation both statewide and nationally. The hot topics continue to be housing, workforce, childcare and food security. This year also saw a lot of storm damage in July and December which has required a lot of roads, bridge infrastructure and trail repair around the state.

Many of my priorities have been directed at economic development, outreach to the business community, mental health system improvement, and food security. This Councilor has been an advocate for a northern New Hampshire food warehouse to enable food pantries to replenish in a timely manner and to provide fresh produce and meats.

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) and the Executive Council provided \$15.4 million to Strafford County to support the building of a new nursing home. Strafford County Commissioners and Legislative Delegation continue to work on the project. The Council approved the transfer of the Old Rochester Courthouse to the City of Rochester in the exchange of land on Rochester Hill Road to build a \$17.5 million Rochester District Courthouse.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) had completed its work in 2023, and the NH Legislature and Governor will approve of its findings in 2024. This Councilor conducted 8 public hearings around the district to hear input from the public and regional planning commissions on transportation and infrastructure concerns.

The Governor and Council approved \$20 million of the American Rescue Plan Act to fund the community center grant program, administered through the Community Development Finance Authority. The two round programs have been completed, dozens of projects around the state have received funding and construction is ongoing.

Between January to December 2023, the Executive Council confirmed 8 judicial candidates to the Circuit, Superior and Supreme Court levels. Additionally, 3 other judicial candidates received public hearings in December and will be up for confirmation in January 2024. The Council confirmed a new Chief Justice of the Superior Court, a new Commissioner of Health and Human Services, a new Insurance Commissioner, and a new Department of Environmental Services Deputy Commissioner.

The total contract items reviewed by the Executive Council were approximately 2,919 to include 5 late items over the course of 22 meetings. Of the 231 confirmations of board and commission positions, 55 were from District 1. On July 19<sup>th</sup> the District 1 on the road meeting was held at the Rotary Arts Pavilion in Dover, NH in honor of the 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

The sale of the Laconia State Property is scheduled for early 2024. The Council has been an active participant with NH Administrative Services to make sure all aspects of this purchase and sales agreement is completed and thorough. State officials continue to work on retention and recruitment of businesses to our state.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of state boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention to Director of Appointments/Liaison or call at (603) 271-2121. A complete list of all state boards and commissions are available at the NH Secretary of State website: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm)

My office is open to requests for state constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically email my weekly schedule and Wrap Up Newsletter. If you would like to be included on this list, contact me at [joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov](mailto:joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov). I also have an internship program for college students. My office number is (603) 271-3632. I am always available to old and new friends. Please stay in touch.

Serving you,

Executive Councilor  
Joe Kenney

# Cemetery Trustees



\*Water Village Cemetery\*

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The Cemetery Trustees were very busy in 2023. Chairman, Krystal Eldridge, Trustees Angela Eldridge, and Ann Cady, continue to work on improving procedures and policies. The Board consists of 3 elected members. We spend approximately 15-20 hours per week on cemetery issues. The Cemetery Trustees continue to put in many hours of work. We work on weekends and after hours. We are responsible for the administration, maintenance of the grounds, and various activities that relate to the cemeteries of Ossipee. The Trustees maintenance crew consists of Jason Katsanos, Cheryl Gamester and Nick Davenhall. They do a great job maintaining the cemeteries by keeping them mowed, free from debris, and removing trash as well as many other responsibilities related to maintaining the cemeteries. The Trustees wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for the maintenance crew's hard work. The Trustees received many phone calls and answered many questions throughout the year. We are still working to finalize the NH Co-Op easement so we can begin selling the added lots. The Cemetery Trustees are still researching and discussing the possibility of Green Burials for the Town of Ossipee in the future.

We would like to thank all the Town employees that have helped us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krystal Eldridge, Chairman  
Ann Cady, Trustee  
Angela Eldridge, Trustee

# Births Reported to the Town of Ossipee

As of December 31

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Annese, Ernest Trouble	11/22/2023	Annese, Christian Alexander	Jacques, Erin Therisa	No Conway
Conforti, Josie Dolly	3/30/2023	Conforti, Joseph Phillip	Smith, Kristina Ann	Plymouth
Creeden, Fennelle Lore	3/5/2023	Creeden, Jeremiah Wright	Perkins, Katelyn Rose	No Conway
Davey, Ainsley Mae	9/3/2023	Davey, Adam Robert	Carter, Abigail Sierra	No Conway
Denn, Claire Rose	9/10/2023	Denn Jr, James Michael	Martell, Courtney Gabrielle	No Conway
Eldridge, Layne Michael	10/15/2023	Eldridge, Joshua Russell	Eldridge, Ashley Elizabeth	No Conway
Foss, Madison Dell	4/21/2023	Foss, Chad Alan	Foss, Trisha Lee	Manchester
Hebert, Maliyah Louise	3/20/2023	Hebert, Wyatt T	Nason, Mariah Marie	No Conway
Lamarre, Parker Wells	1/14/2023	Lamarre, Nathan John	Lamarre, Rebekah Joy	Ossipee
Lunardo, Marley Anna MacDonald, Arabella Marie	10/31/2023	Lunardo, Cameron Alexander	MacIver, Morgan Elizabeth	Dover
	8/22/2023	MacDonald, Matthew Scott	MacDonald, Lindsay Marie	No Conway
McPherson, Stevie Jane	3/27/2023	McPherson, Tanner Rae	McPherson, Miranda Jane	No Conway
Morang, Aubrey Rose	1/24/2023	Morang, Michael Raymond	Morang, Misty Amber	Concord
Moussette, Charlett Theresa	2/17/2023	Moussette, Jordan Ryan	Moussette, Corrina Marie	Portsmouth
Piper, Todd Michael	1/1/2023	Piper, Brett Warren	Piper, Kristen Elisabeth	Concord
Sargent, Ryan Gabriel	6/22/2023		Sargent, Kayleigh Angela	Dover
Sheppard, Sierra Drew	5/3/2023	Sheppard II, William Robert	Sheppard, Courtney Frances	No Conway
Smith, Willow Marie	4/20/2023	Smith, Christopher David	Blair, Erica Jean	Dover
Stanley, Wyatt-Jayce Maxavier	6/8/2023	Stanley, Corey Joseph	Hussey, Ashley Anne	No Conway
Wilcox, Gabriella Grace	4/6/2023	Wilcox, Michael Daniel	Eldridge, Hillary Marguerite	No Conway
Young, Harlow-Rose Catherine	12/5/2023	Young, Jacob Andrew	Sawtelle, Julia-Rose Marie	No Conway

# Marriages Reported to the Town of Ossipee

As of December 31

<u>Name of Spouse</u>	<u>Residence of Spouse</u>	<u>Name of Spouse</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Adams, Stacy Marian	Ossipee	Elliott, Henry Almond	Ossipee	Wolfeboro	9/1/2023
Ames, Derek John	Ossipee	Beckwith, Stephanie Jean	Ctr Ossipee	Ossipee	10/3/2023
Ames, Melissa Ann	Ctr Ossipee	Deyab II, Robert George	Wolfeboro	Ctr Ossipee	10/27/2023
Ancil, Jeremy Craig	Westbrook, ME	White, Kelley Michelle	Westbrook ME	Ossipee	6/3/2023
Beaton, James Michael	Lynn, MA	Bucknam, Penny Ruth	Lynn, MA	Ossipee	7/29/2023
Bona, Craig Alan	Effingham	Gaudette, Victoria Page	Effingham	E Wakefield	9/23/2023
Brown, Stacie Jean	Ctr Ossipee	Fligg, Wesley Elliott	Ctr Ossipee	New Hampton	12/30/2023
Caldon, Rachel Ann	Somersworth	Bill, Jesse Grant	W Ossipee	Tamworth	9/16/2023
Chaffee, Justin Wayne	Ossipee	Benish, Olivia Margaret	Brownfield, ME	Wolfeboro	8/15/2023
Chase, Matthew Bradford	Newport RI	Coelho, Holly Ann	Newport RI	Bretton Woods	1/5/2023
Conley, Tracy Lee	Ctr Ossipee	Brown Sr, Marc Eliot	Ctr Ossipee	Ctr Conway	10/3/2023
Cousins-Hughes, Jessica Rose	Ossipee	Benedict, Joseph David	Barnstead	Rye	7/31/2023
Creeden, Carole Jean	Ossipee	Denoncour, George Albert	Ossipee	Ossipee	4/15/2023
Davis, Audrey Elizabeth	Denver CO	McGrath, Conner James	Denver CO	Freedom	9/23/2023
Doliber, Alexandra Ruth	Ossipee	Eldridge, Maverick Michael	Ossipee	Tamworth	9/23/2023
Dubord, Jeffery Claude	Bridgewater MA	Stevenson, Sandra Jean	Bridgewater MA	Jackson	5/5/2023
Eldridge, Philip Clyde	Ossipee	Costello, Laura Lynn	Ossipee	Ossipee	2/18/2023
Hartley, Daniel Wayne	Effingham	Colarusso, Noelle Morgan	Effingham	Alton	2/25/2023
Hebert, Wyatt Tracy	Ctr Ossipee	Nason, Mariah Marie	Ctr Ossipee	Ctr Ossipee	5/2/2023
Jensen, Justin Alexander	Auburn ME	Sawtelle, Shelby Simms	Auburn ME	Effingham	6/24/2023
Knight, Kathleen Jordan	Ctr Ossipee	Dunderdale Jr, Harold John	Ctr Ossipee	Ctr Ossipee	12/26/2023
Krutilek, Tanya Marie	W Ossipee	Daley, Desmond Lamont	W Ossipee	Tamworth	1/4/2023
Mallon, Julia Alexis	Hampton	Calhan, Kieran Patrick	Hampton	N Conway	8/12/2023
Marcoux, Allishia Ann	Ossipee	Sloat, Shane Michael	Ossipee	Ossipee	6/24/2023
McCauley, John Robert	Ossipee	Parzych, Deborah J	Ossipee	Ossipee	10/5/2023
Morris, Gregory Thomas	Hyde Park MA	Sinnott, Shailagh McGarry	Hyde Park MA	Whitefield	6/10/2023
Murphy, Kailyn Loren	Ossipee	Hamilton, Ryan Spencer	Ossipee	Plymouth	2/3/2023
Pate, Jessica Lindsey	Brookline MA	Miller, Donald Edward III	Brookline MA	Tamworth	10/14/2023
Quinlan, Riley Hope	Ossipee	Hayford, Alec Joseph	Ctr Ossipee	W Ossipee	9/16/2023
Sacco, Anthony Peter	Ctr Ossipee	Leonard, Erin Marie	Ctr Ossipee	Ossipee	1/1/2023
Shogren, Donald Fred	Oakdale, CT	Jarl, Shelley Ellen	Ossipee	Ossipee	7/8/2023
Van Arsdale, Michelle Leigh	Milford, CT	Vitrum, Brewster Dale	Ossipee	Eaton	7/8/2023
Wade, Karissa Anne	Effingham	Zwearcen, Kenneth William	Effingham	Effingham	9/17/2023
Witherell, Jennifer Nola	Puney VT	Pepeliaev, Pavel Alexandrovich	Puney VT	Ctr Ossipee	9/23/2023



# Deaths Reported to the Town of Ossipee

As of December 31

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Death	Military
Adjutant, Alice H	2/13/2023	Grau, Henry	Christensen, Ellen	Wolfeboro	N
Ashe Jr, Robert W	9/30/2023	Ashe, Robert	Firth, Joan	Gilford	N
Bartoswicz, Barbara Diane	5/14/2023	Hunsaker, Ellis	Sheley, Dorothy	Wolfeboro	N
Bauer, Thomas Frederick	1/16/2023	Bauer, David	Hornung, Wilhelmina	Wolfeboro	Y
Bennett Jr, William Joseph	4/16/2023	Bennett, William	White, Mary	Wolfeboro	Y
Berry, Donna Elaine	8/24/2023	Alden, Henry	Dobson, Dorothy	Ctr Ossipee	N
Berry, Duane H	2/15/2023	Berry, Ernest	Merrow, Phyllis	Rochester	N
Bibber, Orville Richard	11/17/2023	Bibber, Richard	Allen, Sylvia	Wolfeboro	N
Bowen, Marilyn J	9/4/2023	Almedia, Anthony	Howard, Ruth	Portsmouth	N
Brennan Jr, James Arthur	8/16/2023	Brennan Sr, James	Geimer, Lucille	Ossipee	Y
Broughton, Eleanor L	12/23/2023	Newell, Gerald	Fletcher, Carolyn	Ossipee	N
Brown, Patricia A	4/17/2023	Chase, Irving	Shugrue, Mary	Ossipee	N
Brownell, Frances Lilla	6/4/2023	Williams, Charles	Pennel, Lilla	Wolfeboro	N
Burns, James L	7/24/2023	Burns, Leo	Kellett, Margaret	Ossipee	Y
Bushman, Lois Elaine	6/29/2023	Oxner, Ralph	Dunbar, Helen	Ctr Ossipee	N
Bushman, Richard John	6/4/2023	Bushman, Robert	Eldridge, Faye	Concord	Y
Butler, Lynne	5/17/2023	Turner, David	Balfour, Blanche	Portsmouth	N
Cameron, Anita Nudd	3/7/2023	Nudd Sr, Wallace	Eldridge, Priscilla	Ossipee	N
Chase, Jean Muir	2/12/2023	Muir, James	Henderson, Eleanor	Ossipee	N
Chase, Kathleen Marie	5/2/2023	Gaudet, Leo	Hatfield, Margaret	Ossipee	N
Christie, Olive Idella	8/5/2023	Dabinett, William	Huntley, Luella	Ossipee	N
Costello, Betty Marjorie	3/26/2023	Damberg, Robert	Olsen, Elsa	Ossipee	N
Cotter, Anne S	4/12/2023	Schultz, Francis	Wilson, Josephine	Ossipee	Y
Crowley, Patricia Mae	8/27/2023	Wright, Argent	Caswell, Ada	Ossipee	N
Davis, Joan Baker	4/15/2023	Baker, Howard	Unknown, Hazel	Ossipee	N
Dusevitch, Richard Joseph	1/22/2023	Dusevitch, Joseph	Grabowski, Helen	Ctr Ossipee	N
Ellis, Ashley Clayton	8/11/2023	Ellis, George	Johnson, Julia	Ossipee	Y
Falzone, Christine Marie	12/17/2023	Falzone, Dominic	Cook, Michelle	Ossipee	N
Ford, David Brian	4/18/2023	Ford, Richard	Sheys, Shirley	Ossipee	N
Freeman, David Henry	6/7/2023	Freeman, Harold	Swain, Maxine	Ossipee	N
Gorman, Dorothy Clara	12/19/2023	Pasqual, Manuel	Fariar, Clara	Ossipee	N
Grace, Bruce Charles	8/18/2023	Grace, Everett	Brown, Shirley	W Ossipee	N
Hall, June Carleton	10/21/2023	Carleton, Keith	Jennings, Barbara	Manchester	N
Hamlin, Thomas Norman	10/3/2023	Hamlin, Robert	Laughlin, Helen	Ossipee	N
Hart, James Henry	2/13/2023	Hart, Henry	Gallagher, Jean	Ctr Ossipee	N
Hartford, Gloria	10/8/2023	Curtis, Woodbury	Egnatovich, Alexandria	Ossipee	N
Holmes, Eva Jane	1/14/2023	Holmes, Carl	Arnold, Ruth	Wolfeboro	N
Horne, Thurley Ann	4/17/2023	Perry, William	McCreary, Thurley	Manchester	N
Huckman, Susan Martha	8/7/2023	Towle Jr, William	Baldwin, Martha	W Ossipee	N



# Deaths Reported to the Town of Ossipee

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Johnson, Bernice A	11/2/2023 Maddocks, Charles	Brown, Margaret	Ossipee	N
Kehoe, Anthony James	5/3/2023 Kehoe, Edward	Brown, Dorothy	Concord	N
Knight Jr, George Floyd	7/27/2023 Knight Sr, George	Eddington, Florence	Ctr Ossipee	Y
Kondrotas Jr, Vincent M	2/18/2023 Kondrotas, Vincent	Kaskavich, Pauline	Ossipee	N
Lassy, Dana Kevin	8/28/2023 Lassy, Frederick	McCloud, Scharlene	Ctr Ossipee	N
Leavitt, Ernest Morton	11/25/2023 Leavitt, Harry	Huckins, Marguerite	W Ossipee	Y
Leavitt, Mary Ann	5/28/2023 Bellerose, Arthur	Degroseillies, Marie	Wolfeboro	N
Levitsky Jr, Walter Simeon	7/10/2023 Levitsky Sr, Walter	Unknown, Mary	Ctr Ossipee	Y
Lievi, Peter Raymond	11/13/2023 Lievi, Charles	Quinn, Jean	Ossipee	N
Lord, John Gregory	6/12/2023 Lord, John	Smith, Rachael	Ossipee	Y
MacIver, Joanne Betty	8/17/2023 Thomas, Lyle	Unknown, Ruth	Ossipee	N
Milroy, Edward Gordon	6/9/2023 Milroy, Finlay	McComb, Muriel	Ossipee	N
Moody, George Lyman	6/26/2023 Moody, Lyman	Unknown, Unknown	Ossipee	N
Morrill, Kathleen Christina	3/31/2023 Richter, Hans	Unknown, Mia	Ossipee	N
Morris, Lois Arlene	2/23/2023 Morris, Lawrence	Anderson, Barbara	Ossipee	N
Nelson, Nicholas Arthur	3/26/2023 Nelson, Leo	Unknown, Ida	Wolfeboro	N
O'Brien Jr, Robert Griffin	11/26/2023 O'Brien Sr, Robert	Dalton, Vivian	Wolfeboro	Y
O'Brien, Carol Ann	8/29/2023 Rogers, Alfred	Ringer, Elisabeth	Wolfeboro	N
Patterson Jr, Edward	8/6/2023 Patterson, Edward	Slattery, Evelyn	Portsmouth	Y
Patterson, Gail Louise	9/10/2023 Adjutant, Sidney	Champaigne, Rachel	Ossipee	N
Peaslee, Patricia Ida	9/1/2023 Merrithew, Scott	Haddock, Patricia	Ossipee	N
Pecjo, Belarmino B	4/28/2023 Pecjo, Jose	Buan Eusebia	Portsmouth	Y
Phillips, Ted Evan	6/29/2023 Phillips, Evan	Yolton, Betty	Manchester	Y
Potter, Hazel S	4/21/2023 Knox, George	Johnson, Helen	Ossipee	N
Reis, Steven C	9/7/2023 Reis, Joseph	Orlando, Mary	Wolfeboro	N
Sargent Jr, Everett	10/31/2023 Sargent Sr, Warren	Deleon, Lucile	Ctr Ossipee	Y
Sargent, Donna Elizabeth	1/21/2023 Craigue, Donald	Emery, Grace	Ossipee	N
Scully, Timothy James	11/19/2023 Scully, Edward	Boisvert, Joan	Greenland	N
Segnitz, Anita Rejane	12/11/2023 Audette, Florida	Chevalier, Yvonne	Wolfeboro	N
Simon, Leona Cram	2/13/2023 Samuelson, Norman	Fuller, Ruth	Ctr Ossipee	N
Sloane, John Edmund	2/4/2023 Sloane, Gardner	Magaldi, Isabelle	Ctr Ossipee	N
Sloane, Karen Mae	9/24/2023 Bailey, Richard	Demag, Helen	W Ossipee	N
Spencer, James Dickinson	8/12/2023 Spencer, Ivan	Dickinson, Hazel	Ossipee	N
Stewart-Coy, Geraldine Carol	4/9/2023 Stewart, Gerald	Annis, Pearl	Ossipee	N
Stout, Doris Kay	12/16/2023 Bartholomew, William	Franklin, Olive	Wolfeboro	N
Swahn, Karl Robert	11/29/2023 Swahn, Sven	Rosen, Alice	Wolfeboro	Y
Taylor, Barbara L	3/30/2023 Hunt, Gerald	Dame, Mildred	Ossipee	N
TerKuile, Alice Jane	2/11/2023 Tschudi, Wilbur	Little, Betty	Ossipee	N
Thompson, Thomas Leavitt	9/5/2023 Thompson, Robert	Leavitt, Hilda	Manchester	N
Trail, Deborah Esther	12/14/2023 Trail, Henry	Ripley, Margaret	Ossipee	N
Van Tassel, Jan Whittemore	7/14/2023 Coye, Francis	Van Tassel, Joyce	Dover	N
Weymouth, Charles Leon	11/15/2023 Weymouth, Leslie	Hankie, Deborah	W Ossipee	Y
Wims, David Kelly	1/13/2023 Wims, Francis	Kelly, Anita	Ossipee	N
Wonoski, Frederick Henry	9/3/2023 Wonoski, Michael	Godlewsky, Sophie	Ctr Ossipee	Y
Wood, Gordon F	2/8/2023 Wood, Gordon	Weaver, Ethel	Ossipee	N

# Notes

# 2024 Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire  
County of Carroll, Town of Ossipee  
2024 Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ossipee in the County of Carroll, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ossipee Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Center Ossipee, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 a.m.) on said day to act on the following Articles, the polls to remain open until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.)

**Article #1** To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as follows: to choose one (1) Selectman for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Selectman for a term of two years; one (1) Moderator for a term of two years; one (1) Treasurer for a term of three years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three years; one (1) Cemetery Trustee for a term of three years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three years; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six years; two (2) Budget Committee Members for a term of 3 years; two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of 3 years; two (2) Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for a term of three years.

**Article # 2** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article III – "Zoning Map," Section 3.2 by striking "and the third map is referred to as the "Ossipee Wetlands Map."

**Article #3** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article IV – "General Provisions," Section: 4.2 Fire And/or Ruined Buildings and adds Subsection (a) a regulation for unfinished buildings greater than 2 years.

**Article #4** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article IV – "General Provisions," Sections 4.4 - Structures And Uses Per Lot and amends regulations by adding subsection (c) HUD Requirements.

**Article #5** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article: 4.7 Parking And Storage Of Unlicensed Vehicles and adds Trailers to the requirements.

**Article #6** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article 4.9: Recreational Vehicles And Tents On Private Property, Section: 4.9.2 - Campsite, and amends regulations by adding Subsection (i) for Recreational Vehicles and (j) for Tents.

**Article #7** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article IV – "General Provisions," Section 4.10 - Floodplain Development Ordinance; Sections 4.10.1 Definition of Terms by adding subsection (e) for Recreational Vehicles.

## 2024 Town Warrant (cont.)

**Article #8** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article VI - "Zoning District Regulations," Sections- 6.4.1(a) and amends regulations by striking ~~(Also see Article 8.3).~~

**Article #9** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies Article VIII - "SETBACKS AND BUFFERS," Sections - 8.2 amends regulations concerning Landscaping by adding further clarity.

**Article #10** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies ARTICLE IX - "DISCONTINUANCE AND EXPIRATION OF ~~LIGHT INDUSTRIAL~~ USE," by removing Light Industrial from Section 9.1 and 9.2. and adding verbiage to clarify.

**Article #11** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies ARTICLE XI - "CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT," Sections-11.2.1, 11.2.3, 11.2.4, add 11.2.4 (a), and amends regulations concerning Purpose and General Requirements, strikes 11.2.2 and 11.2.6 and rennumbers each criteria.

**Article #12** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies ARTICLE XV - "RECREATION CAMPING PARK PERFORMANCE STANDARDS" and amends regulations by requiring an approved Site Plan Review.

**Article #13** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment adds ARTICLE XXII - "SHORT TERM RENTALS."

**Article #14** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 15 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies ARTICLE XXIV-"ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY," Sections - 24.1.1 by modifying subsection (a) and adding subsection (e).

**Article #15** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 16 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies ARTICLE XXXIII - "DEFINITIONS," and amends the following by adding definitions for: "Allowed Occupancy", "Cluster Development", "Motor Vehicle," "Recreational Vehicle by adding subsection (6)", "Septic Approval", "Short Term Rental", "Trailer," and "Transient", and modifies definitions for "Dwelling", "Home Occupation," and "Structure, ~~Temporary~~ Accessory."

**Article #16** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 17 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies ARTICLE XXXIV - "TABLE 1 - CHART OF USES" and amends the allowability for Bed and Breakfast and Churches, and adding new uses for Cluster Development, Storage and Short Term Rentals.

**Article #17** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 18 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment modifies ARTICLE XXXV - "DESCRIPTION OF PERMITTED USES," Sections - 35.1(b), (i), 35.2, (l), (w), 35.3, 35.4 (a), (2), and 35.6 (f), (h), and amends regulations concerning Residential Uses, Commercial Uses, Institutional Uses, Open Space Uses and Accessory Uses.

# 2024 Town Warrant (cont.)

You are notified to meet at the Town Hall in Center Ossipee, in said Town of Ossipee on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM to act on the following articles:

## Article 18 Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,626,065 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1.) (Majority vote required)

DEPARTMENT	2023 Budget As Voted	2024 Selectmen Recommended	2024 B.C. Recommended	23-24 Difference	% Increase
Selectmen's Salary	\$19,920	\$20,840	\$20,840	\$920	4.62%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$388,275	\$384,725	\$384,725	-\$3,550	-0.91%
Elections	\$6,750	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$14,850	220.00%
Voter Registration	\$5,515	\$7,100	\$7,100	\$1,585	28.74%
Treasurer	\$8,230	\$8,395	\$8,395	\$165	2.00%
Selectmen's Office	\$919,900	\$1,067,150	\$1,067,150	\$147,250	16.01%
Economic Development	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	100.00%
Legal	\$40,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$35,000	87.50%
Planning Board	\$40,070	\$11,750	\$11,750	-\$28,320	-70.68%
ZBA	\$17,153	\$3,400	\$3,400	-\$13,753	-80.18%
Government Buildings	\$287,555	\$303,605	\$303,605	\$16,050	5.58%
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$5,741	\$7,040	\$7,040	\$1,299	22.63%
Cemeteries	\$43,745	\$58,550	\$58,550	\$14,805	33.84%
Insurance	\$154,200	\$162,000	\$162,000	\$7,800	5.06%
Police Department	\$1,299,950	\$1,396,200	\$1,396,200	\$96,250	7.40%
Police Special Duty	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Dog Officer	\$14,350	\$14,450	\$14,450	\$100	0.70%
Fire Warden	\$21,995	\$22,070	\$22,070	\$75	0.34%
Highway	\$1,398,350	\$1,483,850	\$1,483,850	\$85,500	6.11%
Transfer Station	\$589,206	\$602,035	\$602,035	\$12,829	2.18%
Outside Agencies	\$132,866	\$141,920	\$141,920	\$9,053	6.82%
OCC Elderly Nutrition	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$15,000	75.00%
OCC Day Care	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0	0.00%
Granite VNA and Hospice	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$0	0.00%
Northern Human Services	\$4,425	\$4,425	\$4,425	\$0	0.00%
Tri County Cap	\$13,000	\$9,837	\$9,837	-\$3,163	-24.33%
Life Ministries Food Pantry	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$2,000	33.33%
White Mountain Community Health	\$4,780	\$4,780	\$4,780	\$0	0.00%
Ossipee Childrens Fund	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	0.00%
Starting Point	\$10,261	\$9,987	\$9,987	-\$274	-2.67%
Ossipee Historical Society	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Kingswood Youth Center	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
Caregivers of Southern Carroll County	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Freedom Food Pantry	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$3,000	60.00%
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0	0.00%
Children Unlimited	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Green Mountain Conservation Group	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0	0.00%

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Lake Host	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	-\$2,500	-100.00%
Ambulance	\$449,000	\$435,000	\$435,000	-\$14,000	-3.12%
Emergency Management	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$0	0.00%
General Assistance (Welfare)	\$40,000	\$39,450	\$35,450	-\$4,550	-11.38%
Recreation	\$219,355	\$226,505	\$226,505	\$7,150	3.26%
Library	\$244,070	\$268,841	\$268,841	\$24,771	10.15%
Patriotic Purposes	\$3,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$11,000	366.67%
Conservation	\$26,784	\$10,350	\$10,350	-\$16,434	-61.36%
Interest on Line of Credit	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	200.00%
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance	\$274,291	\$287,500	\$287,500	\$13,209	4.82%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,694,471</b>	<b>\$7,141,035</b>	<b>\$7,141,035</b>	<b>\$446,564</b>	<b>6.67%</b>
Water	\$223,180	\$240,780	\$240,780	\$17,600	7.89%
Sewer	\$232,150	\$244,250	\$244,250	\$12,100	5.21%
<b>OPERATING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,149,801</b>	<b>\$7,626,065</b>	<b>\$7,626,065</b>	<b>\$476,264</b>	<b>6.66%</b>
Warrant Articles	\$1,100,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000	\$25,000	2.27%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$8,249,801</b>	<b>\$8,751,065</b>	<b>\$8,751,065</b>	<b>\$501,264</b>	<b>6.08%</b>
Overlay (not reflected on MS-737)	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0.00%
War Service Credits (not reflected on MS-737)	\$173,000	\$173,000	\$173,000	\$0	0.00%
Revenues - estimate	\$3,033,330	\$3,407,030	\$3,407,030	\$373,700	12.32%
<b>TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MS737</b>	<b>\$5,216,471</b>	<b>\$5,344,035</b>	<b>\$5,344,035</b>	<b>\$127,564</b>	<b>2.45%</b>
<b>TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$5,439,471</b>	<b>\$5,567,035</b>	<b>\$5,567,035</b>	<b>\$127,564</b>	<b>2.35%</b>

### Article 19 Government Buildings Improvements

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of repairs and improvements to government buildings. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)

### Article 20 Add to Govt Buildings ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Government Buildings ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

### Article 21 Paving

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of Paving. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)



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## Article 22    Add to Highway Equip ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)

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## Article 23    Grader Payment

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000 for the purpose of making the grader payment. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)

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## Article 24    Add to Invasive Species ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Invasive Species ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

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## Article 25    Add to Bridge Repair/Replace ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Bridge Repair/Replacement ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

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## Article 26    Add to Benefit Pay ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Benefit Pay ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0).  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

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## Article 27    Add to Solid Waste and Recycling ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Solid Waste and Recycling ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

# 2024 Town Warrant (cont.)

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## Article 28    Add to Police Vehicle and Equipment ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be added to the Police Vehicle and Equipment ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

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## Article 29    Add to Recreation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Recreation ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

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## Article 30    Schools Out Program

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of funding the School's Out Program. (Submitted by Petition)(Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1.) (Majority vote required)

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## Article 31    Library Heating/Cooling System

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of replacing the Library's heating/cooling system. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)

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## Article 32    Create Deer Run Trail ETF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Deer Run Boardwalk and Trail Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the rehabilitation and improvements to the Deer Run Boardwalk and Trail at Constitution Park and to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)

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## Article 33    Cemeteries Mower

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of purchasing a mower for cemeteries maintenance. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)



## 2024 Town Warrant (cont.)

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### Article 34 Ratify the Union's CBA

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the AFSCME Council 93 Local 534 Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$97,000
2025	\$126,250
2026	\$161,000
2027	\$185,000
2028	\$197,000

and further to raise and appropriate \$97,000 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)

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### Article 35 Add to Property Cleanup ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Property Cleanup ETF previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required.)

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### Article 36 Adopt Community Choice Aggregation

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Ossipee Community Choice Aggregation Plan which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to develop and implement an Ossipee Community Choice Aggregation Program as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E and as recommended by the Electric Aggregation Committee). This program would allow the Town to provide Ossipee residents and businesses access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0) (Majority Vote Required)

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### Article 37 Discontinue Whittier Bridge Fund

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Whittier Covered Bridge ETF created in 2008. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0.) (Majority vote required)

# 2024 Town Warrant (cont.)

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## Article 38 Way Station

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Way Station for the purpose of continuing to provide safe, welcoming, non-judgmental space and supportive services for the homeless & housing insecure of the Mount Washington Valley. (Submitted by petition.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen 0-3) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee 2-6) (Majority vote required)

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## Article 39 Main Street Program

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to fund the Ossipee Main Street Program. (Submitted by petition.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen 0-3) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee 3-5) (Majority vote required)

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## Article 40 Discontinue Voting Machines

"Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices." This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40." (Submitted by petition.)

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## Article 41 Special Town Meeting

Shall the Town, if Article 34 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 34 cost items only? (Majority vote required.)

## 2024 Town Warrant (cont.)

Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of February 2024.

Town of Ossipee

By its Board of Selectmen:

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Jonathan H. Smith

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Martha B. Eldridge

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Susan J. Simpson

Personally appeared the above-mentioned Jonathan H. Smith, Martha B. Eldridge and Susan J. Simpson or a majority of them, Selectmen of the Town of Ossipee, and took oath that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. Before me,

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Matthew T. Sawyer Jr  
Town Administrator  
Notary Public in NH  
Commission Exp 04/21/2026

# Notes

## Phone Listings

Ambulance / Fire / Rescue .....	911
CAP (Community Action Program).....	323-7400
Carroll County Registry of Deeds .....	539-4872
Courts:	
Ossipee District Court.....	1-855-212-1234
Probate Court .....	1-855-212-1234
Superior Court.....	1-855-212-1234
Emergency Management Operations Center ....	539-4401
Fire Permits:	
Center Ossipee Station .....	539-4401
Deputy Warden Dana Cullen, Sr.....	539-6900
Ossipee Corner Station .....	539-2407
Warden Adam Riley.....	539-2407
West Ossipee Station .....	539-6906
Chief Carl Huddleston .....	539-6906
NO permit needed when there is a complete snow covered ground. But you MUST call 539-2284 to give the time and day of burn.	
OCC (Ossipee Concerned Citizens): .....	539-6851
Senior Meals Program.....	539-6851
WIC Program.....	1-855-332-4358
Child Care / Preschool.....	539-6772
Police Department:	
Ossipee .....	539-2011
Sheriff's Department .....	539-2284
Tamworth Troop E Registry.....	271-2371
Schools:	
Superintendent of Schools.....	569-1658
Ossipee Elementary .....	539-4589
Effingham Elementary.....	539-6032
Kingswood Middle School.....	569-3689
Kingswood High School .....	569-2055
Regional #9 Vocational School .....	569-4361

**ASSESSING & SELECTMEN'S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM; Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM  
(603) 539-4181

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

(603) 539-8417

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM

(603) 651-1154

**DOG OFFICER**

Heather Calligandes 603-539-2011

**OSSIPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Non-Emergency (603) 539-2011

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:00 PM

(603) 539-7200

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

May thru October

(603) 539-1002

**TRANSFER STATION**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED TUESDAY , WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

\$20.00 for 2-Year Permit (603) 539-4121

**LIBRARY**

Hours: Mon- 10-5:30, Tue- 10-5, Thu- 10-6, Fri- 10-5, SAT- 9-1

Closed Wednesdays and Sundays

(603) 539-6390

**PLANNING BOARD**

Meetings on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Work sessions as need on the 4th Tuesday

(603) 651-1154

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

As needed - Answering Machine (603) 539-1307

[www.OssipeeRec.org](http://www.OssipeeRec.org)

**TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

(603) 539-2008

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

(603) 539-7150

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

(603) 651-1154

**BUILDING INSPECTOR & ZONING ENFORCEMENT**

603) 539-4181 x5

By Appointment