

# Town of Sharon, New Hampshire Annual Report



For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2023

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Brick Schoolhouse Roof Replacement, Fall 2023 by William H. Wildes General Contracting

Funded by:

Moose Plate Grant through NH Division of Historical Resources

Brick Schoolhouse Maintenance Fund

William Young Schoolhouse Fund

The one room Brick Schoolhouse was built in 1832.



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## TOWN OFFICERS - 2023

Moderator - Elected - 2 Years	
George W. Joyner	Term Expires 2024
Rory Goff - Deputy	Appointed
Selectmen - Elected - 3 Years	
Diane Callahan	Term Expires 2024
Chester Bowles - Chair	Term Expires 2025
Richard Dufresne	Term Expires 2026
Town Administrator - Appointed	
Debra Harling	Appointed
Town Clerk - Elected - 3 Year	
Dianne Mitchell	Term Expires 2024
Tracy Tanner – Deputy	Term Expires 2024
Tax Collector - Elected - 3 Year	
Karen Shea Dufresne	Term Expires 2024
Juliana Kazanovicz - Deputy	Appointed
Treasurer - Elected - 1 Year	
Susan Bowles	Term Expires 2024
Trustees of the Trust Funds - Elected - 3 Years	
Jeff Osgood	Term Expires 2026
Rory Goff	Term Expires 2025
John LaDue	Term Expires 2024
Supervisors of the Checklist - Elected - 6 Years	
Susan Bowles	Term Expires 2024
Anne Murrock	Term Expires 2025
Elizabeth MacEachran	Term Expires 2029
Planning Board - Appointed	
George W. Joyner	Term Expires 2026
Sara Tobias	Term Expires 2026
Diane Callahan – Ex-Officio	Term Expires 2024
Gerald DeBonis – Vice Chair	Term Expires 2024
Jeff Osgood	Term Expires 2025
Mitchell Call - Alternate	Term Expires 2025
Conservation Commission	
Beth Fernald	Term Expires 2026
Anne Fischer – Co-Chair	Term Expires 2026
Anne Booth – Co-Chair	Term Expires 2024
Jim Martens	Term Expires 2024
Belinda Backstrom	Term Expires 2025
Ian Coles	Term Expires 2025
Shane LaBrake - Resigned	Term Expires 2025



Zoning Board of Adjustment - Appointed  
Chester Bowles - Chair  
Rich Dufresne - Alternate  
Chris Hartman  
Jane Murray  
Stephen Gapp  
Patricia Joyner

Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2026  
Term Expires 2024  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2025

Audit Committee - Elected - 3 Years  
Jaimee Rondeau  
Barrett Golay  
Tim Connor

Term Expires 2024  
Term Expires 2025  
Term Expires 2026

Records Management Committee - Appointed  
Ken Callahan, Chairman (Archive Committee)  
George W. Joyner, Chairman (Planning Bd.)  
Chester Bowles (ZBA)  
Susan Bowles (Treasurer)  
Diane Mitchell (Town Clerk)  
Karen Shea Dufresne (Tax Collector)  
Debra Harling (Town Administrator)

Emergency Management Director - Appointed  
Sara Tobias

Road Agent - Appointed  
Daniel (Sandy) Eneguess

Overseer of Public Welfare - Appointed  
Alexis Murray-Golay

Building Site Inspector - Appointed  
Pierre Groleau

Code Enforcement Officer - Appointed  
Carol Ogilvie

School Board Representative - Elected - 3 Years  
Jim Fredrickson

Term Expires 2026

Forest Fire Wardens - Appointed  
Fred Greathead  
Peter Paris, Deputy  
Frank Presto, Deputy

Health Officer - Appointed  
Board of Selectmen  
Deputy, Vacant

# TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, in the County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

**You are hereby notified to meet in the Sharon Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 11:00 in the forenoon to act on Article 1 and Article 2. The polls will be closed at 7:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (By Ballot)

**ARTICLE 2.** To cast your ballots on the proposed amendment to the Sharon Zoning Ordinance for Article XVII: Definitions. To add definitions for the following terms: Board, Building, Building Development, Dwelling, Engineer, Minor Subdivision, Plat, Street, and Subdivision.

**You are further notified to meet in the Sharon Meeting House in said Town on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. to act on Articles 3 through 11.**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$467,325 for town charges as the operating budget and other necessary maintenance and operating expenditures, with this amount to come from taxation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,152 to be added to the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with this amount to come from fund balance. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends article.)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,776 to be added to the Town Highway Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with this amount to come from fund balance. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be added to the Assessing Reserve Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Technology Upgrade Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Emergency Management Communications Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$157,000 to be added to the Town Road Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under provision of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

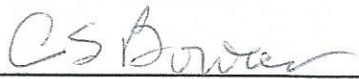
**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish a Town Building Maintenance, Repair, and Capital Improvement Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of maintenance, repairs, and capital improvements to town buildings; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in such expendable trust fund; (3) to designate the selectmen as agents to expend, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

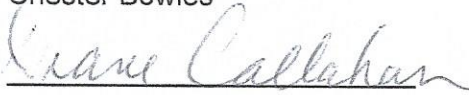
(Select Board recommends this article.)

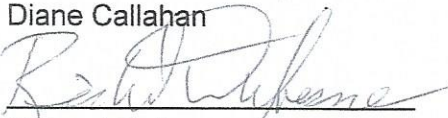
**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of purchasing computers, associated hardware and software for the Town Clerk and Town Administrator. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the Sharon Meeting House, on the Sharon Website, and that an original was delivered to Diane Mitchell, Town Clerk.

  
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Chester Bowles

  
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Diane Callahan

  
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Richard Dufresne

SELECTMEN OF SHARON





Proposed Budget  
Sharon

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 26, 2024

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

Name	Position	Signature
Chester Bowles	Chair	CS Bowles
Diane Callahan	Select Board	Diane Callahan
Richard Dutton	Select Board	Richard Dutton

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

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



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024		
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	
<b>General Government</b>							
4130	Executive	03	\$28,539	\$29,800	\$31,400	\$0	
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$12,230	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0	
4150	Financial Administration	03	\$29,203	\$26,625	\$28,000	\$0	
4152	Property Assessment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$1,035	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	
4155	Personnel Administration	03	\$5,221	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$0	
4191	Planning and Zoning	03	\$909	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$0	
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$35,420	\$12,200	\$14,000	\$0	
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$9,876	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	03	\$3,264	\$3,264	\$3,561	\$0	
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$125,697</b>	<b>\$101,689</b>	<b>\$106,261</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Public Safety</b>							
4210	Police	03	\$109,900	\$109,901	\$106,522	\$0	
4215	Ambulances	03	\$20,010	\$20,010	\$22,504	\$0	
4220	Fire	03	\$48,982	\$48,533	\$68,090	\$0	
4240	Building Inspection	03	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	
4290	Emergency Management	03	\$1,264	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$180,156</b>	<b>\$181,644</b>	<b>\$200,316</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>							
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Highways and Streets</b>							
4311	Highway Administration	03	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$240,854	\$98,100	\$127,392	\$0	
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$419	\$450	\$450	\$0	
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>		<b>\$253,273</b>	<b>\$110,550</b>	<b>\$139,842</b>	<b>\$0</b>	





Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$15,955	\$15,955	\$9,776	\$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
	<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$15,955</b>	<b>\$15,955</b>	<b>\$9,776</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>						
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
	<b>Electric Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Health Administration	03	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
4414	Pest Control	03	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	03	\$1,118	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,118</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	03	\$3,600	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,600</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520	Parks and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Library	03	\$3,750	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611	Conservation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$373	\$830	\$830	\$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
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$373</b>	<b>\$830</b>	<b>\$830</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
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	03	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
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
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>						<b>\$467,325</b>
						<b>\$0</b>



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Town Bridge Fund</i>	\$6,152	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	05 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Town Highway Repairs Fund</i>	\$5,776	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Assessing Fund</i>	\$6,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to the Town Highway Repairs Capital Re</i>	\$157,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	07 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to expendable trust fund.</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	08 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Emergency Communications Expendable</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	10 <i>Purpose: Establish a Town Building Repair, Maintenance and</i>	\$3,000	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$179,928</b>	<b>\$0</b>



### Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4130	Executive	11	\$3,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Purchase computers, associated hardware and softwa</i>		
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	11	\$3,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Purchase computers, associated hardware and softwa</i>		
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>





Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	03	\$13,984	\$13,983	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$5,072	\$3,600	\$3,600
	<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$19,056</b>	<b>\$17,583</b>	<b>\$13,600</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$102	\$120	\$100
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$97,799	\$80,000	\$90,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$370	\$370	\$100
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$3,873	\$2,500	\$1,500
	<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$102,144</b>	<b>\$82,990</b>	<b>\$91,700</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$34,152	\$34,152	\$34,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$26,339	\$20,565	\$20,461
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$123	\$123	\$120
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		\$22,735	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$83,349</b>	<b>\$54,840</b>	<b>\$54,581</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	03	\$597	\$596	\$500
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>		<b>\$597</b>	<b>\$596</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	03	\$2,787	\$1,671	\$2,000
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified		\$13,574	\$14,000	\$0
	<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>		<b>\$16,361</b>	<b>\$15,671</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
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		\$141,327	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$1,600	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>		<b>\$142,927</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	04, 05	\$0	\$0	\$11,928
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,928</b>
	<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>		<b>\$364,434</b>	<b>\$171,680</b>	<b>\$174,309</b>



**Budget Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 12/31/2024</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$467,325
Special Warrant Articles	\$179,928
Individual Warrant Articles	\$6,000
Total Appropriations	\$653,253
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$174,309
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$478,944</b>

		BUDGETED	REVENUE	UNDER/(OVER)	BUDGET
		2023	2023	2023	2024
<b>TAXES</b>					
	<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
	* Property Taxes	0.00	1,366,958.00	(1,366,958.00)	0.00
	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Land Use Change Tax - Conservation Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Yield Tax	13,983.00	13,983.87	(0.87)	10,000.00
	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Other Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3,600.00	5,072.50	(1,472.50)	3,600.00
	<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>17,583.00</b>	<b>19,056.37</b>	<b>(1,473.37)</b>	<b>13,600.00</b>
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES</b>					
	<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
	Business Licenses and Permits	120.00	165.00	(45.00)	100.00
	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	80,000.00	97,901.33	(17,901.33)	90,000.00
	Building Permits	370.00	370.00	0.00	100.00
	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,500.00	3,708.50	(1,208.50)	1,500.00
	From Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES</b>	<b>82,990.00</b>	<b>102,144.83</b>	<b>(19,154.83)</b>	<b>91,700.00</b>
<b>STATE SOURCES</b>					
	<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
	Municipal Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	34,152.00	34,152.23	(0.23)	34,000.00
	Highway Block Grant	20,565.00	26,338.63	(5,773.63)	20,461.00
	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	123.00	122.71	0.29	120.00
	Other:	0.00	22,735.41	(22,735.41)	0.00
	From Other Governments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL STATE SOURCES</b>	<b>54,840.00</b>	<b>83,348.98</b>	<b>(28,508.98)</b>	<b>54,581.00</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
	<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
	Income from Departments	596.00	596.50	(0.50)	500.00
	Other Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	<b>596.00</b>	<b>596.50</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>					
	<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
	Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Interest on Investments	1,671.00	2,786.75	(1,115.75)	2,000.00
	Other	14,000.00	13,573.92	426.08	0.00
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	<b>15,671.00</b>	<b>16,360.67</b>	<b>(689.67)</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
	<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
	From Capital Reserve Funds	0.00	142,927.19	(142,927.19)	0.00
	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	From Conservation Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>142,927.19</b>	<b>(142,927.19)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
	<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>171,680.00</b>	<b>364,434.54</b>	<b>(192,754.54)</b>	<b>162,381.00</b>

		BUDGETED	EXPENDITURE	UNDER/(OVER)	BUDGET
		2023	2023	2023	2024
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4130-4139	Executive	29,800.00	28,538.62	1,261.38	31,400.00
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	17,000.00	12,229.90	4,770.10	17,000.00
4150-4151	Financial Administration	26,625.00	29,202.98	(2,577.98)	28,000.00
4152-4152	Revaluation of Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4153-4153	Legal Expenses	1,000.00	1,035.00	(35.00)	1,000.00
4155-4159	Personnel Administration (Payroll Taxes)	5,800.00	5,221.33	578.67	5,800.00
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	2,000.00	909.29	1,090.71	1,500.00
4194-4194	General Government Buildings *	12,200.00	35,420.12	(23,220.12)	14,000.00
4195-4195	Cemeteries *	4,000.00	9,875.93	(5,875.93)	4,000.00
4196-4196	Insurance	3,264.00	3,264.00	0.00	3,561.00
4197-4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4199-4199	Other General Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>101,689.00</b>	<b>125,697.17</b>	<b>(24,008.17)</b>	<b>106,261.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4210-4214	Police	109,901.00	109,900.00	1.00	106,522.00
4215-4219	Ambulance	20,010.00	20,009.84	0.16	22,504.00
4220-4229	Fire	48,533.00	48,982.00	(449.00)	68,090.00
4240-4249	Building Inspection	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,200.00	1,264.46	935.54	2,200.00
4299-4299	Other (Including Communications)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>181,644.00</b>	<b>180,156.30</b>	<b>1,487.70</b>	<b>200,316.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4311-4311	Administration	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
4312-4312	Highways and Streets *	98,100.00	240,853.71	(142,753.71)	127,392.00
4313-4313	Bridges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4316-4316	Street Lighting	450.00	419.14	30.86	450.00
4319-4319	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>	<b>110,550.00</b>	<b>253,272.85</b>	<b>(142,722.85)</b>	<b>139,842.00</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4321-4321	Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4323-4323	Solid Waste Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4324-4324	Solid Waste Disposal	15,955.00	15,955.00	0.00	9,776.00
4325-4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4329-4329	Other Sanitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>	<b>15,955.00</b>	<b>15,955.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,776.00</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4411-4411	Administration	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
4414-4414	Pest Control	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	1,600.00	1,118.00	482.00	1,600.00
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>	<b>1,118.00</b>	<b>1,082.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>WELFARE</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4444-4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4445-4449	Vendor Payment and Other *	2,000.00	3,600.00	(1,600.00)	4,000.00
	<b>TOTAL WELFARE</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>3,600.00</b>	<b>(1,600.00)</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					



		BUDGETED	EXPENDITURE	UNDER/(OVER)	BUDGET
		2023	2023	2023	2024
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4550-4559	Library	4,000.00	3,750.00	250.00	4,000.00
4583-4583	Patriotic Purposes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4589-4589	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
	<b>CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4619-4619	Other Conservation	830.00	372.92	457.08	830.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>830.00</b>	<b>372.92</b>	<b>457.08</b>	<b>830.00</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4711-4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4721-4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4723-4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4901-4901	Land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4902-4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4903-4903	Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4909-4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4913-4913	To Capital Projects Fund (Capital Reserves)				
	Legal Expense Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Town Highway Repairs Fund	130,000.00	130,000.00	0.00	
	Town Bridge Fund	22,271.00	22,271.00	0.00	
4916-4916	To Trust Funds				
	Welfare Services Non-Capital Reserve Fund	7,026.00	7,026.00	0.00	
	Assessing Reserve Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
	Emergency Mgmt Communication ETF	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
	Tecnology Upgrade EFT	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
4919-4919	To Fiduciary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>164,297.00</b>	<b>164,297.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>583,265.00</b>	<b>748,219.24</b>	<b>(164,954.24)</b>	<b>467,325.00</b>
*	LCHIP Grant \$16,583.00				
*	William Young School House Fund \$1,417.00				
*	Brick School House Maintenance Fund \$6,000.00				
*	Cemetery Common Fund \$5,850.00				
*	Town Roads Repair Fund \$128,060.19				
*	Welfare Non-capital Reserve Fund \$1,600.00				
	<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4931-4931	Taxes Assessed for County	0.00	67,987.00	(67,987.00)	
4933-4934	Taxes Assessed for Local Education	0.00	874,627.00	(874,627.00)	
	Taxes Assessed for State Education	0.00	92,118.00	(92,118.00)	
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,034,732.00</b>	<b>(1,034,732.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
			0.00		
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>583,265.00</b>	<b>1,782,951.24</b>	<b>(1,199,686.24)</b>	<b>467,325.00</b>

## From the Select Board – 2023

As is typical for our small town, the Select Board found itself involved in a wide range of activities. Some were quite visible. But others—although very important—were less obvious.

Turning first to the visible things, we all owe Gina Goff a round of thanks for her efforts in researching and securing grants for two projects: Replacing the roof on our brick schoolhouse and making repairs to the historic receiving vault that is a part of the McCoy Road cemetery. Both of these structures are an important part of the history of Sharon. It is wonderful that we have been able to make necessary improvements that will help preserve both the schoolhouse and the receiving vault so that future generations can appreciate them.

The second major activity revolved around securing high speed internet service for the majority of Sharon residents who, up until now, have not had access to those services. In late fall the board assisted Comcast/Xfinity as they installed cable in “East Sharon.” This installation brought service to residences on Temple, Greenleaf, and Nashua Roads, plus portions of Route 123. Then, the board also supported Comcast/Xfinity as they applied for a grant to provide cable to the remaining residences in Sharon—residences on Jarman Hill, Mill, McCoy, and Cross Roads, plus the portions of Spring Hill that do not have service from Fidium. That grant application is now making its way through the various bureaucracies. Installation of the cable is expected to begin next summer.

Then, to list just a few of the less visible activities:

- A committee was formed to research and propose a series of best practices for our cemeteries. This could include a formal survey and plot layout, processes for purchasing plots, and ensuring that we maintain proper records of cemetery activity.
- The board discovered several things that needed important maintenance work done. For example, the generator at the Meeting House should be run periodically to insure it is in good working order. The automated process in the generator was not functioning. Also the furnace had not been cleaned or maintained in several years. These issues—and others—led the board to begin development of a manual where we can codify the needed maintenance items in one place.
- Working with Sara Tobias and the Emergency Management Committee, we have begun updating the town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a document required by the state. The Southwest Region Planning Commission is assisting us with this project.
- The board reviewed and updated the job description for the Town Administrator. We will now move to other positions so we can have current and accurate descriptions of all the jobs.
- Finally, as always, the town is in need of people to serve in various positions and committees. If you have any interest or would like to know more about any of the positions, please let us know. We would be more than happy to talk to you. We need your help!

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Bowles  
Diane Callahan  
Richard Dufresne

## 2022 Town of Sharon Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee met on Saturday, June 3, 2023, to review the financial processes of the town, ensure state and town regulations are being followed, and complete and sign the MS-60, "Report of Locally Elected Auditor(s)" according to RSA 41:31-d. The 2022 Audit Committee was composed of Jaimee Rondeau, Tim Conner, and Barrett Golay. John Kangas of Roberts and Greene PLLC assisted the Audit Committee again this year.

The following officials answered questions and stepped through procedural actions as part of the audit process: Sue Bowles, Treasurer; Karen Shea Dufresne, Tax Collector; Rory Goff, Trustee of the Trust Funds; Dee Mitchell, Town Clerk; and Debra Harling, Town Administrator. By the end of the day, the MS-60 was completed and signed by the committee.

The Audit Committee would like to thank each of the people holding offices for participating in the audit. Each year their preparation and attention to detail make the audit process run smoothly, making our town more efficient and reducing the cost of the audit process.

We look forward to serving the Town of Sharon next year and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Audit Committee of the Town of Sharon

Jaimee Rondeau  
Tim Conner  
Barrett Golay



## Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

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  
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#### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: SHARON County: HILLSBOROUGH Report Year: 2023

#### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	
Karen Shea	Dufresne	
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number
432	NH Rte 123	(603) 924-9250
Email (optional)		
sharonnh.taxcollector@gmail.com		



Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Property Taxes	3110		\$160,027.77		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$5.00)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2022	
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,366,958.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$13,983.87		
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110				
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$120.63	\$1,293.08		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$1,381,057.50</b>	<b>\$161,320.85</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>





<b>Credits</b>				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	
			2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$1,318,080.22	\$140,712.77		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$13,983.87			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$120.63	\$1,182.08		
Penalties		\$111.00		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$19,315.00		
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Discounts Allowed				

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



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	
			2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$48,887.78			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$15.00)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$1,381,057.50</b>	<b>\$161,320.85</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$48,872.78</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$28,797.37</b>



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$10,185.34	\$8,663.59
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$20,226.62		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)			\$1,713.27	\$1,945.52
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,226.62</b>	<b>\$11,898.61</b>	<b>\$10,609.11</b>

**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions			\$1,614.59	\$8,663.59
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190			\$1,713.27	\$1,945.52
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$20,226.62	\$8,570.75	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,226.62</b>	<b>\$11,898.61</b>	<b>\$10,609.11</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$48,872.78</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	<b>\$28,797.37</b>





**SHARON (411)**

**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
Karen Shea	Dufresne	01.04.2024

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

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

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

*Karen Shea Dufresne*  
Preparer's Signature and Title

TOWN CLERK REPORT  
Year Ending 12/31/2023

	<b>Auto</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Vital</b>	<b>Misc.</b>	<b>Ajust-</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Month</b>	<b>Registrations</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Licenses</b>	<b>Records</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>ments</b>	<b>Collected</b>
Jan				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feb				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mar				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Apr				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jun				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jul				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aug				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sep				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oct				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nov				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dec				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Motor vehicle registrations issued: Routine registrations are done by mail. You will receive a letter from the Town Clerk with vehicles listed and amounts listed. Return the letter with your checks and the new registrations will be mailed to you. If registering in person please bring government issued photo ID and an old registration.

Vital records issued:

Residents may come to the Sharon Meeting House to obtain copies of certificates of Birth, Marriage, and Death. Residents may also apply for a Marriage license.

Dog licenses issue:

All dogs and wolf hybrids must have a current rabies certificate on file with the town and be licensed by April 30 of each year per RSA 466:13, a penalty of \$25 will be imposed for any dog or wolf hybrid not licensed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dog licensing can also be done by mail. Mail your check to the Town Clerk with the dog's name. The cost is \$6.50 for spayed and neutered dogs, \$9.00 for un-spayed and un-neutered dogs. For Seniors the first dog is \$2,00, any other dogs are at the costs previously listed.

**Office Hours: Tues and Thurs 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, and by appointment, at The Sharon Meeting House.**

Dianne Mitchell – Town Clerk 603-209-8909 (cell)

Office: 603-924-9250 during office hours, or email at: [sharontownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sharontownclerk@gmail.com),

The above information is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Respectfully submitted.

Dianne Mitchell, Sharon, NH Town Clerk



<b>BIRTHS</b>						
Report of Residents of Sharon, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2022						
Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father/Partner	Name of Mother	Place of Birth		
3/1/2022	Whimsy James Rand	Abraham Stephen Rand	Madison Jane Marek	Peterborough, NH		
5/10/2022	Isabella Mae Karlson	Eric Gregg Karlson	Felica Ann Karlson	Keene, NH		
6/26/2022	David Josiah Hackendorf	Josiah David Hackendorf	Shondra Leigh Hackendorf	Sharon, NH		
<b>MARRIAGES</b>						
Report of Residents of Sharon, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2022						
Date of Marriage	Person A's Name	Person A's Residence	Person B's Name	Person B's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage
7/15/2022	Noah B Olson	Sharon, NH	Kaelyn M Muhonen	Rindge, NH	Rindge, NH	Greenfield, NH
<b>DEATHS</b>						
Report of Residents of Sharon, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2022						
Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/ Parents Name	Mother's/ Parents Name Prior to First Marriage/ Civil Union	Military	
Patrick Jake O'Rourke	2/15/2022	Peterborough, NH	Clifford O'Rourke	Delphine Loy	N	
Robert Alden Jackson	7/1/2022	Sharon, NH	Frank Jackson	Margeret Bumpus	N	
Francis Lee Gupstill	12/14/2022	Sharon, NH	Charles Gupstill II	Lillian Allen	N	
Vital Records are reported by the State of NH and may not reflect all						
births, marriages, or deaths. Residents have the option of having events reported.						



**2024  
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**Sharon**

*For reporting year Jan 1, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023.*

**Trustees**

Name	Position	Term Expires
John Ladue	Trustee	3/11/2024
Jeff Osgood	Trustee	3/10/2026
Rory Goff	Chairperson	3/11/2025

**Ledger Summary**

Number of Fund Records	30
Ledger End of Year Balance	\$254,180.02

*This ledger was reviewed for accuracy and submitted electronically under penalty of perjury on January 24, 2024 by Rory Goff on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Sharon.*



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35) Funds

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance			
ARCHIVE SUPPLIES	Capital Reserve (Other)						7/5/2013	8,078.44	422.79	8,501.23			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	7,737.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,737.00		341.44	422.79	764.23		8,501.23	(8,501.23)	0.00
ASSESSMENT RESERVE	Capital Reserve (Other)						2005	9,931.90	3,588.02	13,519.92			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	8,899.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	11,899.00		1,032.90	588.02	1,620.92		13,519.92	(13,519.92)	0.00
AUDIT RESERVE	Capital Reserve (Other)						2/9/2017	13,301.07	696.13	13,997.20			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00		801.07	696.13	1,497.20		13,997.20	(13,997.20)	0.00
BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE MAINT.	Maintenance and Repair						7/5/2013	7,016.01	(5,655.30)	1,360.71			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	500.00		516.01	344.70	860.71		1,360.71	(1,360.71)	0.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	Maintenance and Repair						2000	44,346.88	25,098.70	69,445.58			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	35,577.00	22,271.00	0.00	0.00	57,848.00		8,769.88	2,827.70	11,597.58		69,445.58	(69,445.58)	0.00
INDEMNIFICATION RESERVE FUND	Capital Reserve (Other)						2008	5,823.48	304.77	6,128.25			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	5,350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,350.00		473.48	304.77	778.25		6,128.25	(6,128.25)	0.00
LEGAL EXPENSE RESERVE	Capital Reserve (Other)						2010	19,533.92	1,022.26	20,556.18			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	18,472.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,472.00		1,061.92	1,022.26	2,084.18		20,556.18	(20,556.18)	0.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE	Maintenance and Repair						2000	123,649.15	(94,898.20)	28,750.95			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	118,913.00	130,000.00	0.00	227,480.58	21,432.42		4,736.15	2,582.38	7,318.53		28,750.95	(28,750.95)	0.00
WELFARE RESERVE	Capital Reserve (Other)						2/9/2017	10,505.89	(1,257.93)	9,247.96			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	10,100.00	7,026.00	0.00	8,626.84	8,499.16		405.89	342.91	748.80		9,247.96	(9,247.96)	0.00
<b>Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35) Funds Total End of Year Balance:</b>													<b>\$171,507.98</b>

Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a) Funds

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance			
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	Maintenance and Repair						3/28/2023	0.00	1,022.77	1,022.77			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00		0.00	22.77	22.77		1,022.77	(1,022.77)	0.00
TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	Maintenance and Repair						3/28/2023	0.00	1,022.77	1,022.77			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00		0.00	22.77	22.77		1,022.77	(1,022.77)	0.00
<b>Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a) Funds Total End of Year Balance:</b>													<b>\$2,045.54</b>

Trust Funds

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance			
WILLIAM YOUNG SCHOOL HOUSE	Maintenance and Repair						1955	3,473.97	(1,240.47)	2,233.50			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00		1,473.97	1,593.53	233.50		2,233.50	(2,233.50)	0.00
WILSON II FUND	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						4/7/1987	39,313.50	2,057.47	41,370.97			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00		14,313.50	2,057.47	16,370.97		41,370.97	(41,370.97)	0.00
<b>Trust Funds Total End of Year Balance:</b>													<b>\$43,604.47</b>



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

Cemetery Funds

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
<b>BACON CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						12/21/1926	704.55	36.91	741.46		704.55	36.91	741.46	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		504.55	36.91	541.46		741.46	(741.46)	0.00	
<b>CEMETERY COMMON TRUST FUND</b>														
Cemetery Trust (Other)						4/20/2008	15,289.67	(3,992.75)	11,296.92		15,289.67	(3,992.75)	11,296.92	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	13,950.00	1,050.00	0.00	5,850.00	9,150.00		1,339.67	807.25	2,146.92		11,296.92	(11,296.92)	0.00	
<b>D &amp; C WILSON CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						10/26/1938	150.45	7.84	158.29		150.45	7.84	158.29	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		100.45	7.84	108.29		158.29	(58.29)	0.00	
<b>DONAWAY FAMILY CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						5/31/1990	418.87	21.89	440.76		418.87	21.89	440.76	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		218.87	21.89	240.76		440.76	(240.76)	0.00	
<b>EDITH WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/3/1983	930.24	48.67	978.91		930.24	48.67	978.91	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00		630.24	48.67	678.91		978.91	(978.91)	0.00	
<b>ELLEN A WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1951	705.59	36.94	742.53		705.59	36.94	742.53	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	211.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	211.59		494.00	36.94	530.94		742.53	(742.53)	0.00	
<b>FLOSSIE E WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	583.56	30.49	614.05		583.56	30.49	614.05	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		383.56	30.49	414.05		614.05	(614.05)	0.00	
<b>G &amp; MR WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						3/22/1939	148.42	7.74	156.16		148.42	7.74	156.16	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		98.42	7.74	106.16		156.16	(156.16)	0.00	
<b>JOHN B SHEDD</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/15/1947	530.73	27.81	558.54		530.73	27.81	558.54	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		380.73	27.81	408.54		558.54	(558.54)	0.00	
<b>KEENE FAMILY CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1983	460.53	24.07	484.60		460.53	24.07	484.60	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		260.53	24.07	284.60		484.60	(484.60)	0.00	
<b>KENTON M YOUNG</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						11/29/1979	704.58	36.93	741.51		704.58	36.93	741.51	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	211.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	211.58		493.00	36.93	529.93		741.51	(741.51)	0.00	
<b>NEWTON FAMILY CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						4/22/2009	179.95	9.42	189.37		179.95	9.42	189.37	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		79.95	9.42	89.37		189.37	(189.37)	0.00	
<b>ROYCE CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						7/23/1942	352.78	18.51	371.29		352.78	18.51	371.29	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		252.78	18.51	271.29		371.29	(371.29)	0.00	
<b>WAITE E WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	583.56	30.49	614.05		583.56	30.49	614.05	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		383.56	30.49	414.05		614.05	(614.05)	0.00	
<b>WILSON (JARMANY)</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	7,793.73	407.81	8,201.54		7,793.73	407.81	8,201.54	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00		3,793.73	407.81	4,201.54		8,201.54	(8,201.54)	0.00	
<b>WILSON (MCCOY)</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	9,848.48	515.48	10,363.96		9,848.48	515.48	10,363.96	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00		4,848.48	515.48	5,363.96		10,363.96	(10,363.96)	0.00	
<b>WIRLING GREGG</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						4/6/1928	349.75	18.34	368.09		349.75	18.34	368.09	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		249.75	18.34	268.09		368.09	(368.09)	0.00	

Cemetery Funds Total End of Year Balance: **\$37,022.03**

Road Agent Report  
2/2/24

The Sharon Highway department is responsible for 11.2 miles of roads including Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Springhill Road, Sliptown Road, Mill Road, Swamp Road and South Road. NH state maintained roads include the Sharon portions of Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road and Springhill Road.

Ongoing issues:

- Speeding on all roads and failure to stop at STOP signs
- Driving on South and Swamp Roads during closed months December to April • Residential snow being pushed into town roads after they have been plowed

Bridge report on the State E2 bridges

! Sharon is responsible for 5 bridges - Mill Road, Spring Hill Road, Swamp Road, McCoy Road and Cross Road. Currently Mill and Swamp are on a grade six from grade seven NH DOT Bridge Program State Red List Ranking Process. No bridges in Sharon are scheduled for work this year.

2024-25 planning:

- ! Ditching and culvert work \$ 15,000
- ! Roadside mowing \$ 7,200
- ! Paving Nashua Road south side \$ 140,000 but estimate is not final ! Overlay McCoy Road \$ \*\*\* estimate is pending ! Side tile drainage on Cross Road \$ 7,400
- ! Gravel and grade South Road \$ 3,400
- ! Gravel Swamp Road \$ 2,500
- ! Seal and stripe Town House parking lot \$ 5,500
- ! Road side pole markers – steel \$ 500
- ! 2 cross culverts Mountain Road \$ 8300
  - ! Special Grant budget approved
- ! Tree roadside maintenance \$ 5,000
- ! 500 yards winter sand \$ 9,500
- ! 30 tons road salt \$ 2,800
- ! Header work Nashua Road near Rt 123 \$ 2,500 – 5,000 ! Gas for compactor and pavement saw – 30 gal \$ 92
- ! Signs and cones \$ 500
- ! Repair 30% of pot holes and crack sealing \$ 15,600
- ! Roadside grinding tree branches to reduce shade on icy roads \$ 3,800
- ! Removed roadside debris, graffiti and trash – ongoing \$ 500
- ! Beaver culvert maintenance \$ 2,500
- ! Winter scraping, plowing, sanding and bank pushbacks \$ 40,000
- ! Professional development for road agent \$ 600
- ! Road agent base salary \$ 12,000

The above are my estimates for 2024-25 budget planning totaling \$145,192. Please note that no estimate is currently available for the McCoy Road overlay.



Road Agent Report  
2/2/24

Josif Bicja, Bridge Team Leader for Hoyle and Tanner reviewed the state bridge inspection lists and reported 11/15/22 that the state Red List is a list of the state bridges conditions with ratings of 4 or lower requiring yearly inspections. This year he verbally reported that the water was too high to assess the repair. The Swamp Road bridge over the Gridley River is already on the red list and in 2021 the superstructure rating was lowered from 7 to 6. He estimated that the Mill Road over the Gridley will soon be added to the red list based on its condition. Red List information is on the NHDOT website at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/about-nh-dot/divisions-bureaus-districts/bridge-design>

Sandy Eneguess Road Agent  
February 2, 2024

## SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Sharon Conservation Commission in 2022 were: Anne Booth (co-chair), Anne Fischer (co-chair), Belinda Backstrom, Ian Coles, and Beth Fernald.

### Mission

The mission of the Sharon Conservation Commission is to protect wetlands and other natural resources in the town of Sharon through acquisition (the Town Forest), management, education and regulation; to act as a liaison between the public and other governmental agencies in protecting our natural resources; and to become an environmental/educational resource for citizens, groups, organizations, as well as local, state, and federal agencies.

The Cons Com meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Meetinghouse.

### Activities 2023:

- Beavers: Beaver activity was causing road flooding on Mountain Road and threatening flooding on Mill Rd. The Cons Com arranged for beaver deceivers to be installed in these areas, and both appear to be working well.
  - Hemlock looper: 200+ acres in the Town Forest were identified as being heavily affected by the wooly adelgid and looper. The Cons Com sought residents' opinions on logging the affected area and held a public forum. The major concern was fire danger, which led the Cons Com to seek expert opinion from Moosewood Ecological LLC, State foresters, The Nature Conservancy, New England Forestry Foundation, the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Ranger (NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau), and others, yet there was no clear direction from the experts as to whether to log to remove the dead hemlocks. After the wettest summer on record, however, Cons Com members voted to not log and to let nature take its course, understanding that more trail maintenance would be needed as the hemlocks drop branches.
  - Trail crew: Six residents responded to the request for volunteers to assist the trail crew with trail maintenance. Working around the wet weather and hunting season, the trail crew cleared 4.5 of the 5 trails in the Town Forest in 2023.
  - Conservation Easements: A main focus of the Cons Com's mission is to encourage and assist property owners to protect their land with a Conservation Easement, which can be placed on all or just part of a property. Information is available on the Cons Com web page, or landowners may contact any Cons Com member. An informative display was created by the Cons Com and is in the lobby of the Meetinghouse.
  - Natural Resource Inventory: The Cons Com is working with Moosewood Ecological LLC on completing an updated Natural Resource Inventory of the Town Forest, with a plan to develop a new/updated Forest Management/Sustainability plan. The last one was completed in 1996.
- Planned activities 2023:
- Earth Day Cleanup: Every year Sharon residents are encouraged to participate in cleaning up trash on the sides of the roads. This can be done independently at any time, or as a group. There are bags available at the Town House for this purpose. This year's clean-up day is Saturday April 20, 2024. And thank you to the many residents who pick up litter year 'round. We hope to have a good turnout for the annual cleanup.

Planning Board Annual Report  
March 2024

The Planning Board had a relatively quiet year with a single Application for Solar Panel Installation. The roof-mounted 8.26kW system at 448 Jarmany Hill Road was reviewed and the Board accepted the application into the town records.

The Board worked to collate the Planning Board Manual with information available on the town website. The website now has the most up-to-date Rules of Procedure, Zoning and Building Ordinances, and Land Subdivision Control Regulations posted.

The Board continued working on the Land Subdivision Control Regulations to ensure that they comply with HB 1661. Minor corrections and editing of the Regulations were also implemented. The town attorney reviewed the corrections and changes.

Discussions of the issue of setbacks led the Board to determine that for the sake of consistency in the Zoning and Building Ordinances and the Land Subdivision Control Regulations, a master list of definitions needed to be developed. Many definitions in the Regulations were not in the Ordinances, so the Board proposed adding these definitions to the Ordinances. A minor simplification of one definition and addition of a new one rounded out the “housekeeping” work. A public hearing will be held in early 2024, and the changes will be presented at Town Meeting in March of 2024. No other changes to the Regulations or Ordinances are proposed.

A key discussion that the Board had this year was that it is the obligation of the Board to not be prejudicial. The role of the Board above all is to remain neutral, and to help an applicant through the process, not hinder or impede the application process.

Members of the Planning Board in 2023 consisted of Bill Joyner (Chairman), Jeff Osgood (Vice-Chair), Gerald DeBonis, Sara Tobias, Diane Callahan (ex-officio) and Mitch Call (alternate).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Osgood, Chairman

## **Sharon Zoning Board of Adjustment**

### **Annual Report – 2023**

State Statutes provide that Zoning Boards of Adjustment in small towns do not need to meet on a regularly scheduled basis. Rather, those boards may meet only when necessary to deal with pending cases. That is how the Sharon ZBA functions.

The Sharon ZBA heard two cases in 2023. Both were very similar in that the property owners wanted to make additions to their homes, homes that did not meet current setback requirements from the road. In both cases, the proposed additions would be no closer to the road than the current structure.

The first case was submitted by Mary Beck, 358 Spring Hill Road. The second case was submitted by Mark Hopkins, 190 Temple Road.

After reviewing the cases and examining the construction plans, the Board granted Requests for Variance for both projects.

Respectfully submitted:

Chester Bowles (Chair)  
Stephen Gapp  
Chris Hartman  
Pat Joyner  
Jane Murray  
Rich Dufresne (Alternate)

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2023

Emergency Management activities in Sharon over the past year have been very productive and proactive. Replacement of the aging radio infrastructure was approved and is scheduled for delivery in February 2024. Deputy Emergency Manager Liz MacEachern was sworn in. The Emergency Management Communications team put together outreach to the community and standard operating procedures for using the Meetinghouse as a shelter, for radio communications, for flagging, and for deploying volunteers. Training for emergency flaggers was conducted, and a team was equipped and organized, to be led by Rory Goff. Thanks to an energetic group of enthusiastic volunteers, the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is well underway. A grant for the Local Emergency Management Plan was applied for, and the update for the plan for Sharon will be written at least in part in 2024. Resources and online trainings were linked on the town website, again thanks to R. Goff. Most of the volunteers making these activities possible volunteer for all the emergency activities, not just one, and are fantastic supporters of our special town. I appreciate each and every one of you. Many thanks!

Signed,  
Sara Tobias  
Emergency Management Director



## Archive Committee Report 2023

The current Archive volunteers are Gina Goff, Anne Booth, and Ken Callahan. Thanks to Gina and her continuing project of sorting, organizing and storing documents. Because of her work, far more material is readily accessible than in the past. Anne has organized many years of Conservation Commission records and is focusing on consolidating the files that correspond to specific lots. Ken continues to lend his historical knowledge about the town as well as making sure our climate control system is working efficiently.

There have been no major donations to the Archive this year, but we are always on the lookout for any documents, photographs or objects related to the town and its history.

Our goal is to preserve and document the history of the Town of Sharon. There is still much to do in the Archive. One large project that needs to be tackled is the sorting, storage and indexing of the many maps that we have in storage. There are many unexplored aspects of Sharon history hidden away in the Archive, waiting for someone to take the time to examine them and make use of what they find. New volunteers are always welcome. Your ideas and skills could be a big help in preserving Sharon's past. If you think that you might be interested, give Ken a call at 924- 3726. We will be happy to show you around, explain what we do, and what we hope to do in the future.

Town of Sharon NH  
Fire Warden Report 2023

I Issued 12 Permits for Brush and campfires during the season.

Only one incident of an un-permitted fire reported. I responded to the resident's address and told him to extinguish the fire. I then educated him on the proper procedures for camp and brush burning and how to obtain a permit in the future. I also informed him that if Peterborough Fire Department responds to an un-permitted fire a \$2000 fine may be incurred.

No reported brush fires were reported during this season.

Fred Greathead

Fire Warden

603-562-5165

# Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

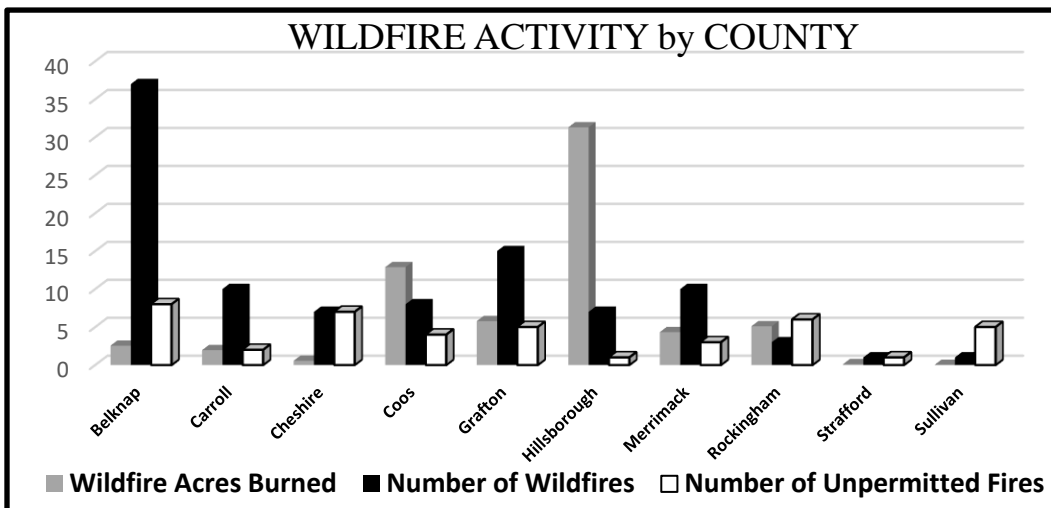
This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We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

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

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



## 2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



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

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

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

## JAFFREY PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2023

Thank you to the Sharon Select Board and the Town Administrator for this opportunity to be included in Sharon's Annual Town report. The Jaffrey Public Library has been providing contracted library services to the Town of Sharon since 2019. All Sharon residents have full access to all the same library services provided to Jaffrey residents, and they have become integral members of our library community.

The Jaffrey Public Library strives to be a welcoming center for lifelong learning and live up to the honor bestowed this year by Charity Lodge #18 with their Community Builders Award for "significant efforts in making our community a better place in which to live." The library is additionally honored to be providing modern library services for all ages in the Clay Memorial Library Building, now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Presently, 99 Sharon residents have library accounts. As a contract service, there is no additional cost to the Town of Sharon for all residents to join us, and we welcome your engagement with all the library has to offer. All that is required is a photo ID and proof of residency. Children ages 5 - 12 require a signed registration by a parent or guardian.

We provide individualized service six days a week, as well as expanded digital offerings available 24/7 to cardholders. Our services include technology help, reference assistance, public computers and free Wi-Fi, as well as countless educational programs and opportunities for youth, teens, and adults. We serve local residents of Jaffrey and Sharon, all middle and high school students in the Jaffrey-Rindge district, and non-residents locally employed in Jaffrey, as well as local institutions.

The library is a vibrant community center for lifelong learning for visitors of all ages. In 2023, library staff answered 22,074 reference questions and provided 1,243 technology help sessions, ranging from simple computing and printing tasks to license renewals, healthcare appointments, and court document filings. We hosted 361 educational programs for all ages, with 9,073 attendees at these live events. An additional 8,703 people participated in self-directed learning stations like our Weekly Lab programs. All of these programs were funded with grants and donations.

The library provides a wide array of materials for checkout, including books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, learning tablets, microscopes, a telescope, sewing machines, STEAM kits, and Wi-Fi hotspots. Circulation, the number of materials checked out from the library, totaled 55,791 in 2023. The library's collection is diverse, inclusive, and relevant, with physical holdings at 34,906, and shared downloadable digital holdings of 42,419 eBooks, 38,953 audiobooks, and 5,381 magazine copies (38,235 unique digital titles), available through the state consortium from *Libby/Overdrive*. We also offer 1,449 always-available digital titles for youth through our *TumbleBook Library*, with full access provided at no cost to all classes at Jaffrey Grade School. Access to all of these resources is free to all library cardholders, and many titles include added features to support varied learning styles.

In 2023, we added 1,121 new titles to our physical collection, of which 203 (valued over \$6,090) were funded by grant programs and donations, at no cost to taxpayers. 1,494 items were

withdrawn from the physical collection as part of a comprehensive collection development and maintenance plan, according to professional standards.

We support researchers of all ages with vetted, up to date electronic resources. In December 2023, we transitioned from *Newsbank* to *U.S. Newsstream* to provide a wider range of news sources. *U.S. Newsstream* enables users to search current and extensive backfiles of U.S. news content and features top newspapers, wires, broadcast transcripts, blogs, and news sites in full-text format, such as content from *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *CNN Newswires*, and the *Huffington Post*. *Britannica Library* from *Encyclopedia Britannica* remains our most used online resource, especially for youth and teens, followed by our *AtoZ World Food* and *Food America* databases, full of regional information and recipes from around the world. Residents of all ages took advantage of free language learning for over 70 languages, with an easy-to-use app from *Mango Languages*, and a special edition, *Little Pim*, for our youngest students. *Medline Plus* and *PubMed Central*, completely free resources from the National Library of Medicine, the world's largest medical library, are available 24/7 for wellness information that is trusted, easy to understand, and free of advertising, in both English and Spanish. We continue to provide free access to *Ancestry.com* for your genealogy pursuits, as well as multiple, reliable and current resources for answering your reference questions on multiple topics.

As our population grows and our society faces economic challenges, the role of the public library continues to evolve to provide a dynamic response. Our library is essential in providing not just reliable information, books, news, technology assistance and research support, but also community services like income tax help, job search assistance, legal research, and homework help. The library also serves as an accessible location for social services with programs that address food insecurity and as a local venue for outside organizations to offer fuel assistance, WIC, and even free legal services.

We are the safe space for our community's children and teens after school, providing learning activities, as well as homework resources and computer access. We are also an accessible space for adults to gather and learn about new technology and current events. Notably, in 2023, the library met a growing need to support adults working and studying remotely with a technology grant from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to reconfigure the former Trustee meeting room into tech-capable workspaces. The former singular meeting space now hosts four "hush-panel" workstations with device charging, Wi-Fi, headsets and even a business meeting monitor, to meet our patrons' remote work and academic needs.

We expanded lifelong learning opportunities far beyond our budget, thanks to many grants and donations, valued over \$52,000, primarily to support programming and the rising costs for our collection. We very much appreciate so much community support.

Thank you for learning with us in 2023. We hope you will continue to choose the Jaffrey Public Library as your library in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Perrin, MSLIS  
Library Director



**TOWN OF SHARON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2023**

Moderator: George (Bill) Joyner-Moderator  
Selectmen: Chet Bowles, Gary Backstrom, Diane Callahan  
Town Administrator: Debra Harling  
Minutes: Dianne Mitchell, Town Clerk  
Location: Sharon Meeting House, 432 Rt 123, Sharon, NH 03458  
 Moderator Bill Joyner called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm.

Moderator Bill Joyner opened the meeting with a review of the rules of the meeting. Mr. Joyner then mentioned the births, deaths, and marriages that occurred in 2023.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Results of the March 28, 2023 voting for Town Officers**

Moderator Bill Joyner reported the results of the March 28, 2023 Town Officers voting and Ballot Question:

Selectman---3 years	Richard Dufresne-60; Write ins: Marc LaPlante-12; Bill Joyner-1; Blank (No Vote)-1
Treasurer--1 year	Susan Bowles-72; Blank (No Vote)-1
Town Clerk – 1 year	Dianne Mitchell-63; Write in: Lisa Hall-8; Blank (No Vote)-2
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years	Write ins: Elizabeth MacEachran-21; Diane Callahan-1; Tracy Tanner-Craig-1; Susan Bowles-1; Non-resident-1; Marjorie Margolis-2; Elizabeth Preston-1; Beth Fernald-1; Blank (No vote)-44
Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years	Write in: Jeff Osgood-26; John MacEachran-2; Elizabeth MacEachran-2; Mark Fernald-1; Ann Booth-1; Ken Callahan-1; John Ladue-1; Blank (No Vote)-39
Audit Board – 3 years	Write in: Tim Conner-6; Anne Murrock-2; Belinda Backstrom-1; Jack Ogren-1; Diane Callahan-1; John MacEachran-1; Gary Backstrom-1; Barrett Golay-1; Juliana Kazanovicz-1; Lori Groleau-1; Beth Fernald-1; Mike Dionne-1; Marc LaPlante-1; Ann Booth-1; Richard Lusky-1; Mark Fernald-1; Matt Craig-1; Blank (No vote)-49
School Board – 3 years	James Fredrickson-70; Blank (No vote)-3

**Contoocook Valley School District Voting**

Moderator Bill Joyner reported the results of the March 9, 2022 School District voting:

<b>Question:</b>	<b># of YES votes</b>	<b># of NO votes</b>
1	50	20
2	49	21
3	49	21
4	48	22
5	47	22

6	47	22
7	49	22
8	61	10
9	60	11

**ARTICLE 2.** To cast your ballots on the proposed amendment to the Sharon Zoning Ordinance for Article XXVI: Solar Collection Systems: Regulations to provide for the expedited approval of applications to add and/or replace additional solar collection units. The current Ordinance has no position on additional or replacing solar collection units

<b># of YES votes</b>	<b># of NO votes</b>
61	11

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$417,468 for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto: The Selectmen recommend this article.

<b>DRA Account</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>
4130	Executive	\$ 29,800
4140	Election and Registration	\$ 17,000
4140	Archive Material Expense	
4150	Financial Administration	\$ 26,625
4153	Legal Expenses	\$ 1,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$ 5,800
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$ 2,000
4194	General Government Building	\$ 12,200
4195	Cemeteries	\$ 2,500
4196	Insurance	\$ 3,264
4210	Police	\$109,901
4215	Ambulance	\$ 20,010
4220	Fire	\$ 48,533
4240	Building Insp./Code Enforce.	\$ 1,000
4290	Emergency Management	\$ 2,200
4300	Highways	\$110,100
4316	Street Lighting	\$ 450
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 15,955
4411	Health Administration	\$ 300
4414	Animal Control	\$ 300
4415	Health Agencies and Hospital	\$ 1,600
4441	Welfare	\$ 2,000
4550	Library	\$ 4,000
4619	Conservation Commission	\$ 830
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation	\$ 100
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$417,468</b>

**Motion to move Article 3 by Gary Backstrom, seconded by Diane Callahan.**

**Discussion 3:** Deb Harling reviewed the budget and highlighted the categories that have increased. Mark Fernald and Marc LaPlante asked questions about the highway budget.

**Article # 3 Passed by voice vote.**



**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,271 to be added to the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with this amount to come from fund balance. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 4 by Gary Backstrom, second by Diane Callahan.**

Discussion: Chet Bowles explained this article. Linda Paris and Pete Paris asked if this was the total amount being appropriated for this fund. The answer was yes.

**Article 4 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Assessing Reserve Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, or to take any action relative thereto. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3,VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 5 by Gary Backstrom, seconded by Diane Callahan.**

Discussion: Gary Backstrom explained that this article is to put money away to cover the 2024 cost of the assessment update. The Board is requesting this so that the entire cost does not have to be raised in 2024.

**Article 5 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,026 to be added to the Welfare Services Non-Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with this amount to be offset by revenue received from repayment of a welfare lien. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 6 by Gary Backstrom, seconded by Diane Callahan.**

Discussion: Diane Callahan explained that this article is to put money back into this fund that was received in payment of a welfare lien. Mark Fernald asked if this money could be put into the general fund. It was explained that the interest was put into the general fund and this was the amount expended from the capital reserve fund.

**Article 6 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the Town Highway Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3,VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 7 by Gary Backstrom, seconded by Diane Callahan.**

Discussion: Chet Bowles explained this article. Mr. Bowles spoke about the December 22, 2022 Select Board meeting and the 2023 budget hearing, where discussions of the roads occurred. The proposed paving projects were explained. Mark Fernald asked questions about why paving projects are being proposed. It was explained that the three roads need to be re-paved. Linda Paris asked how many bids were obtained. Sandy Eneguess, Road Agent explained that he had received a quote from Brox, he had requested, but not received quotes from other paving companies.

Motion by Chet Bowles, second by Gary Backstrom to amend Article 7 to read “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 to be added to the Town Highway Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3,VI(c).”

The amendment to article 7 passed by voice vote.

**Amended Article 7 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish a Technology Upgrade Expendable Trust Fund for the upgrade of computers, printers, software, and other technology upgrades; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in such expendable trust fund; (3) to designate the selectmen as agents to expend, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provision of RSA 32:3, VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 8 by Gary Backstrom, second by Diane Callahan.**

Discussion: Gary Backstrom explained this article is to put money away for upgrades to technology.

Mark Fernald proposed an amendment to this article “To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish an Emergency Technology Expendable Trust Fund for emergency replacement of computers or printers; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in such expendable trust fund; (3) to designate the selectmen as agents to expend, with this amount to come from taxation.” Second by Marc LaPlante. Sara Tobias spoke against this amendment. The amendment failed by voice vote.

**Article 8 Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to (1) establish a Schoolhouse Educational Use Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of creating educational programs using the Old Schoolhouse and for purchasing supplies, supplying transportation, and other costs to achieve this purpose; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in such expendable trust fund; (3) to designate the selectmen as agents to expend, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 9 by Gary Backstrom, second by Diane Callahan.**

Discussion: Chet Bowles explained that people have been wondering how to use the Old School House, this article is designed to use the Old School House as an educational building. Discussion about how the town will go about implementing this idea. Concerns were voiced about accessibility. After discussion a motion was made by Chet Bowles, second by Gary Backstrom to table this article. Motion to table passed by voice vote.

**Article 9 Tabled.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish an Emergency Management Communications Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing, upgrading and maintaining communications equipment; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in such expendable trust fund; (3) to designate the selectmen as agents to expend, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 31:3, VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 10 by Gary Backstrom, second by Diane Callahan.**

Discussion: Sara Tobias, Emergency Manager, spoke to this article and explained that radios need to be upgraded, the repeater needs to be upgraded, and other communications equipment needs to be upgraded. It is estimated that it will cost \$18,000 for the total upgrades.

Motion by Diane Callahan, second by Gary Backstrom to amend article 10 to read “To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish an Emergency Management Communications Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing, upgrading and maintaining communications equipment; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in such expendable trust fund; (3) to designate the selectmen as agents to expend, with this amount to come from taxation.”

The amendment passed by voice vote.

**Amended Article 10 passed by voice vote.**



**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to repair the cemetery vault and remove trees around the cemetery vault at the McCoy Road Cemetery.

**Motion to move Article 11 by Gary Backstrom, second by Diane Callahan.**

**Discussion:** Diane Callahan explained that the vault at McCoy Road Cemetery had been looked at and needs repairs. There are also trees that are endangering the vault and headstones close by. This article will appropriate money to repair the vault and remove the trees.

**Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit, in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$300.

**Motion to move Article 12 by Gary Backstrom, second by Diane Callahan.**

**Discussion:** Debra Harling, Town Administrator explained that the State made changes to the RSA for the Veteran's tax credit and the town is being required to re-adopt this RSA.

**Article 12 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit, in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit of \$300 voted by the town under RSA 72:28.

**Motion to move Article 13 by Gary Backstrom, second by Diane Callahan.**

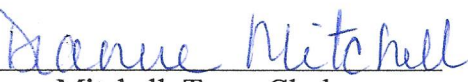
**Discussion:** Debra Harling, Town Administrator explained article is similar to article 12, but involves changes to the All Veteran's tax credit.

**Article 13 passed by voice vote.**

**Other Business:** Outgoing Selectman Gary Backstrom was thanked for his service to the town.

**Moderator Bill Joyner adjourned the meeting at 10:44 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
Dianne Mitchell, Town Clerk



# **WINTER ROAD POLICY**

## **TOWN OF SHARON**

**(Revised 2005)**

**A written policy is essential to receive the full benefit of the liability protection found in RSA 231:92-a.**

Sharon's Winter Road Policy is to try and maintain and make our roads as safe as possible during the winter season. The roads maintained by the Town of Sharon are: Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Sliptown Road, Spring Hill Road starting at the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Jaffrey/Sharon town line, and Mill Road. State maintained roads are: Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road, and Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Sharon/Peterborough town line.

Sharon's school bus route will be maintained first because of the need to have our roads as safe as possible for the transporting of our students.

Sharon does not use a large amount of salt, therefore, our roads, depending on the season, could be ice and snow covered for a period of time. The town will do its best to try and remove as much as possible from the surface of the road by means of a grader or other equipment.

**Per order of the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 41:11, the town has adopted a Winter Parking Ordinance which states that:**

No person shall park any vehicle upon any Town highway at any time of the day between November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Violation of this ordinance shall be deemed to be the responsibility of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Each date during or on which a violation shall occur or continue shall be considered a separate offence. The penalty for each Violation shall be \$25.00. Unlawfully parked vehicles may be towed and stored at the expense of the registered owner.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

The purpose of this winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control methods, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts. Private roads, private drives, private businesses and parking areas, per RSA 231:93 imposes no duty to maintain such an area.

Roads to summer cottages open for summer maintenance only, because RSA 231:79-81 exempts the municipality from duties of winter maintenance.

Plowing our roads will not commence until snow has accumulated to a sufficient amount, unless slippery road conditions occur first. Roads will continue to be plowed according to the accumulation of snow as determined by the Road Agent. Four inches of a "cold" snow provides better traction than two inches of wet snow on a frozen road surface.

After completion of each snow and or ice storm, roads will be sanded if necessary, to help the covered roads melt and make our roads safe. It should be noted that salt has a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25 degrees, extremely slow at 20 degrees and at 10 degrees it stops and turns into an icy condition.

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths get increasingly higher, and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

The town has one part-time Road Agent who engages the services of contractors to carry out its winter maintenance operations.

For communication the town is equipped with radios and its own frequency enabling operators to communicate amongst themselves, the Emergency Management Director and a Selectman.

Emergency situations that arise during an event, equipment can be diverted at the request of a police or fire officer, emergency management director or an incident commander, from a planned snow removal route, responding to a motor vehicle accident, fire or a medical emergency. (RSA 154:7)

It should be noted that the town is not held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way. (RSA 231:92-a) The right-of-way (ROW) is often 50' wide, and is often confused by property owners as their own property. In most cases, the ROW often extends 10 to 20 feet of either side of the paved or graveled road. Home owners often cultivate extensions of their lawns, place mailboxes, erect fences or stonewalls in these areas, which improves the appearance of the street greatly, but is obstructive to good maintenance from being conducted on the roadway.

In the event of personal property damage, the Town of Sharon will only be responsible to repair or replace damaged property having been in actual contact with the snow removal equipment that is on private property and not within the public right-of-way.

RSA 215-A:6 states OHRV's are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way or any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted.

**It is unlawful to:**

- Operate as to endanger any person or damage property
- Operate on any road or within the right-of-way except where authorized and posted
- Chase or harass wildlife
- Operate on **town roads** or sidewalks unless posted for OHRV's
- Operate on or across any highway bridge unless posted as open for OHRV's
- Tow any person or sled without a rigid hitch.

The town does not allow snowmobiling on town roads.

It is important that people take into account and be aware of weather and road conditions while driving Sharon's roads. Please drive cautiously and safely at a reasonable rate of speed, so as not to endanger other vehicles and or pedestrians.

**TO ALL A SAFE WINTER**





