



TOWN OF SANDOWN

Town Website: www.sandown.us

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town Administrator – Lynne Blaisdell	MON:	8:00 AM – NOON & 1:00 – 7:00 PM
Assist. to Town Administrator – Andrea Cairns	TUES – THURS:	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Selectmen's Office Assistant – Paula Gulla	FRI:	CLOSED

Email: townofsandown@sandown.us
603-887-3646

Selectmen's office oversees the entire town and its departments. Some of these functions include property tax cards, property maps, tax abatements, veterans' credit, elderly exemptions, notary public, special dump permits and town hall rentals.

Selectmen's meetings are every other Monday night at 6:30 PM **PUBLIC IS WELCOME.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thomas Tombarello – Chairman
Eric L. Olsen - Vice Chairman
Robert Nickerson
Benjamin Sharpe
Edward Mencis

ASSESSOR

603-887-8392

Scott Marsh

WEDNESDAY:

Scott Marsh

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

TOWN CLERK

Dawn Nicolaisen

dnicolaisen@sandown.us

603-887-4870

MONDAY:

TUES – THURS:

FRIDAY:

8:00 AM – NOON & 1:00 – 7:00 PM

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CLOSED

Deputy Town Clerk – Tanya Gaynor tgaynor@sandown.us

Office Assistant – Christine Schnaible cschnaible@sandown.us

There are many different functions of the Town Clerks office.

Motor Vehicle Registrations (autos, motorcycles, and trailers) new, renewals, and transfers

Off Road Registrations: ATV's Snowmobile & Dirt bikes **Hunting & Fishing Licenses Issued**

Notary Public / Justice of the Peace, Dog Licensing; Vital Statistics- birth, marriage, and death -records filed in office and certified copies issued

Voting- register to vote, checklists, elections, and absentee ballots; **Permits Issued – Plumbing, Electrical, Gas, Septic, Well, Oil, Chimney**

DOGS ARE LICENSED EVERY YEAR.

Dog License - licensed dogs must be renewed by every April 30th. New dogs must be licensed after 1st rabies shot is given (usually between 12-16 weeks old). Bring documents from vet with current rabies information to license your dog, new or renewing.

TAX COLLECTOR

Dawn Nicolaisen

dnicolaisen@sandown.us

603-887-4870

MONDAY: 8:00 AM – NOON & 1:00 – 7:00 PM

TUES – THURS: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FRIDAY: CLOSED

Deputy Tax Collector – Tanya Gaynor

tgaynor@sandown.us

Office Assistant – Christine Schnaible

cschnaible@sandown.us

Taxes are billed twice a year. Due dates are **July 1 and Dec 1**

Please note: Unpaid taxes become delinquent the day following the due date. Interest on unpaid taxes is charged at 8%. Unpaid taxes after the December 1 due date are subject to a tax lien @ 14%, and the lien is recorded at the county registry of deeds until the taxes are paid in full. Failure to redeem tax liens after two (2) years from recording date will result in your property being deeded to the Town. You will receive an advisory notice thirty (30) days prior to deeding. This is an expensive cost to you in addition to your base tax. Taxpayers having difficulty meeting tax obligations are encouraged to adopt a program of timely partial payments that are suitable to your income. The Tax office will co-operate with you in as much as allowed by law.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joseph Gordon

603-887-3887

Office Hours:

MONDAY –FRIDAY: 7:30AM - 3:30PM

Responds to criminal, fire, & medical calls. Assists Animal Control Officer with calls.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Sandown Police Department

603-887-3887

aartimovich@sandownpolicenh.gov

Responds to animal calls (wild or domestic). Works with Town Clerk and Police Department to serve papers for all violations of animal control laws.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Michael Devine

603-887-4806

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00AM-12:00 / 12:30 - 3:30PM.

Responds to fire, medical, & motor vehicle accidents / **NO BURNING ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT.**
Number to Call for Permit: 235-9293

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Carroll Bassett

887-3453 or 505-1511

Questions/concerns regarding cemetery policy or operations, sale of burial plots.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Becky Francis

603-887-1872

Manages all recreation programs in town including summer recreation and senior activities.

Responsible for renting the recreation building.

DPW DIRECTOR

Arthur Genualdo

603-887-3484

Responsible for maintenance of town roads

TRANSFER STATION

(Disposal Area)

Arthur Genualdo

603-887-3484

603-887-5498 (only when transfer station is open)

WED 4:00-7:00PM SAT 8:00AM-3:00PM

SUN 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Located on Depot Rd (off Main St.) Sandown

Recycles- paper, plastic and aluminum. Also check with custodian regarding dropping off appliances, furniture, tires, metals, etc. There may be a charge for some items and the custodian will have a price list. Fees can be paid directly at the transfer station.

DUMP STICKERS ARE ISSUED AT THE DISPOSAL AREA. YOU NEED A CURRENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO OBTAIN A STICKER.

TOWN INSPECTORS

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT

SEPTIC/WELL INSPECTOR

Paul D'Amore

603-867-6085

MON 6:00-8:00PM Town Hall (may vary)

Other times by Appointment

Issues building permits, knowledgeable of current building laws and regulations.

Issues septic permits, septic system calls/concerns, septic inspections

HEALTH OFFICER

Mark Tolman

603-706-2008

Some of the duties are foster/day care inspections, indoor air quality questions, lead testing, water testing, food contamination-in private and public places, animal monitoring (when a health issue)

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Tom Tombarello

603-702-3207

PLUMBING / GAS INSPECTOR

Mike Hartnett

603-303-1501

DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR
DPW Director Arthur Genualdo
603-887-3484

CHIMNEY & OIL BURNER
Fire Chief Michael Devine
603-887-4806

SANDOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Director, Brittney Bergholm

305 Main St
PO Box 580
603-887-3428
sandownlibrary.us

Mon – Thurs. 9:00 – 8:00
Sat 9:00 – 3:00
Closed Friday & Sunday

The library has many books, movies, audio tapes, internet uses, and some special activities (Examples: Story hours, Lectures, Educational Demonstrations, entertainment, and museum passes)

Friends of the Library -Supports library by having fund-raisers and planning activities. Their meetings are posted in the Town Hall.

SANDOWN POST OFFICE

345 MAIN ST
603-887- 4655

Window
M-F 8:30- 11:00 / 11:30 - 5:00PM
SAT 8:30-12:00 NOON
Lobby
M-S 7:00-5:00PM

AREA CHURCH

Rock Church – Sandown
Pastor Steve Murray

See <https://www.rock-church.org/sandown> for service times

AREA NEWSPAPERS

Eagle Tribune	603-434-9450	daily
Haverhill Gazette	978-946-2000	daily
Manchester Union Leader	603-668-4321	daily
Raymond Area News	603-679-8656	on-line only

EMERGENCY

Ambulance 911
 Fire 911
 Police 911
 Rescue Squad 911

Sheriff's Dept. 603 679-2225
 State Police 603 271-3636
 Poison Control 800-222-1222

NON -EMERGENCY

603-887-4806
 603-887-3887
 603-887-4806

SCHOOLS: TIMBERLANE DISTRICT

District includes: Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, and Sandown

Timberlane Learning Center	603-887-3648
Sandown North (Grades 1-5)	603-887-8505
Timberlane Regional Junior High	603-382-7131
Timberlane Regional High	603-382-6541
Superintendent of Schools	603-382-6119

UTILITIES

Eversource Energy	800-662-7764	24 hours
NH Electric Co-op Inc	800-343-6432	24 hours
Granite State Telephone	603-529-9911	
Comcast (Cable Company)	888-633-4266	Questions/Problems Comcast.com

Area Hospitals

Catholic Medical Center	603-668-3545	Manchester NH
Elliot Hospital	603-669-5300	Manchester NH
Exeter Hospital	603-778-7311	Exeter NH
Merrimack Valley Hospital	978-374-2000	Haverhill MA
Hampstead Mental Health Hospital	603-329-5311	Hampstead NH
Holy Family Hospital	978-687-0151	Methuen MA
Parkland Medical Center	603-432-1500	Derry NH
Emergency Room	603-421-2220	Derry NH

ELECTION INFORMATION

You may register to vote in the following ways:

A. You can obtain a registration form at the Town Clerks office during regular office hours. Completed forms will be forwarded to the supervisors of the checklist- who oversee registrations. For more information call 887-4870.

B. You can register at a session of the Supervisors of the Checklist. Those sessions are posted at the Town office or in the local newspapers.

C. You can register on any election day. The Supervisors of the Checklist are in session during election hours (8AM to 8PM) and will assist you with your registration. After registering you can vote at that time.

Primary Elections - To vote in a Primary Election, if declared (Democrat/Republican), you must vote that party. If undeclared, you can choose a party ballot and vote that party. To return to an undeclared status, after voting, return to the Supervisors of the Checklist and request the form needed to change party status. They will assist you in this matter.

State General Elections- Qualified parties are on the same ballot.

Town Elections- These are non-partisan and no party designation is needed.

TOWN MEETING

Town Election is an annual event held at the Town Hall in Sandown. It is usually the **2nd Tuesday in March** (check the information boards at Town Hall, the town website or contact the Town Clerk for date and time.)

Town Meeting deliberative session is usually at the end of January or the beginning of February. **Any Town Meeting is an important event to attend. This is a deliberative session in which the people who attend decide what goes on the ballot and what does not. Some things that are discussed are the zoning issues and budgets. These are your tax dollars being spent, and the only control you have over this is to attend and vote!!!!**

Town Hall Use Policies and Procedures

The Town Hall facilities are for use by Town Committees, residents and authorized local community organizations. Special conditions apply for use by non-profit organizations and fundraisers. Please see below and contact the Selectmen's Office for additional details. To schedule use of the Town Hall please contact Andrea Cairns at the Selectmen's Office (603) 887-3646 during regular business hours. Complete Town Hall Use Policy and rental information and forms can be found on the town website (www.sandown.us) under the Board of Selectmen page – [Town Hall Rental Information](#).

TOWN BOARDS

All of these boards have elected and volunteer positions and the members are Sandown residents. This is where you can get involved in your town and make a difference. All meeting times and places are posted at the Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen - They are the governing body of the town. Discuss questions / problems from resident's department's issues, etc. Meetings are every other Monday night at 6:30PM at the Town Hall.

Budget Committee – Responsible for preparing the town budget and a default budget for submission at each annual or special meeting of the voters of the municipality. Meetings are Wednesdays during budget season.

Board of Adjustment (ZBA) - Zoning issues. (Examples: home business, variance issues, special exceptions, etc.) Meetings are the last Thursday of the month.

Cable Access Board - Serves as a liaison between the Town and Comcast to resolve problems and answer questions. Also operates Sandown Community Channel 17 and involvement with cable contracts with the town.

Cemetery Trustees - Cemetery issues (examples: burial plot sales, rules and regulations)

Conservation Commission- Generally deals with the preservation of wetlands examples: oversees Dredge & Fill permits, monitors cutting down of trees near water, annual fishing derby. Meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays

Heritage Commission – Surveys and inventories cultural resources and assists other boards with matters affecting or potentially affecting cultural and historic resources.

Historical Society - Keeps the history of the Town alive by preserving and storing pictures, clothing and items of days past for the townspeople to view.

Joint Loss Management Committee - Committed to bring workers and management together in a non-adversarial, cooperative effort to promote safety and health in the workplace. The Joint Loss Management Committee assists the Town governing body and makes recommendations for change.

Library Trustees - Decides how money is spent and how the library is run.

Municipal Records Committee - Committee to govern the disposition of municipal records pursuant to Per RSA 33-A: 3

Oktoberfest Committee – Responsible for planning, promoting and running the Oktoberfest event

Old Home Day Committee – Responsible for planning, promoting and running the annual Old Home Day Fall Festival

Parks and Recreation Commission - Deals with activities for the townspeople; example: summer recreation program, senior activities. Also responsible for fields and beach.

Planning Board - Deals with properties; subdivisions, buildable lots, impact fees, growth management, etc. Meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation Committee - To provide transportation service and support through volunteer network to the elderly, disabled, chronically or temporarily ill residents of the Town of Sandown.

Supervisor of the Checklist – Elected officials that register voters and maintain and corrects the voter checklist

Timberlane School Board - Operates the school systems in the Timberlane school district. The district includes the towns of Sandown, Atkinson, Danville, and Plaistow.

Timberlane Budget Committee - Deals with the annual budgeting for the school year.

Trustees of the Trust Funds – Elected officials that administer to the municipal trust funds

Area Social Groups

Baseball & Softball Leagues - Coordinates the various baseball and softball teams in Sandown, from T-ball through adult leagues.

SBSANH@gmail.com www.SBSANH.com

Food Pantry - Community food pantry is available for people in need of emergency food assistance.

Hours are: Tuesday 4:00 to 5:00PM & Friday 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Arlene Bassett 887-3453/505-1512

Friends of the Library - Supports library programs through fundraising activities. Also hold Story Hours for preschoolers and sponsor a year-round book sale at the library.

friends@sandownlibrary.us 887-3428

Girl Scouts - Encompasses Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadets, through Seniors.
Grades K-12

Historical Society - They will try to discover, secure, and preserve whatever may relate to the natural, civil, literary, and religious history of Sandown. Their primary objective is to restore the Railroad Depot to its original state. Railroad cars are the next project. Also meets for fellowship and community activities.

Depot is open Sat., 10:00 AM - 2:00PM from May-October

Heather Rosati – Chair
heatherlrosati@gmail.com

LION's Club - Their general goal is eye conservation. They provide community services. They have functions throughout the year. The Lions also support Camp Pride in New Durham N.H. for multi-handicapped children and adults.

Susan Poublon – President

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/Lions-Club-of-Sandown-NH>

Oktoberfest Committee - community event in the spirit of the Bavarian celebration Oktoberfest

Karen Jortberg – Chair

sandownoktoberfest@gmail.com

Old Home Day Committee - bring old and new citizens together for an annual community celebration.

Heather Rosati – Chair

heatherlrosati@gmail.com

Old Meeting House Historical Association - Primary functions are to maintain “The Old Meeting House” on Fremont Road and to plan and coordinate the annual Old Home Day Service. Old Home Day is always the 2nd Sunday in August.

Arlene Bassett

887-3453

Sandown Garden Club – A non-profit organization founded in 2008 whose purpose is to share knowledge of gardening in the community, increase beauty of town's public and historic grounds, preserve native plants, respect the environment and conserve natural resources. Meets monthly with educational programs, workshops and field trips and always looking for new members.

www.sandowngardenclub.org info@sandowngardenclub.org

Sandown PTA - Meets monthly. The PTA acts as a liaison between parents and teachers. Their main goal is raising funds for scholarships and special school equipment.

SandownPTA19@gmail.com

Sixty Plus Club - Open to anyone age 60 yrs and older. Potluck lunches, entertainment, and outings. Meets 1st Thursday of the month at the Recreation Building.

Albert and Betty Correia

887-6015

Ac083631@gmail.com

Bettycorreia15@gmail.com

Timberlane Youth Soccer League (TYSL) – Youth soccer league serving the children from Sandown, Plaistow, Atkinson, Danville and surrounding areas.

www.timberlaneyouthsoccer.org

Vic Geary Drop In Center - Senior citizen drop-in center located on Greenough Road in Plaistow. Local transportation provided every Wednesday at 10:00AM. Hours Mon-Friday 10:00AM-2:00PM

Joyce Burns 382-9276
vicgeary@gmail.com

Volunteer Rescue Squad -For persons needing emergency medical care, they stabilize and will call for an Ambulance if needed. Members have Emergency Medical training and/or Advanced First Aid Training. Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at the fire station at 7:00PM

Capt. Jonathan Goldman 887-4806

Volunteer Fire Department - Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Fire Station at 7:00PM

Chief Michael Devine 887-4806

***** SANDOWN TOWN HISTORY *****

The first New Hampshire settlements were in Rye (1623), Dover (1628), Exeter (1638) and Hampton (1635). King William and Queen Mary of England gave a Grant of Land from the Hampton tract to Governor Benning Wentworth. The area was named Kingston. And from this parcel were located the towns of Danville, East Kingston, Kingston, and Sandown.

1736- The settlers came to the westerly section to make their homes. When the settlers insisted on becoming a township and have their own Meeting House their wish was granted. Sandown was incorporated on April 22, 1756. The town was named after Sandown on the Isle of Wight, off the coast of England, at Portsmouth.

1756- The first town meeting was held April 22, 1756.

1759- The Congregational Society was founded. A Meeting House was built for religious services and town meetings. Later, it seemed a new meeting house needed to be built. So, in 1773, this building was raised and the wood and pews were sold at venue.

1774- The present Old Meeting House was completed in October 1774. It is located on Fremont Road in its original structure.

1776- Fifty-nine men from Sandown served in the Revolutionary War.

1783- The parsonage was built on Fremont Road to house the Preacher and his family. On December 1, 1824, the parsonage was sold to Maenad and Honda (French) Hunks for the sum of \$900.00. Several other denominations were forming and agreement as whom and when would use the Meeting House caused much dissension. Town meetings continued in the building.

1834- The first Methodist Society was founded July 9, 1834. Mostly, they met in homes for services.

1835- By request of Sandown residents, a post office was established to serve the town on September 8, 1835. Postal service was available whenever the Postmaster was in private homes, the Grain Store (formally Perrino's), at the Old Depot, in the corner of the grocery store (now a residence), and a building, which was once a carriage shed, on the Parsonage property. The little post office building is next door to the new post office facility.

1835- The Society built their own church naming it St. Matthew's United Methodist Church and held their first service on September 14, 1835.

1870- The Worcester-Nashua Railroad came through Sandown. The run was from Nashua to Plaistow to Rochester. Through the years following, the upkeep was costly and other means of transportation were being used. The depot was closed and railroad tracks taken up in 1935.

1900- The public telephone was installed in the Grain Store. The late Mrs. Merit Young became a telephone operator for Sandown and the company was housed in the former Parsonage, which was a boarding house at the time. The Chester Telephone Company bought out the business. Sandown was the first in the area to have dial phone service with the Chester Telephone Company.

1901- Sandown has its first Old Home Day (August- now an annual event)

1920- A Community Hall Association was formed for the purpose of building a new hall the Sanborn Hall (Grain Store) was unsafe. The Association sold 2000 cookbooks, held various fundraising activities and sold shares at \$25.00 per share, borrowing the remaining \$6,000.00.

1921- The Hall was dedicated November 21, 1921.

1929- The Hall was accepted by the Town of Sandown.

1930- The Old Meeting House Historical Association was formed to preserve and keep Sandown's historical heritage in good repair.

1932- Electricity was available in Sandown.

1948- The Angle Pond Associates was formed and the Station was built in 1948.

1948 - Sandown Volunteer Fire Department was organized- Now there were two groups Angle Pond Associates and Sandown Volunteer Fire Department.

1961- Fire Department combined the two groups and was known as the Sandown Volunteer Fire Dept.

1949- Town disposal area opened.

1954- The Sandown Central Elementary School was dedicated. The central building replaces two one-room schoolhouses (known as Pine Grove and Clark). The two classes in the new school served grades 1-4 and 5-8 with one teacher in each room. The kitchen was equipped by PTA (organized November 1948) and the activity room served as a dining hall. A bookcase placed in the corner of the Grain Store was the beginning of a Library for the town. It was sponsored at first by the Sandown Grange. It branched out into the home of Ceila Chase and Jonathan Colby. The house changed hands and Agnes (Peers) Shaw, wife of Thomas R. Shaw, carried on as Librarian. After her death, the present Selectmen's Office became the new home of the Town Library.

1974- The new Library opens.

1977- Historical Society Museum opens.

1977- St. Michael's Mission of St. Ann's Parish in Hampstead began holding Church Services in the Sunday School room of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church on July 3, 1977.

1978- In the fall, the Sandown Historical Society and Museum was organized for the purpose of renovating the Old Depot. At the 1979 town meeting the Society was accepted and empowered the group to receive gifts, grants, documents or loans on the name of the Town or Society.

1980- An RFD route for the town residents was established March 1980.

1980- After many years of service, the need of a new, more serviceable building was proposed in November. The new fire station was built with volunteer help of the townspeople and minimal funds from the Town.

1981- Sandown celebrates its 225th anniversary.

1987- August 12th, Selectmen held first public meeting in the "Old Meeting House" since 1929.

1987- Seely Beach gets cleaned up and Town begins summer swim program.

1988- In September, Sandown Central School addition opens with additional classrooms, music, art rooms, and a cafeteria/multi-purpose room. Previous additions were in 1965, 1972, and 1985. The current school population is 392.

1988- The new Police Station is built adjacent to the Fire Station.

1988- A town resident, Laura A. Lourette, is named MISS N.H.

1989- "A View from Meetinghouse Hill" by Richard Holmes is published. It tells the history of the Town of Sandown from the early 1700's to the present.

1990- An addition to the Town Hall is approved at the March Town Meeting. The Miller Recreational Area located on Main Street is dedicated.

1991- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church builds an addition onto its educational wing. An addition to the Sandown Public Library, which more than doubles the previous space, is approved at the March Town Meeting.

1995- Sandown now has "enhanced 911".

1996- Sandown became an SB-2(Senate Bill 2) town which means we hold our town meeting in two sessions: Deliberative Session and Town Elections

1996- On May 4th conservation Commission holds first Annual Fishing Derby at Seely Beach.

1996- Sandown Recreational Department starts annual summer program at Roy Miller Field.

1998- The Grain Store (Perrino's) destroyed from electrical fire.

1999- St Matthew's Church buys the Perrino lot to build an addition and for additional parking.

2000- St Michaels stops holding services at Town Hall.

2001 - Sandown Country Store opens in Sandown

2001 – Sandown North Elementary opens. This school is 1st grade to 3rd grade. It is located on Stagecoach Road. This land was once a sandpit. The school had no playground until 2003 thanks to the efforts of the P.T.A.

2002 – Angle Pond Fire Station was rebuilt. The Volunteer Fire Department asked the voters for \$36,200 for materials to rebuild the station but thanks to all the volunteers it was built using less than \$25,000.00 returning over \$11,000.00 back to the taxpayers.

2004- Fire Chief position is voted to become full time due to towns growing population. Library increases their hours due to same reason.

2006- Fremont Road Bridge rehabilitation project was completed.

2007- Board of Selectmen increased from a three-member board to a five-member board.

2008 – Fire Chief Irving Bassett retires with 50 years of service to the Town. Sandown has hired a Department of Public Works Director, Arthur Genualdo. The voters passed the purchase of the Therese Minton 138-acre parcel on Fremont Road to be incorporated into the existing Town Forest and the voters passed an Ethics Policy.

2009- The Town operated on a default budget this year. The new Recreation Building was turned over to the town in November and is expected to go on-line in 2010. The Town Clerk's Office gained permission from the voters to accept tax payments via credit cards.

2010 – The Edward C. Garvey Recreation building had its official dedication ceremony this year and opened to the public. The Local Energy Commission was formed this year and began analyzing energy usage in municipal buildings with the intent to lower energy consumption and costs for both the town buildings and homeowners. Voters passed the purchase of a new furnace for the Town Hall, a new forestry/utility vehicle for the Fire Department and established a Town Disaster Management Expendable Trust Fund to supplement costs in the event of a future disaster.

2011 – Sandown North School was the only New Hampshire school to be organized as a Blue Ribbon School. The Old Home Day Committee became a town committee and had amusement rides for the first time. A Senior Affairs Transportation Committee was formed to facilitate transportation for seniors and disabled residents. Eleanor Bassett semi-retires from running the Sandown Food Pantry after more than 40 years of service to needy residents.

2012 – October 13, 2012, Sandown lost one of its most revered and respected residents: Irving C. Bassett. Irving was a lifelong resident of Sandown and was best known for his volunteer service to the Sandown Fire Department which totaled 56 years. He also served as Fire Chief and Town Forest Warden for 24 years. Remarkable achievements for an even more remarkable man. In August of 2012, Kenneth Sherwood, long standing building inspector, code enforcement officer, electrical inspector and health officer/septic inspector resigned from all positions after 20+ years of service. As a result of his resignation the building department was reorganized and the Selectmen hired 3 new inspectors to fill the positions.

2013 – November 20, 2013, Eleanor Bassett passed away peacefully at her lifelong home. Her greatest contribution to the Town included founding the Community Food Pantry. She helped and influenced more people than she realized and is deeply missed every day.

The Selectmen's office relocated into the building department/planning office with those offices moving into the Selectmen's office.

2014 – Fire Station was dedicated to Irving C. Bassett with the firefighter memorial being complete. Town purchased 460 Main Street for new Police Building.

2015- The new Police Station was completed and the Police Department moved into the building in early summer. Phillips Road Bridge was closed by the NHDOT due to an unsafe load capacity. Old Home Day Committee moved the date and location of their event to the fall and to the Recreation building.

2016- The presidential race brought excitement to our little town with a visit from New Jersey Governor Chris Christie who arrived shortly after announcing his run for office. We also welcomed Carly Fiorina and now President Donald J. Trump. The residents are a proud owner of a 2015 Spartan ladder truck with the help from a grant received from the US department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

2017- The Town lost one of its lifelong residents, David Drowne. Dave was a long-time Trustee of the Trust Funds and held many other positions in the town over the years and he will be greatly missed. The voters approved the 'all veterans tax credit' in the amount of \$500 which allows additional veterans to qualify for the tax credit. The voters also approved retrofitting the Central Fire Station rear garage to accommodate an emergency vehicle.

2018 - This year the town operated on a default budget; however, some improvements were made including a new roof on the central Fire Station, a standby generator at Town Hall paid for by FEMA funds and a new ambulance which was funded by savings in a Capital Reserve Fund. The voters approved 2 new compactors for the transfer station and approved the operation of KENO within the town. The voters also approved the creation of a Heritage Commission and Heritage Fund. The Liberty Tree planted for the 250th celebration was showing signs of disease and failing and was eventually replaced with a Princeton Elm which is a hardier and native tree to New Hampshire.

2019 – The town was faced again with a default budget for the second year in a row and all departments were forced to operate with only necessary expenditures. Some projects were completed with encumbered funds from the prior year including paving the Town Hall parking lot. The Town Hall added a POW*MIA Chair of Honor to honor all of those who served and never returned home to their loved ones. The Fire/Rescue purchased a new ambulance from the savings of the Capital Reserve Fund and the Highway Department purchased a new dump truck with the support of the voters. Due to lack of funding by the voters, there was no Old Home Day Fall Festival. By a vote of the town, the veterans' credits were increased from \$500 to \$750 per year. The town implemented a new town website. The town lost town employee Gregory "Scott" Atkins and volunteer Robert Brouder who will both be missed dearly.

2020 – Sandown, along with the rest of the world, faced the COVID-19 pandemic which certainly changed our way of life in Sandown. Beginning in March, most of the face-to-face interactions of town business were halted until July, resumed on an appointment basis and final reopened to the public with safety modifications. Town business was conducted on-line, via a drop box, or through the mail. School instruction varied between remote learning and in school. The town beach saw much use and beach passes were instituted this year. Memorial Day and Old Home Day and the tree lighting celebrations were canceled. However, residents kept up their spirit with drive-by birthday celebrations, decorating and coloring contests for Easter, Halloween, Christmas in July with Santa and the summer recreation program continued with modifications. Amid this, there were 4 elections, the Town Hall received a much-needed update with new paint and holiday lights and the Center Cemetery expansion project was initiated. The dedication of staff and resiliency of residents was not to be taken for granted.

2021 – On November 21, 2021, the Town Hall was officially 100 years old and the Heritage Commission designed and presented the town with a Heritage Flag in commemoration of the Town Hall 'birthday.' Fire Chief Bill Tapley retired in January 2021 after 12 years of dedicated service as our Fire Chief. Our new Fire Chief Michael Devine has been with the Fire Department for 23 years and most recently as Lieutenant and Deputy Chief. Fire Department

added per diem personnel to provide much needed additional fire coverage. The Old Meetinghouse's Hearse House received a new roof and siding thanks to Eagle Scout Gabriel Gerhard and the Library received a new brick walkway leading to the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion and Music Garden courtesy of Eagle Scout Spencer Bohnwagner.

2022 - The Sandown Food Pantry received a welcome addition to their space courtesy of much hard work and dedication by Ben Winter. The addition was Ben's Eagle Scout project and a long-time plan of his, since he has spent many of his younger years assisting his grandmother with the pantry. The town received funds from the Bridge Aid program to assist with roads and bridges. The annual tree lighting ceremony was reinstated after 2 years of being 'on hold' due to the pandemic and was well attended.

2023 – Renovation of the downstairs of the Town Hall began in July. Projects included dividing the lower hall to create an office for the Planning, Assessing and Building departments, removing the original kitchen and creating an office for the Finance Director as well as creating a small break room/kitchen area. The Selectmen's office moved across from the Town Clerk and an office was created for the Town Administrator. The old Selectmen's office is now a file room to hold all the property files in a new space-saving storage system. The Town Clerk's office received updated cabinets and countertops at their service windows, a new space-saving file storage system and a third service window to assist the public. A new HVAC system was installed with an updated heating and cooling system and the attic space was insulated for energy-efficiency. These projects were all paid for through a federally funded American Rescue Plan grant. In addition, the Highway Department finished construction on the new salt shed, a much-needed facilities upgrade. The Fire Department celebrated their 75th anniversary. Retired Fire Captain David Cheney passed away in August. He served the town for many years as a volunteer fire fighter, Selectman and Transfer Station Supervisor. Volunteers brought back the Oktoberfest Celebration, funded entirely through donations. The event was a huge success, attendees enjoyed live music, children and adult games, vendors, food trucks and ended the celebration with a bonfire. Due to the construction at the Town Hall, the annual tree lighting was moved to the Recreation Building and was a festival of trees where community members decorated and donated trees to raffle off. It was a great end of year celebration.