

TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Selectmen Darren Hudgins (2021) completed his term in March. Selectmen Eric Olsen (2022), Thomas Tombarello (2022), Jonathan Goldman (2023) and Robert Nickerson (2023) were the returning Board members this year. Selectman Hudgins was elected for another 3-year term.

TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

This year brought only minor maintenance projects to include new paint on the walls in the Town Clerk's office, striping of the parking lot and window repair at the Library, a full inspection of all fire extinguishers, concrete barriers added in front of the gas tanks at the Fire Department, replacement of a toilet at the Train Depot museum, and basic maintenance to furnaces, AC units, water system and generators.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The 2021 Roadway Improvement Plan was funded once again by the voters. The plan included the reconstruction of segment 1 of Odell Road extending northerly from Main Street to Pine Ridge Circle. Patching and repairs were completed on Hampstead Road and extensive brush removal was done along roadways throughout town.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN ROADS

There were no new roads accepted by the Town during 2021.

COMMUNITY

The year 2021 continued with the challenges brought in 2020 of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We want to thank our employees and residents again for their patience and understanding as we continue to navigate and adjust through this pandemic.

Highlights from 2021 include celebrating the "birthday" of Sandown Town Hall. November 21, 2021 marked the 100th birthday of when the building was dedicated and officially open! Although not officially the Town Hall until 1929, it served the public as a Community Hall for plays, dances and the like for 8 years prior to the townspeople accepting it as public property. During 2021 the Old Home Day Fall Festival was back and named former Fire Chief Wilfred "Bill" Tapley as Citizen of the Year and Madison Pettengill as Young Citizen of the Year. The Selectmen also nominated Frances Rosenau as the Granite State Communications Hometown Hero. We are honored to have these residents in our community and appreciate their commitment.

Some accomplishments by the board during 2021 included several E-911 address changes, updating the town's Hazardous Mitigation Plan, Stormwater Management update requirements, creating a formal Complaint Policy and working with the State of New Hampshire, Department

of Labor as they conducted our first safety inspection. Lastly, we'd like to thank 2 young men Gabriel Gerhard who took on repairing the roof and siding of the hearse house located at the Old Meeting House as his Eagle Scout project and Spencer Bohnwagner who expects to complete his Eagle Scout project in the spring of 2022 with a beautiful brick walkway leading to the Library's new outside area known as the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion and Music Garden.

We are excited to begin working on two important projects in 2022. As a result of grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program, we will be able to replace our radio communication equipment for the Fire/Rescue Department, Police Department and Highway Department as well as work on plans to renovate Town Hall office space. There are also plans to coordinate with a company to auction various town owned parcels of land.

As always, the board would like to thank our employees and all those who volunteer as committee members and in various capacities throughout town. The dedication given by volunteers and employees is experienced by all residents of Sandown. As 2021 comes to an end we encourage members of the community to be involved and continue to make Sandown the best place to live.

We look forward to proudly representing Sandown in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandown Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

