



# Town of Stark New Hampshire 2023 Annual Report





**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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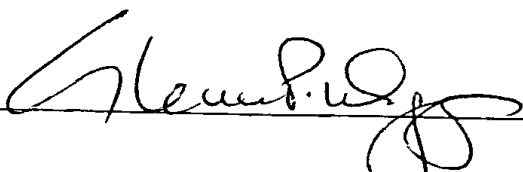
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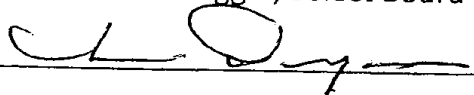
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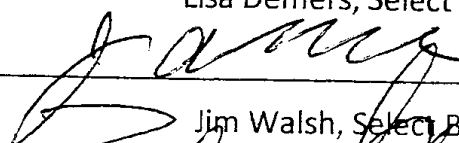
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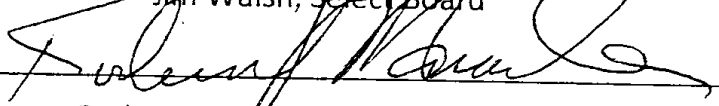
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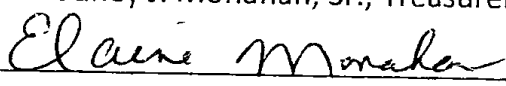
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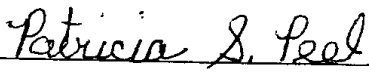
  
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Glenn Wiggin, Select Board Chair


  
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Lisa Demers, Select Board

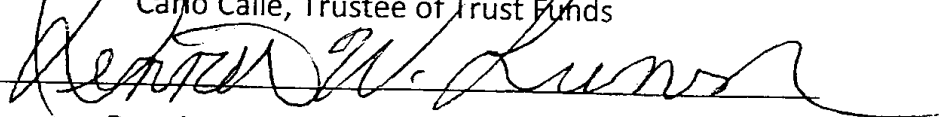
  
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Jim Walsh, Select Board

  
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Rodney J. Monahan, Sr., Treasurer

  
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Elaine Monahan, Tax Collector

  
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Patricia S. Peel, Town Clerk

  
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Carlo Calle, Trustee of Trust Funds

  
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Dennis W. Lunn, Trustee of Trust Fund

# IN RECOGNITION



TREASURER  
OFFICE MANAGER  
TOWN CLERK  
29 YEARS OF SERVICE

Happy Retirement, Sue! We celebrate your many years of hard work and dedicated service to the Town of Stark, thank you. Wishing you a relaxing retirement.

*Retirement is not the end  
of the road. It is the  
beginning of the open  
highway.*

*Unknown*

# Town Hall Hours

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Select Board's Office	Tuesdays/Thursdays	8 am—4 pm
Town Clerk's Office	Tuesdays/Thursdays	8 am—4 pm
Tax Collector's Office	Tuesdays/Thursdays	8 am—4pm
Select Board's Meetings	1st & 3rd Wednesdays of Month	6 pm
Planning Board Meetings	2nd Wednesday of Month	6 pm
Transfer Station	Wednesdays	12:30—4:30 pm
	Saturdays	9 am—4:30 pm

## Contact Information

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Stark NH 03582

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# Town Officials

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Office Manager	Patricia S. Peel
Tax Collector	Elaine Monahan Judith Wentworth, Deputy
Deputy Town Clerk	Elaine Monahan
Deputy Treasurer	Nancy K. Spaulding
Road Agent	Ronald Boivin Maurice Hibbard, Assistant
Transfer Station Operator	Stephan Gilman Dennis Lunn, Assistant
Health Officer	James R. Gibson, Jr.
Heritage Center Committee	William L. Joyce Everett R. Frizzell Bob Gale
Stark Volunteer Fire Department	Charles Nesbitt, Chief Travis Wentworth, Deputy Chief John M. Pepau, Jr., Assistant Chief
Boston Post Cane Holder	Francis E. Keddy, Since 2020



# Town Officials

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectmen	3 Year Term	James Walsh	2024
		Glenn P. Wiggin	2025
		Lisa Demers	2026
Town Clerk	3 Year Term	Patricia Peel	2024
Town Treasurer	3 Year Term	Rodney Monahan	2025
Town Moderator	3 Year Term	William Joyce	2024
Supervisors of Checklist	6 Year Term	Deborah K. N. Joyce	2028
		Nancy K. Spaulding	2026
		Judith Wentworth	2028
Cemetery Trustees	3 Year Term	Christopher Wheelock	2024
		Dennis Lunn	2025
		William Joyce	2026
Planning Board	3 Year Term	Marc Brassard	2025
		Robert Gale	2025
		Carlo Calle	2026
		Monique Hand	2026
		Ray Perkins (Alt.)	2026
		James Walsh (Select Board Rep.)	
Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term	Vacant Position	2024
		Dennis Lunn	2025
		Carlo Calle	2026

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT  
1/1/2023-12/31/2023**

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name</b>
Frye, Callum	1/17/2023	Berlin, NH	Frye, Levi Dundas	Frye, Shannon
Mangus, Male	4/18/2023	Littleton, NH	Mangus, John Daniel	Smith, Virginia Leigh
Reading, John Scott	8/3/2023	Berlin, NH	Reading, Arthur Kenneth	Reading, Lisa Marie



**Callum Frye**



**John Reading**

**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT  
1/1/2023-12/31/2023  
*No Marriages Reported***

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**RESIDENT DEATH REPORT**

**1/1/2023-12/31/2023**

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Death Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name prior to First Marriage/Civil Union</b>	<b>Military</b>
Taylor, Donna A	1/16/2023	Stark	Jordan, Guy	Brown, Eva	No
Woods, Albert Leon	1/25/2023	Stark	Woods Sr, Roy	Archambault, Evelyn	Yes
Woods, Paula	3/4/2023	Stark	Ellison, Winthrop	Fairweather, Lillian	No
Benway, Frederick Joseph	3/14/2023	Lancaster	Benway, John	McGee, Katherine	No
Bartlett, Leslie Edward	3/27/2023	Stark	Barlett, Frank	Morancie, Betty	No
Fritschy, Sean M	4/2/2023	Berlin	Fritschy, Kevin	Adkins, Joyce	No
Glover, Joseph Anthony	4/3/2023	Stark	Unknown	Glover, Mary	No
Gilman Sr, Richard James	5/1/2023	Stark	Gilman, Antonio	Young, Nancy	Yes
King, Kevin Richard	6/4/2023	Stark	King, Leonard	MacKillop Linda	No
Peers, James Reginald	6/17/2023	Lancaster	Peers, James	Cook, Dorothy	Yes
Hodge, Jeffrey Alan	7/14/2023	Stark	Hodge, Raymond	Rowell, Edith	No
Landry, Lillian Pauline	10/29/2023	Lancaster	Gaulin, William	Caouette, Marie	No
Boudle, Irving H	12/31/2023	Manchester	Boudle, Howard	Bourassa, Madeline	No

**TOWN OF STARK, NH**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, March 14, 2023**

Moderator, William Joyce, declared the polls open at 9:00 am

Moderator, William Joyce, opened the Town of Stark business meeting at 2 pm, March 14, 2023. Dan Fogg led the voters and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Joyce reviewed the Rules of the Meeting.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on while the polls are open)

**Ballot Vote Results**

**Select Board:** Lisa Demers 91, Colin Wentworth 75, Carl Coulombe 5, Write Ins 2

Planning Board (Vote for Two): James G. Walsh 98, Carlo Calle 96, Undervotes 148,  
Write Ins 4

**Cemetery Trustee:** William Joyce 160, Undervotes 13

**Trustee of Trust Fund:** Write Ins--- Rodney Monahan 3 Declined at Election, Deana Bishop 2, Jack Pepau 2, Sue Croteau 2, Russell Bell 1, Carlo Calle 1, Georgia Caron 1, Albert Cloutier 1, Carl Coulombe 2, Lisa Demers 1, Stephan Gilman 1, William Joyce 2, Dennis Lunn 4 (Currently a Trustee), Jim Walsh 1, Colin Wentworth 1, Judy Wentworth 1.

**Motion to move Article 4 to follow Article 1**

Motion by Colin Wentworth

Seconded by Glenn Wiggin

**Motion Passed**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$291,082 for Highways. Recommended by the Select Board (2 yes- 1 no)

Motion: Colin Wentworth

Second: Glenn Wiggin

Discussion regarding payroll for Highway department. Select Board addressed all questions and concerns.

Motion to move discussion of payroll only: Chris Wheelock

Second: Carlo Calle

Motion Passed

Discussion on remainder of Highway budget. All questions and concerns from the public were addressed by the Select Board.

Motion to amend Highway: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$251,082 for Highways

Motion: Chris Wheelock

Second: Shannon Perras

Motion Passed

Motion to move the amended article

Motion: Cristol LaVallee

Second: Chris Wheelock

Motion Passed

Moderator Joyce read Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$251,082 for Highways.

Motion to move passed

**Article 4 Passed as Amended**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$214,533 for General Government, with \$9,500 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance.

Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

Motion: Doug Shannon

Second: Colin Wentworth

Motion to amend article 2 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184,975 for General Government, with \$9,500 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance.

Motion: Chris Wheelock

Second: Shannon Perras

Vote to amend Article 2 Passed

Moderator Joyce read Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184,975 for General Government, with \$9,500 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance.

**Article 2 Passed as Amended**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,425 for Public Safety. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

Motion: Glenn Wiggin

Second: Doug Shannon

**Article 3 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,300 for Sanitation.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

Motion: Doug Shannon  
Second: Colin Wentworth  
**Article 5 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,263 for Health Agencies.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

4415-Health Agencies	
North Country Home Health & Hospice	\$2918
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$500
Northern Human Services	\$125
Health Officer	\$150
4419-Other Health	
Lancaster Community Cupboard	\$100
North Country Elders Program-CAP	\$450
Community Action Program	\$1250
Backpack Program	\$400
American Red Cross	\$250
Service Link	\$120

Motion: Glenn Wiggin  
Second: Doug Shannon  
**Article 6 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for Direct Assistance.

Motion: Colin Wentworth  
Second: Doug Shannon  
**Article 7 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200 for Patriotic Purposes. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

MOTION: Colin Wentworth  
SECOND: Doug Shannon  
**Article 8 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Debt Services.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

Motion: Doug Shannon

Second: Glenn Wiggin

**Article 9 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,600 for Capital Reserves.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

Revaluation	\$6000
Fire Gear	\$1000
Backhoe	\$500
Bridge	\$1000
Cemeteries	\$1000
Compactor	\$1000
Fire Department Building	\$100
Fire Department Equipment & Vehicles	\$10000
Town Truck	\$20000

Motion: Doug Shannon

Second: Glenn Wiggin

**Article 10 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the removal of four pine trees in the Village Cemetery.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

Motion: Doug Shannon

Second: Glenn Wiggin

**Article 11 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town readopt the All-Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the Standard or Optional Veterans Tax Credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28? (Majority Vote Required)

MOTION: Colin Wentworth  
SECOND: Doug Shannon  
**Article 12 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the town readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, I I, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$ 750 ? (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Colin Wentworth  
SECOND: Glenn Wiggin  
**Article 13 Passed as Written**

**ARTICLE 14:**

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

Moderator Joyce encouraged the public to attend Select Board meetings and not rely on Facebook messages.

Discussion regarding time and day of annual Town Business Meeting

Georgia Caron cautioned Select Board to be mindful of words to employees in public meetings that could smack of discrimination.

Selectman, Glenn Wiggin, encouraged people to show up at meetings to give input to SB so they know what the Town wants.

Bob Gale spoke regarding the 250th Celebration.

Ed Cote mentioned missing street signs around Town.

Jane Ryan asked if private road owners could be granted a tax break due to fact that private roads do not get plowed, sanded, etc.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Tom Bushey  
SECOND: Georgia Caron  
Meeting adjourned by Moderator, William Joyce, at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia S. Peel, Town Clerk  
Stark, NH





## ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Stark:

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statement of Town of Stark, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2022, and the related statements of revenue and expenditures for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed for MS-535 nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed for MS-535.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed for MS-535 are intended to comply with the requirements of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America.

April 7, 2023

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## TAX RATE CALCULATION

**2023**

<b>TOWN</b>		<b>\$ 3.59</b>			
Total Appropriations					\$ 641,345.00
Less: Revenues					\$ (306,932.00)
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes					\$ (100,000.00)
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus					\$ (9,500.00)
War Service Credits					\$ 32,650.00
Overlay Used					\$ 15,574.00
Net Town Appropriations					<b>\$ 273,137.00</b>
<b>LOCAL SCHOOL</b>		<b>\$ 10.19</b>			
Net Local School Budget					\$ 1,234,205.00
Less: Adequate Education Grant					\$ (356,593.00)
Less: State Education Taxes					\$ (102,935.00)
Net Local School Appropriations					<b>\$ 774,677.00</b>
<b>STATE EDUCATION TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 1.63</b>			<b>\$ 102,935.00</b>
<b>COUNTY TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 5.31</b>			<b>\$ 403,526.00</b>
<b>TAX RATE 2023</b>		<b>\$ 20.72</b>			
Total Property Taxes Commitment 2023					\$ 1,554,275.00

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 2023

	BUDGET	EXPENDED	VARIANCE
4130-Executive	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,174.37	\$ (174.37)
4140 -Elections, Registrations	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 18,402.32	\$ 3,397.68
4150-Financial Administration	\$ 32,950.00	\$ 31,977.03	\$ 972.97
4152-Appraisal	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 18,380.00	\$ (1,480.00)
4153-Legal	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 880.66	\$ 1,119.34
4155-Personnel	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 9,296.00	\$ 5,954.00
4191-Planning	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,074.96	\$ (74.96)
4194-General Government	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 13,208.02	\$ (1,008.02)
4195-Cemeteries	\$ 22,825.00	\$ 24,064.21	\$ (1,239.21)
4196-Insurance	\$ 16,100.00	\$ 17,217.00	\$ (1,117.00)
4197-Advertising, Regional Associations	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 434.00
4199-Other Government	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -
4215-Ambulance	\$ 17,075.00	\$ 17,075.00	\$ -
4220-Fire Department	\$ 49,850.00	\$ 52,341.07	\$ (2,491.07)
4290-Emergency Management	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
4299-Other Safety	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
4312-Highways	\$ 251,082.00	\$ 141,453.47	\$ 109,628.53
4324-Solid Waste	\$ 62,300.00	\$ 54,244.18	\$ 8,055.82
4325-Solid Waste Clean Up	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 376.93	\$ 623.07
4415-Health Agencies	\$ 3,693.00	\$ 3,693.00	\$ -
4419-Other Health	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$ -
4442-Welfare	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
4583-Patriotic	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,084.46	\$ 115.54
4723-Interest on T.A.N.	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
4915-Capital Reserves	\$ 40,600.00	\$ 40,600.00	\$ -
Article 11---Cemetery Trees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 641,345.00</b>	<b>\$ 510,128.68</b>	<b>\$ 131,216.32</b>

FIRE GEAR CAPITAL RESERVE WITHDRAWAL	\$2,906.36
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## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

### MS-1

<b>LAND</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Current Use	10757.61	\$ 434,827.00
Residential Land	1396.45	\$ 24,888,900.00
Commercial/Industrial	141.34	\$ 931,000.00
Conservation Restriction	12.4	\$ 1,582.00
		<b>\$ 26,256,309.00</b>
<b>BUILDINGS</b>		
Residential		\$ 33,778,800.00
Manufactured Housing		\$ 1,920,800.00
Commercial/Industrial		\$ 1,374,000.00
		<b>\$ 37,073,600.00</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Portland Natural Gas		\$ 11,138,570.00
PSNH/Eversource		\$ 1,660,900.00
		<b>\$ 12,799,470.00</b>
<b>TOTAL VALUATION</b>		<b>\$ 76,129,379.00</b>
<b>LESS EXEMPTIONS</b>		
Less: Blind Exemption (1)		\$ 15,000.00
Less: Elderly Exemptions (3)		\$ 45,000.00
Less: Solar Exemptions (5)		\$ 49,200.00
		<b>\$ 109,200.00</b>
<b>NET VALUATION 2023</b>		<b>\$ 76,020,179.00</b>

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY APPRAISED VALUES

**Appraised & Insured by NH Primex**

PROPERTY	ADDRESS	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
Stark Town Hall	1189 Stark Highway	\$ 541,800.00	\$ 99,800.00	\$ 641,600.00
Control Shed	47 Recycle Road	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 66,200.00
Heritage Center	1197 Stark Highway	\$ 451,700.00	\$ -	\$ 451,700.00
Public Library	1189 Stark Highway	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Pump House	1189 Stark Highway	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
Sand & Salt Shed	38 Town Garage Road	\$ 173,400.00	\$ -	\$ 173,400.00
Town Garage	38 Town Garage Road	\$ 202,900.00	\$ 112,100.00	\$ 315,000.00
Cemetery Shed	38 Town Garage Road	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00
Transfer Recycle Bldg.	47 Recycle Road	\$ 70,200.00	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 100,900.00
Volunteer Fire Dpt.	1276 Stark Highway	\$ 617,300.00	\$ 205,700.00	\$ 823,000.00
Town Deeded House	40 Thompson Road	\$ 175,400.00	\$ -	\$ 175,400.00
Town Deeded House	54 Lee Hill Road	\$ 98,800.00	\$ -	\$ 98,800.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$2,413,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 552,300.00</b>	<b>\$2,965,800.00</b>

Note: Town Properties are insured by NH Primex. A representative/appraiser for NH Primex visits the Town of Stark every 5 years to update the appraised value. If the Town requests property be reappraised prior to the 5 year appraisal, the Town must meet a threshold of \$100,000 on the value before Primex will reappraise. The appraiser determines the value of the contents in a building; contents of tax deeded property is not insured.

The Heritage Center has always had a \$0 value on contents. However, an appraiser for NH Primex was in Stark, NH on January 17, 2024 and did determine a value for the contents of the Heritage Center. The appraised values above do not reflect any changes in appraised values as the Town Office had not received the updates prior to publication of this Town Report.

## SUMMARY OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

Year Ending December 31, 2022

<b>REVENUES</b>				
Tax Collector				\$ 293,925.59
Town Clerk				\$ 140,444.90
State & Federal Government				\$ 145,879.72
Local Sources				\$ 3,622.96
Interest Earned				\$ 795.29
Capital Reserve Withdrawals				\$ 2,906.36
Other Miscellaneous Revenues				\$ 8,854.14
<b>Total Revenues</b>				<b>\$ 596,428.96</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
General Government				\$ 193,190.57
Public Safety				\$ 69,716.07
Highways				\$ 143,654.46
Solid Waste				\$ 54,621.11
Health Agencies				\$ 6,263.00
Culture & Recreation				\$ 2,084.46
Transfers to Capital Reserve Accounts				\$ 40,600.00
Other: PSNH /Eversource 2019-2022 Abatement Appeals Settlement				\$ 14,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>				<b>\$ 524,129.67</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

### TAX COLLECTOR

Property Tax	\$	234,474.00
Land Use Change Tax	\$	34,545.00
Yield Tax	\$	14,117.06
Gravel Tax	\$	1,505.82
Interest & Penalties	\$	9,283.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>293,925.59</b>

### TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$	135,376.68
Title Fees	\$	306.50
Municipal Clerk Fees	\$	2,721.14
Dog Licenses Issued	\$	1,298.83
Vital Statistics	\$	190.00
Uniformed Commercial Code	\$	120.00
Statewide Checklist Fee	\$	400.00
Returned Check/Echeck Fees	\$	31.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>140,444.90</b>

### STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Highway Block Grant	\$	36,755.55
Rooms & Meals	\$	45,692.68
Shared Revenue Block Grant	\$	25,381.32
Other State Grants (Bridge Grant & RR Tax)	\$	38,050.17
Local Sources	\$	3,622.96
Interest Earned	\$	795.29
Capital Reserve Withdrawals	\$	2,906.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>153,204.33</b>

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE** \$ **8,854.14**

**TOTAL REVENUES 2023** \$ **596,428.96**

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4130-EXECUTIVE</b>		
Adobe	\$	23.88
Backblaze	\$	87.99
Colin Wentworth	\$	415.40
Douglas G. Shannon	\$	979.13
Elaine Monahan	\$	46.95
Glenn P. Wiggin	\$	1,995.00
GoDaddy	\$	107.88
Groveton Postmaster	\$	760.39
Intuit	\$	1,318.86
James Walsh	\$	902.55
Lisa Demers	\$	1,586.30
Lufkin Security	\$	240.00
Microsoft	\$	69.99
NH Association of Assessing Official	\$	20.00
NH Criminal Records	\$	25.00
NH Government Finance Officers Association	\$	430.00
NH Labor Law Poster Service	\$	99.50
NH Municipal Association	\$	1,292.00
Passumpsic Savings Bank	\$	1,003.85
Patricia S. Peel/Expenses	\$	380.27
Patricia S. Peel/Salary	\$	13,230.00
Pitney Bowes	\$	412.16
Profile Technologies	\$	7,315.20
Purchase Power	\$	1,072.69
Registry of Deeds	\$	19.00
Staples	\$	71.47
Stephan Gilman	\$	37.97
Sunvalley, LLC	\$	353.93
Susan Croteau	\$	4,266.05
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	\$	1,610.96
<b>Total Expenditures 4130-Executive</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,174.37</b>



## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4140-ELECTIONS, REGISTRATIONS</b>		
Colin K. Wentworth	\$	105.00
Coos County Sheriff's Office	\$	91.73
Deborah K.N. Joyce	\$	211.89
Department of Agriculture	\$	212.50
Douglas G. Shannon	\$	105.00
Elaine M. Monahan/Expenses	\$	56.33
Elaine M. Monahan/Salary	\$	1,599.16
Glenn P. Wiggin	\$	105.00
Identification Source	\$	136.00
Interware Development	\$	600.00
Judith Wentworth	\$	372.67
Linda Wentworth	\$	105.00
Nancy K. Spaulding	\$	251.27
NEMRC	\$	266.76
Patricia S. Peel/Expenses	\$	613.08
Patricia S. Peel/Salary	\$	9,705.15
Smith & Town Printers	\$	2,489.00
Stephan Gilman	\$	105.00
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$	99.00
Walmart	\$	18.78
W. B. Mason Co., Inc	\$	1,049.00
William Joyce	\$	105.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4140-Elections, Registrations</b>		<b>\$18,402.32</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4150-FINANCIAL</b>	
Avitar Associates of NE, Inc.	\$ 2,134.80
Carlo Calle	\$ 168.00
Cohos Advisors	\$ 10,950.00
Coos County Registry of Deeds	\$ 88.79
Deluxe Business Products	\$ 181.07
Dennis Lunn	\$ 336.00
Elaine Monahan/Salary	\$ 12,605.06
Judith Wentworth	\$ 1,329.75
NH Tax Collectors Association	\$ 160.00
Owl Stamp	\$ 21.55
Postmaster, Groveton NH	\$ 862.47
Rodney J. Monahan, Sr./Expense	\$ 416.35
Rodney J. Monahan, Sr./Salary	\$ 2,498.79
Roxane Shannon	\$ 89.24
W.B. Mason Co. Inc.	\$ 135.16
<b>Total Expenditures 4150-Financial</b>	<b>\$ 31,977.03</b>
<b>4152-APPRAISAL</b>	
Avitar	\$ 14,280.00
CAI Technologies	\$ 4,100.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4152-Appraisal</b>	<b>\$ 18,380.00</b>
<b>4153-LEGAL</b>	
Drummond Woodsum	\$ 566.78
Upton & Hatfield, LLP	\$ 313.88
<b>Total Expenditures 4153-Legal</b>	<b>\$ 880.66</b>
<b>4155-PERSONNEL</b>	
EFTPS (Fed. Tax, Social Security, Medi	\$ 9,503.20
Heritage Payroll (Payback to General Fund)	\$ (207.20)
<b>Total Expenditures 4155-Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 9,296.00</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4191-PLANNING</b>	
Matthew Bender Co., Inc.	\$ 960.32
North Country Council	\$ 40.00
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	\$ 74.64
<b>Total Expenditures 4191-Planning</b>	<b>\$ 1,074.96</b>
<b>4194-GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Cheryl Gale	\$ 100.00
Consolidated Communications	\$ 2,672.53
Croteau's Lawn Service	\$ 180.00
Dennis Lunn	\$ 15.00
Eversource	\$ 2,292.48
Fitch Fuel Co., Inc.	\$ 4,921.46
Impact Fire Services	\$ 411.04
J.A. Corey	\$ 274.99
Linda A. Wentworth	\$ 17.50
Minutemen Security	\$ 1,013.00
Netafy	\$ 813.60
Patricia S. Peel/Expenses	\$ 308.98
Stephan Gilman	\$ 27.85
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	\$ 159.59
<b>Total Expenditures 4194-General Government</b>	<b>\$ 13,208.02</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4195-CEMETERIES</b>	
Croteau's Lawn Service	\$ 9,115.00
Dennis Lunn	\$ 195.00
Grooty's Tree Service	\$ 15,000.00
Perras Ace Hardware	\$ 317.73
State of NH Criminal Records	\$ 25.00
Stephan Gilman	\$ 776.48
T.D.K. Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 13,475.00
Th Epoxy Project, LLC	\$ 160.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4130-Executive</b>	<b>\$ 39,064.21</b>
2022 Special Warrant Article 11/Tree Removal	\$ (15,000.00)
2022 Article 2 \$9500 from Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB)	\$ (9,500.00)
<b>Total Expenditures Excluding Tree Removal &amp; UFB of \$9500</b>	<b>\$ 14,564.21</b>
<b>4196-INSURANCE</b>	
Primex---Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$ 2,381.00
Primex---Property Liability Insurance	\$ 14,836.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4196-Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 17,217.00</b>
<b>4197-ADVERTISING</b>	
Jordan Associates	\$ 186.00
North Country Council	\$ 600.00
Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce	\$ 250.00
Salmon Press, LLC	\$ 380.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4197-Advertising</b>	<b>\$ 1,416.00</b>
<b>4199-OTHER GOVERNMENT</b>	
Ainsworth Land Management	\$ 2,100.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4199-Other Government</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4215-AMBULANCE</b>		
Town of Northumberland	\$	17,075.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4215 Ambulance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,075.00</b>
<b>4220-FIRE</b>		
360 CPR Training	\$	344.00
Albert J. Cloutier, Jr/Expense	\$	27.51
Albert J. Cloutier, Jr/Payroll	\$	44.19
Amazon	\$	213.61
American Heart Association/CPR	\$	257.50
Andrew E. Peare/Payroll	\$	625.95
Batch's Kwik Stop	\$	45.00
Ben's Uniforms	\$	1,601.00
BFO Truck & Trailer Repair	\$	1,551.68
Charles F. Nesbitt/Expenses	\$	305.82
Charles F. Nesbitt/Payroll	\$	1,947.76
Colin Wentworth/Payroll	\$	377.64
Colin Wentworth/Expenses	\$	27.51
Consolidated Communications	\$	1,370.53
Coos County Family Health Services	\$	105.00
Corrigan Screen Printing	\$	58.50
Croteau's Lawn Service	\$	1,570.00
Daniel W. Sarfde/Payroll	\$	514.80
Emergency Services Marketing Corp.	\$	355.00
Eversource	\$	2,420.90
Fire Hose Direct	\$	280.22
Fire Tech & Safety	\$	953.27
Firematic Supplies	\$	1,758.74
Fitch Fuel Co., Inc.	\$	5,506.67
Frederick K. Gonyer, Jr.	\$	140.40
Fuego Fire Center	\$	61.85
Sub Total	\$	22,465.05

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4220-FIRE</b>		
Sub Total	\$	22,465.05
Gold West Industrial Supply	\$	330.90
Harrison Schrader Enterprises	\$	2,906.36
Impact Fire Services	\$	1,426.53
Jay M. Beaton/Expenses	\$	26.98
Jay M. Beaton/Payroll	\$	2,424.88
Jefferson Fire & Rescue	\$	10,000.00
John M. Pepau, Jr./Expenses	\$	420.94
John M. Pepau, Jr./Payroll	\$	739.54
Labonville	\$	239.60
Lifesavers Inc.	\$	917.00
Lufkin Security Systems	\$	280.00
NCFMAD	\$	250.00
Patches4Less.com	\$	264.00
Patricia S. Peel	\$	64.69
Perras Ace Hardward	\$	391.97
Ronald A. Lunn/Expenses	\$	118.60
Ronald A. Lunn/Payroll	\$	51.39
Ronald C. Boivin	\$	893.24
Rt 110 Auto	\$	350.00
Sanel NAPA	\$	800.17
State of NH-Criminal Records	\$	100.00
Stephan Gilman/Expenses	\$	386.65
Stephan Gilman/Payroll	\$	1,198.23
Tac-2 Communications	\$	1,300.00
Town of Lancaster	\$	250.00
Travis L. Wentworth/Expenses	\$	19.65
Travis L. Wentworth/Payroll	\$	285.56
Treasurer, State of NH/Fuel	\$	1,236.78
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	\$	2.36
<b>Total Expenditures 4220 Fire</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>50,141.07</b>
<b>4290-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		
Grafton County Sheriff's Department	\$	2,500.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4290 Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4312-HIGHWAYS</b>	
Airgas USA, LLC	\$ 296.56
All State Construction, Inc	\$ 8,400.00
Barrett Trucking Co., Inc	\$ 5,402.74
Bell Hill Sand & Gravel	\$ 1,805.00
Berlin City Auto Group	\$ 972.50
Berlin Spring, Inc.	\$ 107.00
Brian Lamarre	\$ 8,000.00
Cargill Inc, Salt Division	\$ 7,377.82
Caron Building	\$ 31.49
Chappell Tractor Sales, Inc.	\$ 270.00
Charles Nesbitt	\$ 2,200.00
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	\$ 14,536.05
Consolidated Communications	\$ 900.21
Cross Machine, Inc	\$ 641.39
David White Trucking	\$ 4,200.00
Deere Credit	\$ 15,381.63
Dennis Lunn	\$ 60.00
DR Power Equipment	\$ 3,999.99
Eversource	\$ 1,065.80
Fitch Fuel Co., Inc	\$ 5,304.05
Impact Fire Services, LLC	\$ 346.53
DWB	\$ 550.00
Labonville, Inc	\$ 146.90
Maurice Hibbard	\$ 9,516.39
Messer Truck Equipment	\$ 264.71
NH Department of Corrections	\$ 189.00
North Country Ford	\$ 161.17
Perras Ace Hardware	\$ 1,116.27
Power Plan	\$ 2,362.54
PTO Repair	\$ 2,068.27
Ronald C. Boivin	\$ 22,796.30
Rt 110 Auto	\$ 50.00
Ron's Electric	\$ 259.50
Sub Total	\$ 120,779.81

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4312-HIGHWAYS</b>	
Sub Total From Previous Page	\$ 120,779.81
Sanel NAPA	\$ 3,266.53
Stephan Gilman	\$ 8,139.63
TAC-2 Communications	\$ 362.29
Treasurer, State of NH (DOT)	\$ 7,865.46
White Cap, LP	\$ 3,139.00
Viking Cives USA	\$ 101.74
<b>Total Expenditures 4312 Highways</b>	<b>\$ 143,654.46</b>
<b>4324-SOLID WASTE</b>	
Atlantic Recycling Equipment, LLC	\$ 4,400.23
AVRRDD	\$ 9,000.75
Caron Building	\$ 819.54
Consolidated Communications	\$ 1,056.97
Coos County Registry of Deeds	\$ 6.00
Dennis Lunn	\$ 3,052.50
Eversource	\$ 1,612.77
Labonville	\$ 79.92
Netafy Internet	\$ 576.00
NHDES	\$ 50.00
NRRRA	\$ 312.00
Normandeau Trucking, Inc	\$ 10,358.00
Perras Ace Hardware	\$ 112.52
Rodney J. Monahan, Sr/Payroll	\$ 4,394.19
The Trailer Outlet	\$ 6,578.00
Stephan Gilman/Payroll	\$ 11,784.79
Treasurer, State of NH	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4324 Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$ 54,244.18</b>
<b>4325-SOLID WASTE CLEAN UP</b>	
City of Berlin	\$ 376.93
<b>Total Expenditures 4325 Solid Waste Clean Up</b>	<b>\$ 376.93</b>



## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 2023

<b>4415-HEALTH SERVICES</b>	
Court Appointed Apecial Advocates (CASA)	\$ 500.00
James R. Gibson, Jr., Health Officer	\$ 150.00
Northern Human Services	\$ 125.00
Northwoods Home Health	\$ 2,918.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4415 Health Services</b>	<b>\$ 3,693.00</b>
<b>4419-OTHER HEALTH</b>	
American Red Cross	\$ 250.00
Backpack Program	\$ 400.00
Community Action Program, Inc	\$ 1,250.00
Lancaster Community Cupboard	\$ 100.00
North Country Elders Program (CAP)	\$ 450.00
Service Link	\$ 120.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4419 Other Health</b>	<b>\$ 2,570.00</b>
<b>4583-PATRIOTIC</b>	
Amazon	\$ 58.83
Armstrong Charron Funeral Home	\$ 256.61
Croteau's Lawn Service	\$ 1,585.00
Jay Beaton	\$ 56.52
Sullivan Greenhouse	\$ 127.50
<b>Total Expenditures 4483-Patriotic</b>	<b>\$ 2,084.46</b>
<b>4915-CAPITAL RESERVES</b>	
NH PDIP	\$ 40,600.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4915-Capital Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 40,600.00</b>
<b>4960-MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
PSNH/Eversource 2019-2022 Abatement Appeals Settlement	\$ 14,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures 4960-Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2023</b>	<b>\$ 524,129.67</b>

**TOWN OF STARK  
TREASURER'S GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2023**


<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>January 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$805,789.67</b>
	<b>Income</b>	
Receipts to Treasurer:		\$1,927,635.47
Other Income:		\$2,505.60
Checking Acct. Interest:		<u>\$795.29</u>
	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$1,930,936.36</b>
<b>Beginning Balance + Income:</b>		<b>\$2,736,726.03</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	
Manifest Payments:		\$1,776,882.01
Bank Fees:		\$60.00
Other Expenses:		<u>\$9,365.64</u>
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,786,307.65</b>
<b>Ending balance:</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$950,418.38</b>

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool Account**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>January 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$481.62</b>
Interest:		<u>\$25.22</u>
<b>Ending balance:</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$506.84</b>

**Treasurer:  
Rodney J. Monahan Sr.**



**TOWN OF STARK  
TREASURER'S HERITAGE CENTER FUND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>January 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$37,550.65</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Receipts to Treasurer:		\$16,317.48
Checking Acct. Interest:		<u>\$46.06</u>
Total Income:		\$16,363.54
<b>Beginning Balance + Income:</b>		<b>\$53,914.19</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Manifest Payments:		\$19,578.62
Bank Fees:		\$0.00
Operating & Maintenance Expenses:		<u>\$457.92</u> Total
	Expenses:	\$20,036.54
<b>Ending balance:</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$33,877.65</b>

**Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank Certificate of Deposit**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>May 15, 2023</b>	<b>\$75,589.60</b>
<b>Interest:</b>		<b>\$2,184.59</b>
<b>Ending balance:</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$77,774.19</b>

**Treasurer:  
Rodney J. Monahan Sr.**

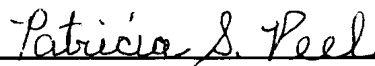


# TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2023

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$	135,376.68
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	\$	306.50
Municipal Clerk Fees	\$	2,721.14
Dog Licenses Issued	\$	1,152.10
Dog License Penalties	\$	146.73
Vital Statistics	\$	190.00
Uniformed Commercial Code (UCC)	\$	120.00
Statewide Checklist Fees	\$	400.00
Returned Check Fees	\$	30.00
ECheck Fee	\$	1.75
Registration Payments Due DMV	\$	20,116.50
<b>Total Remitted to Treasurer 2023</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>160,561.40</b>
ACH Transfer to NH DMV for MV Registrations	\$	(20,116.50)
<b>Total to Town of Stark, NH 2023</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>140,444.90</b>

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Patricia S. Peel  
Town Clerk, Municipal Agent

**NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL**  
**Cemetery Trust Funds**

Fiscal Year 2023

Year Created	Trust Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Earned Interest	Ending Balance
1965	Albert Emery	\$ 272.86		\$ 14.27	\$ 287.13
1963	Amos & Jenny Emery	\$ 144.02		\$ 7.55	\$ 151.57
1955	Alfred Smith	\$ 343.32		\$ 17.97	\$ 361.29
1921	Charles Emery	\$ 68.64		\$ 3.59	\$ 72.23
1981	Dean W. & Ethel Matthews	\$ 255.85		\$ 13.38	\$ 269.23
2014	Earl & Anita Hart	\$ 697.52		\$ 36.49	\$ 734.01
1973	Eldon S. Cole	\$ 411.44		\$ 21.53	\$ 432.97
1966	Eldora A. Pike	\$ 343.86		\$ 17.99	\$ 361.85
1921	George M. Smith	\$ 136.22		\$ 7.13	\$ 143.35
2011	Francis Jr. & Jane Hopps	\$ 717.30		\$ 37.54	\$ 754.84
1966	Kate L. Osgood	\$ 343.99		\$ 18.00	\$ 361.99
1943	Katherine Holmes	\$ 270.66		\$ 14.16	\$ 284.82
1949	Lois A. Fiske	\$ 143.85		\$ 7.53	\$ 151.38
1978	Louis Pike	\$ 279.60		\$ 14.63	\$ 294.23
1983	Manettie Montgomery	\$ 686.59		\$ 35.93	\$ 722.52
1953	Maude S. Kammerling	\$ 1,356.24		\$ 70.98	\$ 1,427.22
1959	Maude Sanderson	\$ 278.52		\$ 14.59	\$ 293.11
1971	Riley S. Lunn	\$ 271.35		\$ 14.20	\$ 285.55
1987	Robert & Ruby Rolf	\$ 455.10		\$ 23.81	\$ 478.91
1959	Sara M. Kammerlin	\$ 4,685.17		\$ 245.20	\$ 4,930.37
1964	Sereno R. Farwell	\$ 141.94		\$ 7.43	\$ 149.37
1955	Seth Cole	\$ 1,375.19		\$ 71.96	\$ 1,447.15
1934	Solomon D. Cole	\$ 72.52		\$ 3.78	\$ 76.30
1946	Stella A. Lunn Cole	\$ 270.35		\$ 14.14	\$ 284.49
Unknown	Trust Funds	\$ 44.00		\$ 2.31	\$ 46.31
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 14,066.10</b>		<b>\$ 736.09</b>	<b>\$ 14,802.19</b>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL**  
**Capital Reserve Funds**

Fiscal Year 2023

<b>Year Created</b>	<b>Trust Fund Name</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Earned Interest</b>	<b>Costs/Fees</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
1996	Backhoe	\$ 63,916.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,354.98	\$ (0.03)		\$ 67,771.40
1995	Bridge	\$ 41,622.78	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,198.18	\$ (0.07)		\$ 44,820.89
2021	Cemeteries	\$ 1,112.21	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 77.65			\$ 2,189.86
1996	Compactor	\$ 2,069.66	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 128.21	\$ (0.07)		\$ 3,197.80
1995	Dump	\$ 4,148.25		\$ 217.09			\$ 4,365.34
1996	Fire Dept. Building	\$ 3,065.67	\$ 100.00	\$ 162.44	\$ (0.01)		\$ 3,328.10
2020	Fire Equipment & Vehicle	\$ 36,053.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,085.72	\$ (0.69)		\$ 48,138.78
2011	Fire Gear	\$ 20,449.86	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,078.40	\$ (0.07)	\$ (2,906.36)	\$ 19,621.83
1995	Revaluation	\$ 21,872.15	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,264.89			\$ 29,137.04
1996	New Town Truck	\$ 13,323.07	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,085.90			\$ 34,408.97
Unknow	Capital Reserves	\$ 2,530.06		\$ 132.41			\$ 2,662.47
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 210,163.91</b>	<b>\$ 40,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,785.87</b>	<b>\$ (0.94)</b>	<b>\$ (2,906.36)</b>	<b>\$ 259,642.48</b>



### Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

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

#### Instructions

**Cover Page**

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

**For Assistance Please Contact:**

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

**ENTITY'S INFORMATION** ?

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

**PREPARER'S INFORMATION** ?

First Name  Last Name

Street No.  Street Name  Phone Number

Email (optional)



**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		\$74,568.68		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance <span style="color: blue;">?</span>		(\$3.52)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance <span style="color: blue;">?</span>					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,525,570.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$34,545.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$14,117.06			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$1,505.82			
Other Taxes	3189				
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<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$352.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
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<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$659.00	\$3,521.64		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$1,576,745.36</b>	<b>\$78,090.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>Credits</b>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>		
		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Property Taxes	\$1,434,938.93	\$46,414.63		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$22,580.00			
Yield Taxes	\$14,117.06			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$629.00	\$2,398.64		
Penalties	\$30.00	\$1,123.00		
Excavation Tax	\$1,505.82			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$24,868.05		
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Discounts Allowed				

<b>Abatements Made</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>		
		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Property Taxes	\$422.00	\$3,286.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$6,250.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$90,618.12			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$5,715.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$60.57)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$1,576,745.36</b>	<b>\$78,090.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$96,272.55</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$33,621.65</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		\$28,357.38	\$8,268.46	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$26,819.30			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$629.55	\$2,550.62	\$1,922.90	
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Add Line				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$27,448.85</b>	<b>\$30,908.00</b>	<b>\$10,191.36</b>

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$6,754.01	\$15,810.74	\$7,258.74
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Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$629.55	\$2,550.62	\$1,922.90
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Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$20,065.29	\$12,546.64	\$1,009.72
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$27,448.85</b>	<b>\$30,908.00</b>	<b>\$10,191.36</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$96,272.55</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	<b>\$33,621.65</b>



**STARK (421)**

**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
Elaine	Monahan	1/9/2024

**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.

Elaine Monahan Tax Collector  
Preparer's Signature and Title

## BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2023

	NHPDIP (NHPDIP)		481.62
	Petty cash		500.00
	Total Checking/Savings		952,021.23
	Other Current Assets		
	DUE FROM HERITAGE CENTER		3,213.66
	PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE		90,557.55
	LAND USE CHANGE RECEIVABLE		5,715.00
	TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE		33,621.65
	Welfare Liens		1,433.06
	TAX DEEDED PROPERTY		33,539.93
	Total Other Current Assets		168,080.85
	Total Current Assets		1,120,102.08
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,120,102.08</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
	Liabilities		
	Current Liabilities		
	Other Current Liabilities		
	Due to trustees of trust funds		355.91
	Yield Tax Escrow		4,694.25
	*Payroll Liabilities		3,734.04
	Due to School District		337,612.00
	DEFERRED GRANT REVENUE-GOFERR		316.92
	Total Other Current Liabilities		346,713.12
	Total Current Liabilities		346,713.12
	Total Liabilities		346,713.12
	Equity		
	Reserve for special purposes		177,971.73
	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES		99,000.00
	RESERVE FOR TAX DEEDED PROPERTY		33,539.93
	Unassigned Fund Balance		342,346.11
	Net Income		120,531.19
	Total Equity		773,388.96
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>1,120,102.08</b>

# DID YOU KNOW...

*the Town of Stark is celebrating its 250th birthday in 2024?*

Community celebration planned for the weekend of  
August 2, 2024

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



INSIGNIA DRAW BY KATRINA HOLMES

**TOWN OF STARK, NH**  
**TOWN WARRANT**  
**2024**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stark, Coos County and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Stark Volunteer Fire Department in said Town on the second Tuesday in March, March 12, 2024 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and place, the polls will be opened at 9:00 am and will remain open until 7:00 pm for the reception of ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.  
 (To be voted on while the polls are open)

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181,662 for General Government.  
 Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4130-Executive</b>	<b>39,188</b>
Payroll	19,688
Office Expenses	11,000
Expenses	500
Computer Services	8,000
 <b>4140-Elections, Registrations</b>	 <b>27,100</b>
Payroll	21,100
Annual Report	2,500
Office Expenses	3,000
Expenses	500
 <b>4150-Financial</b>	 <b>35,750</b>
Payroll	17,850
Expenses	1,100
Software Support	2,000
Office Expenses	2,800
Auditors	12,000
 <b>4152-Appraisal</b>	 <b>16,550</b>
Partial Revaluation	9,500
Map Maintenance	5,250
Software Support	1,800

<b>4153-Legal</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Services	2,000
<b>4155-Personnel</b>	<b>11,000</b>
Social Security/Medi	10,000
Unemployment	1,000
<b>4191-Planning</b>	<b>1,136</b>
Miscellaneous	1,136
<b>4194-General Government</b>	<b>12,850</b>
Payroll	100
Fire Code	100
Expenses	250
Interior & Exterior	400
Maintenance	2,000
Utilities	10,000
<b>4195-Cemeteries</b>	<b>13,200</b>
Payroll	1,000
Maintenance/Blake/Mowing	11,900
Expenses	300
<b>4196-Insurance</b>	<b>18,838</b>
Worker's Compensation	2,667
Liability/Bonding	16,171
<b>4197-Advertising, Regional Associates</b>	<b>2,050</b>
Northern Gateway	250
North Country Council	600
Advertising	1,200
<b>4199-Other Government</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Perambulation	2,000

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,000 for Public Safety. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4215-Ambulance</b>	<b>21,650</b>
Services	21,650



<b>4220-Fire Department</b>	<b>45,850</b>
Payroll	13,600
Training	1,500
Radio Maintenance	2,000
Office Expenses	500
Equipment Purchases	3,000
Building Maintenance	4,000
Equipment Testing	3,000
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	3,000
Fuel	3,000
Record Checks	500
Utilities	10,000
Forest Fires	1,500
Mutual Aid	250
<b>4290-Emergency Management</b>	<b>4,500</b>
Grafton County Dispatch	2,500
Expenses	500
Contracted Emergency Services	1,500
<b>4299-Other Safety</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Payroll	1,000
Safety	600
Expenses	150
Office Expenses	250

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,100 for Highways.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4312 Highways</b>	<b>240,100</b>
Payroll	50,000
Chloride	12,000
Cold Patch	4,000
Utilities	5,500
Expenses	100
Grading	8,000
Maintenance	27,000
Mowing	8,000
Sweeping	6,000
Reconstruction	99,000
Road Signs	500
Sand & Salt	20,000

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,100 for Sanitation.  
 Recommended by the Select Board (2 yes—1 no)

<b>4324-Solid Waste</b>	<b>57,100</b>
Payroll	25,000
Utilities	3,000
Expenses	2,000
Maintenance	2,000
District Costs	25,000
Clothing	100
<b>4325-Solid Waste Clean Up</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Monitoring	3,850
Mowing	150

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,263 for Health Agencies.  
 Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4415-Health Agencies</b>	<b>3,693</b>
North Country Home Health & Hospice	2,918
Court Appointed Special Advocates	500
Northern Human Services	125
Health Officer	150
<b>4419-Other Health</b>	<b>2,570</b>
Lancaster Community Cupboard	100
North Country Elders Program-CAP	450
Community Action Program	1,250
Backpack Program	400
American Red Cross	250
Service Link	120

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Direct Assistance.  
 Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4442-Welfare</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Assistance	2,000

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 for Patriotic Purposes.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4583-Patriotic</b>	<b>2,100</b>
Miscellaneous	2,100

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Debt Services.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4723-Interest</b>	<b>500</b>
Tax Anticipation Notes	500

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,100 for Capital Reserves, with \$10,000 to be taken from Unassigned Fund Balance for the Bridge Account.  
Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

<b>4915-Capital Reserves</b>	<b>52,100</b>
Revaluation	7,500
Fire Gear	100
Backhoe	500
Bridge	11,000
Cemeteries	1,000
Compactor	1,000
Fire Department Building	100
Fire Department Equipment & Vehicles	10,900
Town Truck	20,000

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the final payment to John Deere Financing for the purchase of the 2021 John Deere Backhoe Loader and authorize the withdrawal of \$53,884 from the Backhoe Capital Reserve Account created for that purpose. The balance of \$6116 is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,860 for the 2024 Revaluation and authorize withdrawal of \$34,860 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account created for that purpose. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for library services from Northumberland Public Library. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose? Prior to the acceptance of a gift valued at over \$5,000 the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Fire Dept Building Capital Reserve account to include building replacement, major additions, and major repairs, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve previously established in 1989. Recommended by the Select Board 2-1. (2/3 vote required).

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the town will vote to discontinue the "Capital Reserve" Capital Reserve account. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Capital Reserve "Bridge Account". Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$2730 to be transferred to the Bridge Capital Reserve Funds, with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance (this represents the funds from the dissolution of the "Capital Reserve" Capital Reserve fund). This article is contingent on the passage of Article 17. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Stark , based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a Stark, New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been legal spouse/legal partner to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have an annual net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married as spouse/partner, a combined annual net income of less than \$27,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$37,500 excluding the value of the person's residence. Recommended by the Select Board (Unanimous)

**ARTICLE 20:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.





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>General Government</b>						
4130	Executive	02	\$40,174	\$40,000	\$39,188	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$18,402	\$21,800	\$27,100	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$31,977	\$32,950	\$35,750	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	02	\$18,380	\$16,900	\$16,550	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$881	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$9,296	\$15,250	\$11,000	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$1,075	\$1,000	\$1,136	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$13,208	\$12,200	\$12,850	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$39,064	\$37,825	\$13,200	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$17,217	\$16,100	\$18,838	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	02	\$1,416	\$1,850	\$2,050	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	02	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$193,190	\$199,975	\$181,662	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210	Police		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4215	Ambulances	03	\$17,075	\$17,075	\$21,650	\$0
4220	Fire	03	\$50,141	\$49,850	\$45,850	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	03	\$2,500	\$6,500	\$4,500	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	03	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$69,716	\$74,425	\$74,000	\$0
<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
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$143,654	\$251,082	\$240,100	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$143,654	\$251,082	\$240,100	\$0



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	05	\$54,244	\$62,300	\$57,100	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	05	\$377	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$54,621	\$63,300	\$61,100	\$0
<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
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<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
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	06	\$6,263	\$6,263	\$6,263	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$6,263	\$6,263	\$6,263	\$0
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441	Welfare Administration	07	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$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		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$0	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$0



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>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520	Parks and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Library		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	08	\$2,084	\$2,200	\$2,100	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,084</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$2,100</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		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</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	09	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</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
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$567,725</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Special Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4152	Property Assessment	12 <i>Purpose: 5-Year Revaluation Work</i>	\$34,860	\$0
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	11 <i>Purpose: Final Payment of Backhoe</i>	\$60,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10 <i>Purpose: Capital Reserves</i>	\$52,100	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	18 <i>Purpose: Money to Bridge CRF from General Fund (Closure of</i>	\$2,730	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$149,690</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Individual Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4550	Library	13 <i>Purpose: Contract Library Services with Northumberland, NH</i>	\$400	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$400</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 Charge Taxes for General Fund	02	\$28,295	\$11,600	\$20,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02	\$14,117	\$14,200	\$14,200
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	\$47,117	\$47,117	\$47,117
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$1,506	\$1,500	\$1,500
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$9,973	\$10,000	\$10,000
	<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$101,008</b>	<b>\$84,417</b>	<b>\$92,817</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	02	\$120	\$300	\$300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$138,576	\$115,000	\$130,000
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$1,784	\$1,300	\$1,300
	<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$140,480</b>	<b>\$116,600</b>	<b>\$131,600</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		\$25,381	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$45,693	\$45,693	\$45,693
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$36,756	\$45,937	\$40,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	02	\$3,522	\$3,522	\$3,522
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$34,528	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$145,880</b>	<b>\$95,152</b>	<b>\$89,215</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	02	\$552	\$1,500	\$600
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges	02	\$2,471	\$0	\$2,500
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>\$3,023</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$600	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$795	\$650	\$650
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$135	\$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	02	\$8,854	\$8,613	\$600
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$10,384</b>	<b>\$9,263</b>	<b>\$1,250</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	02, 12, 11	\$2,906	\$0	\$177,488
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,906</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$177,488</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	02, 18, 10, 11	\$10,000	\$0	\$37,692
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$37,692</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$413,681</b>	<b>\$306,932</b>	<b>\$533,162</b>



**Budget Summary**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 12/31/2024</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$567,725
Special Warrant Articles	\$149,690
Individual Warrant Articles	\$400
Total Appropriations	\$717,815
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$533,162
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$184,653</b>

# NOTES

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2023

2023 was one of the wettest years in memory. Once the spring rains started they continued throughout the summer and fall. This in itself brought one challenge after another for anyone working outdoors. Our intentions to reconstruct Northside Road, Boivinville area, had to be rescheduled repeatedly. We anticipate completing this project in 2024.

The rains also had negative effects with the mowing along our roadways. The original quote of \$8,000 was to mow all the Town roads. By the time the mowing was actually able to be done the grass and brush had grown in far thicker than anticipated. Therefore, the primary roads were done first with any extra time available used to mow the secondary roads. In the end some roads were not mowed as the budget was exhausted. The contractor offered to continue with some cutting at his expense, not wanting to leave roads that were started half done. The plan for next season is to start with those roads that did not get mowed and move on to the others. Many thanks go out to the Town residents that offered to assist with their own equipment and volunteered their time. As we move into 2024 the need to clear out all the roadside ditches of fallen trees or debris that has built up over time is evident. Clearing the ditches will expedite the mowing and hopefully keep things under budget.

Thankfully, the State of New Hampshire offered more grants this year. We were able to purchase a new dump trailer for the transfer station from one of these grants. This purchase allows the collecting and hauling of the recyclable glass to be easier and safer for those involved. The goal in the future is to no longer have to handle any recyclables. Hopefully there will be more grants and donations to cover the expenses.

When the new tax rate was set there was a substantial increase. Unfortunately, The Select Board has no control over the school or county portions of the tax rate. This is where the majority of the increases occurred. As a Board we have some control over the municipality portion. The Board voted to use \$100,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate. The properties in Town are currently assessed at approximately 53% valuation. In 2024 all properties will be assessed at 100% valuation. Over the past few years there have been numerous new homes built in Town. This in theory should help reduce the tax rate. The new valuations may, however, increase the actual amount of taxes owed.

The 250th Anniversary of the Town of Stark is nearing. An all out effort is underway to spruce up the Town. To try and save the Town from higher contract prices in the future, the Select Board voted to pave the Town Hall parking lot at the same time the Heritage Center was having its parking lot done.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2023

There have been ongoing communications and meetings with state agencies, engineers and consultants regarding the Leighton Meadow Bridge replacement. The bridge has been "red flagged" by the State as a bridge in New Hampshire needing immediate consideration. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the best condition, Leighton Meadow Bridge is ranked at a 3 for the abutments and a 5 for the deck. Grant monies have come in again this year to go toward the replacement costs. After meeting with engineers and consultants, we are seeing a possible replacement solution that will come in far less than the typical 1.5 million bridge replacement cost.

Select Board meetings are every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. The Town's input matters and is incredibly valuable when decisions are being made. We encourage everyone that can make the meetings to please do so.

Respectfully,

Glenn Wiggin, Chair

Lisa Demers

Jim Walsh

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

2023

The Office of the Town Clerk takes on many responsibilities to include motor vehicle registrations, election official, dog licensing, marriage licensing, and keeper of all Town records including issuing of vital records. I appreciate the support of Deputy Town Clerk, Elaine Monahan, as we both strive to stay knowledgeable in all these areas and to offer the citizens of Stark quality service.

In 2023 we became a "one check" Town with the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles. This means our citizens no longer write two checks when registering motor vehicles; we collect the payment due to the NHDMV and the Town of Stark in one check, or in cash, then make an ACH transfer to the State at the end of each work day. Our goal for 2024 is to offer credit or debit card pay, in addition to accepting cash or checks, for services offered in the Town Office by the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Selectmen's Office.

The greatest challenge in the Town Clerk's Office is dog licensing; we are challenged with keeping our rabies certificates up to date and all dogs in Town licensed. We issue right around 200 dog licenses a year. Owners of new dogs should obtain a Stark dog license as soon as a rabies certificate is obtained. Dogs must be licensed annually, by April 30th of each year. Please bring a copy of your current rabies certificate when you come to the Town Office to license the dog. If your dog leaves Town for one reason or another, please let the Town Clerk's office know so we can remove the dog from our list.

In 2024 we have four elections: Presidential Primary on January 23, Town Meeting and election of Town Officials on March 12, State Primary on September 10, and the General Election for State and National Officials on November 5. I want to give a proud shout-out to the 206 voters who turned up for the January 23 Presidential Primary, this is 54% of our voters! A huge THANK YOU to all our election workers for their time and effort in making sure we follow election law and offer our citizens a friendly, safe polling center during these elections.

Working for the citizens of Stark as a public servant is a rewarding position for me. I am grateful for getting to know many new neighbors and for forming many new friendships with the great people of Stark, NH. I look forward to continuing my work as Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Peel, Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**2023**

This year has definitely been a great year and a very busy one. We enjoy what we are doing. We are constantly busy and wouldn't want it any other way. Thank you for all your patience and many good laughs.

At the close of 2023, the Town had a property tax collection rate of 94%. That is up from last year's rate of 93%. The tax rate for 2023 was \$20.72 per \$1000 of property evaluation. Despite the increase in taxes, property owners continue to support the Town financially through the payment of taxes.

We had several residents struggling to pay their tax bills. These residents are on a monthly plan. This has worked out quite well for several residents. The list is very minimal now, with just a few residents remaining. Every effort that you are making is much appreciated. If you are delinquent, you should have received a delinquent letter letting you know what is owed. We will do our best to work with you on any problems you might have.

You will notice the delinquent taxes are no longer posted in the Town Report. We did not feel that it was necessary. We know that the residents are doing the best that they can. Many times, some were delinquent because their mortgage companies' escrow hadn't paid on time.

Other important information for you to know is when the dates of the tax lien and tax deed will occur. This should help you make appropriate plans.

March 21st	Notice of Impending Lien
April 4th	Notice of Impending Deed
April 25th	Execute Lien
May 9th	Execute Deed

The 2023 Inventory of Taxable Property Forms were mailed out in January. Please let us know if you have not received one, we will be glad to send you another one if needed. Please fill these forms out and send them back to the Town Office by April 15, 2024 to avoid a penalty fee on your tax bill.

It has been a pleasure to be of service to everyone during 2023 and we look forward to seeing all of you during 2024.

Elaine Monahan, Tax Collector

Judi Wentworth, Deputy Tax Collector

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT

2023

Greetings Townspeople and Taxpayers:

I thank you for allowing me to serve you in 2023 as Transfer Station Manager. My time as the transfer station manager has been filled with positive changes and learning opportunities that I believe have improved the efficiency of operations at the transfer station.

The Transfer Station Operation and Closure Plans were due for updating in 2023. I appreciate the joint efforts of the Select Board and the previous transfer station manager, Rodney Monahan, in updating the plan in accordance with the State Department of Environmental Services Rules & Regulations.

In 2023, I worked with the Select Board to consider the fees being charged at the Transfer Station. The Board agreed to discontinue the charge for transfer station stickers and the fees for the disposal of couches, chairs, and other large furniture. The primary reason for this discontinuance of fees was to lessen the burden on the taxpayers who were already paying for the disposal of the items at AVRRDD when the container was emptied. The only fees we continue to charge are for tires and refrigerants because it costs us a hefty fee to dispose of these items.

The Swap Shop continues to grow, as more and more people donate items for the taking. Because of the abundance of items being donated, I do have to rotate and dispose of unwanted items. If you are in want of anything specific, please let me know and I will make a note to contact you if I receive the item.

We currently have three certified Transfer Station Operators helping keep the day-to-day operations of the transfer station in compliance with the NHDES Code. Both Select Board Chair, Glenn Wiggin, and my assistant, Dennis Lunn, became certified in 2023 when we found ourselves in need of certified operators. I continue to complete the required training and ongoing education to keep my certification up to date.

In 2024 I hope to complete some building maintenance including installing lighting in the newspaper and box board bays, painting the back of the building, and replacing rotting boards around the eaves of the building. I am always open to hearing suggestions from the public for keeping our transfer station operating smoothly and look forward to continuing to serve the community of Stark as your Transfer Station Manager.

Respectfully,

Stephan Gilman

## **STARK FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**2023**

In 2023 Charles Nesbitt took over as Chief of Stark Fire Department. Chief Nesbitt is a Certified NH Level 2 Firefighter, Certified CPR instructor with EMT training and he has a CDL Driver's License. Since taking his Oath of Office, Chief Nesbitt can be credited with many improvements to our department.

In 2023 the Department was able to secure 3 AED's including 1 at the Town Office and 1 at the Fire Station, both paid for by our Association with no cost to the tax payers. From our budget we purchased 1 AED for our 1st due Fire Engine Also, the Stark Volunteer Firefighters Association purchased \$500 in CPR training mannequins and has offered FREE CPR/AED training at the Fire Station.

The Department was able to secure donated plywood and materials to build Fire Gear lockers on the back wall of our apparatus bay. We did a lot of cleaning and organizing to make room for the gear lockers and the station looks a lot less cluttered. Our members volunteered their time to clean and build the lockers. This was a great department team effort and we saved the taxpayers money while making ourselves more efficient and organized.

This summer Stark was the recipient of a DNCR Wildland Fire Engine. The only cost to taxpayers was the cost of registration and insurance. We host the truck with no lease or rental cost to the Town and we are free to use it on any fire response we deem necessary. This Type 5 Wildland Fire Truck will serve Stark well come forest fire season. Any fire up Nash Stream, Christine Lake, or Millbrook Rd would be very hard on our Engine 3 which is not designed to go off-road. We are grateful for the Selectboard support in allowing us to acquire this Wildlife Fire Engine.

The Chief along with Jr Firefighter Lex Wentworth were able to attend the NH Emergency Services Explorer Training Academy in June. This was a great opportunity as the Chief participated as an instructor and Lexi was one of 60 cadets to get hands-on, world class instruction during the week long program hosted by the NH Fire Academy in Concord. Lexi has already signed up for the 2024 academy and Chief Nesbitt has been invited back as an instructor. In 2024 Lexi Wentworth will turn 18 and she'll be joining the department as a firefighter.

In September of 2023 Stark Fire Department hosted the Fireman's Muster at the Lancaster Fair. Our department received thanks from many of our surrounding communities for organizing and hosting the event.

In December of 2023 Chief Nesbitt brought to the Selectboard's attention the need for an updated Fire Engine. Particularly our Engine 1, a 1969 Mack, which hasn't been used in over 3 years. Chief Nesbitt was able to find a much newer used engine for \$10,000. At the end of December we were 20% under budget and the surplus allowed us to purchase a 1993 American LaFrance Fire Engine to replace the 69 Mack out of our fire budget without touching our capital reserve. This Engine came equipped with 5 extra SCBA air packs and 10 air cylinders worth over \$10,000. We are looking to sell Engin1 via sealed bid to offset the Engine purchase.

## **STARK FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**2023**

Our Association purchased 6 used radios for \$1000 that will stay on Engine 3 at no cost to the tax base. Chief Nesbitt secured a 2000 gallon frameless porta-tank from Cannan Fire Department, a \$2500 donation, at no cost to the tax base. We also received over \$5000 in donated Jaws of Life equipment from Winhall VT Fire Dept and Whitefield Fire Dept. at no cost to the tax base.

Global Turnout Gear donated over \$6000 in new surplus fire gear for our members to train in.

The Station is undergoing some updating with the office getting a complete makeover. The Chief was able to secure the donation of a \$5000 desk system and personally donated over \$1000 in nearly new computer equipment. Our training room will be undergoing a similar updating and we have plans to paint the apparatus bays in 2024. Also, 80+ light fixtures will be updated with LED high efficiency lighting.

Stark Volunteer Fire Department is a name that the community has recognized for over 50 years. We started out as a volunteer department. As times changed we transitioned to a pay per call dept. Along with the Call Department designation comes the need for our name to be updated. As we close out 2023, the Department is before the Selectboard to re-establish itself as "Stark Fire and Rescue". This will allow us to continue as a paid call department without misrepresentation that we are volunteers. Our members will continue to volunteer with our Non-Profit Association to fundraise and help with fire department projects.

Chief Charles Nesbitt

# STARK EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2023

Hello All,

I am happy to report that the Town of Stark had a very quiet year with the FEMA side of things this year. With all the disasters that did happen throughout the State, our Town faired very well with no disasters or incidences to report or take care of. I would like you all to know that the folks I deal with in the FEMA office in Concord have been nothing but professional and on TOP of it with every disaster the State had, they reached out to me every time to check on us.

On another note, last year I reported that a bunch of folks in Town needed to update or get their addresses up on their homes so EMS services could respond and find your home. Thank You to all that reached out to Cheryl Gale and got it done. For the rest of you folks who still need to get your addresses up, you can still reach out to Cheryl.

Thank you for all your Trust and Support.

EMD Colin Wentworth

## **CEMETERY REPORT**

**2023**

2023 was a productive year for the Cemetery Committee. Six large trees were removed from the Village Cemetery by Grootenboer Tree Services. The Village Cemetery sign was also replaced. We had a new fence installed around the relocated Blake Cemetery. With the addition of the new kiosk in the spring, the Blake project will finally be complete. Two loads of loam have been stockpiled at the Emerson Cemetery. The 2024 focus will be on headstone repair.

Bill Joyce

Dennis Lunn

Chris Wheelock



## **STARK HERITAGE CENTER**

**2023**

The Heritage Center is open from May to November. Special showings can be arranged year round by contacting Dennis Lunn at 603-636-1881.

Some of the visitors included four who came from Montana; they enjoyed the displays and info at the Center and their picnic lunch on the porch. From New York the Center had visitors who were relatives of Blake/Massure. A group of residents of the Morrison in Whitefield had a special showing. A couple from South Dakota stopped by.

Many donations included pictures in frames, pictures, a 1940 newspaper, a newspaper of the 1989 fire, newspaper of the Iraq War, 1963 Life Magazine on President Kennedy and a 1968 magazine on Jackie Kennedy Onassis' marriage. These donations came from Jack and Ellen Pepau, Everett Frizzell, and Dan and Patty Peel. Judy Gibson donated a child bicentennial outfit and church song books from when Jim Gibson, Sr. was young.

Please contact Heritage Center Director, Dennis Wayne Lunn, with any question, suggestions, or donations.



## Town of Northumberland Groveton Ambulance

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Groveton, New Hampshire 03582  
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Facsimile: (603) 636-1357



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*James R. Gibson, Jr.*  
*EMS Chief*

01/06/2024

To the Select board and Residents of Stark,

We at Groveton Ambulance would like to thank the residents of Stark for allowing us to provide Emergency medical care to your community in 2023.

At the time of the writing of this letter, our service has covered 62 calls in 2023. The calls were for medical emergencies, fire standbys and patient assists.

Last year we changed our formula for calculating contract fees. The Town Administrator, selectboard and I believe we have come up with a formula that is fair to all parties. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Town Administrator or myself.

Because we have ambulance members that live in town, we have been able to first respond to calls before the ambulance arrives to make sure residents get quick care and treatment as well as relaying proper directions to the call to responding ambulances.

Once again Groveton Ambulance would like to thank you for your support and look forward to being able to provide you with Emergency Medical services in the upcoming 2024-2025 year.

Sincerely,

**James Gibson Jr.**  
**Ambulance Administrator/EMS Chief**

## **Board of Library Trustees**

### **Year End December 31, 2023**

*Mindful that, as the Constitution declares, “knowledge and learning, generally diffused through a community” are “essential to the preservation of a free government” the New Hampshire legislature recognizes its duty to encourage the people of New Hampshire to extend their education during and beyond the years of formal education. To this end, it hereby declares that the public library is a valuable supplement to the formal system of free public education and as such deserves adequate financial support from government at all levels (RSA 202-A:1 Declaration of Policy).*

In April, 2023, the Board of Selectmen appointed Kate Gomes, Cheryl Nolan and Tia Cloutier as Library Trustees for the Stark Public Library to serve until the 2024 Town Meeting election. The appointed Library Trustees were tasked to review options for the library and develop a proposal with a budget to be voted on at the 2024 town meeting. Each of the appointed Library Trustees took the oath of office in May, 2023.

The Board of Library Trustees took their responsibilities seriously with a sincere appreciation for the opportunity to bring back library services to our community. At the same time, we were very aware of the current economic conditions of rising costs and the challenges ahead of us.

The Town of Stark 2023 Community Profile (<https://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/products/cp/profiles-pdf/stark.pdf>) gives statistics indicating that the mean age of our population ( about 470 people) of our community is 57 years old. With the awareness that 50% of our community is over the age of 57, whatever the Board of Library Trustees proposes for library services must have minimal impact on taxes.

With a glimmer of hope, we dove into a huge learning curve. The NH Library Trustees Association was our resource for our Library Trustee Job Description and Responsibilities. Trustee responsibilities are defined by laws of NH. NH has even more laws relating to Public Libraries, They cover Library User Confidentiality; Right to Know Law governing public meetings; Municipal Budget Law; Case Law (Taylor decision: Library staff are not town employees); the local library’s bylaws and policies.

We learned the Historical Stark Public Library building needed a building inspection. The Stark Fire Department performed the inspection, determining deficiencies in meeting building code standards. The maximum capacity of the building is 5 or 6 people. The Trustees performed due diligence requesting estimates to address the areas of deficiencies. At the same time, by visual assessments, and awareness of ADA compliance requirements, the historical building was not a viable option to use as a public library.

Another issue being the air quality of the building. The odor throughout the small building has permeated the collections of books. Unsuccessful attempts were tried to remove the strong odor from several books. The odor did diminish yet remained. The collections are dirty, mildewed, moldy, probably have book lice and are falling apart. The collections are not salvageable. They need to be discarded. The shelving system is largely a metal industrial system and better used in other settings.

The Trustees journeyed on with determination and positive intentions. The Board made visits to local libraries in neighboring communities, interviewed Directors and Trustees, consulted with the NH State Library, attended training and more. We brainstormed, we looked at "what if", created a survey on the Stark Public Library Facebook page, partnering with Stark Village School, hosted a Family Movie night, partnering with the Community Building Hub, conducted a 2-hr. community survey at the transfer station.

One exciting "what if" option included a vision of utilizing the upstairs in the Town Hall creating a unique Library/Multi-Purpose Community Gathering Place. The Community Building Hub partnership shared info about grant funding.

\* Initially - D.A.S.H. Grant application Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund

To hire a consultant to support a project or activity. - evaluate what would need to be done and the expense involved. \*\* \*\*Local Grants Program applications- requests up to \$20,000 for one, two or three years. \*\*\*\*\*Large Grants Program applications may request between \$20,001 and \$300,000 (multiyear grants may request up to \$100,000 for three years). Visions and dreams for the future, maybe?

The Trustees consulted with NH State Librarian, Michael York, to learn more about contracting library services. According to Mr. York, typically the contract is done with a Memorandum of Understanding between two government agencies. This is the most cost effective manner for a community without library services to obtain them for the entire community. Therefore, the community of Stark would essentially become part of the library community of there Northumberland Public Library. Residents of Stark wouldn't be viewed as a non-resident patron.

In conclusion, the most economically viable option for library services for the residents of community of Stark is to contract library services with the Northumberland Public Library.

The Library Trustees wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to serve the residents of the Town of Stark.

Respectfully Submitted  
Cheryl Nolan  
Library Trustee Secretary

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NORTH COUNTRY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM  
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January 17, 2024

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stark

As you prepare the Town budget for presentation at your annual Town Meeting, we come to you again seeking support for the North Country Weekend Backpack Program which you have generously supported in the past. The success of this program is largely due to the wide support we receive from the communities we serve as well as area businesses, churches, organizations, and individual donations from both parishioners and residents of the area. In 2022 we were fortunate to obtain a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation/Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund and will continue to apply for any grants available. In 2023 the Lancaster Rotary Club generously granted us funding. This support has enabled us to meet all the requests for weekend and vacation food backpack in North Stratford, Groveton, Stark, Lancaster, and Whitefield Elementary Schools. During the current academic year, our projection is that we will serve 234 students weekly.

In your community we currently serve 11 children every week.

The budget for the coming year is \$60,908.51. The cost per child is \$7.49 which is an increase from last year. The 2024 expense projection is based upon a 2023 estimated 51.96% increase in food costs and an 18.8% decrease in New Hampshire Food Bank purchases due to a reduction in food availability. The actual 2023 food cost through the 2nd quarter increased by 62.97%. Our hope is that you will continue to fund the program in the amount of \$305 which represents 10% of the projected costs for Stark students. We ask that you include this amount as a warrant article on the 2024 Stark Town Warrant.

As we may not be able to attend your Town Meeting to support his request, we would be glad to meet with the board at your convenience.

For additional program information or to answer any questions you might have please contact Rich Carlson at [rplcarls@gmail.com](mailto:rplcarls@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Richard Carlson

# ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Our Materials Recycling Facility processed a total of 1,044.99 tons of materials, for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, representing \$123,652.86 of marketing income to the District. Recyclables shipped to market included: aluminum – 23.63 tons; newspaper/magazines – 45.25 tons; corrugated cardboard – 459.14 tons; PET plastic – 82.05 tons; HDPE plastic – 43.38 tons; tin – 42.64 tons; mixed office paper – 44.29 tons. In addition, 304.61 tons of glass were processed for reuse.

Our Transfer Station recycling income totaled \$76,816.07. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 787.22 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 456.10 tons of scrap metal; 161.82 tons of leaf and yard waste and 442.11 tons of brush which was chipped. In addition, 670 refrigerators/air conditioners; 295 propane tanks; 6,156 tires; 54,379 feet of fluorescent bulbs; 888 fluorescent U tubes and HID lamps; 1,380 ballasts; and 49.73 tons of electronics were recycled. We also received 1,355 gallons of waste oil which was used in our waste oil furnace to heat the recycling center. The District owns and operates the Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

District Officers are: Chair Linda Cushman of Jefferson; Vice Chair Yves Zornio of Gorham and Secretary-Treasurer Michael Rozek of Berlin. Other District Representatives: David Roy of Randolph, Randy Fortin of Milan, Alan Rossetto of Northumberland, Stephan Gilman of Stark, Christopher Holt of Dummer, Robert Théberge for the Coös County Unincorporated Places and Scott Rineer of Errol.

The District conducted its thirty-first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 10th. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 323 households participating. The 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at the District Transfer Station, 100 West Milan Road, Berlin.

2023 was the twenty-first year of operations for the AVRRDD Mt. Carberry Landfill. Since purchasing the landfill in December 2002, no assessments have been made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry Landfill operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. The landfill is operated, under contract with the District, by Cianbro Corporation.

No assessments will be made to the member municipalities for the 2024 AVRRDD Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa G. Riendeau

Lisa G. Riendeau  
Executive Director

## NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICE

October 31, 2023

Board of Selectmen

Town of Stark

1189 Stark Highway

Stark, NH 03582

Dear Selectmen:

We are asking the Town of Stark for continued local support in the amount of \$125.00 for community mental health and developmental services. Would you please place the following Article on the 2024 Town Warrant?

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 as a contribution for the support and services of Northern Human Services.”

Please feel free to call at any time if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. We would be happy to come and discuss our programs with you prior to Town Meeting, if that would be helpful.

We greatly appreciate the financial support Stark has given us over the years to help Northern Human Services to provide a quality, locally based array of services. Your support helps us maintain our policy of not letting an inability to pay prevent someone from obtaining the services they need.

Sincerely,

Stacey Smith

Director of Behavioral Health

NHS Mental Health Center 237-4955

Lynn Johnson

Director of Developmental Services

NHS Vershire Center 237-5721

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF  
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2024**



**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**  
**School District of Stark**

**Organization/Administration 2023-2024**

**School Board**

Kendra Bell, Chair	2026
Danforth Peel, Vice-Chair	2025
Deborah Joyce	2024

**Superintendent of Schools**

Pierre Couture, Superintendent – Tel. 636-1437  
Heather McMann, Business Manager  
Michelle Mason, Student Services Administrator  
Jason Jensen, Director of Technology  
Jo Robinson, Administrative Assistant  
Constance McKearney, Payroll & Human Resource  
Tiffany Griffin, Accounts Payable/Grants

**Stark Village School**

Katherine Landry - Principal  
Carrie Wentworth – Part-time Secretary/Title I Paraeducator  
Amanda Vetanze – Grades K & 1  
Kelly Jewell – Grades 2, 3 & 4  
Katherine Landry – Grades 5 & 6  
Judy Jewell - Paraeducator  
Open – Part-time Librarian  
Kelly Jewell – Part-time Music  
Open – Part-time Art  
Stacie Roberts – Part-time Wellness  
Jennifer Lyon – Part-time School Counselor  
Murray Rogers – Part-time Custodian

**Treasurer**  
Susan Croteau

**Clerk**  
Susan Croteau

**Moderator**  
William Joyce

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL**  
**2023-2024 ENROLLMENT**

Katherine Landry, Principal  
 Carrie Wentworth, Admin Assistant

<u>Grade</u>	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Amanda Vetanze	5	6												11
Kelly Jewell			4	1	7									12
Katherine Landry						3	3							6
<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>							<b>29</b>
Junior High								6	3					7
High School										2	5	7	1	24
<b>Number of Students</b>								<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>

Jennifer Lyon, School Counselor (Part-Time)

Vacant – Library (Part-Time)

Kelly Jewell – Music (Part-Time)

Megan Littlehale - Art (Part-Time)

Stacie Roberts – Wellness (Part-Time)

Carrie Wentworth – Paraeducator (Part-Time)

Judy Jewell - Paraeducator

Murray Rogers – Custodian (Part-Time)



2024  
**WARRANT**

**Stark Local School**

The inhabitants of the School District of Stark Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: Tuesday March 12, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Stark Village Fire Station

Details:

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Stark Village School and that an original was delivered to the Stark Town Clerk at the Stark Town Office.

Name	Position	Signature
Kendra Bell	Board Chair	Kendra Bell
Deborah Joyce	Board Member	Deborah Joyce
DANFORTH PEEL	Board Member	Danforth Peel



**Article 01 To hear reports of agents...**

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and any vote relating thereto.

**Article 02 To set the salaries of School District officials**

To set the salaries of School District officials:

School Board Members	3 @ \$850.00 each	\$2,550.00
Treasurer		850.00
Board Secretary	\$60.00 per meeting	720.00
Clerk		70.00
Moderator		70.00
Police		70.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	3 @ \$70.00 each	210.00
Ballot Clerks	2 @ \$70.00 each	140.00

(Recommended by the School Board 3-0)

**Article 03 To raise and appropriate**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,375,525 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the School Board 3-0

**Article 04 High School Tuition Trust Fund**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the High School Tuition Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the School Board 3-0

**Article 06 Technology Trust Fund**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Technology Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the School Board: 3-0

**Article 07 To transact any other business**

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMPARATIVE BUDGET  
SUMMARY**

1/25/24

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		
	ACTUAL	APPROVED	PPROPOSED		
GENERAL FUND	SPENT	BUDGET	BUDGET	DIFF. +/-	
SALARIES	244,411	264,730	295,212	30,482	A
HEALTH INSURANCE	34,358	43,846	45,176	1,330	
LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	707	728	1,103	375	
FICA	18,422	19,755	22,125	2,370	A
NH RETIREMENT-EMPLOYEE & TEACHER	37,729	38,398	45,343	6,945	A
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	0	2	2	0	
HEALTH DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	268	4,001	4,001	0	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	598	1,683	1,137	(546)	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	826	870	839	(31)	
SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	122,594	109,856	129,588	19,732	B
PROF SERVICES/SCIENCE/GUIDANCE/MUSIC/TECH	21,720	33,160	26,874	(6,286)	C
STAFF TRAINING	0	2,250	2,250	0	
PROF SERVICES/OT/SPEECH/PSYCH/SPED ADMIN	16,772	16,371	18,473	2,102	D
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	500	500	0	
LEGAL FEES	426	500	500	0	
AUDIT FEES	8,000	11,820	15,130	3,310	E
TECHNICAL SERVICES	1,615	2,500	2,500	0	
GROUNDS WORK	8,830	8,000	8,100	100	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	14,779	7,000	8,000	1,000	
COMPUTER REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	1,000	1,000	0	
COPIER RENTAL	857	801	901	100	
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	28,748	1	1	0	
TRANSPORTATION	55,436	57,191	46,427	(10,764)	F
PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,207	3,780	4,453	673	
TELEPHONES	2,659	3,200	3,200	0	
POSTAGE	0	200	200	0	
ADVERTISING	4,796	3,000	3,500	500	
TUITION	443,711	512,724	545,676	32,952	G
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	216	1,550	1,352	(198)	
SUPPLIES	9,544	10,790	11,576	786	
ELECTRICITY	4,765	5,198	5,198	0	
BOTTLED GAS	715	651	675	24	
FUEL OIL	9,964	10,688	10,500	(188)	
TEXTBOOKS	1,479	1,750	1,501	(249)	
SOFTWARE	12,187	11,830	12,218	388	
EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE & FIXTURES	5,809	3,151	1,751	(1,400)	
DUES & FEES	4,422	7,650	7,410	(240)	
GRADUATION	453	500	500	0	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,124,647</b>	<b>1,201,625</b>	<b>1,284,892</b>	<b>83,267</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>FOOD FUND</b>	<b>42,492</b>	<b>53,394</b>	<b>58,633</b>	<b>5,239</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>FOOD FUND TRANSFER</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>SUB TOTAL FOR BUDGET ARTICLE</b>	<b>\$1,214,639</b>	<b>\$1,282,019</b>	<b>\$1,375,525</b>	<b>\$93,506</b>	<b>7.29%</b>

TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND - ARTICLE	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST FUND - ARTICLE	0	0	0	0
TUITION TRUST FUND - ARTICLE	0	0	0	0
MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND - ARTICLE	0	0	0	0
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,214,639	\$1,282,019	\$1,375,525	93,506 7.29%

**MAJOR VARIANCES**

**A. SALARIES & BENEFITS -**

	2023-2024	2024-2025	
PT Principal (Was also FT Teacher)	\$13,658	\$70,000	
3 FT teachers	\$162,000	\$157,744	
School Secretary/Para	\$27,877	\$29,038	
SpEd Para	\$20,333	\$0	
PT Media/Library	\$3,180	\$0	
PT Maintenance Custodian	\$18,702	\$19,449	
Summer School	\$4,800	\$4,800	
Substitutes	\$3,500	\$3,500	
School Board/Treasurer/Board Secretary etc	\$4,680	\$4,680	
Health Ins Compensation	\$6,000	\$6,000	
Total	\$264,730	\$295,212	Change \$30,482

**B. SAU BUDGET - Stark's percentage of responsibility.**

**C. PE/Wellness position removed**

PE/Wellness, Instrument & Music(Shared with District); PT ART shared w/Stratford, Science Connections,& PT Guidance & Technology (Shared with Northumberland)	\$33,160	\$26,874	(6,286)
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**D. SPEECH SVCS - contracting with outside company while our Speech position is vacant.**

Sunbelt \$12,550; Psych \$106 (IDEA funded), Speech \$224 (reduced by \$6585), OT \$227 (also IDEA funded), Sped Administration \$5,364

**E. Auditors fees increase**

**F. TRANSPORTATION - New Contract WW Berry 2024-2029**

**G. TUITION - 9 MS @ \$19,216 and 17 HS @ \$21,901 totaling 26 students.**

**H. Food Service Contract estimate 10% increase from prior year- must go out to bid**

**Summary of Budget by Percentages:**

	\$1,375,525	
Tuitions	\$545,676	39.67%
Salaries & Benefits	\$418,540	30.43%
SAU Services	\$129,588	9.42%
Food Service Fund	\$63,633	4.63%
General Building Expenses (Maint, Fuel, Electricity, Grounds, Property In	\$55,757	4.05%
Student Services	\$48,347	3.51%
Transportation	\$46,427	3.38%
Grants - Federal Funds	\$27,000	1.96%
Computer Equip, Furn & Fixtures, Software, Audio, etc...	\$14,969	1.09%
Supplies	\$11,576	0.84%
Dues/Fees - Memberships	\$7,910	0.58%
Postage, Copiers/Printing, Advertising, & Misc	\$4,601	0.33%
Textbooks	\$1,501	0.11%
	<u>\$1,375,525</u>	100%

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ESTIMATED REVENUES/ASSESSMENT**

	(MS-24) CURRENT <u>2023-2024</u>	ESTIMATED <u>2024-2025</u>
<b><u>LOCAL REVENUES</u></b>		
Earnings on Investments	100	100
School Food Service Sales	0	0
Other Local Revenue-Tuition	0	0
<b><u>STATE REVENUES</u></b>		
Child Nutrition	200	200
Kindergarten Aid	0	0
Other State Sources	0	0
<b><u>FEDERAL REVENUES</u></b>		
Child Nutrition	6,000	6,000
Other Federal Sources	0	0
Federal Forest Funds	14,514	10,000
<b>LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL REV.</b>	20,814	16,300
<b>FEDERAL PROGRAM GRANTS</b>	27,000	27,000
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Placed into Trust Funds	62,000	0
Unreserved to Reduce Taxes	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BEFORE GRANT</b>	109,814	43,300
<b>ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT</b>	356,593	356,593
<b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT</b>		
State Education Tax	102,935	141,070
Local Education Tax	712,677	834,562
<b>TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	815,612	975,632
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED</b>	1,282,019	1,375,525

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2/7/2024

**Estimated Stark Tax Rate: School Portion Only**

	2023-2024 March Meeting	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 Proposed	Diff +/-
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Appropriations Voted:				
General Fund	1,201,625	1,201,625	1,284,892	
Lunch Program	53,394	53,394	58,633	
Federal Funds	27,000	27,000	27,000	
Food Fund Transfer			5,000	
Technology Trust Fund - Articles	-	-	-	
Tuition Trust Fund - Articles	-	-	-	
Special Ed Trust Fund - Articles	-	-	-	
Maint Trust Fund - Article	-	-	-	
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>1,282,019</b>	<b>1,282,019</b>	<b>1,375,525</b>	<b>93,506</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Surplus placed into Trust Funds	-	-	-	
Minus money left from last year's Budget:	-	-	-	
Federal Revenues	27,000	27,000	27,000	
General Revenues	16,300	20,814	16,300	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>47,814</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>(4,514)</b>
<b>Equals amount before grant:</b>	<b>1,238,719</b>	<b>1,234,205</b>	<b>1,332,225</b>	<b>98,020</b>
<b>Minus State Education Grant:</b>	<b>342,878</b>	<b>356,593</b>	<b>356,593</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by taxes:</b>	<b>895,842</b>	<b>877,612</b>	<b>975,632</b>	<b>98,020</b>
State School Property Tax (raised locally) (state = \$1.95)	102,935	102,935	141,070	38,135
Local School Property Tax:	792,907	774,677	834,562	
Total Actual & Estimated Local Sch. Tax Rate	9.91	10.19	10.98	0.79
State School Property Tax Rate:	1.65	1.63	2.23	0.60
<b>Total State &amp; Local School Tax Rate:</b>	<b>11.56</b>	<b>11.82</b>	<b>13.21</b>	<b>1.39</b>

\* Based upon \$76,020,179 net assessed valuation and \$63,220,709 net assessment without utilities

\*Prior year Based upon \$80,036,377 net assessed valuation and \$62,343,938 net assessment - utilities

School Tax Rates	Assessed Values				
	250,000	200,000	150,000	100,000	75,000
Current 23/24 <b>11.82</b>	2,954.65	2,363.72	1,772.79	1,181.86	886.39
Proposed 24/25 <b>13.21</b>	3,302.39	2,641.91	1,981.43	1,320.96	990.72
Estimated Increase/(Decrease)	\$ 347.74	\$ 278.19	\$ 208.64	\$ 139.10	\$ 104.32



**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #58  
Budget Summary**

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	(+/-)
SALARIES - COMPENSATION	\$ 401,029	\$ 405,026	\$ 435,177	\$ 435,076	\$ (101)
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 69,012	\$ 106,920	\$ 100,000	\$ 126,000	\$ 26,000
DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,351	\$ 91 4.0%
LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,973	\$ 2,053	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,140	\$ 108
FICA	\$ 30,671	\$ 30,985	\$ 33,291	\$ 33,284	\$ (7)
NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$ 54,862	\$ 56,547	\$ 58,191	\$ 58,158	\$ (33)
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 2,082	\$ 2,113	\$ 1,953	\$ 1,683	\$ (270)
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	\$ 1,339	\$ 1,374	\$ 1,379	\$ 1,516	\$ 137
UNUSED SICK TIME	\$ 500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - *
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCT	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600	\$ - 80%
Total BENEFITS	\$ 168,024	\$ 216,317	\$ 208,706	\$ 234,732	\$ 26,026
FSA & HRA ADMIN FEES	\$ 360	\$ 360	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -
PHONE REIMBURSE	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
AUDIT & LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,325	\$ 10,350	\$ 12,320	\$ 1,970
STAFF TRAINING	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,600	\$ -
TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$ 26,750	\$ 27,600	\$ 22,929	\$ 23,579	\$ 650
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,365	\$ 1,385	\$ 20
RENT TO NORTHUMBERLAND	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
COPY MACHINE RENTAL	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,300	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,495	\$ 1,644	\$ 1,937	\$ 293
TELEPHONES	\$ 3,984	\$ 4,300	\$ 2,520	\$ 3,192	\$ 672
INTERNET SERVICES	\$ 10,664	\$ 10,984	\$ 16,800	\$ 16,800	\$ -
BANK FEES	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 300
POSTAGE	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,624	\$ 2,755	\$ 2,096	\$ (659)
ADVERTISEMENTS	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,975	\$ 675
DISTRICT SOFTWARE	\$ 9,100	\$ 39,922	\$ 9,785	\$ 11,426	\$ 1,641
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,700	\$ (300)
SUPPLIES	\$ 4,650	\$ 5,925	\$ 6,257	\$ 6,906	\$ 649
ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,575	\$ (1,425)
OIL	\$ 1,713	\$ 2,180	\$ 3,750	\$ 2,932	\$ (818)
EQUIPMENT	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -
COMPUTERS	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
DUES AND FEES	\$ 7,600	\$ 8,640	\$ 9,715	\$ 10,039	\$ 324
	<b>\$ 676,415</b>	<b>\$ 771,199</b>	<b>\$ 771,354</b>	<b>\$ 801,271</b>	<b>\$ 29,917</b>

Salary & benefits	\$ 669,808	84%
Technology	\$ 66,125	8%
Office Supplies (copy mach, pc	\$ 42,166	5%
Utilities, Maintenance, Rent	\$ 23,172	3%
	<b>\$801,271</b>	<b>100%</b>

12/12/2023  
Budget Hearing

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #58**  
 Northumberland-Stark-Stratford  
**PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET**  
 December 12, 2023

**ESTIMATED REVENUES**

ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE REVENUE	(\$114,122.81 6/30/23 Fund Balance)	\$	-
ESTIMATED E-RATE REVENUE	(E-Rate Reflected as Credit)	\$	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$	-

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT/SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES		\$	18,930.00
SAU # 58 MANAGEMENT		\$	263,922.00
OTHER EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (Includes Exp for E-Rate)		\$	56,208.00
FISCAL MANAGEMENT		\$	312,156.00
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES		\$	126,877.00
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		\$	23,178.00
SALARY POOL			
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	801,271.00
MINUS ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$	-
PROPOSED BUDGET LESS REVENUE		\$	801,271.00

	6/30/2022 EQUALIZED VALUATION	VALUATION PERCENT	ADM 2022-2023 PUPILS	PUPIL PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	TOTAL DISTRICT SHARE
Northumberland	\$282,771,776	48.03%	310.81	76.55%	62.29%	\$499,108.20 (\$5,200.85)
Stark	\$148,713,370	25.26%	28.77	7.09%	16.17%	\$129,587.96 \$19,732.33
Stratford	\$157,247,476	26.71%	66.45	16.37%	21.54%	\$172,574.84 \$15,385.52
	\$588,732,622	100.00%	406.03	100.00%	100.00%	\$801,271.00
						3.75% Incr/(Decr) \$29,917.00

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2023**

ASSETS	GENERAL	FOOD SERVICE	ALL OTHER	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS
Current Assets					
CASH	60,754.51				343,087.95
INVESTMENTS					
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE	8,024.26				
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE					
INTERGOVT RECEIVABLE	4,378.29	2,056.89	5,967.37		
OTHER RECEIVABLES					
PREPAID EXPENSES					
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS					
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>73,157.06</b>	<b>2,056.89</b>	<b>5,967.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343,087.95</b>
<b>LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>					
Current Liabilities					
INTERFUND PAYABLES		2,056.89	5,967.37		
INTERGOVT PAYABLES					
OTHER PAYABLES	-				
ACCRUED EXPENSES					
LOAN & INTEREST PAYABLE	69.55				
DEFERRED REVENUES					
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES					
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>69.55</b>	<b>2,056.89</b>	<b>5,967.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
FUND EQUITY					
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE RETAINED	11,087.51				
RESERVE FOR PREPAID EXPENSES					
RESERVE FOR AMTS VOTED	62,000.00				
RESERVE FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS	-				343,087.95
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE					
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>73,087.51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343,087.95</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>73,157.06</b>	<b>2,056.89</b>	<b>5,967.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343,087.95</b>

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	SALARIES	BENEFITS	PURCHASED	SUPPLIES	PROPERTY	OTHER	TOTAL
Instruction							
REGULAR PROGRAMS	164,823.05	71,203.37	458,882.59	7,671.37	8,054.20		710,634.58
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	27,882.98	10,492.51	441.00				38,816.49
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS							0.00
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS		130.74					130.74
Support Services							
STUDENT			18,765.54	1,499.03			20,264.57
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF		12.75		96.83			109.58
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	4,260.00	414.51	135,815.81	1,270.00		2,306.41	144,066.73
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	28,730.00	8,836.19	5,141.55	9,323.43	500.00	2,568.48	55,099.65
OPERATION/MAINTENANCE	18,714.53	1,817.06	31,134.41	18,792.92	881.64		71,340.56
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION			55,436.19				55,436.19
Other Outlays							0.00
FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONST.			28,747.60				28,747.60
DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL							0.00
DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST							0.00
Fund Transfers							0.00
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS							0.00
TRANSFER TO FOOD SERVICE						20,499.66	20,499.66
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY							0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>244,410.56</b>	<b>92,907.13</b>	<b>734,364.69</b>	<b>38,653.58</b>	<b>9,435.84</b>	<b>25,374.55</b>	<b>1,145,146.35</b>

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

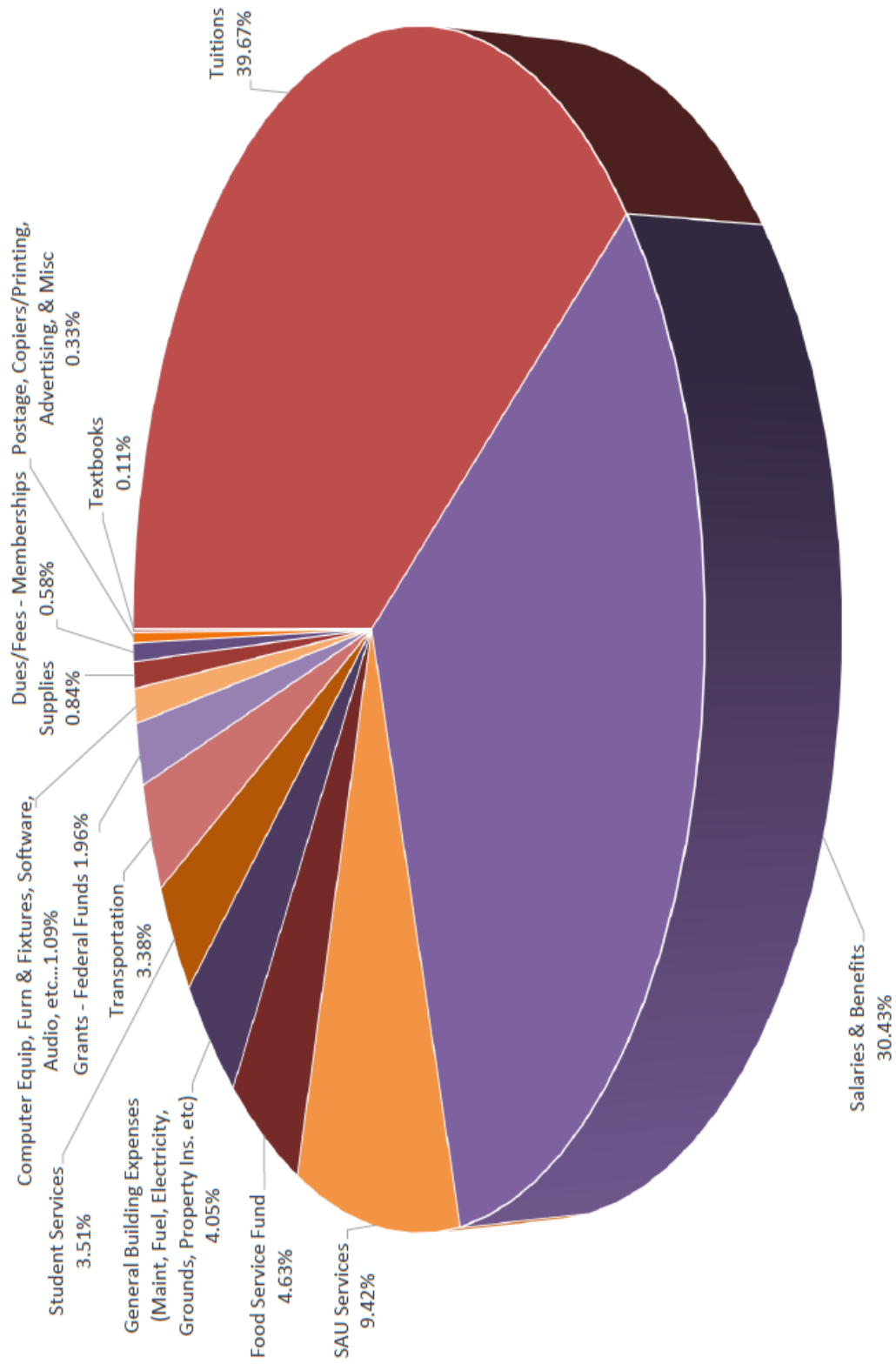
	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Expenditures: 1200, 2160, 2420, 2722	41,969.64	31,686.66	50,647.37
Revenues:			
Individuals with Disabilities Act (94-142):	14,617.12	13,294.92	19,846.93
Medicaid Funds:	-	511.15	323.72
Adequacy Allocation:	11,164.80	12,274.40	12,274.40
Total Revenues:	25,781.92	26,080.47	32,445.05
<b>NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST:</b>	<b>16,187.72</b>	<b>5,606.19</b>	<b>18,202.32</b>

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES**  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	FOOD SERVICE	SPECIAL REVENUE	TRUST FUND
<b>LOCAL REVENUE:</b>				
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	605,028.00			
TUITION				
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	4,310.28			
OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	2,383.19			
FOOD SERVICE SALES		10,064.15		
<b>TOTAL LOCAL</b>	<b>611,721.47</b>	<b>10,064.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>				
ADEQUACY AID (GRANT)	360,550.51			
ADEQUACY AID (STATE TAX)	79,679.00			
ADEQUACY AID (EDJOBS)				
OTHER STATE REVENUE	1,996.84			
CHILD NUTRITION		157.71		
CATASTROPHIC AID				
<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>442,226.35</b>	<b>157.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FEDERAL REVENUE:</b>				
CHILD NUTRITION		11,770.74		
MEDICAID DISTRIBUTIONS	323.72			
DISABILITIES PROGRAMS			19,846.93	
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	17,571.41		33,499.58	
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>	<b>17,895.13</b>	<b>11,770.74</b>	<b>53,346.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>
TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND		20,499.66		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,071,842.95</b>	<b>42,492.26</b>	<b>53,346.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Stark School District  
Trust Fund Reconciliation  
30-Jun-23**

	<b>Beg Bal</b>	<b>Earn/(Loss)</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>End Balance</b>
<b><u>Maintenance Trust Fund</u></b>					
Total Maintenance	\$152,881.22	\$5,996.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$158,877.94
					<b><u>\$158,877.94</u></b>
<b><u>Handicapped Fund</u></b>					
Total Handicapped	\$124,908.23	\$4,899.48	\$0.00		\$129,807.71
					<b><u>\$129,807.71</u></b>
<b><u>High School Tuition Fund</u></b>					
Total Tuition	\$47,338.47	\$1,856.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,195.30
					<b><u>\$49,195.30</u></b>
<b><u>Technology Trust Fund</u></b>					
Total Technology	\$5,010.47	\$196.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,207.00
					<b><u>\$5,207.00</u></b>
	<b><u>\$330,138.39</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,949.56</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$343,087.95</u></b>





Report of the Superintendent of Schools  
SAU 58, Stark, Stratford and Northumberland  
Prepared by Pierre Couture  
February 1, 2024

I am happy and proud to serve as your Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2023-2024 school year. As many of you know I worked at the Groveton High School for fourteen years, the last ten years as the Principal. It has been a bit of a homecoming for me after leaving Groveton in 2013. I have great memories of the excellent students that attended our schools who were supported by strong families. SAU 58 has always had strong teachers and support staff, that has not changed since I left. Our students have been fortunate that the people in Stratford, Stark and Groveton have always supported their schools, I expect that will continue.

I have spent the majority of the time supporting our two new Principals in the SAU. Allison Noel, the Principal at the Stratford Public School and Kieth Matte at Groveton High School. We are also fortunate to have Kate Landry as the teaching Principal at the Stark Village School and Josh Smith as the Principal at the Groveton Elementary School. We have been working on developing a plan to implement the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). This plan will provide appropriate instruction and support for all students regardless of their academic level. It will provide a common curriculum throughout the elementary schools to ensure curriculum coordination throughout the SAU. Teachers will learn to use assessment data to inform instruction which will improve teaching and learning.

The lack of funding for public schools from the State of New Hampshire has been an issue for many years. New Hampshire is ranked near the bottom, nationally, in funding for public schools. As a result the local property owners shoulder the majority of the funding responsibility for their local schools which results in high property tax bills. Recently Rockingham County Superior Court Judge David Ruoff has ruled in favor of the Conval school districts lawsuit against The State of New Hampshire, The Department of Education, Education Commissioner Edelblut and Governor Sununu for violating the NH state Constitution on not properly meeting their obligation to provide adequate funding to public schools. This is considered a victory for public schools as we have won lawsuits against the state before but this is the first time a judge has set a minimum adequate funding requirement( \$7,356). I suggest that you contact your local legislative representative and encourage them to work to find a solution to the public school funding problem in New Hampshire.

The SAU has an outstanding team of professionals working in the office. Jo Robinson is my Administrative Assistant. Michelle Mason is our Student Services Director and is assisted by Lisa McCarthy. Heather McMann is our Business Administrator and she is assisted by

Constance McKearney who is the Human Resources Director and Payroll and Tiffany Griffin who takes care of grants and accounts payable. Jason Jensen is our Information Technology Director, he is responsible for the entire computer network throughout the SAU.

Tim Haskins, the Groveton High School girls basketball coach, has been inducted into the NHIAA Hall of Fame. Mr. Haskins continues to have a tremendous career coaching the Groveton Girls. He has coached state championship teams in three sports, soccer, softball and basketball. Mr. Hasking joins three other Groveton coaches in the Hall of Fame, Fred Bailey, Gary Jenness and our current boys basketball coach, Mark Collins. Who would think a small north country school would boast four Hall of Fame coaches. The Groveton student athletes have been fortunate to have had such outstanding coaches.

## Stark Village School

### Principal's Report 2023-2024

The Stark Village School appreciates the support of the town as it continues to educate some of the youngest members of our neighborhood. Students roll off the bus each morning ready to come to school and learn. They know that in our building they are part of a family and community. As such, they share responsibility for keeping our school a safe and healthy place to learn and grow. This sense of safety and family extends after they leave our building. So much so that even after graduating SAU 58 they often still come back to visit one of the places that made them feel important. It just goes to show that they might grow up, but they don't outgrow Stark Village School.



Stark Village School has been learning using place based programming to teach major science and social studies concepts. Whether it was with the help of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) program, Mr. Frizzell's *Science Connections*, or during our Cog Railway trip up Mt. Washington, they have been learning about their place in our world. During summer school, students took trips to the Berlin Fish Hatchery and South Pond to learn about pond ecology and fish life cycles. Finally, we are delving into the town's history in preparation for the 250th this summer! Students are learning about the town's early settlers and how major inventions/technology changed the opportunities that they had.



This year we are focused on creating and maintaining connections within our local community. Before the holidays, students wrote cards to our local veterans. We have been inviting State Troopers to join us for lunch. In return, they have been sharing about their job and how they keep us safe. We partnered

with the Stark Volunteer Fire Dept. to teach students about fire safety, creating family emergency plans, and they even let us interact with the tools that the FD use in an emergency! Finally, we are working with local farmers to provide "Ag" *Agriculture in the Classroom*. Creating opportunities aimed at teaching students about the importance of farming and gardening while also supporting the inclass science curriculum.



If you noticed our schoolyard looks a bit different, the fence was replaced around the schoolground. Staff love it as it has been keeping more playground toys inside and out of the road! Not to mention how much better our schoolyard looks! We just can't hide that Falcon pride!

Thank you to the Stark community for your continued support.

# **Mission & Vision**

## **Vision**

The Stark Village School is committed to building a solid foundation for every child to be successful in life.

## **Mission**

Stark Village School seeks to be an exemplary learning community school. We believe that education is not just about children; it encompasses families, parents, community, the environment, and the world. We build this foundation by respecting the individual needs of children and fostering a caring and creative environment by emphasizing the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each child. As a professional learning community, we will work together to empower all students to become contributing members of society; equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world. Through a collaborative learning environment, we will encourage high expectations for success using developmentally appropriate, data-driven instruction while supporting individual differences and learning styles. Our success in this mission will build lifelong, confident learners, who have the tools necessary for success in a changing world.

Board Approved 9-6-2011

## **RIGHTS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

As the parent or guardian of a child who may require or who is receiving special education and/or related services, you have the following rights:

- You have the right to have access to and examine all records relating to your child's education.
- You have a right to receive prior written notice whenever the local education agency proposes to begin or change the special education referral, evaluation and/or education placement of your child. You also have a right to give your written consent before initial special education placement and before any individual evaluation of your child.
- You have a right to question any matter, decision, or recommendation relating to your child's referral, evaluation or educational placement.
- You have the right to request an independent educational evaluation obtained by the local education agency. If your request is accepted, the evaluation will be conducted by a certified or licensed professional examiner who is independent of the local education agency and will be performed at no cost to you. Should your request be denied, you have a right to appeal this decision as described below.
- If you have any complaints regarding the referral, evaluation or educational placement of your child, you have a right to meet with the School Board. If any agreement is unable to be reached, you have the right to an impartial hearing conducted by a state-appointed due process hearing officer.
- At this hearing, you have the right to be assisted by person(s) with special knowledge or training or by an attorney and the right to present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses.
- After this hearing you have the right to a written or electronic verbatim recording of such hearing. You have the right to obtain written findings of fact and the decisions of the hearing at no cost.
- If the decision of the impartial hearings at the local level is not acceptable to you, you have the right to appeal this decision to the State Board of Education or Civil Court.
- During any of the hearing or appeal procedures, your child shall remain in the current education program, or if applying for initial admission to the public school, shall be placed in a regular program until all proceedings have been completed, unless you and the school officials agree otherwise.

**TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972  
Public Law 92-318**

Subpart A, Section 86.8 of Title IX requires public notification that the Stark School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age or handicapping condition under the provisions of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. The Stark School District hereby notifies students, parents, employees, and residents that complaints and grievances for noncompliance with any of the provisions of Title IX are to be referred to:

Pierre Couture, Superintendent  
Title IX Hearing Officer  
SAU #58  
15 Preble Street  
Groveton, NH 03582  
Tel. 603-636-1437

**NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation  
Act of 1973**

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Stark School District are hereby notified that the District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries regarding the compliance of the Stark School District with the regulations of implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact:

Michelle Mason  
Section 504 Coordinator  
Stark Village School  
1192 Stark Highway  
Stark, NH 03582  
Tel. 603-636-1092

STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL  
DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
March 14, 2023

Moderator William Joyce declared the meeting open at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Danforth Peel.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officer heretofore chose and any vote relating thereto.

Motion to move article made by Kendra Bell. Second: Danforth Peel No discussion.

**ARTICLE 1 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To set the salaries of School District Officials.

School Board Members	3@ 850.00	\$ 2,500.00
Treasurer		850.00
Board Secretary	60.00 per meeting	720.00
Clerk		70.00
Moderator		70.00
Police		70.00
Supervisors of Checklist	3 @ 70.00 each	210.00
Ballot Clerks	2 @ 70.00 each	140.00
Recommended by the School Board 3-0		

Motion to move article made by Danforth Peel. Second: Kendra Bell

Rodney Monahan stated he would like to see a 5% increase in the salaries of the District Officials next year.

**ARTICLE 2 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of\$ 1,282,019 for the support of schools, for the payment of

salaries for the School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special of individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the School Board 3-0 Motion to move article made by Kendra Bell. Second: Danforth Peel.

All comments and questions addressed.

**ARTICLE 3 PASSED BY VOICE.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 20,000 to be added to the High School Tuition Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the School Board 3-0 Motion to move article made by Danforth Peel. Second: Deborah Joyce.

No discussion.

**ARTICLE 4 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 25,000 to be added to the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the School Board 3-0 Motion to move article made by Danforth Peel. Second: DeborahJoyce

All comments and questions addressed.

**ARTICLE 5 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund



previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available to transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Motion to move article made by Deborah Joyce.

Recommended by the School Board 3-0 Second: Kendra Bell

Motion to amend article made by Georgia Caron. Second: Rodney Monahan

Amended article to read: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of\$ 17,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available to transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Motion to move amended article made by Kendra Bell Second: Deborah Joyce

Georgia Caron recommended the increase of\$ 7,000 to off set some of the withdrawal taken out in 2022.

No further discussion

**AMENDED ARTICLE 6 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Danforth Peel spoke about the fence at the school and stated the Board is looking for thoughts on height, style, color etc. Brief discussion followed.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Georgia Caron. Second: Ron Lunn

Meeting dissolved at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan H. Croteau  
Stark School District Clerk