

TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Selectmen Stephen Brown (2020) and Bruce Z. Cleveland (2020) completed their terms in March. Selectmen Darren Hudgins (2021), Thomas Tombarello (2022), and Eric Olsen (2022) were the returning Board members this year. Selectmen Jonathan Goldman and Robert Nickerson were elected for 3-year terms.

TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

The most exciting building project in 2020 was the painting of Town Hall. This was long overdue, and it looks great. A special thank you to CertaPro Painters of Nashua for being very professional and easy to work with and thank you to our Building and Grounds Maintenance employee, John Runcie for putting the final touches on the painting by getting the handicap ramp primed and painted as well.

Other projects completed in 2020 were maintenance items such as painting lines in the parking lot at the Police Department and a coat of finish on the floor in the upper meeting room at town hall. It was planned that the floors in the meeting room/kitchen, front office and front hall were to be replaced but after a plumbing failure the floors on the administrative side of the building were also replaced as well as some other repairs because of this flooding.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The 2020 Roadway Improvement Plan was funded by the voters this year. The plan included the full reconstruction of the last portion of Wells Village Road. Significant road repairs were also done on Cross Road which was funded by the State Highway Block Grant.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN ROADS

During 2020 the board accepted the Sandown portion of Brendan's Way, released Abbey Lane, Osprey Circle, Patricia Circle and Maddy Circle from public dedication and a No Through Trucking ordinance was voted on for Ferguson Lane, Odell Road, David Lane, Phillips Road and Cross Road.

COMMUNITY

2020 became one of the most challenging years any of us ever had to face with a National and Global Pandemic and State of Emergency declared by Governor Sununu on March 13, 2020 because of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Although we are still fighting the battle, we are confident we will win the war and be stronger for it. We cannot thank our employees enough and as you will see in the dedication of this year's report, appreciate all they have done to keep the Town functioning as best they could through these trying times. We also thank the

public for their patience and understanding as adjustments had to be made, almost weekly at times.

Other highlights from 2020 include the upgrade of the Vision Government Solutions which is our assessing software and appointing a new Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Paul D'Amore. The previous inspector Robert Bogosh stepped down from the position but was appointment as the Assistant Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Thank you to Robert for his eight (8) years of service to the Town. The board also appointment members to a Tower Development Advisory Committee to fulfill a request of a petition warrant article to research the feasibility of entering into a long-term lease with a tower development company and to construct a telecommunications tower on town property within the Business District. This committee reported back to the board that it was not feasible. The full report of the committee is available on the town website.

The year also brought the Town four (4) elections to conduct during a pandemic, two of these being a Presidential Primary and General Election which brought record numbers out to vote either absentee or in person. The Town Clerk's office (Dawn Nicolaisen, Tanya Gaynor and Judy Devine) and the Moderator Kevin Major put a tremendous number hours and energy into these elections managing the absentee requests and ballots, attending numerous trainings and meetings and sitting outside in freezing temperatures to allow us all to vote as safely as possible.

As always, the board would like to thank all those who volunteer as committee members and in various capacities throughout town. We also thank the employees for all they do every day. The dedication given by volunteers and employees is experienced by all residents of Sandown. As 2020 comes to an end we encourage members of the community to be involved and continue to make Sandown one of the best places to live.

We look forward to proudly representing Sandown in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandown Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

