

TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Selectmen Eric Olsen and Thomas Tombarello (2022) completed their terms in March. Selectmen Jonathan Goldman (2023), Robert Nickerson (2023), and Darren Hudgins (2024) were the returning Board members this year. Selectmen Olsen and Tombarello were both elected for another 3-year term.

TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

This year brought only minor maintenance projects to include garage door repairs at both the police and fire stations, required update to the water filtration system, replacement of plumbing fixtures at the fire station and train depot museum, fire extinguisher inspections, and replaced some exterior lighting at the police station.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The 2022 Roadway Improvement Plan was funded once again by the voters. The plan included the reconstruction of segment 2 of Odell Road extending northerly from Pine Ridge Circle to Fremont Road. Additional road and drainage repairs were completed on Cross Road, Phillips Road, Royal Range Extension and Hunt Pond Road. Brush and swale cleaning was also completed throughout town.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN ROADS

The remaining portion of Meghan Drive was accepted as a town-owned, town-maintained roadway in December of 2022.

COMMUNITY

This year brought the Selectmen's office change in personnel. In the beginning of the year, we welcomed Jessica Manning as our new recording secretary. We want to thank Suzanne Reynolds for her 14 years of service to our town as recording secretary to both the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. We also welcomed Andrea Cairns as the Assistant to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen. Andrea previously worked for the town as the Planning, Zoning, Conservation Aide and we are thrilled to have her back. Paula Gulla, long time Office Assistant extraordinaire, retired from her full-time position after 20 years with the town. She will remain, however, in the office part time for a few hours a week. Although not in the Selectmen's office, we also welcomed Becky Thompson as the town's new Recreation Director. Thank you, as always, to the public and employees for their patience as we transition these new positions.

Some accomplishments by the board during 2022 included the receipt and acceptance of grant funds. The Locality Equipment Purchase Program grant allowed the town to purchase \$50,000 in lifesaving equipment for both the police and fire departments. The State of New Hampshire awarded \$140,999.23 in additional highway block grant money to the town as well. The board also hired an engineering firm to conduct a feasibility study for the renovation and possible expansion of the town hall and appointing a Building Needs Committee for that purpose. The board scheduled an auction for the sale of town-owned properties which will take place in March of 2023. The creation of an employee wage matrix was completed in May and was revised in November. The food pantry received an upgrade of their space thanks to Benjamin Winter as part of his Eagle Scout project. He did a beautiful job. The town named Tina Owens as the 2022 Citizen of the Year after her 32 years of dedication as a Building Committee member and Library Trustee.

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 2022 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 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandown Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

