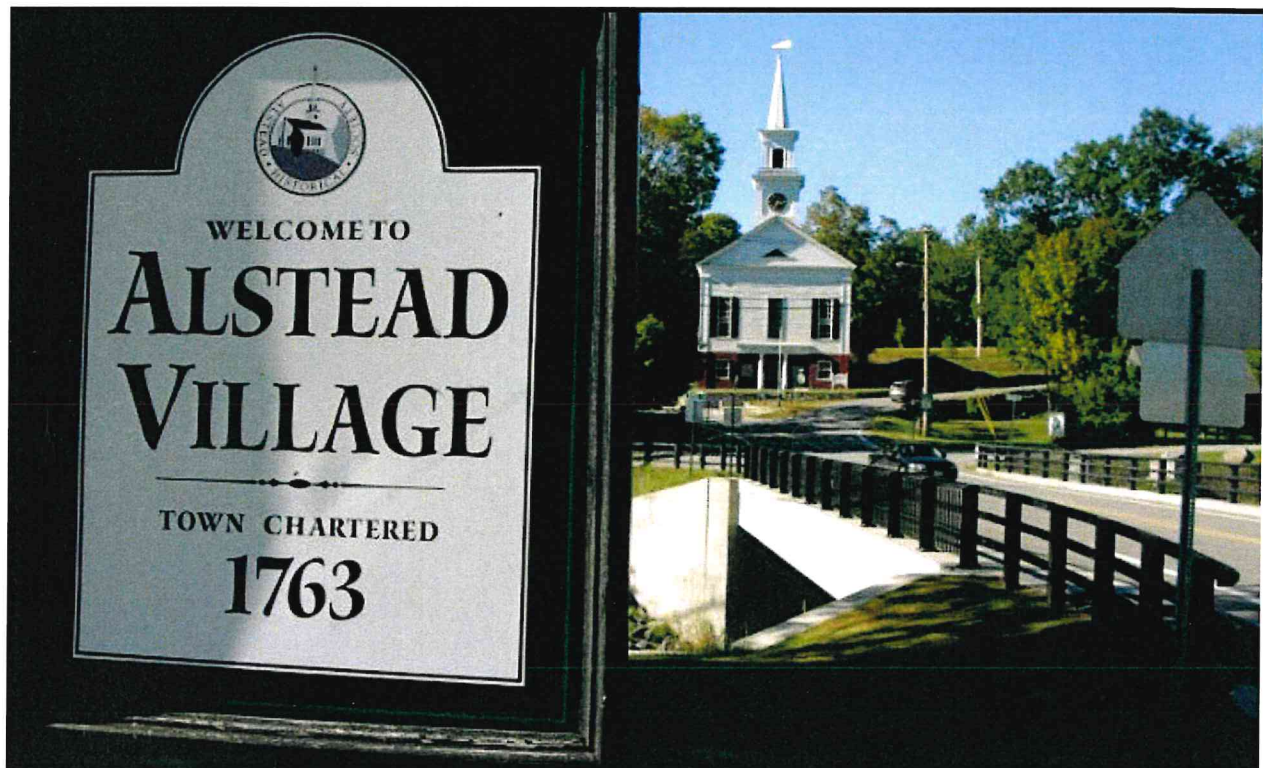


Annual Report

of the Town Officials, Departments & Committees

Town of Alstead

New Hampshire



For the year ending December 31, 2024

Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

TOWN INFORMATION

www.alsteadnh.org

SELECT BOARD TOWN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR 603-835-2986 Fax: 603-835-2178

Misty Gratacos Email: mgratacos@alsteadnh.gov

Monday & Tuesday: By appt., Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday: By appt only

MEETINGS: Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at Town Offices, unless otherwise posted (check website)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR 603-835-2242 Fax: 603-835-2178

Julie Bacon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Email: jbacon@alsteadnh.gov

Monday & Thursday: 8:00-4:00pm; Tuesday: 8:00-6:00pm; Wednesday: 8:00-12noon.

HIGHWAY GARAGE

603-835-2428

Cell 603-209-3899

Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

Email: pttrafron@alsteadnh.gov

TRANSFER STATION

Jesse Moore, Director of Sanitation Email: jmoore@alsteadnh.gov 603-835-2425 or 603-439-7155

Wednesday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AMBULANCE/RESCUE SQUAD

Non-emergency 603-439-7155

Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief Email: jmoore@alsteadnh.gov

MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency 603-835-6088

Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief

MEETINGS: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency 603-835-6277

Fax: 603-835-5546

Stephen Murrell, Police Chief

www.alsteadpolice.com

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven Reynolds

603-313-3846

Deputy Emergency Management Director: Darren Perlono 770-883--2734

HEALTH OFFICER

Michael Jasmin

603-209-4068

Assistant Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 603-835-9018 evenings

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETINGS: first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Offices

PLANNING BOARD

Vacancy

603-209-6846 Email: alstead.pb-zba@comcast.net

MEETINGS: Third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Vacancy

MEETINGS: first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bruce Bellows

603-835-6751

SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

603-835-6661

Alyson Montgomery, Librarian

Email: librarian@sheddporter.org

www.sheddporter.org

Tuesday 2:00–5:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 - Noon

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Ambulance and Fire – 911, 24-hour dispatch 355-2000

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Dedication: Peg Sutcliffe



Peg Sutcliffe and her husband Sam didn't like the high taxes in Ashby, Massachusetts where they had lived for many years prior to Sam's retirement in 1995. It didn't take long for them to find a historic home in Alstead. They moved and began restoring it to its original glory.

Among many interesting finds was stenciling by the now famous Moses Eaton Jr. in two of the bedrooms. She and Sam worked diligently to research their home and ultimately were able to have the house listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Peg earned a BA in Fine Applied Arts from the University of Illinois, becoming proficient and highly creative in many mediums, including quilting, oil and watercolor painting, egg tempera, and silverpoint, as well as theatrical set design. She is fondly remembered for her Christmas cards and looked forward to designing them every year.

First as a member, and then as a Board Member of the Alstead Historical Society, Peg was highly active in the organization. As editor and one of the major contributors to the Alstead Vintage Times, she is recognized for the scope and depth of her articles. In addition, she and Sam contributed much time and energy to the Alstead Sesquicentennial in 2013, designing and making a quilt for raffle. This quilt is now displayed in the historical society's museum.

As an active member of the Langdon Covered Bridge association, Peg helped with many fundraising events, including compiling the covered bridge cookbook and participating in the yearly covered bridge festival.

Peg was a trustee of the First Congregational Church, and a stalwart member of the Third Congregational Church in Alstead.

She touched everyone with her generosity, wit, and good humor.

She is sorely missed.

DEDICATION

Maureen Adams

Maureen, a mother, Grandmother, Sister, Cousin, Friend, Pastor, Sister by Choice, and a very, very best friend. She was so many different things to all.

During her working career at RN Johnson, Durand Toyota, Walpole Middle School and Pastor at 3rd Congregational Church in Alstead, she touched and helped so many people we wouldn't have time to count. You never went anywhere with her that she did not see someone that she knew.

When the day came that she was called by God, to be a Pastor, it was the happiest day of her life. She prayed for that day and when it happened, she was ecstatic. She said that she was finally where she "belonged".

Maureen always saw the good in people and was always available to help. All you had to do was stop by her house or give her a call and she was there for you whenever needed.

Maureen gave 3rd Congregational Church ten wonderful years before God called her home. We are all sure that he had a plan for her.

Anyone that had the joy or privilege of knowing Maureen, was a better person due to it.

There will never be another like her, and we all miss her dearly.

Respectfully,

Joni-Jo Goss

Town Officials & Committees

Select Board

Matthew Saxton	Select Board	Term Ends 2025
Gordon Kemp	Select Board	Term Ends 2026
Joel McCarty, Chair	Select Board	Term Ends 2027

Elections

Susan Norlander	Moderator	Term Ends 2026
Joseph Levesque	Assistant Moderator	Term Ends 2026
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2026
Penny Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2028
Erin Heidorn	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2030

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Julie Bacon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term Ends 2027
-vacant-	Dep Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term Ends 2027

Treasurer

Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term Ends 2026
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Department Heads

Prescott Trafton	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Steve Murrell	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Steven Reynolds	Emergency Management	Appointed
Darren Perlongo	Asst. Emergency Mgmt.	Appointed
Jesse Moore	Ambulance Chief	Appointed
Alyson Montgomery	Librarian, Shedd Porter	Appointed
Matthew Saxton	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Michael Jasmin	Health Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Asst. Health Officer	Appointed

Trustee of Trust Funds

Jodi Kercewich	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2025
Allan Kauders	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2026
Bruce Bellows, Chair	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2027

Shedd Porter Memorial Library

Joseph Levesque	Alternate	Term Ends 2025
Matthew Saxton, Chair	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2025
Carol Reller, Clerk	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2025
Judith A Willis	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2025
Kathy Torrey, Vice Chair	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Susan Norlander, Asst Chair	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2027

Town Officials & Committees (continued)

Inspector of Elections - Terms Ends 2026

Ellen Chase	Laurence Howard	Marge Noonan
Holly Gay	Michael Jasmin	Hans Waldman
Chris Hanson	Mark Mastrocinque	

Planning Board

Gordon Kemp	Ex-Officio Member	
Justin Falango	Planning Board	Term Ends 2025
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term Ends 2025
Peter Rhoades, Chair	Planning Board	Term Ends 2026
Chris Reitmann	Planning Board	Term Ends 2026
Richard Beringer	Planning Board	Term Ends 2027

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Joseph Levesque	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2025
Dennis Molesky, Chair	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2025
Michael Rau	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2025
Maximilian Zurmuhlen	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2025
Kevin Clark	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2027
David Konesko	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2027

Conservation Commission

Sarah Webb, Chair	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2025
Joyce Campbell-Counts	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2025
David Moody	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026
Andi Johnson	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2027

Cemetery Commission

Jodi Kercewich	Cemetery Commission	Term Ends 2025
Allan Kauders	Cemetery Commission	Term Ends 2026
Bruce Bellow, Chair	Cemetery Commission	Term Ends 2027

FMRSD School Board-Alstead Representative

Joseph Levesque	School Board Member Alstead Rep. FMRSD	Term Ends 2025
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NON-PARTISAN
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

Julie A. Bacon

TOWN CLERK

TO VOTE, completely fill in OVAL to the right of your choice(s) like this: 

SELECT BOARD (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 <u>Rock Wilson</u> ☐ <u>Joe Levesque</u> ☐ _____ write-in	LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2 <u>Matthew Saxton</u> ☐ <u>Carol Reller</u> ☐ _____ write-in _____ write-in	LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 <u>Judith Willis</u> ☐ _____ write-in
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 <u>Jodi Kercewich</u> ☐ _____ write-in	CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 <u>Jodi Kercewich</u> ☐ _____ write-in	

NON-PARTISAN
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tuesday March 11,2025

Julie A. Bacon

Town Clerk

I certify upon honor that I have assisted the
voter in marking his ballot upon request

Signed _____

Election Officer



**WARRANT BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**

Julie A. Bacon
TOWN CLERK

TO VOTE, completely fill in OVAL to the right of your choice(s) like this: 

ARTICLES

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,160,742. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,896,541, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$11.08 per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 03 Hill Road Bridge Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,975,000 for the purpose of replacing the bridge on Hill Road over Darby Brook (Federal Project X-A005(159) State Project #40649). \$300,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; \$275,000 of said funds to come from state bridge aid; and \$1,400,000 to come from federal MOBIL payments. No amount to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by 2030, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required). No amount to be raised from taxation.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 04 Comstock Road Bridge Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,855,000 for the purpose of replacing the bridge on Comstock Road over Darby Brook (Federal Project No. X-A005(222) State Project #40661). \$300,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; \$255,000 of said funds to come from state bridge aid; and \$1,300,000 to come from Federal MOBIL payments. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by 2030, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required). No amount to be raised from taxation.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 05 Fire Department Turnout Gear

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$12,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation; and \$4,000 to come from ARPA funds. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 6 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 06 Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$18,500 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 9.5 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 07 Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015. The sum of \$50,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 25 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 08 Add to Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Shedd- Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. The sum of \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 13 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 09 Add to Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$30,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 15 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 10 Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011. The sum of \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 10 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 11 Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$100,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 51 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 12 Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$0 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 13 Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,500 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$42,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 22 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 14 Add to Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to be added to the Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2024. The sum of \$250 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.01 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 15 Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$50,000 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 25 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 16 Reduce Planning Board Members

To see if the Town will vote to decrease the size of the Planning Board from seven (7) members to five (5) members in accordance with NH RSA 673:2. If the Town votes to decrease the board to five (5) members, the Alstead Selectboard shall appoint one member for a three-year term and one member for a two-year term. Thereafter, each member shall serve a three-year term. This article is recommended by the Selectmen. (3-0) (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 17 Repair Millot Green Gazebo Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the purpose of repairing Millot Green Gazebo's Roof, with \$0 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.00 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 18 Repair Historical Society Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the purpose of repairing the Historical Society Building's Roof, with \$0 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.00 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 19 Establish Police Department Body and Dash Camera Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Camera Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purchasing body worn and vehicle dash cameras for the police department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.01 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 20 Adopt RSA 31:19

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:19, authorizing the Selectmen to accept gifts, legacies, and devises donated to the Town? Such authority shall continue indefinitely. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 21 Rescind SB2

To see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law and return to traditional Town Meeting format? (3/5 Majority Vote Required) This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 22 Establish Dam Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Dams Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions RSA 35:1 for the purposes of on-going and emergency repair, maintenance, replacement, rehabilitation, and/or removal of Town owned dams and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 to be placed in this fund, \$1000 to come from unassigned Fund Balance and \$500 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 00.01 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 23 Feasibility Study on Withdrawal from Fall Mountain Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Fall Mountain Regional School District to conduct a study regarding the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of Alstead from the cooperative school district under the provisions of RSA 195:25. If this article passes, a committee formed to conduct this study is to report its findings to the State Board of Education. If the State Board approves a withdrawal plan, the plan must be submitted to the voters of the cooperative school district for district approval. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Simple Majority)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 24 Electronic Ballot Counting Device

To see if the voters of the Town of Alstead, pursuant to RSA 656:40, will permit the use of an electronic ballot counting device at elections in town. To see if the voters of the Town of Alstead will adopt the VotingWorks vote tabulator system, transitioning from hand counting ballots. The tabulator system would cost \$7500. The NH Secretary of State would directly pay VotingWorks \$3500. The Town of Alstead would pay the remaining \$4000, to be raised by taxes. Alstead would enter a 5-year contract with VotingWorks, at a cost of \$500 per year and \$500 per election held in each year. By petition. This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (1-2)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 25 Ambulance Service Feasibility Study

Shall the town vote to direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of offering ambulance service to one or more neighboring towns? This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 26 Food Freedom

Shall the Town vote to affirm our support for the following statement? The right of the people to grow food and to purchase food from the source of their choice shall not be infringed, and Congress shall make no law regulating the production and distribution of food products which do not move across state lines.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 27 Establish Public Waters Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Waters Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of ongoing and emergency water testing and analysis on public waters within the boundaries of the town of Alstead; nothing in this article authorizes the town or any other party acting on its behalf access to private lands without owner permission, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to be placed in this fund, \$1000 to be raised from unassigned fund balance. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.003 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

WARRANT BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tuesday March 11, 2025

Julie A. Bacon

Town Clerk

I certify upon honor that I have assisted the voter in marking his ballot upon request

Signed _____
Election Official

Alstead

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

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: February 1, 2025

Time: 10:00am

Location: Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead NH 03602

Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 8:00am – 7:00pm

Location: Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead NH 03602

Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 27, 2025, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602 and that an original was delivered to the Alstead Town Clerk

Name	Position	Signature
JOEL C. MCCARTY	SELECTMAN	JOEL C. MCCARTY
Gordon Kemp	Selectman	Gordon Kemp
MATTHEW SAXTON	SELECTMAN	MATTHEW SAXTON



Article 01 Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,160,742. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,896,541 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$11.08 per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 04 Comstock Road Bridge Replacement

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 05 Fire Department Turnout Gear

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$12,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation; and \$4,000 to come from ARPA funds. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority



Vote Required) (Tax impact: 6 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 06 Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$18,500 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 9.5 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 07 Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015. The sum of \$50,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 25 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 08 Add to Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to be added to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. The sum of \$12,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact: 6.5 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 09 Add to Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$30,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact: 15 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 10 Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011. The sum of \$10,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 5 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 11 Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund



To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,500 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$62,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 32 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 12 Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$1 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)(Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 13 Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,500 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$42,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required)(Tax impact: 21 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 14 Add to Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to be added to the Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2024. The sum of \$250 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.1 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 15 Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$50,000 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 25 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 16 Reduce Planning Board Members

To see if the Town will vote to decrease the size of the Planning Board from seven (7) members to five (5) members in accordance with NH RSA 673:2. If the Town votes to decrease the board to five (5) members, the Alstead Selectboard shall appoint one member for a three-year term and one member for a two-year term. Thereafter, each member shall serve a three-year term. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)(Majority Vote Required)



Yes

No

Article 17 Repair Millot Green Gazebo Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of repairing the Millot Green Gazebo's Roof, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.00 cents per 1000)

Yes

No

Article 18 Repair Historical Society Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of repairing the Historical Society Building's Roof, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.00 cents per 1000)

Yes

No

Article 19 Establish Police Department Body and Dash Camera Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Camera Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purchasing body worn and vehicle dash cameras for the police department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.003 cents per 1000)

Yes

No

Article 20 Adopt RSA 31:19

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:19, authorizing the Selectmen to accept gifts, legacies, and devises donated to the Town? Such authority shall continue indefinitely. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 21 Rescind SB2

To see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law and return to traditional Town Meeting format? (3/5 Majority Required) This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 22 Establish Dam Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Dams Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of



RSA 35:1 for for the purposes of on-going and emergency repair, maintenance, replacement, rehabilitation, and/or removal of Town owned dams and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 to be placed in this fund, \$1000 to come from unassigned Fund Balance and \$500 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.003 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 23 Feasibility Study on Withdrawal from Fall Mountain Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Fall Mountain Regional School District to conduct a study regarding the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of Alstead from the cooperative school district under the provisions of RSA 195:25. If this article passes, a committee formed to conduct this study is to report its findings to the State Board of Education. If the State Board approves a withdrawal plan, the plan must be submitted to the voters of the cooperative school district for district approval. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 24 Electronic Ballot Counting Device

To see if the voters of the Town of Alstead, pursuant to RSA 656:40, will permit the use of an electronic ballot counting device at elections in town. To see if the voters of the Town of Alstead will adopt the VotingWorks vote tabulator system, transitioning from hand counting ballots. The tabulator system would cost \$7500. The NH Secretary of State would directly pay VotingWorks \$3500. The Town of Alstead would pay the remaining \$4000, to be raised by taxes. Alstead would enter a 5 year contract with VotingWorks, at a cost of \$500 per year and \$500 per election held in each year. By petition. This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (1-2)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 25 Ambulance Service Feasibility Study

Shall the town vote to direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of offering ambulance service to one or more neighboring towns? This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 26 Food Freedom

Shall the Town vote to affirm our support for the following statement? The right of the people to grow food and to purchase food from the source of their choice shall not be infringed, and Congress shall make no law regulating the production and distribution of food products which do not move across state lines.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 27 Establish Public Waters Capital Reserve Fund



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To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Waters Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for for the purposes of on going and emergency water testing and analysis on public waters within the boundaries of the town of Alstead; nothing in this article authorizes the town or any other party acting on its behalf access to private lands without owner permission, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to be placed in this fund, \$1000 to be raised from unassigned fund balance. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.003 cents per 1000)

Yes

No



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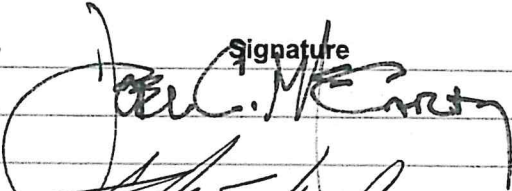
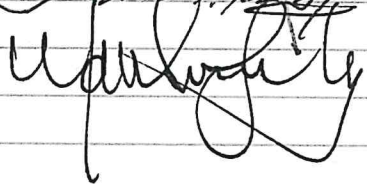
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Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

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GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
JOEL C. MCCARTY	SELECTMAN	
Gordon Kemp	Selectman	
MATTHEW SAXTON	SELECTMAN	

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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2024	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	02	\$101,278	\$118,538	\$123,226	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$61,118	\$69,279	\$51,436	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$41,405	\$45,770	\$45,606	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	02	\$27,311	\$34,350	\$54,075	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$10,504	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$234,875	\$221,749	\$260,182	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$8,402	\$10,275	\$10,275	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$154,987	\$155,207	\$168,854	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$22,578	\$29,191	\$34,609	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$27,370	\$27,370	\$29,833	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	02	\$2,055	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$691,883	\$725,429	\$786,796	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	02	\$193,921	\$211,329	\$232,512	\$0
4215	Ambulances	02	\$44,971	\$24,003	\$106,475	\$0
4220	Fire	02	\$55,316	\$61,906	\$68,506	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	02	\$32,639	\$33,641	\$34,715	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$326,847	\$330,880	\$442,209	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration	02	\$89,123	\$87,419	\$89,087	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$397,711	\$435,396	\$505,332	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$6,517	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$493,351	\$529,315	\$600,919	\$0



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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration	02	\$90,588	\$89,354	\$72,218	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$137,070	\$130,643	\$135,143	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$227,658	\$219,997	\$207,361	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Health Administration	02	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	02	\$13,832	\$16,907	\$17,681	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$14,832	\$17,907	\$18,681	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance	02	\$8,035	\$10,580	\$10,580	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$8,035	\$10,580	\$10,580	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2025	
			12/31/2024	12/31/2024	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	02	\$9,134	\$9,604	\$14,266	\$0
4550	Library	02	\$61,424	\$54,051	\$64,150	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$325	\$326	\$326	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$25,453	\$1	\$15,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$96,336	\$63,982	\$93,742	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration	02	\$418	\$1,000	\$453	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$418	\$1,000	\$453	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$30,869	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$39,200	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$755,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$0	\$825,069	\$0	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2025	
			12/31/2024	12/31/2024	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$2,160,742	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	24 <i>Purpose: Electronic Ballot Counting Device</i>	\$0	\$4,000
4903	Buildings	17 <i>Purpose: Repair Millot Green Gazebo Roof</i>	\$1	\$0
4903	Buildings	18 <i>Purpose: Repair Historical Society Roof</i>	\$1	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	03 <i>Purpose: Hill Road Bridge Replacement</i>	\$1,975,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	04 <i>Purpose: Comstock Road Bridge Replacement</i>	\$1,855,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	07 <i>Purpose: Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$50,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	08 <i>Purpose: Add to Library Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$12,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09 <i>Purpose: Add to Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$30,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10 <i>Purpose: Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$10,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11 <i>Purpose: Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$62,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	12 <i>Purpose: Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	13 <i>Purpose: Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$42,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14 <i>Purpose: Add to Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$250	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	15 <i>Purpose: Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend</i>	\$50,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	19 <i>Purpose: Establish Police Department Body and Dash Camera Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend</i>	\$500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	22 <i>Purpose: Establish Dam Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend</i>	\$1,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	27 <i>Purpose: Establish Public Waters Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$4,090,753	\$4,000



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$18,500	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	05	\$16,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Turnout Gear			
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$34,500	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	02	\$0	\$0	\$500
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02	\$22,405	\$20,000	\$20,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$662	\$600	\$500
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$11,097	\$13,500	\$10,000
Taxes Subtotal			\$34,164	\$34,100	\$31,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$360,582	\$350,000	\$350,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$880	\$900	\$800
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$13,038	\$13,000	\$10,550
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$374,500	\$363,900	\$361,350
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements	04, 03, 05	\$0	\$0	\$2,704,000
From Federal Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$2,704,000
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$182,014	\$181,314	\$175,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$95,579	\$95,579	\$95,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$1	\$1	\$2
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	02, 04, 03	\$166,362	\$1,400	\$532,800
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	02	\$5,144	\$0	\$15,000
State Sources Subtotal			\$449,100	\$278,294	\$817,802



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	02	\$101,080	\$90,000	\$80,601
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
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$101,080	\$90,000	\$80,601
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$42,685	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$53,476	\$45,000	\$45,000
3503	Rents of Property		\$620	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	02	\$72,707	\$62,000	\$65,000
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	02	\$0	\$1,500	\$500
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$169,488	\$108,500	\$110,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds	02	\$0	\$0	\$55,000
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$280,000	\$280,001	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$280,000	\$280,001	\$55,000
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	27, 04, 03, 22	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$602,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$255,000	\$255,000	\$602,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,663,332	\$1,409,795	\$4,762,253



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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2025
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,160,742
Special Warrant Articles	\$4,090,753
Individual Warrant Articles	\$34,500
Total Appropriations	\$6,285,995
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,762,253
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,523,742



Default Budget of the Municipality

Alstead

For the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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GOVERNING BODY OR 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.

Name	Position	Signature
JOEL C. McCARTY	SELECTMAN	
Gordon Kemp	Selectman	
MATTHEW SAXTON	SELECTMAN	

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
General Government					
4130	Executive	\$118,538	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$108,538
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$69,279	(\$18,000)	\$0	\$51,279
4150	Financial Administration	\$45,770	\$0	\$0	\$45,770
4152	Property Assessment	\$34,350	\$19,725	\$0	\$54,075
4153	Legal Expense	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$221,749	\$38,433	\$0	\$260,182
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$10,275	\$0	\$0	\$10,275
4194	General Government Buildings	\$155,207	\$0	\$0	\$155,207
4195	Cemeteries	\$29,191	\$0	\$0	\$29,191
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$27,370	\$0	\$0	\$27,370
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$3,700
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$725,429	\$40,158	(\$10,000)	\$755,587
Public Safety					
4210	Police	\$208,779	\$0	\$0	\$208,779
4215	Ambulances	\$24,003	\$2,550	\$0	\$26,553
4220	Fire	\$61,906	\$0	\$0	\$61,906
4240	Building Inspection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	\$33,641	\$1,273	\$0	\$34,914
4299	Other Public Safety	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Public Safety Subtotal		\$328,330	\$3,823	\$0	\$332,153
Airport/Aviation Center					
4301	Airport Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets					
4311	Highway Administration	\$87,419	\$0	\$0	\$87,419
4312	Highways and Streets	\$435,396	\$0	\$0	\$435,396
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$6,500	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$529,315	\$0	\$0	\$529,315



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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Sanitation					
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$89,354	\$0	\$0	\$89,354
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$130,643	\$0	\$0	\$130,643
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal		\$219,997	\$0	\$0	\$219,997
Water Distribution and Treatment					
4331	Water Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric					
4351	Electric Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health					
4411	Health Administration	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
4414	Pest Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$16,907	\$0	\$0	\$16,907
4419	Other Health	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$17,907	\$0	\$0	\$17,907
Welfare					
4441	Welfare Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance	\$10,580	\$0	\$0	\$10,580
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal		\$10,580	\$0	\$0	\$10,580



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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Culture and Recreation					
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$9,604	\$0	\$0	\$9,604
4550	Library	\$54,051	\$0	\$0	\$54,051
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$326	\$0	\$0	\$326
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$63,982	\$0	\$0	\$63,982
Conservation and Development					
4611	Conservation Administration	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Debt Service					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal		\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Capital Outlay					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
Operating Transfers Out					
4911	To Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$1,896,541	\$43,981	(\$10,000)	\$1,930,522



Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations

Account	Explanation
4215	2024 Warrant Article #19 sign trailer
4140	Only one election in 2025
4290	Emergency dispatch cost increase
4130	2024 IT project completed
4155	Health and Worker's Comp insurance
4152	5th year revaluation



Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Alstead

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

In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the estimated revenues used in computing the tax rate.

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Taxes				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	\$600	\$0	\$600
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$13,500	\$0	\$13,500
Taxes Subtotal		\$34,100	\$0	\$34,100
Licenses, Permits, and Fees				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
3230	Building Permits	\$900	\$0	\$900
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$363,900	\$0	\$363,900
From Federal Government				
3311	Housing and Urban Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection	\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency	\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
State Sources				
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant			
		\$175,265	\$6,049	\$181,314
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution			
		\$95,112	\$467	\$95,579
3353	Highway Block Grant			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3354	Water Pollution Grant			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development			
		\$2	(\$1)	\$1
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
		\$1,400	(\$1,400)	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants			
		\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other			
		\$271,779	\$6,515	\$278,294
State Sources Subtotal				
Charges for Services				
		\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000
3401	Income from Departments			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
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			
		\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000
Charges for Services Subtotal				
Miscellaneous Revenues				
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3500	Special Assessments			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			
		\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
3502	Interest on Investments			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503	Other			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits			
		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements			
		\$62,000	\$0	\$62,000
3508	Contributions and Donations			
		\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified			
		\$108,500	\$0	\$108,500
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal				



Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Interfund Operating Transfers In				
3911	From Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$280,001	\$0	\$280,001
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$280,001	\$0	\$280,001
Other Financing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revised Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$1,148,280	\$6,515	\$1,154,795



Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

	Estimated	Change Amount	State Adjusted
Subtotal of Revenues	\$1,148,280	\$6,515	\$1,154,795
Unassigned Fund Balance (Unreserved)	\$0	\$1,061,462	\$1,061,462
(Less) Emergency Appropriations (RSA 32:11)	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Less) Voted from Fund Balance	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000
(Less) Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance Retained	(\$255,000)	\$1,061,462	\$806,462
Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,403,280	\$6,515	\$1,409,795
Requested Overlay	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000

Assessment Overview

Total Appropriations	\$2,819,161
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,409,795
Net Assessment	\$1,409,366

Explanation of Adjustments

Account	Reason for Adjustment	Warrant Number
3352	STATE REVENUE	02
3353	STATE REVENUE	02
3356	STATE REVENUE	02
3359	RECLASSIFIED	02
3369	POLICE GRANT	

2024 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

Moderator Susan Norlander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The Moderator discussed the procedures and the rules of conduct. The Moderator also introduced the officials that were present and announced the date and time of the town election.

Article 01: Election of Officers

Article 02: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,021,342. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,746,784 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Should Article 06 pass, the operating budget shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$? per 1000)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Second: Julie Bacon

Discussion:

Joseph Levesque, Prescott Trafton, MaryAnn Wolf, Gordon Kemp, Bruce Bellows, Steven Reynolds, Juliana Stevens, Rich Nalevanko, Erin Heidorn, Allan Kauders, Carol Reller, Wendy Underwood, Misty Gratacos, Richard Preston, Mary Schoppmeyer, Matthew Saxton, Joel McCarty, Ahmad Esfahani, Glenn Elsesser, Jennifer Marchesi, Priscilla Sawa, Judith Willis, Barbara Viegner, Julie Bacon, Barrett Bellows, Jesse Moore

Motion to move question: Julie Bacon

Second: Steven Reynolds

Motion to reconsider: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

To change total amount from \$2,021,342 to \$1,946,541

Vote on motion to reconsider: yes by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: yes by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as reconsidered/amended

Article 03: Bridge Design and Consulting Services

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,000 for the purposes of continuing the ongoing analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and cost estimating for the replacement of the currently closed bridge on Hill Road and the bridge on Comstock Road. \$205,000 to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$0 per 1000)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Second: Matt Saxton

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Rich Nalevanko

To change amount from \$205,000 to \$250,000

Discussion:

Bruce Bellows, Ahmad Esfahani, Richard Preston, Joel McCarty, Matthew Saxton, Gordon Kemp, Glenn Elsesser, Juliana Stevens, Jennifer Marchesi

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 04: Rescind SB2

To see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5 Majority Required)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Second: Bruce Bellows

Discussion:

Rich Nalevanko, Joel McCarty, Shelley Steuwe, MaryAnn Wolf, Juliana Stevens, Barrett Bellows, Marjorie Noonan, Margaret Cohen-Kauders, Heidi Konesko, Bruce Bellows, Joseph Levesque, Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 05: Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Drewsville, Homestead, Cobb Hill (apron), and North roads with \$255,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and \$145,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.75 cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Rich Nalevanko

Discussion: None

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 06: Ambulance Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of funding expenses of the Alstead Ambulance Department. All revenues received for ambulance services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. Should this Article pass, the operating budget, Article 02, shall be reduced by \$50,000 (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: Rich Nalevanko

Discussion:

MaryAnn Wolf, Gordon Kemp, Allan Kauders, Jesse Moore, Rich Nalevanko

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 07: Backhoe

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$2 for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe with \$1 of said funds to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988; and up to \$1 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Rich Nalevanko

Discussion:

Bruce Bellows, Glenn Elsesser, MaryAnn Wolf, Prescott Trafton, Allan Kauders

Motion to amend: Ahmad Esfahani
To Increase \$2 to \$200,000 from taxation

Second: Allan Kauders

Discussion:

Bruce Bellows, Glenn Elsesser, Barrett Bellows

Motion to amend the amendment: Bruce Bellows

Second: Rich Nalevanko

To increase \$2 to \$200,000; take \$50,000 from highway capital reserve and \$150,000 from taxation: strike-out "up to" on line one.

Discussion:

Bruce Bellows, Rich Nalevanko, Julie Bacon, Carol Reller, Glenn Elsesser, Prescott Trafton, James Gordon, Richard Preston, Darren Perlongo, Joseph Levesque, Gordon Kemp, Barbara Viegner, Allan Kauders, MaryAnn Wolf, Jennifer Marchesi

Request to move the question: Barbara Viegner

Second: Carolyn Lock

Vote to move the question: Passed by majority vote

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 08: Dam Engineering

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of funding Phase One analysis for Lake Warren and Vilas Pool Dams, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Second: Julie Bacon

Discussion:

Richard Preston, Matthew Saxton

Motion to amend: Matthew Saxton

Second: Julie Bacon

To change \$1 to \$75,000

Discussion:

Jerome Blake, Joel McCarty, Rich Nalevanko, Heidi Konesko, Judith Willis, Margaret Cohen-Kauders

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

Discussion:

Heidi Konesko, Matthew Saxton, Joel McCarty, MaryAnn Wolf

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 09: Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for Thayer Brook Road in the area of the emergency bypass, with \$8,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.04 cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Rich Nalevanko

Discussion:

Bruce Bellows, Prescott Trafton, Barrett Bellows, Joel McCarty, Jean Kelly, Ann Weil, Barbara Viegner, Steven Reynolds, Misty Gratacos

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 10: Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for two (2) culverts on Thayer Brook Road, one (1) culvert on South Woods Road, and one (1) culvert on North Road, with \$17,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.09 cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Rich Nalevanko

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 11: Transfer Station Safety Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of implementing safety upgrades at the Transfer Station, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Joel McCarty

Motion to amend: Matthew Saxton
To change \$1 to \$5,000

Second: Julie Bacon

Discussion:

MaryAnn Wolf, Glenn Elsesser, Jesse Moore, Gordon Kemp, Carolyn Lock, Jean Kelly, Misty Gratacos, Margaret Cohen-Kauders, Allan Kauders, Juliana Stevens, Steven Reynolds

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 12: 1-Ton Truck To Replace The 2012 Dodge Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of purchasing a 1-ton truck, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Rich Nalevanko

Motion to amend: Jesse Moore
To change \$1 to \$40,000

Second: Matthew Saxton

Discussion:

Rich Nalevanko, Jesse Moore, MaryAnn Wolf, Glenn Elsesser, Joel McCarty, Julie Bacon

Motion to amend the amendment: Rich Nalevanko

Second: Joy Nalevanko

To change article as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 1-ton truck for use by the ambulance and by other departments, with \$40,000 of said funds to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund subject to DRA approval. If DRA does not approve using Ambulance Capital Reserve funds then the amount will be raised by taxation"

Discussion:

Juliana Stevens, Jesse Moore, Allan Kauders, Barbara Viegner, Glenn Elsesser, Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson

Vote on amendment: Yes=20 No=13

Motion to approve the amended article as read: Yes=15 No=13

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 13: Fire Department Turnout Gear

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: *Joel McCarty*

Second: *Gordon Kemp*

Motion to Amend: *Matthew Saxton*

Second: *Jennifer Marchesi*

To change \$1 to \$12,000

Discussion:

Kim Kercewich, Jerome Blake, Steven Reynolds

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 14: Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: *Gordon Kemp*

Second: *Steven Reynolds*

Motion to Amend: *Matthew Saxton*

Second: *Joseph Levesque*

To change \$1 to \$18,368

Discussion:

Jerome Blake, Joseph Levesque, Kim Kercewich, Allan Kauders, Steven Reynolds, Darren Perlongo, MaryAnn Wolf, Matthew Saxton, Juliana Stevens, Margaret Cohen-Kauders, Jesse Moore, Gordon Kemp

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 15: Fire Dept. New Brush Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new brush truck, with \$1.00 of said funds to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

Motion: *Matthew Saxton*

Second: *Gordon Kemp*

Discussion:

Richard Beringer

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 16: Electrical Upgrades for Town Hall/Village Fire Sta

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of upgrading the electric service for the Town Hall/Village Fire Station, and adding additional electrical outlets to the Town Hall, with \$10,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.05 cents per 1000)

Motion: Julie Bacon

Second: Jennifer Marchesi

Motion to Amend: Gordon Kemp
To change \$10,000 to \$2,400

Second: Julie Bacon

Discussion:

Margaret Cohen-Kauders, Gordon Kemp, Jennifer Marchesi, Bruce Bellows, Steven Reynolds

Vote on Amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 17: Lighting Upgrade for Village and East Alstead Fire

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of upgrading lighting at both the Village Station and the East Alstead Station, with \$5,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.03 cents per 1000)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: Gordon Kemp

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp
To change \$5,000 to \$6,800; strike-out East Alstead (Fire) Station from heading and second line; strike-out "both" from second line; insert "fire" between Village and Station on second line

Second: Joy Nalevanko

Discussion: none

Vote on amendment: yes by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: yes by majority vote

Discussion:

Juliana Stevens, Jennifer Marchesi, Gordon Kemp, Joel McCarty

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 18: Library Roof Repair

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing the library roof, with \$30,000 of said funds to come from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: MaryAnn Wolf

Discussion:

Bruce Bellows, Joel McCarty

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 19: Sign Trailer Subscription

To see if the town will vote to approve a three-year contract with All Traffic Solutions Inc. for electronic sign software and warranty, with each year of the cost items of said contract as follows:

Fiscal Year 2024 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2025 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2026 - \$2,550

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550 for the current fiscal year, with \$2,550 of said funds to be raised by taxation. If this Article passes, the annual cost of \$2,550 for 2025 and \$2,550 for 2026 will be included in the operating and default budgets for those years.

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Jean Kelly

Discussion:

Jennifer Marchesi, Steven Murrell, Prescott Trafton

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

Article 20: Add to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to be added to capital reserves:

\$1 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

To change all \$1 to \$0

Discussion:

Joel McCarty, Glenn Elsesser, Matthew Saxton, Rich Nalevanko, Gordon Kemp, James Gordon, Jennifer Marchesi, Allan Kauders, Richard Beringer, Juliana Stevens

****Gordon Kemp retracted his motion****

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Bruce Bellows

To change as follows:

\$15,000-Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

\$0-Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

\$20,000-Library Capital Reserve Fund

\$0-Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

\$15,000-Police Capital Reserve Fund
\$0-Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund
\$0-Highway Capital Reserve Fund
\$45,000-Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund
\$95,000 total

Discussion:

Allan Kauders, Glenn Elsesser, Gordon Kemp, Matthew Saxton

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Article 21: Create Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and replacing the town's backup generators and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund, with \$1 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact ?? cents per 1000)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: Joel McCarty

Motion to amend: Matthew Saxton

Second: Glenn Elsesser

To change \$1 to \$500

Discussion: none

Vote on amendment: Passed by majority vote

Motion to amend the article as read: Passed by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A Bacon
Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector



SAMPLE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Julie A. Bacon
TOWN CLERK

SELECTBOARD (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one Joel C. McCarty 270 ☐ Michael Kercewich 129 ☐ Barbara Viegner ☐ Alan Dustin - 2 ☐ Rock Wilson (write in) ☐	MODERATOR (Two Year Term) Vote for not more than one Susan E Norlander 383 ☐ Barbara Wilson ☐ Joe Biden ☐ (write in) ☐	SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST (Six Year Term) Vote for not more than one Erin Heidorn 383 ☐ ☐ (write in) ☐
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one Julie A Bacon 396 ☐ Judy Bellows ☐ (write in) ☐	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one Bruce A Bellows 380 ☐ Rock Wilson ☐ Rose Knight ☐ no one (write in) ☐	LIBRARY TRUSTEE (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one Susan E Norlander 384 ☐ Joy Nalevanko ☐ (write in) ☐ Susan Berringer Rose Knight Jodi Kercewich Joe Biden
CEMETERY COMMISSION (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one Bruce A Bellows 383 ☐ uncommitted ☐ anyone else ☐ (write in) ☐		



OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

Julie A. Bacon

TOWN CLERK

TO VOTE, completely fill in OVAL to the right of your choice(s) like this: 

ARTICLES

Article 02 Operating Budget

Do you see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,946,541. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,746,784 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Should Article 06 pass, the operating budget shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$2.81 per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

238 171

Article 03 Bridge Design and Consulting Services

Do you see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purposes of continuing the ongoing analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and cost estimating for the replacement of the currently closed bridge on Hill Road and the bridge on Comstock Road. \$250,000 to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$0 per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

315 92

Article 04 Rescind SB2

Do you see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (3/5 Majority Required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

163 239

Article 05 Paving

Do you see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Drewsville, Comestead, Cobb Hill (apron), and North roads with \$255,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and \$145,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 75 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

282 127

Article 06 Ambulance Revolving Fund

Do you see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of funding expenses of the Alstead Ambulance Department. All revenues received for ambulance services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. Should this Article pass, the operating budget, Article 02, shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

320 87

Article 07 Backhoe

Do you see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe with \$50,000 of said funds to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988; and up to \$150,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.77 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No

194 214

Article 08 Dam Engineering

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding Phase One analysis for Lake Warren and Vilas Pool Dams, with \$75,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.38 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
255 146

Article 09 Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for Thayer Brook Road in the area of the emergency bypass, with \$8,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.04 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
243 160

Article 10 Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for two (2) culverts on Thayer Brook Road, one (1) culvert on South Woods Road, and one (1) culvert on North Road, with \$17,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.09 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
233 167

Article 11 Transfer Station Safety Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of implementing safety upgrades at the Transfer Station, with \$5,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.025 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
260 144

Article 12 1-Ton Truck To Replace The 2012 Dodge Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 1-ton truck for use by the ambulance and by other departments, with \$40,000 of said funds to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund subject to DRA approval. If DRA does not approve using Ambulance Capital Reserve funds then the amount will be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.205 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
180 222

Article 13 Fire Department Turnout Gear

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$12,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.06 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
315 91

Article 14 Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,368 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$18,368 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.095 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
306 100

Article 15 Fire Dept. New Brush Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new brush truck, with \$1.00 of said funds to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
247 148

Article 16 Electrical Upgrades for Town Hall

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 for the purpose of upgrading the electric service for the Town Hall, adding additional electrical outlets to the Town Hall, with \$2,400 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.012 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
273 133

Article 17 Lighting Upgrade for Village Fire Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,800 for the purpose of upgrading lighting at the Village Fire Station, with \$6,800 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.035 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
240 222

Article 18 Library Roof Repair

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing the library roof, with \$30,000 of said funds to come from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
347 60

Article 19 Sign Trailer Subscription

To see if the town will vote to approve a three-year contract with All Traffic Solutions Inc. for electronic sign software and warranty, with each year of the cost items of said contract as follows:

Fiscal Year 2024 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2025 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2026 - \$2,550

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550 for the current fiscal year, with \$2,550 of said funds to be raised by taxation. If this Article passes, the annual cost of \$2,550 for 2025 and \$2,550 for 2026 will be included in the operating and default budgets for those years. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.01 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
224 179

Article 20 Add to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to be added to capital reserves: \$15,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$20,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$45,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$45,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.49 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
233 171

Article 21 Create Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and replacing the town's backup generators and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be placed in this fund, with \$500 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.01 cents per 1000)

☐ Yes ☐ No
273 132

Selectmen's Letter

It's been a kind of 'good news and bad news' year for the Town.

In the good news department, we experienced an explosion of civic service and young energy in the 10 yr old person of Luke Druschel. Millot Green now has a well-tricked out skating rink again! The Selectboard managed to stay out of the way (beyond resolving any insurance/liability issues in advance), while Luke used modern tools like GoFundMe and YouTube to raise a lot of money and volunteer commitments. Griffin Construction and Liberty Utilities chipped in with amenities. Day or night you are more than likely to see a few skaters twirling and swooping around. There's a box of loaner skates, so you too can take a spin.

In the bad news department, we experienced a kind of explosion in the engine of our new second-hand ambulance. Two months out of warranty we had a sudden failure attributed to a design flaw in the valve train.

In the good news department, we received a free loaner ambulance for the duration of the repair from the firm that sold us the now broken rig, and we got a lot of sympathy, support, and service from Shamrock Motors. More astonishingly, we received, unsolicited and unheralded, two private donations to the tune of \$15k towards the new motor. ARPA funds will cover the balance, so no Alstead tax dollars are at work here; our good fortune.

In the bad news arena, we are experiencing what the engineers call 'infrastructure deficits' in our bridges, roads, and dams.

The good news is that we are receiving significant levels of technical and financial support from the State of NH (DOT, DES and the Dam Bureau), the Federal Infrastructure Act, FEMA, and a passel of private engineering firms. It will take *years* for all this to sugar off, but we're up and running.

Bridges: It sure doesn't look like it, but work (engineering, design, environmental, Right of Way and permitting) proceeds mostly on schedule, and absolutely on budget, on Hill Road and Comstock Road. We will go out to bid on about 5/15/25 for Hill Road, and maybe 12/15/25 for Comstock Road. Construction will begin in the Fall, and continue through the Winter ('25) and

Spring and likely Summer ('26). Hill Road will remain closed at Bell Hill until that bridge is open, and then we will close Comstock Road. Under no circumstances will both of those roads be closed at the same time. It should be celebrated that the Infrastructure Act will pay for 100% of the construction costs, and 80% of the design costs. It is impossible to imagine where we would find the money for these projects were we on our own. Because of your willingness to put money aside in Capital Reserves for big ticket items, and because of generous State and Federal support, no new taxes have been or will be raised for these bridges!

Other Bridges: Drewsville Road (at Hill Road) and Thayer Brook Road projects are less generously, but still significantly supported by the Feds and State. FEMA will almost certainly foot the bill to replace the Thayer Brook Road 'Bypass' with a new bridge via their Hazard Mitigation Program - this has been an enormous paper chase for Prescott and Tina, and is a long way from complete. Drewsville Road was enrolled a dozen years ago in the State's Bridge Aid Program which funds a few municipal bridge replacements every year at 80%. Our lucky year for this bridge will likely be 2027, though we can start up the design phase in 2026, if the votes are there to fund it.

Roads: None of us has been able to ignore the damage to 123A/Acworth Road by Vilas Pool Park in 2021, 2023 (and let's not forget 2005). NH DOT has an extensive and expensive plan for a more robust and permanent fix than the band-aids we have been applying over the decades. They are negotiating with FEMA for funding, and expect success. For us there is no local tax impact, but we will all be inconvenienced and discombobulated by a month or longer road closure in Summer 2026.

More Roads: We are falling further behind in our paving cycle, as we diverted what we would normally budget for paving to bridges - though the good news is that 100% of that expense will be reimbursed in 2025 and 2026. Perhaps we will have the will and the means to catch up and maybe even get ahead in years to come. The American Rescue Plan bought us a whole year's worth of culverts, for which we're grateful. That program is over, so we're back on our own again. The Fuzzy Brothers and Garland's Pit continue to treat us exceedingly well on vast volumes of sand and gravel, for which we're also grateful.

Dams: There's not a lot of good news in dam world; both of our Town-owned dams (Vilas and Warren) are under regulatory sanction as a consequence of their slow deterioration, changes in

the weather over the decades, and new standards for downstream life and property protection. Neither dam presents a failure threat in the short term, except in the face of statistically quite remote extreme weather events. There is a FEMA-administered grant program that specifically targets this kind of work, and the firm we're working with suggests that there is a very good chance we will be able to qualify for 65% of the costs for one, possibly both, of these projects. We're thinking 2028. We're thinking +/- \$2,000,000 by then. We have an excellent local grant-writer poised to engage.

It must be said that the current turmoil in DC has us all anxious about funding for current and future projects - though we will press on. We also imagine that tariffs on steel and rising inflation would have a significant, perhaps crippling, price impact upon all of the projects outlined above. We will get our first hard look at any of this bad news mid Summer this year, and see where we need to go from there.

The Future: In 2024 we saw 7 marriages, 8 new babies, and 10 residents passing on. In a nutshell, these numbers mirror our continuing loss of population (-3.8%, 2010–2020). This of course puts ever more pressure on the already precarious state of our school funding system, while the Legislature seems to be pulling back on support of various kinds. The discussions and brainstorming continue apace, but no magic bean has presented itself as of this date.

This is the year we acknowledge the 20th(!) anniversary of the Flood of 2005. Most of us who survived the event and recovery learned some powerful lessons about how to work with neighbors and strangers and distant agencies for the common good. Let's hope that we can continue to learn and apply similar lessons (without paying the 2005 tuition) as we face the future together.

Neighbors first and last.

Joel McCarty

Alstead Select Board Chair

Farewell & Thank you

Well, it seems 18 years in the Selectmen's Office is long enough.

I am grateful for all that I have learned, grateful for all of the people I have met, and grateful to have helped in keeping things going in the right direction, to the extent that I have been able.

It has all been worth it.

Best regards, Matthew D. Saxton

2024 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

I would like to take the opportunity to list some of the services that the Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office provides.

We are responsible for collecting property taxes. ***For those unable to pay all their taxes at once please note that any payment, even if not the full amount due, will reduce the interest to be paid.***

We register and title motor vehicles, trailers and boats, and process dog licenses. We use a scanner to scan your old registrations and speed up entry time. We also utilize a "topaz" to capture your signature, which speeds up the process for multiple registrations. ***Please note that bringing in your old registration and driver's license is required by state law.***

As of December 2024, the Town Clerk's office can now issue Veteran and Antique Plates for new registrations with the proper documentation. Prior to this, customers were required to start the process at the Town Clerk's office and then go to a DMV office to complete the transaction.

We complete marriage license applications and process birth, marriage, divorce, and death certificates. We also file wetland permit applications and pole licenses. As election officials, we accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Our office also provides Notary Public services.

We accept credit card and debit card payments for auto registrations and dog licenses in the office. Please note that there will be a third-party processing fee associated with card payments.

There is the option of renewing your registration(s) and/or dog license(s) on our website www.alstead.nh.org. Property Taxes are also payable on-line by either ACH or Credit Card. To do this, go to the Town of Alstead website (home page), scroll down, and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to **either** make out your check to the Town of Alstead for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation **or** pay the Town by ACH or Credit Card. If paying by check, mail the confirmation in with your check and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. Registrations can be renewed up to four months in advance.

As always, if you wish to do renew your vehicle or pay your taxes in person, we are here for you!

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2025 (2024 licenses will expire on April 30th). Beginning June 1st, a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed. ***Please note that Dog Licensing is required by State Law (RSA 466:1)***

Please visit our website www.alstead.nh.org and go to the Town Clerk section for more detailed information as well as various printable forms.

In February 2023, the office became an Off Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Registration Agent.

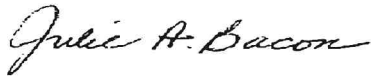
This enables us to register snowmobiles, ATV's/UTV's and dirt bikes.

Please bring in your vehicle information when you come in to register your OHRV. You must also present a valid driver's license or non-driver photo ID issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles. We accept cash or checks as payment for these registrations.

The office hours are Monday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm, Tuesday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm (4:00 pm – 7:00 pm by appointment), and Wednesday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm unless posted otherwise. If we close the office during these hours, we will post this information ahead of time at the town office and on the Town of Alstead website (home page).

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 603-835-2242.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Bacon".

Julie A Bacon
Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2024 TOWN CLERK FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicles Registered: 2895

Vehicle Registrations	\$351,596.66
Municipal Agent Fee	\$8,484.00
Town Clerk Fee	\$5,604.00
Town Title Fee	\$906.00
Town Transfer Fee	\$540.00
E-Log Fee	\$152.00
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
	\$367,307.66

BOATS

Boats Registered: 112

Boat Agent Fee	\$560.00
Boat Town Clerk Fee	\$69.00
Boat Local Fee	\$1,054.39
	\$1,683.39

DOGS

Licenses Issued: 500

Town Fees	\$1,846.50
State Fees	\$987.50
Late Fees	\$162.00
Civil Forfeiture/Fines	\$150.00
E-Log Fee	\$36.00
	\$3,182.00

MARRIAGES

Licenses Issued: 12

Town Fees	\$84.00
State Fees	\$516.00
	\$600.00

FILING FEES

Vital Record Copies: 78

Town Fees	\$452.00
State Fees	\$508.00
E-Log Fee	\$4.00
UCC	\$930.00
	\$1,894.00

MISCELLANEOUS

NH Statewide Checklist	\$400.00
Pole Licenses	\$0.00
Misc Fees	\$29.00
(research, copies, voter cklist, declaration of candidacy)	
	\$429.00

STATE ACH

State Motor Vehicles	\$142,272.86
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Boat State Fee	\$5,040.00
	\$147,312.86

Total Collected

\$522,408.91

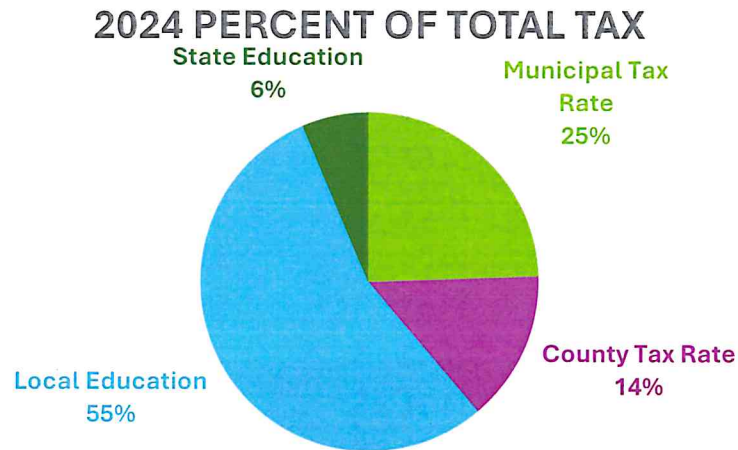
OHRV Sales

	<i>Registrations Issued: 35</i>	
Town Fees		\$170.00
New Hampshire Fish and Game Fees		\$2,824.00
		\$2,994.00

Historical Tax Rates						
Year	Local		Education	State Education	Total Tax Rate	
	Municipal	County				
2000	\$ 7.31	\$ 2.49	\$ 12.18	\$ 6.74	\$ 28.72	
2001	\$ 5.09	\$ 2.66	\$ 15.88	\$ 6.69	\$ 30.32	
2002	\$ 7.62	\$ 2.87	\$ 20.27	\$ 6.22	\$ 36.98	
2003	\$ 6.76	\$ 3.77	\$ 19.76	\$ 5.26	\$ 35.55	
2004	\$ 7.92	\$ 2.95	\$ 19.00	\$ 5.19	\$ 35.06	
2005	\$ 5.41	\$ 1.71	\$ 9.61	\$ 1.90	\$ 18.63	
2006	\$ 5.81	\$ 1.96	\$ 10.69	\$ 2.22	\$ 20.68	
2007	\$ 5.80	\$ 2.24	\$ 11.48	\$ 2.31	\$ 21.83	
2008	\$ 6.05	\$ 2.87	\$ 11.98	\$ 2.51	\$ 23.41	
2009	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.11	\$ 12.56	\$ 2.34	\$ 24.01	
2010	\$ 5.44	\$ 3.18	\$ 12.13	\$ 2.33	\$ 23.08	
2011	\$ 4.91	\$ 2.91	\$ 10.74	\$ 2.38	\$ 20.94	
2012	\$ 5.90	\$ 2.93	\$ 11.53	\$ 2.10	\$ 22.46	
2013	\$ 8.30	\$ 3.24	\$ 13.11	\$ 2.15	\$ 26.80	
2014	\$ 4.90	\$ 2.97	\$ 13.60	\$ 2.33	\$ 23.80	
2015	\$ 5.24	\$ 3.40	\$ 15.53	\$ 2.36	\$ 26.53	
2016	\$ 5.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 15.34	\$ 2.32	\$ 26.91	
2017	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.58	\$ 14.67	\$ 2.42	\$ 26.67	
2018	\$ 6.10	\$ 3.73	\$ 15.04	\$ 2.18	\$ 27.05	
2019	\$ 6.44	\$ 4.42	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.99	\$ 27.85	
2020	\$ 5.51	\$ 3.46	\$ 13.53	\$ 1.92	\$ 24.42	
2021	\$ 5.75	\$ 3.33	\$ 12.40	\$ 1.77	\$ 23.25	
2022	\$ 6.05	\$ 3.24	\$ 14.11	\$ 1.24	\$ 24.64	
2023	\$ 6.22	\$ 3.65	\$ 13.93	\$ 1.63	\$ 25.43	
2024	\$ 7.55	\$ 3.33	\$ 14.28	\$ 1.82	\$ 26.98	

Tax Balances

<u>Invoice Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2024 Property Tax Issue 1	\$65,937.27
2024 Property Tax Issue 2	\$2,207,724.82
Total 2024 Taxes Unpaid	\$2,273,662.09
Tax Lien Levy of 2022	\$5,535.87
Tax Lien Levy of 2023	\$23,407.61
Tax Lien Levy of 2024	\$40,474.21
Total Tax Liens Unpaid	\$69,417.69
Total Outstanding Balance Due as of 12/31/2024	\$2,343,079.78



Year	2024
Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 7.55
County Tax Rate	\$ 3.33
Local Education	\$ 14.28
State Education	\$ 1.82
Total Tax Rate	\$ 26.98



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\$26.98

Municipality-Approved Tax
Rate
Tax Rate not Finalized

Tax Rate Breakdown Alstead

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,469,273	\$194,563,143	\$7.55
County	\$648,135	\$194,563,143	\$3.33
Local Education	\$2,777,925	\$194,563,143	\$14.28
State Education	\$346,448	\$190,423,943	\$1.82
Total	\$5,241,781		\$26.98

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$5,241,781
War Service Credits	(\$29,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$5,212,781

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$2,819,161	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,154,795)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$255,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$29,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$30,907	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$1,469,273	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$648,135	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$648,135	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$4,584,530	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,460,157)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$346,448)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$2,777,925	
State Education Tax	\$346,448	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$346,448	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$194,563,143	\$193,768,550
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$190,423,943	\$189,631,550
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$194,563,143	\$193,768,550

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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Tax Commitment Verification

2024 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$5,212,781
1/2% Amount	\$26,064
Acceptable High	\$5,238,845
Acceptable Low	\$5,186,717

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	5,213,984
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2024 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature: Julie A Bacon **Date:** 12/18/24

Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Alstead	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2024 Tax Rate	\$26.98	\$13.49

Associated Villages

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$0
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$6,591,669
Final Overlay	\$30,907

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices* (4.1), pg. 17.
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2024 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Alstead	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (12.23%)	\$806,462
17% Retained (<i>Maximum Recommended</i>)	\$1,120,584
10% Retained	\$659,167
8% Retained	\$527,334
5% Retained (<i>Minimum Recommended</i>)	\$329,583



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

Julie

Last Name

Bacon

Street No.

15

Street Name

Mechanic St

Phone Number

835-2242

Email (optional)

jbacon@alsteadnh.gov



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Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021
Property Taxes	3110		\$1,130,771.99		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$11,625.18)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2023	
Property Taxes	3110	\$5,213,996.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$22,404.78		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$661.62		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	3110	\$11,018.82			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,253.12	\$5,580.50		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$5,237,709.16	\$1,136,352.49	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	\$2,941,909.38	\$1,090,682.16		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$22,404.78			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,228.12	\$4,516.50		
Penalties	\$25.00	\$1,064.00		
Excavation Tax	\$661.62			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$39,581.20		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	\$6,518.22	\$508.63		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	\$2,271,186.21			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$6,224.17)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$5,237,709.16	\$1,136,352.49	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$2,264,962.04
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$60,541.98



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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$39,720.28	\$14,568.71	\$1,752.50
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$42,124.87			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$792.82	\$2,786.75	\$3,181.40	\$45.70
Total Debits	\$42,917.69	\$42,507.03	\$17,750.11	\$1,798.20

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Redemptions	\$5,068.85	\$20,208.52	\$10,594.51	\$1,752.50
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$792.82	\$2,786.75	\$3,181.40	\$45.70
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$37,056.02	\$19,511.76	\$3,974.20	
Total Credits	\$42,917.69	\$42,507.03	\$17,750.11	\$1,798.20

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$2,264,962.04
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$60,541.98



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ALSTEAD (9)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Julie

Bacon

Jan 2. 2025

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.

Julie A Bacon Alstead Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title

2024 Vital Statistics

Alstead Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2024

<u>Person A's Name</u>	<u>Person B's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Kercewich, Michael J	Underwood, Wendy A	Alstead	06/01
Clark Sr, William E	Augustinowicz, Michelle F	Alstead	06/15
Pearson, Lee A	Hamilton, Sara E	Alstead	06/29
Hanatow, Tyler J	Kelly, Lauren E	Alstead	07/16
Gruber, Daniel S	Lopez, Crystal M	Alstead	08/03
Gray, Simon B	Drum, Eve N	Alstead	08/24
Farnham, Bevan J	Barratt, Jodie L	Alstead	10/12

Alstead Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2024

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Hatch, Eiden Christopher	04/13	Lebanon	Hatch, Christopher E
			Hatch, Mary E
Perham, Charlie Paul	04/28	Keene	Perham, Kevin L
			Brehio, Sophia L
Travers, Kai Ewing	05/03	Peterborough	Travers, Owen H
			Ewing, Lindsay M
Moncrief, Isla Monime	05/03	Keene	Moncrief, Henry D
			Stancliff, Courtney J
Stoddard, Arlo Paul	06/17	Swanzey	Stoddard, Jacob P
			Stoddard, Tori J
Dow, Maisie	07/23	Peterborough	Dow, Daniel P
			Dow, Rebekah C
Wilcox, Lucille Jae	11/04	Keene	Wilcox, Jesse G
			Wilcox, Amber
Schuster, Emily Jade	11/17	Keene	Schuster, Jeffrey B
			Schuster, Tiffany E

2024 Vital Statistics

Alstead Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2024

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Hunting, Sandra A	Winchester	02/10
Chase II, Glen C	Lebanon	02/16
Adams, Maureen F	Alstead	03/25
Elsesser, Richard	Keene	04/05
White, Timothy A	Alstead	05/15
Richards, Benny D	Alstead	09/26
Quaile, Krystee L	Keene	11/03
Sutcliffe, Peggy O	Alstead	11/23
Cudd, Carol S	Alstead	12/03
Kenyon, Shannon D	Claremont	12/09

Moderator's 2024 Annual Report

The year of 2024 was a very busy year for voting. We experienced a Presidential Primary, a Deliberative Session, a Town and School Voting, a New Hampshire State Primary and a General Election. What happens to the votes and the ballots? Here we go, behind the scenes. Election procedures are very carefully created and monitored by the office of the NH Secretary of State.

For a registered Voter the first stop in the voting process is the check-in book: The Checklist, which is created and updated by the Supervisors of the Checklist in accordance with schedules and methods established by the NH Secretary of State. The people checking in the voters are the Inspectors of Elections. They are appointed for a two-year term and work according to procedures established by the NH Secretary of State following the election laws of the State.

The blank ballot handed each Voter for a state or federal election has been sent by the Office of the Secretary of State. Ballots for Town and School voting are created within the Town and School District. All blank ballots are counted before voting day and their number recorded. This begins the chain of forms to be completed and submitted at the end of each election.

Voting completed; the Voter stops at the desk of the Town Clerk to be checked off that list. The next stop for the Voter is to hand the ballot to the Moderator. Both of these stops are defined by law for hand count towns.

During the day of voting for state and federal events we are very likely to be visited by a representative from the Office of the NH Attorney General. This representative completes an extensive checklist as to our compliance with State regulations. The category for which we always receive a negative mark is on the availability and sufficiency of our parking!

Following the voting the Moderator records the number of blank ballots with which we started the day, numbers of ballots used during the voting, numbers of ballots voted through absentee voting, numbers of spoiled ballots, numbers of ballots left over at the end of the voting session. This is part of the reconciliation process to be reported to the Office of the Secretary of State.

When the polls close the counting begins. Usually about 25 counters have responded to the request to count. I am extremely grateful for the dedication, careful work, and good cheer of the Vote Counters. Our process is very carefully detailed, as the numbers of ballots cast must match up with the recorded number of voters checked in on the checklist. Vote Counters work in pairs. Within each batch of 50 ballots counted we record the numbers cast for each candidate as well as overvotes (voting for more than the indicated number per office), undervotes (wherein no vote is cast for a candidate) and the number of write-ins and this total must add up to the number 50 for each office or issue being examined by the voting pair. In this way we are secure in knowing that we have documented every vote on every ballot. I as Moderator record all results in each batch of 50, eventually creating the total results.

While the Vote Counters are counting, the Supervisors of the Checklist and the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk reconcile the check-in and check-out books, making sure their numbers match for all categories. They document numbers of in-person voters, absentee voters and, during a primary, numbers voting for each party. The Supervisors' and Clerk's reconciliation must match with the Moderator's reconciliation of ballots cast. We are not finished until we are satisfied that it does.

As soon as all votes have been recorded and necessary forms completed on the night of voting, the voting results for the state and general elections are driven by an Alstead police officer to State Police Headquarters C in Keene. A New Hampshire State Trooper transports collected results from Keene to Concord to the office of the Secretary of State where the final statewide vote is recorded that night.

On the night of March voting day the school district results are transmitted by fax by the Town Clerk to the Fall Mountain School District Supervisory Union. The Town Clerk transmits results of school and town votes and elections to news organizations and posts results of the voting on the big interior window in the lobby of the Town Office Building.

For every election the marked and unmarked ballots are securely sealed with a specific manner and red tape according to the instructions of the Secretary of State. The ballots are stored with the Alstead Town Clerk. Following all voting event additional forms are completed, signed and transmitted. Results of the voting are posted on the Town website.

The New Hampshire Secretary of State provides extensive guidance and many training sessions before voting and is always available for questions throughout the voting day. The New Hampshire Municipal Association provides training and guidance for all Town and School voting and elections.

And wait, there is more! The Town Clerk and the Supervisors of the Checklist also have very particular duties, schedules, processes and procedures to follow to ensure accurate voting and voter records throughout the year.

I hope that this telling provides you, the Voter, with a clear understanding of how it works. Many people are dedicated to the process of voting and to ensuring that every vote counts. I am grateful to all of them, and to you, the Voter, for participating.

Despite our strong success with hand counting, it may be time to change. The Town of Alstead has an unusual opportunity to move to a new phase of counting using a scanning tabulator system. On the 2025 ballot is a petitioned warrant article asking the voters of the Town of Alstead, pursuant to RSA 656:40, to permit the use of an electronic ballot counting device in our town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4500 for the VotingWorks hardware and initial service fee, to be raised by taxation. The remaining \$3500 cost of the hardware would be billed by VotingWorks directly to the NH Secretary of State under a one-time program available through June 30, 2026. Alstead would enter a 5-year contract with VotingWorks, at a cost of \$500 annual service fee and \$500 per election held in each year.

The reasons are many: time, the cost of time, a diminishing pool of vote counters, concern for safety in winter weather and succession planning. Each year we budget about \$2000 per voting event for the preparation for a hand-count, the counting, and the final compilation and reporting of results. In the presidential election year of 2024 which had 4 voting events we budgeted \$8145 for hand counting alone.

VotingWorks has met all the NH standards for tabulator operation and security and exceeds Federal standards for voting security. Paper ballots are fed by the voter into the scanner, which scans and records in 4 seconds. It is *very important* to note that the VotingWorks system cannot in any way connect with the internet and that its code is available on their website. Final reports are efficiently generated. **Please take a look at their website, [Voting.Works](https://www.votingworks.com).**

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One of the documents the Moderator, Town Clerk and Supervisors of the checklist complete for the Secretary of State is the *Names on the Checklist*. The information in the following chart is taken from the *Names on the Checklist* reports for 2024.

Names on the Alstead Voter Checklist, 2024

Voting Day		Dem	Rep	Und *	Total
Presidential Primary Start	1/23/2024	377	328	593	
Presidential Primary End	1/23/2024	384	371	570	1325
Town & School Vote Start	3/11/2024	353	366	589	
Town & School Vote End	3/11/2024	353	369	593	1315
NH State Primary Start	9/10/2024	355	371	601	
NH State Primary End	9/10/2024	378	380	574	1332
General Election Start	11/5/2024	383	379	622	
General Election End	11/5/2024	399	409	680	1488

* Voters registered as Democratic, Republican, Undeclared

Details of Voting Events, Alstead 2024

Presidential Primary - January 23, 2024

Candidates: 21 Democratic, 24 Republican

Absentee ballots: 18 voting Republican, 15 voting Democratic

Undeclared casting ballots for Republican = 262

Undeclared casting ballots for Democratic = 46

Democratic ballots cast: 213. Republican ballots cast: 469

Total ballots cast: 682. Voter participation: 51.4% Twenty-four people counted votes. Counting was done before 8. Final tabulation, reconciliation and reports complete at 10 pm.

Deliberative Session - February 3, 2024 - 10 am start

60 voters at the meeting, 10 guests in attendance. Voter participation: 5%

By 2 pm 35 voters remained. The meeting ended at 3 pm, the voters remaining having moved to reconsider article 2 (the budget) and then reducing it. Thus 3% of Alstead voters determine the size of the budget for the year, and this was the budget on which people voted on March 12.

Town/School Voting - March 12, 2024

A sunny day! Unlike last year (2023) we had no drama with the weather, and we were all grateful.

Town and School voting involves completing 4 separate ballots: elections and ballots for both the Town of Alstead and the Fall Mountain Regional School District.

405 voters came to the polls to cast ballots and 14 people voted by absentee ballot, for a Total voters: 419. Voter participation: 32% Twenty people helped with counting of the 4 ballots. This took 2.75 hours. Final tabulation, reconciliation and reports complete at 11 pm.

NH State Primary - September 10, 2024

Absentee ballots: 10 voting Republican, 23 voting Democratic

Undeclared casting ballots for Republican = 64

Undeclared casting ballots for Democratic = 107

Democratic ballots cast: 245 Republican ballots cast: 204

Total ballots cast: 449. Voter participation: 34%.

Seventeen people helped with counting the ballots, finishing by 9 pm. Final tabulation, reconciliation and reports complete at 10:45 pm.

General Election - November 5, 2024

In the General Election 1070 people voted in person and 150 voted absentee giving a total of 1220 voters casting ballots. This is a voter turnout of 82%. Very high! The New Hampshire turnout on 11/5/2024 was 73%. Thirty-three people helped to count ballots. Most counting was completed by 9 pm. Final tabulation, reconciliation and reports complete at 10:30 pm.

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There were four voting periods in 2024 and I would like to acknowledge the people who volunteered to count the ballots this year. This is such a wonderful service that these people give to the Town of Alstead. It is work that is done cheerfully, carefully, efficiently despite the night time hour and possibly stormy weather.

Vote Counters 2024

Beaudoin, Patricia	Kelley, Madison	Reller, Carol
Bellows, Barrett	Kelley, Rebecca	Reller, Ed
Bittenbender, Kevin	Krebs, Susan	Rhoades, Peter
Bittenbender, Margaret	Levesque, Joe	Sabin, Donna
Campbell-Counts, Joyce	Lounsbury, Cody	Sawa, Priscilla
Coolidge, Laura	Marchesi, Jenifer	Sergeant, Maggie
Dennewitz, Evan	Marsden, Melanie	Stevens, Juliana
Dennewitz, Kim	Miller, David	Stone, Dexter
Dudley, Penny	Nace, Emily	Taussig, Cara
Gawron, Marty	Nace, Geoffrey	Torrey, Katharine
Gordon, James	Nace, Kristen	Waldman, Mary Ellen
Jasmin, Heather	Nalevanko, Joy	Wildes, Jack
Johnson, Andi	Nalevanko, Rich	
Jones, Bronwen	Phennah, Sharon	
Keller, Alicia		

I am grateful to these volunteers who helped in many capacities during the year: Mark Danahy, Maggie Cohen-Kauders, Jaren Haber, Heidi Konesko, Priscilla Sawa, Mary Ann Wolf, Jude Willis.

Our Inspectors of Elections have been Ellen Chase, Holly Gay, Chris Hansen, Laurence Howard, Michael Jasmin, Mark Mastrocinque, Marge Noonan, Hans Waldman. Their experience, goodwill and carefulness has helped us all feel secure and confident.

I am thankful for the goodwill and work of two Assistant Moderators who have served alongside me this year. David Miller served from late spring of 2022 through March of 2024. Joseph Levesque has served since March. I am thankful for the opportunity to play a part in the democratic processes of our town, our state and our nation. I am thankful for the increased awareness and knowledge this position as Moderator has given me as to the importance of protecting the vote of The People, and depth to the belief that governments derive "...their just powers from the consent of the governed". --Thomas Jefferson, The Declaration of Independence, 1776.

--Susan E. Norlander, Moderator

2024 Alstead Highway Department Annual Report

I would like to start by thanking the Highway Department crew for their dedication and hard work during the year. Due to the size of our crew, many long days and nights are endured throughout the year. This department would not be able to accomplish the things we do every year, without this dedicated team of individuals. Thank you again!

The beginning of 2024 came in like a lamb and continued like this through the winter. This is great because it reduces the amount of mud that we must deal with in the spring. However, this causes its own set of problems when you try to plow gravel roads that are not frozen. Trying to prevent the plow from digging in constantly makes for long days and nights of plowing.

In the spring we were able to purchase a box blade and offset flail mower using a special one-time Highway Block Grant. The flail mower was used at Bragg Lane to reclaim the field that had been overrun by vegetation. The mower was also used for roadside mowing this year. With some funds remaining in the special block grant, the town purchased a large tire changer and wheel balancing machine. These pieces of equipment will allow the Highway Department to change large tires in-house, this will save the town money by not having to send tires out to have them done.

In April, Bazin Brothers won the bid and was awarded the Resurfacing Projects Contract for the sum of \$259,510.40. The resurfacing projects consisted of milling and paving of Homestead, Drewsville, and North Roads, as well as paving an apron on Cobb Hill. After the projects were finished, center lines and fog lines were added to the roads that were paved. While Poirier Guidelines was in town, we had them add lines to Gilsum Mine Road. Unfortunately, due to funding we could only add lines to that one road.

Due to the drought, we were able to take care of many culverts in need of replacing. This depleted much of our reserves, luckily, we were able to use \$38,488.00 of ARPA funds to replace some of our stock.

In the fall, the State of New Hampshire red listed Comstock Road Bridge. Due to quick actions by the Highway Department, the bridge was re-decked with new timbers and was quickly taken off the red list for a few more years. When that project was finished, we then cleaned out the grader shed and added a mezzanine. This project was done using donated materials. The mezzanine will provide us with about 350 square feet of additional storage space.

In closing, I would like to thank the community for their continued support over the last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prescott Trafton
Road Agent

2024 ALSTEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

For the last several years we have continued an upward trend in calls for service. We had 862 in 2022, 973 in 2023, and 1070 in 2024. We welcome the many new residents to our town!

Our top calls for service (CFS) for 2024 are as follows:

- Follow Up to a CFS or Incident 63
- Walk-in and Phone Assist 47
- Animal Complaints 38
- Emergency Medical Assist 37
- Assist other Agencies 36
- Welfare Checks 35
- Community Policing 29
- Record Requests 27
- Suspicious Incidents 23
- Manner of Operation 20
- Civil Issues 18
- Langdon CFS 16
- Found Property 16
- Neighbor Disputes 16
- VIN Verification 16
- Mental Health Assist 13
- Motor Vehicle Crashes 13
- Theft 13
- Protection Order Served 12
- Scams and Fraudulent Activity 10
- Juvenile Issues 10
- Fingerprint service 10
- Alstead School Assist 10
- Assist Other Jurisdiction 9
- Harassment 9
- Unwanted Subject 9

Some of these calls for service take only a few minutes, but many of them take hours, days, weeks, or months to conclude, including some that require time in court. Corporal Underwood, part-time Officer Jonah Merkle, Penny Gendron and myself handle these calls as we are available. In addition to our 1070 calls for service, our department also initiated 381 Motor Vehicle Stops. We responded to approximately 85% of all calls for service that occurred in Alstead in 2024. NHSP or other agencies covered the balance.

The police department's community outreach programs continue to be very successful. Our Office Administrator Penny Gendron and Corporal Wendy Underwood's yearly coordination of these initiatives are enjoyed by all who come out and participate. Some of these include the bi-annual Drug Takeback Day, Trunk or Treat (in 2024, 10 plus vehicles were decorated and the event was attended by approximately 150 children and their families), and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting (with the accompanying activities). Thank you to all of the community members who come out in all kinds of weather to help and/or participate in these events.

The Alstead Police Department provides many services to town residents. Among these are Fingerprinting, Car Seat Fitting/Evaluation, and Bicycle Helmet Fitting. We still have a few free bicycle helmets left. We can confidentially provide information to contact outside resources for mental health, welfare, domestic violence victim support, and others. If you have any questions or would like more information about these and other services please call 603-835-6277. All calls and meetings with our department are confidential.

To maintain our certifications and enhance our skills, we participated in multiple training sessions throughout the year. Wendy, Jonah and I completed our mandatory training with NH Police Standards and Training Council including; Firearms, Use of Force, the "3x2s" (2 hours each of Implicit Bias, Ethics, De-escalation) and "Prioritizing Officer Mental Health Wellness". Wendy also participated in NCJTC "Minimal Facts Gathering", DHART "Ground Safety Course", National Child Passenger Safety "Car Seat Detective", NH Attorney General's "Response to Adult Sexual Assault Cases", PRI Management Group

"Report Writing 102", NHPSTC "Human Trafficking 101" and "No Buyer=No Victim", and Granite State Children's Alliance "Minimal Facts for First Responders", Primex "Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention for Schools",

Penny completed these courses: Criminal Justice Information Services; Security and Privacy Training, Primex "Calming the Storm: How to De-Escalate Emotionally Charged Encounters" and "Ethics and Code of Conduct, PRI Management Group "Releasing and Redacting Law Enforcement Records" and "Report Writing 102".

I attended courses: UNH Safety Symposium "Finding Resilience Through Crisis", NHPSTC "Prioritizing Officer Mental Health Wellness and Resilience", PRI "Releasing and Redacting Law Enforcement Records", ATF Federal Firearms Offenses Training, Primex "Handling Conflict", "Social Media Ethics", "Accident Investigation: Preventing Injuries and Improving Safety in the Workplace", and "Interpersonal Communication Skills".

A huge thank you to our Highway Department, Ambulance and Fire Departments, our mutual aid departments; Cheshire County Sheriff's Office, Walpole and Marlow Police Departments, and the NH State Police who cover Alstead when we are not on duty. In addition, I would like to thank our select board members who have continued to support our department goals for this past year. Many other town employees assist all residents and us throughout the year. It is impossible to thank everyone but I wanted to give a shout out to Town Administrator Misty Gratacos, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Julie Bacon and Administrative Assistant to the select board Sharon Iozzo, Thank you!

A very special recognition and congratulations to Administrative Assistant Penny Gendron who has been working for the police department for 10 years this March 2025. She has been an invaluable asset to the town, the department, and to me. Penny cares so much for Alstead and the Community that she works tirelessly all hours of the day and night to help the residents of our town through her general availability and license as a Justice of the Peace. Whether she is signing an arrest Warrant after hours, responding to a request for assistance through social media, or conducting marriage ceremonies in the Gazebo, Penny is there for everyone. It is not possible to convey my appreciation for everything that Penny is and has done for all of us. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Penny.

After all the years of service here, the members of this department, past and present can never be thanked enough. This job would be completely impossible without the diligent relentless efforts of our employees. THANK YOU to our amazing team: Office Administrator Penny Gendron, Corporal Wendy Underwood, and part-time Officer Jonah Merkle for all your hard work every year. Our town is fortunate to have you all working here!

If anyone ever has any questions about the department, police work in general, or just to say 'Hi' please stop by and visit us. We look forward to seeing you!

Respectfully,

Stephen D. Murrell
Chief of Police

2024 Transfer Station Annual Report

2024 brought some changes to the Alstead Transfer Station. Jesse Moore was hired to oversee operations. You probably already know Jesse in his role as Alstead Ambulance Chief. Welcome aboard Jesse! You may have also noticed the bright color uniforms which provide a measure of safety to our employees. A grid rail was also installed around the compactor to improve safety. Training (CPR, AED, blood borne pathogens) as well as policies and procedures updates have been a priority.

Revenue for 2024 amounted to \$89,839.98 which is down \$8,693 from 2023 revenue of \$98,533.44. Transfer Station revenue is comprised of 3 categories:

- 1) Langdon contributes to the operational cost of running the Transfer Station. In 2022, Langdon paid \$45,500, in 2023 \$56,000 and then a new formula based on population was developed, resulting in \$43,398.59 Langdon cost share for 2024.
- 2) External income from recycling commodities equaled \$10,004.83
- 3) Fees paid by resident for disposal of Construction & Demo, tires, fluorescent bulbs, electronics totaled \$36,436.56

OPERATIONS Expenses = \$90,588 in 2024. This includes wages for employees, uniforms, phone, training, supplies, equipment rental and repairs, building & grounds expenses. Operations expenses are up \$8,248 in 2024 over 2023.

Expenses for the SANITATION side of business totaled \$137,070 an increase of \$7,374 over 2023. The three largest expenses for Sanitation are:

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) \$83,317.68
Construction and Demolition (C&D) \$9,582.24
Trucking \$36,783

MSW - The compactors were emptied 83 times in 2024 with a total weight of 771.5 tons of waste by Ruggerio. The rate charged is \$108 per ton resulting in a cost of \$83,317.68 for processing the waste. Ruggerio also charges each time they haul the compactor. The rate was \$250 start of 2024 and increased to \$275 midyear. Trucking fees for MSW equal \$21,500. MSW total expense = \$104,817.68.

C&D - The C&D container was hauled and emptied 21 times in 2024 for a total weight of 88.7 tons. Rate of \$108 equals \$9,582.84 expense for disposal and \$5,550 for trucking. C&D total expense = \$15,132.84.

Trucking – In addition to the expense of trucking MSW and C&D, Alstead pays Ruggerio to haul Metal \$4,675 and Paper \$3,550.

Alstead disposed of material from the Comstock bridge project, bringing it to Ruggerio via town owned vehicle. Fee for disposal of 8.13 tons at \$160 = \$1,300.80.

Additional disposal expenses include Hazardous Waste \$400, Glass \$1,387.75, Bulbs \$107.53, Tires \$1,294, Electronics \$1,439.68, Freon \$824, and Paper \$457.30

Let's talk about recycling....

There was a time when collecting and baling plastic could produce income. Not so much anymore. It was determined that collecting plastic in Alstead is labor intensive, costly, and not as environmentally friendly as once thought. This resulted in a policy change to plastic collection starting January 1, 2025. Plastic will no longer be collected separately, and should be disposed of with your regular waste.

This only applies to plastics. Several other items make both financial and environmental sense to collect and recycle. Please continue to separate your cardboard, aluminum cans, glass, and paperboard.

The Selectmen and Town employees endeavor to be good stewards of taxpayer money and act in the best interest of residents. Decisions are based on feasibility, economics, safety, and environmental impact.

Let's all do our part to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

Respectfully submitted by Bindy Curtis for
Jesse Moore, Director of Alstead Transfer Station

Alstead OEM Annual Report

This year presented numerous challenges working through the issues identified in the Infrastructure and Personnel Assessment Questionnaire done last year.

Infrastructure and Personnel needs continue to be of great concern.

Maintenance requirements on vital equipment and infrastructure were identified and solutions were found, but work within some areas remains.

Capital equipment in some agencies shows its age and a serious conversation concerning the future levels of some services is warranted. Extremes in weather, such as extended periods of rain or drought, major areas of landslides and erosions, bitter cold and intense hot spells continue to be areas of concern.

We have begun working with the school district looking at possibilities for an Emergency Shelter. Funding for emergency food supplies, emergency cots, and such is non-existent. FEMA grant monies are competitive based, and we are extremely low on the list, even when our needs are clearly demonstrated. Plans are underway to seek alternative revenue sources along with common interest coalitions blending resources for emergencies. One big need is a dedicated Emergency Operations Center. A plan for a makeshift EOC is in place.

Much work remains.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven P. Reynolds

Emergency Management Director

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS 2024 Annual Report

A new capitol reserve trust fund was established for the purpose of repairing and replacing the towns back-up generators.

The Shedd Porter Memorial Library Trust Fund handled by the Alstead Trustees of Trust Funds realized income of \$5,386.88 during 2024.

The income from Cemetery Trust Funds was used to help defray the expense of cemetery maintenance was \$17,350.98 for 2024.

New cemetery trust funds established in 2024.

August 17, 2024, Robert and Cheryl Burroughs	\$800.00	West Cemetery
September 10, 3034, Charles and Mary Pratt	\$400.00	West Cemetery

At a meeting Feb. 27, 2024, we agreed to establish the following rates and conditions for the purchase of burial plots in the Alstead Cemeteries effective March 1, 2024.

- 1 Single burial plot 4' x 11' in size, \$400.00
 A This includes one cremation burial.
 B Or one full casket burial.
 C When cremation burial is chosen, it is allowed to have four additional cremation
 Burials in said plot at \$100.00 per cremation internment.
 D The additional \$100.00 fees will be added to the original \$400.00 cemetery trust fund.
- 2 Double Burial plot 8' x 11' in size \$800.00
 A This allows for two full casket burials.
 B Or one casket burial and up to five cremation burials.
 C Additional fees same as C & D for single plot.
3. Corner stone markers required within six (6) months of lot purchase, installation free.
4. Fee for digging and restoring lot for cremation internment \$200.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Trustee Of Trust Funds
Bruce A. Bellows
Jodi Kerkerwich
Allen Kauders

ALSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024 Annual Report

2024 was another very productive year for the Alstead Historical Society. We were fortunate to have Catherine Jahos and Linda (Bellows) Roller join us on Thursdays at our office in the municipal building. Historic materials and items for the museum continue to be donated and have to be recorded, sorted and filed. Linda Roller was especially helpful in researching ancestral information for people's requests.

The flagpole, light, stone posts and chain were replaced in front of the Alstead Historical Museum. These items were destroyed by an automobile in the winter of 2023/2024.

The steeple on the Maybelle Still Memorial Building (AHS Museum) was painted in October, 2024, with some rotten areas found and repainted in the process. Also, the vent slats in the gable end vent were replaced and painted.

The museum was open on Memorial Day, the 2nd and 4th Sunday's, June thru September and Columbus Day from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. We had 59 visitors from 18 states and 7 New Hampshire towns.

At our annual meeting in April, we welcomed Joy Nalevanko onto our Board of Trustees.

We hosted two Humanities To Go Programs in 2024. In April, Steve Taylor presented "New Hampshire's Long, Love, Hate Relationship With Its Agricultural Farms". There were 39 people in attendance. In November, Jeff Warner presented "Range the Wild Woods Over – Loggers songs and stories", with 28 people in attendance.

Alstead Historical Society donated \$400.00 to help students at Vilas Middle School participate in the American Heritage Tour to Washington DC, Gettysburg, VA and Philadelphia.

Two large mineral specimens were found at the Shedd Porter Library and given to the Historical Society. These samples contain quartz, beryl, mica and feldspar and are now on display at our museum. These two items probably given to the AHS when it was located in the basement of the library in the 1940's and 1950's.

Mark Mastrocinque has joined the historical society and has volunteered to digitalize our tapes, photo's, and records onto CD's and has been making great progress on what will be a long process because of the volume of material the Alstead Historical Society has.

Heather Gendron, Gayle Bellows and Mark Mastrocinque have organized a group of Alstead's native citizens 80's and 90's in age, to be recorded talking about their memories, and changes that have occurred in their lifetimes. This group has met two times and have covered a number of topics. We plan to continue this program in 2025.

We were able to produce only two issues of the "Alstead Vintage Times" during 2024. It is with great sadness that we experienced a sudden decline in the health and the passing

of Peg Sutcliffe. Peg was a very active member of the Alstead Historical Society for many years. She served as a Trustee and became the Editor of the Alstead Vintage Times at its exception in 2018. It was because of her great talent as a writer and artist that everyone got to enjoy the articles in the Vintage Times, which she produced over the past seven years. We all appreciated Peg/s dedication to the Vintage Times.

We are forming a committee to be able to continue publishing the Alstead Vintage Times. Please bear with us as we endeavor to fill the large void created by Peg's passing.

We created an exhibit of a Christmas Tree in the year 1908 and had it on display in the lobby of the Municipal Building for all to enjoy.

Respectively Submitted,
Alstead Historical Society

Bruce Bellows, President

CEMETERY COMMISSION 2024 Annual Report

Maintenance and upkeep of our cemeteries was a little less difficult this year than in 2023 as we had less rain, but the grass continued to grow at a rate that was manageable, thanks to Jodi Kercewich and Shaena Hakey for a job well done.

Twenty small headstones at Alstead Center Cemetery and eight medium size headstones at Mapleside Cemetery were straightened and reset. Four flat ground grave markers at Pine Grove Cemetery and two flat ground grave markers at West Cemetery were uncovered, lifted and reset along with a number of corner stones. One large monument in Morningside Cemetery was straightened and reset by Keene Monument Company in Keene, New Hampshire.

Russell Tree Service of Alstead was hired to cut a large ash tree near the stone wall along route 123 and to trim limbs on an oak tree and several maple trees at West Cemetery in East Alstead.

At a meeting February 27, 2024, we agreed to establish the following rates and conditions for the purchase of burial plots in the Alstead Cemeteries effective March 1, 2024.

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 - C Additional fees same as C and D for single plot.**
- 3 Corner stone markers required within six (6) months of lot purchase, installation free.**
- 4 Fee for digging and restoring lot for cremation internment. \$200.00**

When a cemetery plot is purchased, a new cemetery trust fund is established with interest from that fund to be used to care for cemeteries. The annual interest from all cemetery trust funds is paid to the town of Alstead to offset a portion of the annual cemetery budget. For the year 2024 that amount was \$17,350.98. Cemetery lots may be acquired by contracting Jodi Kercewich at 603-209-3954.

**Alstead Cemetery Commision
Bruce A. Bellows
Jodi Kercewich
Allen Kauders**

Dear Community Members,

Vilas Pool Park is a cherished town and state treasure. Built between 1925 and 1926, it was generously gifted to the town of Alstead by Charles Vilas, a native of Alstead and philanthropist. The park is funded by grants, an endowment left by Mr. Vilas, and generous donations from community members like you. In 2022, Vilas Pool Park was added to the NH State Register of Historic Places.

The park features a variety of recreational areas, including a carillon, picnic areas, a man-made pool, fireplaces, swimming, boating, and a pavilion available for events. For nearly a century, Vilas Pool Park has been a gathering place for the community, where neighbors, friends, and families can come to enjoy nature and the simple pleasures of life.

The 2024 season at Vilas Pool Park started strong with the renovation of the historic “snack shack”, funded by a Moose Plate grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources. The snack shack historically served as a place to grab a little nosh while enjoying the park, but over the years had become quite dilapidated. Recognizing its historic significance, the committee oversaw a full refurbishment inside and out, as nearly all aspects of the building needed repair to be saved. Today, the snack shack looks better than ever, and the committee hopes to offer refreshments from it in the coming years.

In addition to the renovations, a great deal of clean up was necessary due to flooding from prior years. This took place throughout most of the summer while the park remained open to the public. The committee was also able to replace the Swan Boat that was lost last year and purchased a side-by-side UTV to assist with boat removal, grounds care, and transportation for those who are unable to navigate some of the property's hilly and rocky terrain.

The park continues to be a popular venue for folks to celebrate all sorts of occasions. Some of the events we hosted this year included: The Vilas 8th grade grad dance, the Alstead Ambulance award dinner, several baby showers, two weddings, many family picnics, The Boy Scouts camped out overnight, The Girl Scouts also had their own campout, there was a memorial service, and many birthday parties including for our own Steve Blake, longtime Vilas Pool supporter and Committee Member.

Looking ahead to 2025, the committee is considering bringing back Vilas Pool Day and other family events to the park. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing your love of this historic treasure with all of us.

Sincerely,

The Vilas Pool Park Committee

2024 Annual Town Report Alstead Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is in transition, and we are looking for new members. We welcomed a new commissioner this fall, Andi Johnson.

Trails – The commission and Bill Blaiklock have completed the Town Forest Trail, named the Newell Pond Woods Trail. Commissioners and friends hiked the 1.5 mile trail in May with Bill. He provided signage to guide hikers.

See Bill's Facebook page, Friends of Alstead Trails, for a map (look in **Featured**) and visitors' comments.

In 2025, we are looking forward to more trail activity at Wellman Pond off Gilsum Mine Road.

Lake Warren – The commissioners attended two site walks and a hearing to address ongoing problems, at the lake, with Pine Cliff Road and the state boat landing. The commission also provided to some lake abutters information about plantings to help control erosion.

Road Clean-up – Many "Thank-You's" go out to those who signed up and showed up Saturday, April 27, 2024, to remove trash from our roadsides. Blue Bags were distributed by the re-use center and were collected by Alstead's road crew. Alstead's police department issued updated safety guidelines for this activity.

THANK YOU ALL!

Orchard Hill School – The commission is pleased to be able to contribute again to the Orchard Hill School summer program for children. We donated two scholarships to Alstead children to attend the program.

Easements – The commission monitored easements in the fall. We contact the owner to make site visits and take walks to check for conditions. We are required to report findings to state organization, as noted here: the New

Hampshire Society for Protection of Forests (NHSPF).

An exception is at Wellman Pond (the Gardener Easement), which is reported to the Conservation Land Stewardship Program.

NOTE: We need a steward or designated person to monitor the easement annually. A partial monitoring was done in 2022 by a representative from the CLIP program.

The latest version of the Conservation Land Stewardship Guide for Municipal LCIP Properties is available on their website, <https://www.clsp.nh.gov/lcip-municipalities/municipal-guide>. It is a great resource for both municipal LCIP Property stewards and LCIP conservation easement landowners. *Check it out!*

Forestry workshop – The Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) offers workshops to staff and the public. A commissioner attended one held in summer 2024 on Pratt Road at a logging site, demonstrating damages to the landscape due to poorly logged activity.

Here is their website's Forestry Resources webpage, with access to NH Best Management Practices. Also see UNH's webpage about protecting water quality.

<https://www.cheshireconservation.org/forestry>

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/best-management-practices-forestry-protecting-new-hampshires-water-quality>

Respectfully submitted by the Alstead Conservation Commission:

Sarah Webb, chair

David Moody

Donna Sabin

Andi Johnson

Joyce Campbell-Counts

SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Report 2024

2024 was a great year for Shedd-Porter Memorial Library! I am always happy to report on the events of this busy year:

- Patrons visited Shedd-Porter over 10,000 times in 2024.
- We welcomed 63 new patrons to the library.
- 17,682 items circulated throughout the community.
- Shedd-Porter is pleased to participate in resource-sharing with other NH public libraries. In 2024, the NH Inter-Library Loan system delivered 770 items to us, while we lent 992 items to other libraries throughout the state.
- We added 1,035 new items to our shelves.
- By using the library instead of purchasing materials, patrons saved over \$113,000.
- Our public access computers were used over 400 times, while many more patrons made use of our free wifi. There is no charge to use our computers – many people use them to print! Our printing fees are \$.20 per page for b/w and \$.50 for color.

Programs at Shedd-Porter are an important part of our mission. They are always free to the public. We welcome you! For area youth, we host Storytimes on Thursdays at 11:30 am. This fun time is geared towards preschool children. On Fridays our creativity flows during Crafternoons at 3:30pm. This event is geared toward elementary-aged children. All children and their caregivers are welcome to join in!

Programming at Shedd-Porter extends as outreach into our local schools. I love leading Storytimes and bringing books to share to both Sarah Porter School and Alstead Primary School monthly. We are happy to provide books for a book club at Fall Mountain Regional High School through our Inter-Library Loan system.

Summer is my favorite time of year at Shedd-Porter, and I'm excited to tell you about 2024 highlights of the Marion Holmes Summer Reading Club! Our theme was Adventure Begins at your Library! Adventure we did. I am so grateful to the Holmes family for continuing to financially support this program. We hosted eight programs over six weeks this past summer where we read, learned, and created!

- As always, we started the summer with the crowd-favorite Wildlife Encounters – over 65 people joined us to learn about, see and touch many furry, and not so furry friends!
- We were thrilled that Kate Buckman of the Connecticut River Conservancy joined us for our River Walk – back by popular demand! Kate taught us about the critters we might find living in, and around our Cold River. We explored and enjoyed the river – thank you so much Kate!
- I am so grateful to Alstead Ambulance, Alstead Fire, Alstead Police and Langdon Fire for teaching us valuable safety lessons and first aid on a steamy hot July day! They all graciously allowed us to check out the rescue vehicles. We are all grateful to you, our Rescue Heroes!
- The Children's Literacy Foundation awarded us a Summer Reader's Grant which was another summer highlight! Local author Marty Kelley delighted our youth with his storytelling and each child got to pick out two new, free books to keep! Thank you CLiF!
- During Art Week we created pinatas with papier mache. They were so festive!

- At the end of the summer, we celebrated everything we had accomplished with sno-cones, popcorn, games and lots of prizes! Once again, I am thankful to the Alstead Area Masons who graciously donated two new bicycles to our program for Grand Prizes! Thank you, Masons, for creating such buzz and excitement!
- Over 50 children signed up for the Marion Holmes Summer Reading Club!

We invite all children in pre-school through 8th grade to join us for Summer Reading in 2025!

Shedd-Porter had a busy year of programming for patrons of all ages! Again, all our programs are free to the public. Throughout the year:

- Civil Conversation meets every 3rd Saturday from 9:30 to 11am. This is an opportunity for stimulating discussion about politics and the events of the day. All are welcome. Thank you to Joel McCarty for being a great host and moderator!
- Our community favorite on the last Saturday of the month has been rebranded as Crumb Together Cafe. Please join us at this fun gathering and opportunity to connect with neighbors! Yummy pastries and coffee are for sale as you catch up and chat.
- This fall, Shedd-Porter returned to the Langdon Fall Festival, having fun while painting pumpkins! It was such a marvelous community day, and I am very grateful to Pete's Stand in Walpole for donating the pumpkins. I look forward to the 2025 Festival – come find us there!
- Online, Shedd-Porter hosts the “Page Turners” Book Fan Club on Facebook. This is a great way to connect with other readers, get recommendations, and if you want, join us in monthly reading goals. It's fun! Please contact the library if you would like to join in.
- The library hosts a monthly in-person Page Turners Book Club – all are welcome! Please contact the library to hear about the current book pick, and to get your copy.
- Our Needlecraft Group continues to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Anyone with a handheld project is welcome to join in. Some members of our group collaborate with the Knitting group at the Walpole Library to make knitted and crocheted squares for WarmUp America.
- Alstead Ambulance came to Shedd-Porter and taught two “Hands-Only” CPR classes. We look forward to hosting more evenings where community members can learn these life-saving skills. Thank you, Alstead Ambulance!
- We have an ongoing Jigsaw Puzzle Swap at the Library! Please feel free to take a puzzle – and bring a puzzle if you can.
- We had a wonderful Scarecrow Party this year! Over 60 people joined us on the front lawn to decorate our annual scarecrows. I hope you enjoyed them!
- Our Second Annual Gingerbread Holiday Party for children was festive and lots of fun! Over 50 people joined us in the Children's Room for this wonderful event. Thank you to Trustee Kathy Torrey for reading us some beloved stories as the reveling began!

2024 was also exciting because we accomplished an important renovation of the downstairs restroom. Our Trustee Susan Norlander has written an excellent report on this project – I encourage you to check it out! We are thrilled and grateful for grants from the Mascoma Foundation as well as many donations large and small from individuals. So many community members contributed to this effort! It was wonderful to see this project through to completion. Many patrons have commented on the spectacular

A Marvelous Change

The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library has a phenomenal new restroom! After generations of having a restroom squeezed into a tiny closet space in the corner of a dark, unpleasant and frightening room we now have a clean and charming restroom area for our patrons.

The impact of this renovation cannot be overstated. The patrons' experience at Shedd-Porter is transformed. Children are no longer scared to enter a dark, ominous room. They are not scared of a loud pumping system. People have privacy in the bathroom. Children can access a sink, and caregivers can change a baby. Adults have room to move around. Families stay at the library longer. We have received so much enthusiastic feedback on the renovation. We have heard "You all did a great job on the bathroom!" "The bathroom looks great!" to "Thank you!" and "The little sink is so cute!" Staff is also thrilled. Everyone notices and the praise is unanimous. We are so very grateful.

Many monetary contributions funded this project. The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is so thankful for the \$5000 grant from the Mascoma Bank Foundation specifically for the renovation. Patrons and donors wrote checks and dropped coins into our collection jar. Each contribution, whether a penny or many dollar bills, helped make this significant change and was accepted with gratitude.

Bellows Construction LLC provided an inspiring re-imagination of what the space could be and then made it a reality, a magical transformation. We were blessed by having the additional magical support of Matt Beam Plumbing and Heating and J.A. Allen and Son Electric. Altogether, they put on a brilliant show.

There are so many new upgrades! A new toilet has been reoriented to better fit the small space. A new pumping mechanism is now sequestered behind a wall and is much quieter than the old model. The water closet walls were painted a warm cream color. A period appropriate lock (operable from outside in an emergency) ensures privacy, a new feature for our restroom. The old and stained sink was removed and two new sinks --adult and child levels-- are installed outside of the water closet. A new hot water heater now produces warm water. A lit mirror sparkles above the sinks. New woodwork and lighting above the sinks is beautiful and helps conceal the pipes. The once dark brown and stained walls of the outer room have been painted a warm cream color while preserving the historic painted-on wainscoting. The ductwork has been painted, further disguising any pipes across the ceiling. A changing table is now in place on one wall. A motion sensor light gives immediate light to anyone entering. A utility sink was installed in the adjacent boiler room; this allows programming staff to clean up after crafts and the cleaning crew to properly dispose of cleaning water. The change is stupendous!

The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is at the heart of the communities of Alstead and Langdon, and affects the lives of the patrons in every way that a person lives within a community. Individuals use the Library for literacy, knowledge and creative stimulation. Individuals use the Library for research in all aspects of contemporary life: environment, health needs, housing and technology. The computers and printers in the Library give individuals access to health and human services and tax preparation. The Library provides a venue for people to come together twice a month for discussion and social interaction.

Children and families of our communities love our friendly children's room; a place to play, weekly craft programs, reading challenges, and the very well attended Marion Holmes Summer Reading Program. Having a functioning, comfortable, charming, sanitary and secure restroom ensures that the Library cares for its patrons needs.

The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library mission to welcome the public requires that we keep up with critical infrastructure. The state of our previous restroom facilities was severely lacking. As the trustees, staff, and the community navigate into Shedd-Porter's second century, modernization and updates must occur. At the same time we must remain true to the beauty and character of our historic building. This project contributes to this effort, helping to ensure this library stays vibrant and relevant well into the future.

--Susan Norlander, Trustee

upgrade! Thank you to Bellows Construction, Matt Beam Plumbing and Heating, and J.A. Allen and Son Electric for your excellent work.

I am so very grateful for the many ways members of our community volunteered their time and talent at the library in 2024. Thank you all!

- Cody Lounsbury graciously covered books for us, helping to get books out into the community as fast as possible. She also joined in the Storytime fun, and I am so grateful!
- Marcy Buckman has brightened our stairwell with adorable quilts for every season.
- Dussault Property Management donated the materials for us to build a Little Free Library. Look forward to it near the Millot Green parking lot in 2025!
- The students in the Job Experience Program at Fall Mountain Regional High School reshelfed books, as well as helped to keep the Children's Room organized and tidy. A big thank you to their teacher, Daylyn Finnegan!

Many community members have donated financially to the library, and we are immensely grateful. Shedd-Porter cannot run with vibrancy without you. Thank you sincerely.

This past year we were all thrilled to welcome Jodie Brown to the staff, and Jessi Dussault back to our staff! I really cannot say enough good things about the team at Shedd-Porter. Such creative and positive energy! In 2024 the staff has been especially nimble; cheerfully working to make Shedd-Porter a welcoming community center. Gaale Klein, Lindsey Elsesser, Jessi Dussault, Sharon Iozzo and Jodie Brown – I love working with you and am fortunate to have you all as the Shedd-Porter team! I am so, so grateful. Laura LaMears takes impeccable care of our building – thank you so much Laura!

I am especially grateful to the dedicated Library Trustees: Matt Saxton, Susan Norlander, Carol Reller, Kathy Torrey and Jude Willis, as well as our alternate Joe Levesque. They all devote countless hours to the library, ensuring through their stewardship that this treasured resource will continue well into the future. Thank you so very much for your guidance, support, and all your efforts!

I love helping patrons find a book of interest to them or to make reading suggestions. Please never hesitate to ask! We have 17,000 items at Shedd-Porter, and if you are unable to find what you are looking for, we are happy to make a request for it through the NH Inter-Library Loan system. Did you know that we lend DVDs? If for any reason you are unable to come into the building please let me know! It is our pleasure to provide curbside service. We also offer audiobooks and ebooks through the Libby app. I'm happy to help you get started with Libby over the phone, email, or in-person.

Feel free to check out our website - www.sheddporter.org and Like us on Facebook. Our online catalog is always available to look up items, make requests, or renew items.

I look forward to a great year at Shedd-Porter in 2025, and I hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Alyson Montgomery
Director, Shedd-Porter Memorial Library

Library Trustee's Report 2024

Another busy year has passed at our library. We continue to appreciate the increasing use of our services by our community.

We still have real books, of course, and DVDs (which still get checked out, to our mild surprise), inter-library loan (ILL) of real books and DVDs, and Libby, the digital book option, and even a selection of jigsaw puzzles!

We continue to be so very grateful for the donations we receive to support the library. Donations come from the Shedd-Porter families, from several foundations, from the voters of Alstead, from the Town of Langdon, and from individuals who like what happens here.

We have lots of events for people of all ages. For adults, we have Civil Conversation, the Crumb Together Cafe, Needlework group, Page Turners book group, or-- you are welcome to start a new group! For Children, we have Storytime, Crafternoons, and the Summer Reading Program. Also, special events, such as the fall Scarecrow Party, and the Wildlife Encounters. A calendar listing all happenings at Shedd-Porter can be found at www.sheddporter.org. Check it out!

We continue in the endless effort of monitoring all the corners inside, and outside, this magnificent building. We find problems that are mostly typical of a building of this type and of this age. Fixing these issues quickly is a priority, and we are fortunate to have found talented contractors to remedy the issues. Thanks to Keith Hanatow, John Allen, Barry Bellows, Matt Beam, Ciaran Lavery, and to everyone else who has the welfare of the library on their mind.

A Strategic Plan for the future of the Library has been developed. Gathering visions of what the future may hold for this institution as it relates to the world is important to direct our energy in a targeted way toward funding sources (grants/donations) for the bigger building improvements and program choices.

2024 brought a grant for the upgrade of technology from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The new computers and added electrical outlets have added much utility which has been much appreciated. The funky light switch (circa 1910) in the tiny necessary room is no longer a threat.

There is much more to know. Our Librarian's Report is in this Town Report—look for that.

We Trustees are a good group! Thanks to Susan for becoming Treasurer, assisted by Carol. Thanks to Kathy and Alyson for working on the Strategic Plan, and thanks to all the Trustees: Jude, Joe, Susan, Carol, Kathy, and Matt for their time, interest, and energy.

All of us, the Trustees, are happy to say again—Our Librarian Alyson Montgomery is the best!!

Come to our Library!

Matt Saxton, Chair

Carol Reller, Recording Secretary

Susan Norlander, Treasurer

Kathy Torrey

Jude Willis

Joe Levesque, Alternate.

MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE ALSTEAD SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 12/31/2024

TRUST FUNDS					PRINCIPAL				INCOME			TOTAL	MARKET VALUE			
Date Cre- ated	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/ -Losses	With- drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
Private Trusts																
1910	John G. & Mary R. Shedd Trust (Fidelity)	Library Maintenance	Common TF	100.00	99,264.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	99,264.19	15,007.99	3,441.79	0.00	18,449.78	117,713.97	10,693.09	128,407.06
Total Private Trusts					100	99,264.19	0.00	0.00	99,264.19	15,007.99	3,441.79	0.00	18,449.78	117,713.97	10,693.09	128,407.06
Book Funds																
2000	Marion Holmes Summer Reading Fund	Books	Common TF	11.60	5,084.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,084.00	840.97	178.46	0.00	1,019.43	6,103.43	554.42	6,657.85
2000	Maxine Craig Book Fund	Books	Common TF	4.50	1,959.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,959.37	341.78	69.29	0.00	411.07	2,370.44	215.35	2,585.79
2013	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Pitcher Fund	Books	Common TF	48.38	20,878.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,878.45	3,838.01	744.42	0.00	4,582.43	25,460.88	2,312.86	27,773.74
2000	Ruth Gleason Lufkin Book Fund	Books	Common TF	35.51	15,554.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,554.54	2,585.89	546.37	0.00	3,132.26	18,686.80	1,697.50	20,384.30
Total Book Funds					100	43,476.36	0.00	0.00	43,476.36	7,606.65	1,538.54	0.00	9,145.19	52,621.55	4,780.13	57,401.68
Operating Accounts																
2022	ADA Development Fund	ADA Compliance	Checking 8837	3.96	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5.78	5.02	0.00	10.80	5,010.80	0.00	5,010.80
2014	Reed Family Foundation	Operations	Common TF	29.86	32,002.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,002.80	4,706.54	1,105.67	0.00	5,812.21	37,815.01	3,435.09	41,250.10
2020	Trustee Savings - Mascoma - Expendable	Operations	Savings 0146	39.58	73,000.00	0.00	0.00	23,000.00	50,000.00	71.78	54.58	0.00	126.36	50,126.36	0.00	50,126.36
2014	Trustees Savings - Fidelity - Expendable	Operations	Common TF	15.67	16,437.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,437.46	2,830.04	580.34	0.00	3,410.38	19,847.84	1,802.95	21,650.79
2000	Trustees Checking Account	Operations	Checking 0146	10.94	8,424.12	66,858.65	0.00	61,427.12	13,855.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,855.65	0.00	13,855.65
Total Operating Accounts					100	134,864.38	66,858.65	0.00	84,427.12	117,295.91	1,745.61	0.00	9,359.75	126,655.66	5,238.04	131,893.70
GRAND TOTAL: TRUST FUNDS						277,604.93	66,858.65	0.00	84,427.12	260,036.46	6,725.94	0.00	36,954.72	296,991.18	20,711.26	317,702.44
GRAND TOTAL: ALSTEAD SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY						277,604.93	66,858.65	0.00	84,427.12	260,036.46	6,725.94	0.00	36,954.72	296,991.18	20,711.26	317,702.44

CUSTODIAN SUMMARY

CUSTODIANS		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL	MARKET VALUE		
		Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/-Losses	With-drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
Checking 0146	Custodian	8,424.12	66,858.65	0.00	61,427.12	13,855.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,855.65	0.00	13,855.65
Checking 8837		5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5.78	5.02	0.00	10.80	5,010.80	0.00	5,010.80
Common TF		191,180.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	191,180.81	30,151.22	6,666.34	0.00	36,817.56	227,998.37	20,711.26	248,709.63
Savings 0146		73,000.00	0.00	0.00	23,000.00	50,000.00	71.78	54.58	0.00	126.36	50,126.36	0.00	50,126.36
GRAND TOTAL: All Custodians													
		277,604.93	66,858.65	0.00	84,427.12	260,036.46	30,228.78	6,725.94	0.00	36,954.72	296,991.18	20,711.26	317,702.44

2024 ALSTEAD'S TREASURER REPORT						
ALSTEAD'S BANK ACCOUNTS	STARTING BAL. JAN. 1, 2024	DEPOSITS AND TRANSFERS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS	WITHDRAWALS AND TRANSFERS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS	INTEREST INCOME	ENDING BAL. DEC. 31, 2024	
* TOWN CHECKING ACT.	\$438,811.64	\$13,637,649.39	\$14,076,361.03			\$100.00
** ICS DEMAND/SHADOW ACT.	\$0.00	\$3,727,873.52	\$2,633,194.59	\$14,724.16		\$1,109,403.09
*** ICS/DEMAND ACT.	\$856,365.93	\$7,377,484.53	\$7,160,295.43	\$37,513.90		\$1,111,068.93
Total	\$1,295,177.57					\$2,220,572.02
VISAS POOL		IN	OUT			
**** MONEY MARKET	\$24,590.35	\$35,338.31	\$56,000.00	\$24.12		\$3,952.78
CHECKING	\$5,261.19	\$56,000.00	\$59,627.49			\$1,633.70
CD	\$53,745.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.17		\$53,762.01
Totals	\$83,597.38					\$59,348.49
ALSTEAD POLICE DEPT.	\$13,586.12	\$3,250.00	\$3,836.00	\$29.66		\$13,029.78
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$18,379.41	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$40.36		\$19,919.77
AMBULANCE DEPT.	\$0.00	\$1,541.49	\$0.00	\$1.06		\$1,542.55
CEMETERY DONATIONS	\$6,197.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.36		\$6,206.97
* Most receipts are from Tax Collections, Town Clerk operations, and a combination of other income.						
** Major changes in the bank's processing of Alstead's general operating funds were needed in order to avoid constant overdrafts. Transfers between the checking and savings/ICS account are no longer generated by the town but are now generated automatically by the bank as needed and to maintain the checking account balance at \$100.00 at the end of each day. In order to make this work the bank needed to create a third "intermediate/shadow" account as shown above.						
*** The ICS account is needed to "secure" all funds above \$250,000.00, and to maximize interest income.						
**** Vilas Pool MM, Major receipts are from original investments. Funds are trasferred from the MM to Ckg as needed.						



Alstead Summary Inventory of Valuation

Reports Required: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

Note: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

For assistance please contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/about-dra/municipal-and-property-division/municipal-bureau>

Assessor

John Hatfield (Commerford, Neider, Perki)

Municipal Officials

Name	Position	Signature
JOEL MCCARTY		
MATTHEW SAXTON		
GORDON KEMP		

Preparer

Name	Phone	Email
Mandy Irving	6038352986	mgratacos@alsteadnh.gov

Preparer's Signature



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2024
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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	18,837.00	\$1,056,097	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	570.19	\$26,745	
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	4,271.65	\$66,337,000	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	68.22	\$1,019,600	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	23,747.06	\$68,439,442	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	476.87	\$2,948,300	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$116,330,581	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$2,583,900	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$3,828,300	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	1	\$17,820	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$122,760,601	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$5,793,300	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$4,139,200	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$195,339,243	
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		\$195,339,243	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	0	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	4	\$312,500
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	33	\$463,600
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			\$776,100
21A	Net Valuation			\$194,563,143
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$194,563,143
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$194,563,143
22	Less Utilities			\$4,139,200
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$190,423,943
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$190,423,943



Utility Value Appraiser

Brian D. Fogg, LLC

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP	\$3,785,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,785,500
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY	\$0	\$131,000	\$0	\$0	\$131,000
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$222,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$222,700
	\$4,008,200	\$131,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,139,200



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$300	54	\$16,200
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	2	\$1,400
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$1,400	6	\$8,400
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$300	10	\$3,000
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		72	\$29,000

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year

Age	Number
65-74	0
75-79	0
80+	0

Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted

Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
75-79	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
80+	3	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$262,500
	4		\$350,000	\$312,500

Income Limits	
Single	\$20,000
Married	\$27,000

Asset Limits	
Single	\$50,000
Married	\$50,000

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)

Granted/Adopted? No

Structures:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)

Granted/Adopted? No

Properties:

Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:

Total Exemption Granted:

Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)

Granted/Adopted? Yes

Properties: 1

Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a: 1,373,400

Current Assessed Value: \$938,500



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	1,307.13	\$228,069
Forest Land	10,508.06	\$600,544
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,278.86	\$215,561
Unproductive Land	317.32	\$5,079
Wet Land	425.63	\$6,844
	18,837.00	\$1,056,097

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	4,400.60
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	306
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	459

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year			\$0
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 0.00%	Dollar Amount:	\$2,000
Monies to Conservation Fund			\$0
Monies to General Fund			\$0

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	10.70	\$2,400
Forest Land	417.24	\$19,701
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	123.80	\$4,341
Unproductive Land	18.20	\$299
Wet Land	0.25	\$4
	570.19	\$26,745

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	84.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	8
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	11



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F				
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D				
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
1	1	0.00	\$0	\$17,820

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
000028	000017	000000	50	79-D HISTORIC BARN

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
This municipality has no TIF districts.					

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$1.00	2.50
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$0.00	0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.	

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2023 TOWN OF ALSTEAD ANNUAL REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 brought an increase of nearly 10% of calls. We were hit again with flooding, impacting numerous roads and buildings. One subject was rescued from a vehicle caught in the flood waters. It was a very quiet brush fire season, due to significant precipitation over the season. Firefighters made a strong impact with their initial attack on the one structure fire in town this year. Although the barn and the attached L were destroyed, the fire was stopped before destroying the main house. Members attended live burn forestry training in both Goshen and Charlestown. Eversouce brought their electrical utility trailer for a state accredited training in town. Swift water rescue awareness training was instructed by Rescue Inc, members were able to participate in hands-on training if they desired. Members took part in a CPR, AED, and Stop the Bleed training. Fire prevention week allowed members to visit the Alstead Primary School to educate children on fire safety and prevention.

The following is a list of calls Alstead Fire responded to:

Mutual Aid calls	21
Trees and wires	18
Assist Ambulance	13
MVA	10
Service Call	7
Automatic Fire Alarm	5
CO Alarm	4
Flooding	4
Illegal Burn	3
Vehicle Fire	2
Smoke Investigation	1

Chimney Fire	1
Propane Odor	1
Brush	1
DART Landing Zone	1
Smoke Detector Sounding	1
Structure Fire	1

Training for our members included the following:

Monthly Meeting	11
In House Drill	11
Work Detail	10
Forestry Training	2
Warden / Deputy Warden	1
Car Seat Check	1
LEAF Career Day	1
Eversource Utility Emergency	1
CPR / AED / Stop the Bleed	1
Swift Water Rescue Awareness	1
Critical Stress Debrief	1
Fire Prevention at Alstead Primary	1

The Alstead Fire Department Apparatus is Listed Below Followed by Where is it Housed:

Engine 1- Manufactured in 2016- HME Ahrens-Fox. This unit carries 1000 gallons of water with a 1500 gallons-per-minute pump, as well as all of our extrication equipment. It is housed at the village station.

Engine 3- Manufactured in 2000- Peirce. Carries 1000 gallons of water with a 1250 gallons-per-minute pump, as well as hand tools, hose, and equipment. It is housed at the East Station.

Tanker 1- Manufactured in 2007- International chassis, body by Valley Fire Equipment. This unit carries 3000 gallons of water, with a 500 gallons-per-minute pump. It is housed in the East Station.

Brush 1- Manufactured in 1967- Kaiser Jeep M715 (military 5/4 pickup). This unit carries 200 gallons of water, assorted forestry hand tools, back pack pumps, and 2 back pack leaf blowers. This unit also pulls a trailer, complete with a portable pump and extra hose. Brush 1 is on loan from the State of New Hampshire, Division of Forest and Lands under the FEPP program. It is insured and maintained by the town, and registered to the state. This truck is housed in the East Station.

UTV 1- Manufactured in 2019- Polaris Ranger 900, complete with a forestry/rescue slide in unit. This unit is equipped with 70 gallons of water and a portable pump, as well as the potential to carry a stokes for an off road rescue. We have outfitted this unit with tracks for winter time use. This apparatus is housed at the East Station.

We would like to once again remind residents to have house numbers, visible from the road. The lack of visible numbers results in a delay of response in an emergency. If we cannot find your house, we cannot find you.

Permits are required, by law, when burning with no snow cover (100' radius). Burning treated (painted or stained) wood, construction debris, wood larger than 5" in diameter, plywood, particle board, household trash, shingles, tires, etc., is unlawful and may result in fines and or jail time. To obtain a free permit, or ask questions about burning, please contact:

Kim Kercewich: 603-835-2928

Michael Kercewich: 603-499-5650

Richard Beringer: 413-464-5456

Or purchase a permit online at www.nhfirepermit.com for \$5.50 per permit.

Although we continue to face staffing and monetary challenges, I would like to personally thank all of our dedicated firefighters for their service and commitment to this town. I would also like to thank the family members and support people of our firefighters, as without you, none of this would be possible. We are always looking for new members, if you or anyone you know is interested in joining. Feel free to stop in at either of the stations if someone is there, talk to any of the members, or stop in at the Alstead Municipal Office and ask for an application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Kercewich, Chief

Alstead Fire Department

2024 AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Alstead Ambulance had another record-breaking year, responding to 187 calls for service. This reflects a 5% increase over the previous year. Along with transports to area hospitals and on-scene medical care, this includes public service calls, such as lift assists, welfare checks, and standby at structure fires. Over the past several years, we have seen a steady measured rise in the number of calls.

We had to rely on some mutual aid assistance throughout the year and I would like to thank the Alstead Fire Department, Walpole Fire and EMS, and Cheshire County EMS. A special recognition goes out to Gilsum Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for their selfless and timely support in the far reaches of East Alstead.

Both of our ambulances have passed the paramedic licensing process with the State of New Hampshire and Cheshire Medical Center. Obtaining this license means that, in most cases, our responders will no longer have to wait for a paramedic from Keene; when needed, calls will have a paramedic on board, thus speeding up advanced life support procedures.

This past December, a number of our EMS personnel braved the mind-numbing cold (22 degrees) to participate in completing a six (6) hour class (outside) on the Fundamentals of Automobile Extrication.

We also completed the federal and state mandated ten (10) hour class in Traffic Incident Management & Responder Safety. There is nothing more important than ensuring all of our responders come home safely from working roadside incidents.

The Town of Alstead now has approximately 22 AEDs located around town. All Town vehicles, buildings, and most businesses within the Alstead limits should have AEDs installed. Please attend one of our classes on how to properly use an AED, if you have not already done so. It is also a good idea to take annual refresher courses.

Some notes of importance for our community to enable EMS to do their jobs more effectively and to serve you and your family better:

- **Have house numbers clearly visible from the road.**
- **Make a separate list of each family member's current medications and supplements and attach them to the refrigerator; this saves precious time on scene.**
- **Ambulance Department is offering FREE CPR and AED classes to the public throughout the year; please contact a member of the ambulance crew or come see us at our monthly meeting.**

Thank you to the Select Board and community members for your support throughout this past year, we look forward to continuing to support you in 2025. Please feel free to contact us for more information on how you can help serve the town of Alstead as a member of the department by attending one of our meetings, we meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Village Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Moore

Ambulance Chief