

# Monthly Department Report



May 2022

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## POLICE

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### Activity

Newmarket Police 3-year comparable statistics for the month of May 2022.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<i>Total calls for service</i>	1889	1558	1624
<i>Motor vehicle stops</i>	369	245	13
<i>Arrests</i>	17	10	5
<i>Offense reports</i>	39	31	52
<i>M/V accidents</i>	5	7	3
<i>Parking tickets</i>	59	50	38
<i>Drug overdoses</i>	0	0	1
<i>Alarms</i>	13	13	9
<i>Death investigations</i>	0	1	1
<i>Mental health related</i>	42	12	2

During the month of May, the Newmarket Police Dispatch Center documented 1889 calls for service. We investigated thirty-nine criminal complaints that required investigations into all of them. The cases involved

Criminal Mischief, Fraud, Scams, Violation of a Protective Order, Harassment, Criminal Threatening, Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon, Burglary (Breaking and Entering) Arrest on a Warrant and Domestic Violence. We continue to handle numerous civil disputes which include landlord/tenant issues, child custody exchanges and property ownership.

As the warmer weather has arrived, we have had a noticeable increase in motor vehicle complaints. As people are outside, walking, jogging and using the roads we have seen a number of issues relative to speed and aggressive driving. We have started to implement different patrols to focus on speeding and aggressive driving.

### **Some of the calls we handled this month:**

- SRO Gott was summoned to the back of the school after school staff observed a subject dressed in orange walk out of the woods towards the playground. The subject then walked back into the woods. SRO Gott made contact with the subject who was lost. SRO Gott was able to provide directions to the person who went on his way.
- We were assisted by the Wakefield NH Police Department who took a subject into custody in their town based on a warrant prepared in Newmarket. The subject was charged criminally with Harassment and 7 counts of Violation of a Protective Order. Officers met with the Wakefield officer to relay the subject back to Newmarket. This subject was later transported to jail to await arraignment.
- Officers responded to the area of the Piscassic Street boat ramp for a person attempting to commit suicide by hanging. A caller had observed the male party hanging from a tree and was able to cut him down before calling for emergency responders. Lieutenant Stevens and Detective Wedgeworth were able to talk with the distraught male. He was upset over the loss of a close friend. Officers were able to move him to an ambulance where he was later transported to the hospital for evaluation.
- Civil Incident – Officers routinely help with civil incidents. Numerous people meet at the police station for family matters. We offer a safe place that is recorded and viewed around the clock. An example of this is two parents who have not been able to meet peacefully at other locations to exchange custody of a child. Arrangements are made so they can meet up either in front of the police station or the lobby. This helps provide a level of security for all parties involved. On one such occasion the meet-up had occurred and the parents had departed. One parent returned to drop off medication that she had forgotten to place in the diaper bag. Per court order the parents were not allowed to communicate other than to meet up so the mother did not want to reach out to the father. Officers were later able to relay the medication to the father as he reported he could not come to the station to get it.
- Dispatchers noticed two vehicles circling the police station repeatedly and at high speeds. Officers went to the parking lot and stopped the two vehicles. This turned out to be a road rage incident that started in Greenland and continued until they pulled into our lot. Both vehicle operators were counseled and warned for their driving behavior.

- SRO Gott was working an extra community patrol shift when he observed a subject walking in the area of the rail road tracks. For those that are not aware walking near or on the railroad bed is considered trespassing. Unlike other locations no advanced notice of trespassing is required. The law is written with the idea that people should know they can't be on the railroad tracks at any time. People are allowed to cross at dedicated locations such as the crossing on Elm Street and the crossing on Exeter Street. On this night the subject had been walking on the railroad bed. SRO Gott stopped to speak with the subject and discovered that she was stealing railroad property. Metal plates used to secure the tracks had been placed in the area for repairs. The subject was taking the metal with the hopes of "scrapping" it at the metal yard. This subject was the same subject who had been arrested earlier in the month for Harassment and 7 counts of Violation of a Protective Order. On this night she was arrested for Theft and Trespass.
  
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 0142 in the early morning hours Officer Wardana was dispatched to a call on Nichols Avenue. A panicked caller told the dispatcher that a man had broken into an apartment she shared with her boyfriend. The caller reported that her boyfriend had the man at gun point. She said the man had crashed through their window, they did not know him and he was only speaking to them in Spanish. The caller had locked herself in the bedroom and could now hear yelling and what sounded like a struggle. The man then burst into her bedroom. Officer Wardana had been driving to the scene as the caller relayed information to the dispatch center. Dispatcher McGee in turn updated Officer Wardana. Dispatcher McGee then summoned officers from Durham, Lee and New Hampshire State Police as Officer Wardana was the only Newmarket officer working at that hour. When Officer Wardana arrived, the man was still partially hanging out the window. Officer Wardana observed a second subject near a wooded area a short distance away. Officer Wardana grabbed the man attempting to gain entry. Wardana grabbed the man by the foot, however he struggled and was able to gain entry to the residence. Officer Wardana sprinted inside where he located the man and was able to subdue him after a brief struggle. Officer Wardana then went outside and located the second subject. Initial attempts to gain compliance did not work. Wardana briefly struggled with the second subject but was eventually able to gain control over him and place him in handcuffs. Backup officers from Lee, Durham and the NH State Police arrived moments later. To say this situation was dangerous would be an understatement. Although I am not surprised, I would say I am very proud of the way both Officer Wardana and Dispatcher McGee performed under these difficult and stressful circumstances.
  
- On two separate occasions we deployed officers to Hampton Beach to assist the Town of Hampton and the New Hampshire State Police. Reports of unruly crowds of 500 or more and officers in need of assistance were relayed to departments around the seacoast. The request was made for any available officer to respond and help restore order at the beach. Officers responded to assist and helped disperse crowds that had formed on the beach and in the roadways. Officers returned safely after a few hours.

## Motor Vehicle Accidents

Motor vehicle crashes were down this month with a total of five.

- On May 11<sup>th</sup> Officers responded to the area of 35 Bay Road for a report of a vehicle into a telephone pole. When they arrived, the vehicle was unoccupied. It was later determined that the operator of the vehicle had been picked up by a family member. The operator said he was trying to avoid a deer in the road. Below are some pictures from the scene.



On May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:40 p.m. Officers responded to the scene of a crash on South Main Street near Railroad Street. Traffic had slowed in the area due to heavy volume. One vehicle stopped in traffic, however the operator of the second vehicle could not stop in time. The second vehicle struck the rear of the first vehicle causing the collision. Below are some pictures of the damage.



## Personnel

**Aaron Hurlburt** has completed his field training and has been cleared for solo assignment. **Matthew Pefine** successfully graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy on May 27th. Several members of the department were able to attend the graduation. Pefine will now return and complete his field training.



We currently have an open position for police officer and dispatcher that we are trying to fill.

## Training

- Officer Taylor Sheehan was accepted as a member of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team. He has since attended two weeks of intense training to prepare him for this assignment of training relative to the team.
- Officer Nicholas Espo, Officer Robert McGloughlin and Sergeant Annaelise Schmidt attended mental health and well-being for first responders.
- Officer Wilson Wardana attended ARIDE Training. This training is an advanced class in detection of impaired drivers and signs of alcohol and drug impairment.
- Detective Wedgeworth is now a Certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Installation Technician. This training was a course on safety seat installation. The course is difficult to complete and pass. Detective Wedgeworth has





already assisted numerous families with safety seat installation.

### What to Know about Booster Seats


Booster seats protect children who are too big for a car seat but too small for a seat belt.

Seat belts don't fit children properly until they are at least 57" (4'9") tall and weigh between 80 and 100 pounds.

Motor vehicle crashes are the second-leading cause of death for children 4 to 10 years old.



**340 children** this age died in motor vehicle crashes in 2012.




**1/3** of these children were riding without a restraint that could have saved their lives.

Although seat belts are safer than nothing at all, children who should be in booster seats but wear only seat belts are at risk of **severe abdominal, head and spinal injuries** in the event of a crash.


Booster seats can **reduce the risk of serious injury** by 45 percent compared to seat belts alone.


Safe Kids Worldwide surveyed 1,000 parents of 4 to 10 year olds. The study found **seven in ten parents do not know** that a child should be at least 57 inches (4'9") to ride in a car using a seat belt without a booster seat.



The study revealed 9 out of 10 parents move their child from a booster seat to seat belt **before their child is big enough**.




One in five parents whose children carpool say they **"bend the rules"** when driving, letting children ride without seat belts and without the car seat or booster seat they would normally use.



And **61 percent of parents say they notice other carpool drivers** bending the rules.

**Buckle up every ride, every time, in the right seat.**  
REMEMBER: A child needs to be at least 57" tall (4'9") and weigh between 80 and 100 pounds to ride with just a seat belt.






Learn more at [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)

### Is Your Child Always Buckled Up?




**Car crashes are a leading cause of death** to children in the U.S.

Of those children who died in crashes in 2011, **33% were not buckled up.**

**221 children** unrestrained.

**Who and Why?** We asked 1,000 parents what risks they were willing to take while driving with their kids. The results were surprising.


**1 in 4** parents say they have driven with their children unrestrained.

**INCOME** **1 in 3 affluent parents** with a household income of \$100,000 or higher, say it is acceptable to leave their child unrestrained if they are not driving a far distance, compared to 15 percent of parents making less than \$35,000. However, 60 percent of crashes involving children occur 10 minutes or less from home.


**AGE** **23% of younger parents** (ages 18-29) said it would be acceptable to ride with a child unrestrained when traveling overnight compared to 13 percent of older parents (ages 30-49). However, this is the time period when children are most likely to be injured in a crash.

**EDUCATION** **Parents with graduate degrees are twice** as likely to say it is acceptable to drive without buckling up their children, compared to parents with a high school education, particularly when they are in a rush (20 percent compared to 10 percent). However, drivers in a rush may not be as careful as when they are fully attentive.


**"Not driving far."**




**"Traveling overnight."**



**"In a rush."**



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## Parking Violations

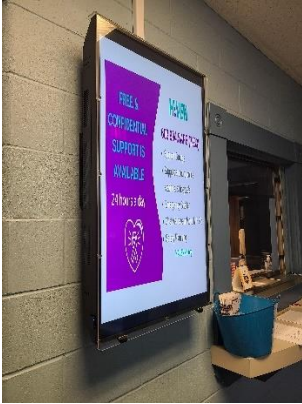
In May patrol officers issued 59 parking tickets. We continue to be active in parking enforcement in the downtown area. As the warmer weather moves in, we anticipate an uptick in enforcement needs. We have plans in place to provide parking enforcement on a more consistent basis during the warmer months.

## Fleet

Currently our fleet is in good working condition.

## Police Station Maintenance

Most of the police station is up to date and in good working order. We recently installed a new information board similar to the monitors seen around the town hall. The board provides information and services available such as how to file a report or make a report request or how to apply for a parking permit.



## Drug Related Issues

The month of May was relatively quiet when it came to drug related issues for us. We have not had any reported opiate overdoses this month. Alcohol continues to be a significant problem for us. We had many incidents related to alcohol including domestic disturbances, people driving impaired, and people being so intoxicated we had to take them into custody to protect their welfare.

Below are the following statistics for Heroin/Opiate related overdoses and deaths since the inception of the Newmarket Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (N-ASAP).

**2015-** 45 Overdoses with four deaths resulting

**2016-** 22 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

**2017-** 15 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

**2018-** 6 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

**2019-** 3 Overdoses with one death resulting

**2020-** 8 Overdoses with two deaths resulting

**2021-** 4 Overdoses with one death resulting

**2022 -** 3 Overdoses

The police department's culture with regards to the opiate epidemic has evolved from "arrest and incarcerate" to "intervene and assist with recovery" when it comes to individuals who are addicted to opiates. It is my personal and professional belief that we cannot arrest our way out of this epidemic. Even if we tried that route, the cost to the taxpayers would be astronomical. Furthermore, the county jails and the state prison could not house all arrested "users." With that being said, we will **NOT** tolerate anyone who sells, distributes, or dispenses any of this poison that is in our community. If anyone is caught selling, distributing, or dispensing narcotics we will fully prosecute them.

## Community Policing

We kicked off our baseball card program at the beginning of Police Week. The program has already been a huge success and has connected officers with numerous people around town. The cards identify the officers along with providing background information on each officer or employee of the department.



The first 5 young people who collect the entire set have the opportunity to collect a prize. Prizes include a ride to school in the police car, gift cards for pizza or Aroma Joe's, ice cream with an officer and Target gift cards. A few hours after kickoff we had several students from the school in our lobby to start collecting the cards.





Jordan was the first person to collect the entire set.



We have started to conduct patrols in the evening in the downtown area beyond our normal patrols. We refer to these as” community policing patrols” and are geared towards officers getting out of the cruisers and making contact with people around town. This is an extra patrol officer that can dedicate his/her time to this task. Officers have been checking in with local businesses, addressing parking issues, helping with pedestrian traffic and making contact with people around the downtown.

### **Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget**

Fuel consumption continues to be a concern as we move forward. We have spent our entire fuel budget for the year. The budget appears to be on track otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Jordan

Police Chief

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# FIRE AND RESCUE

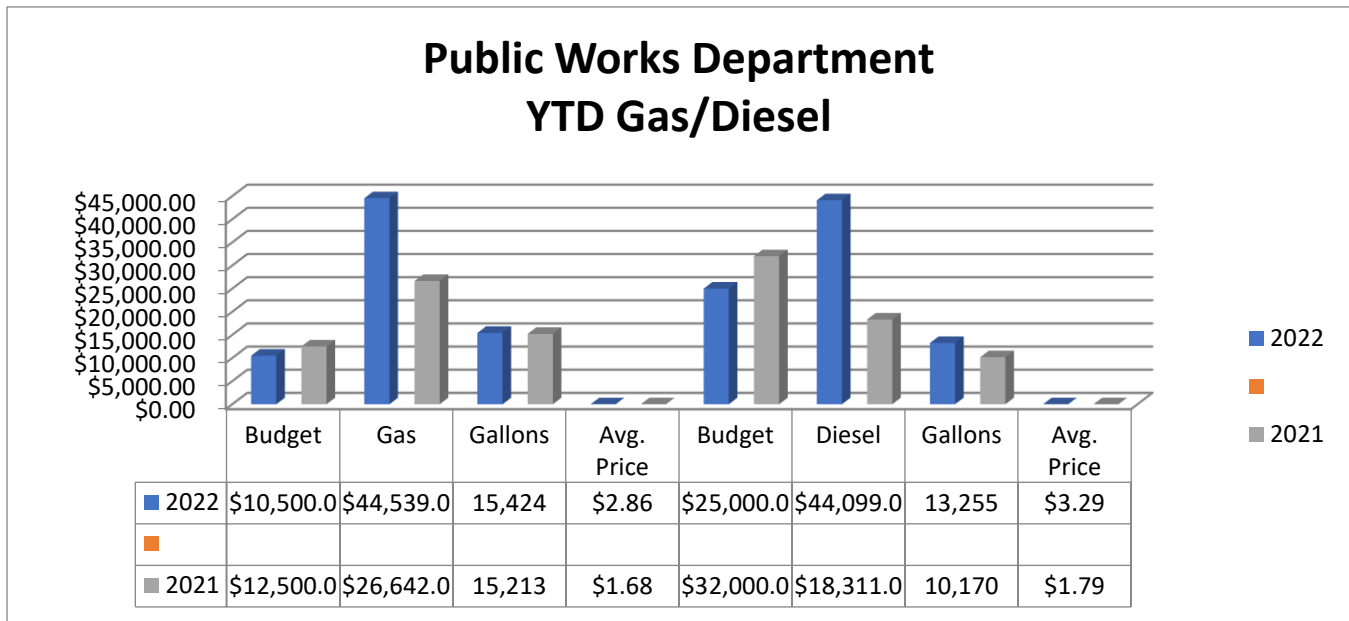
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The May Report will be available next month.

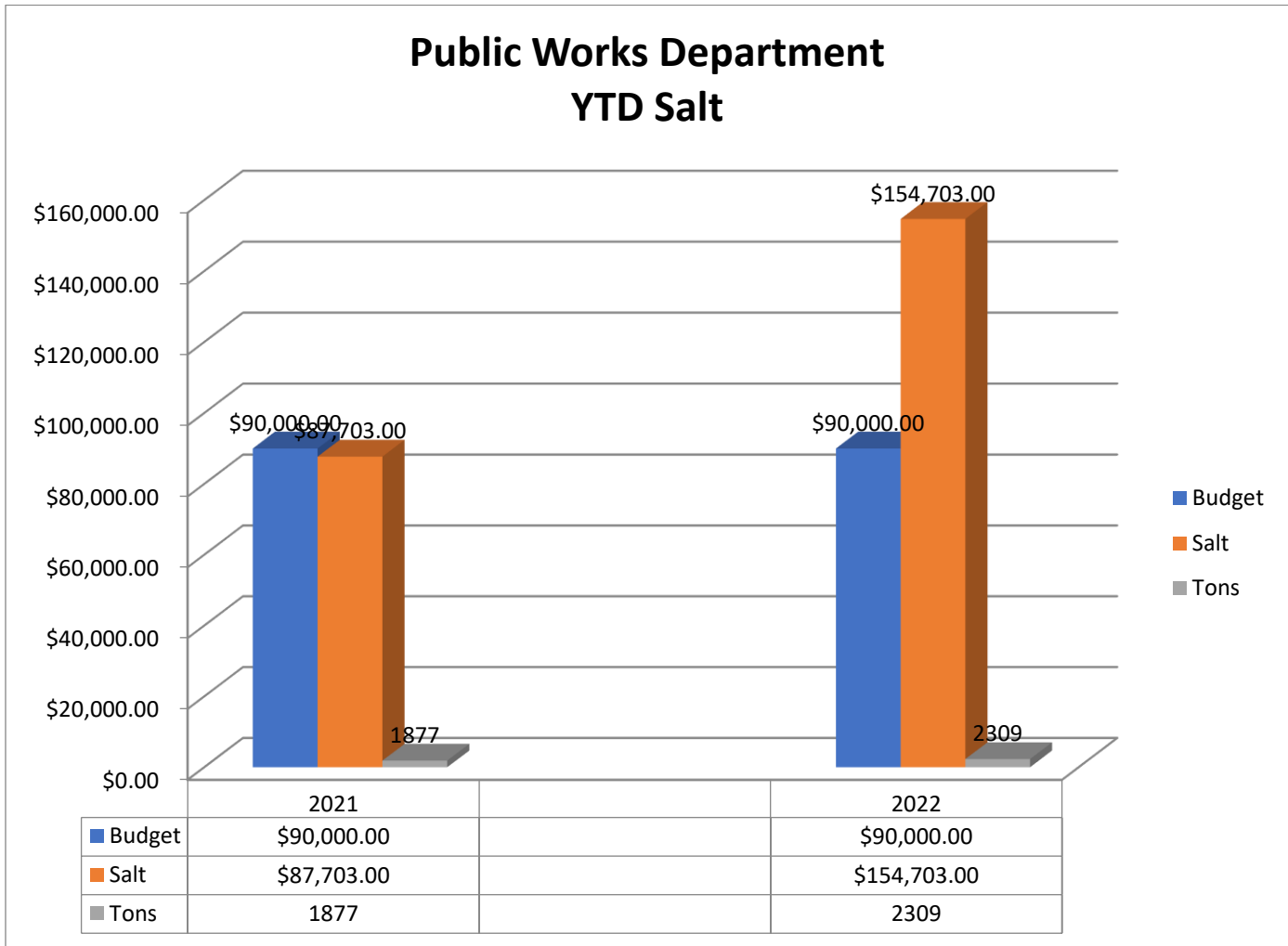
## PUBLIC WORKS

May DPW Charts:

	Budget	Gas	Gallons	Avg. Price	Budget	Diesel	Gallons	Avg. Price
2022	\$10,500.00	\$44,539.00	15,424	\$2.86	\$25,000.00	\$44,099.00	13,255	\$3.29
2021	\$12,500.00	\$26,642.00	15,213	\$1.68	\$32,000.00	\$18,311.00	10,170	\$1.79

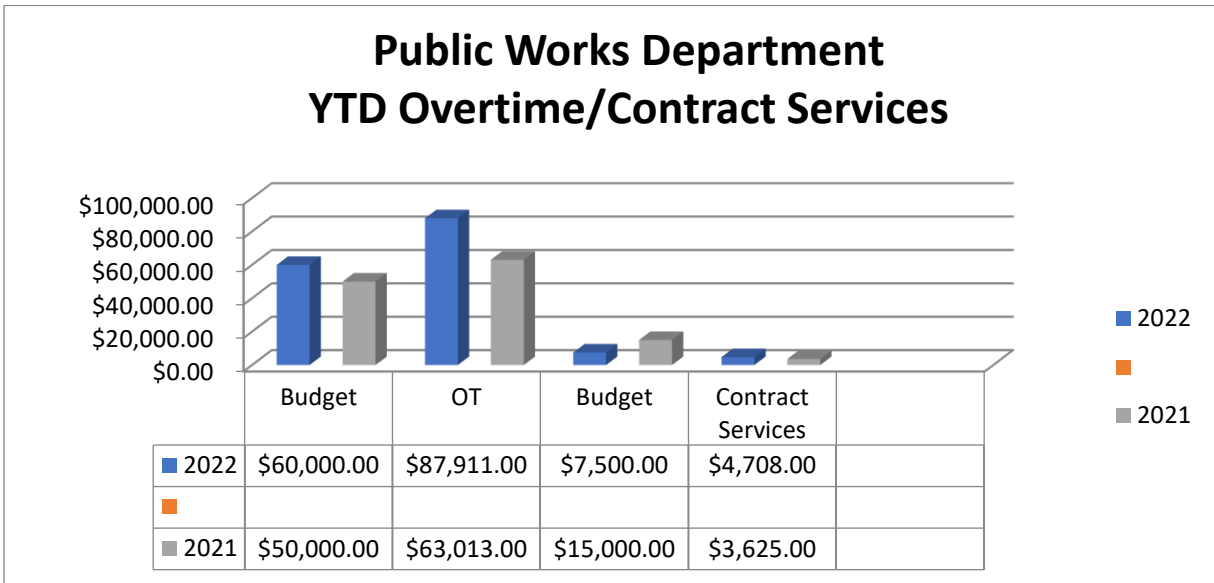


	Budget	Salt	Tons
2021	\$90,000.00	\$87,703.00	1877
2022	\$90,000.00	\$154,703.00	2309

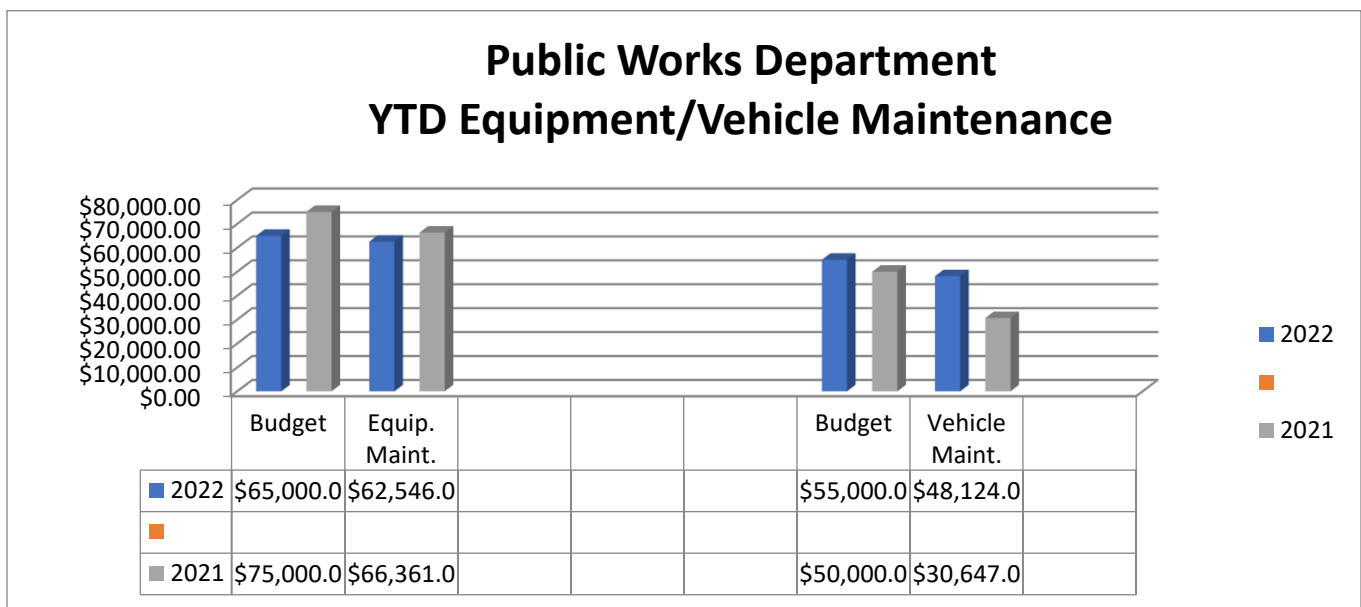




Budget	OT	Budget	Contract Services
\$60,000.00	\$87,911.00	\$7,500.00	\$4,708.00
\$50,000.00	\$63,013.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,625.00

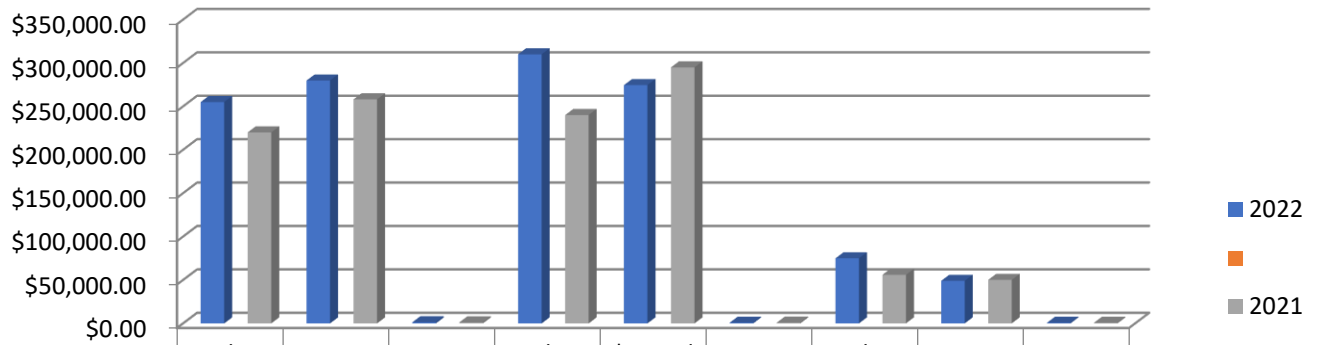


	Budget	Equip. Maint.	Budget	Vehicle Maint.
2022	\$65,000.00	\$62,546.00	\$55,000.00	\$48,124.00
2021	\$75,000.00	\$66,361.00	\$50,000.00	\$30,647.00



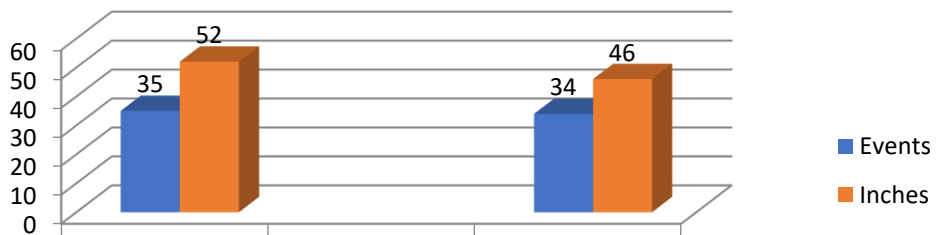
2022	\$255,000.00	\$279,757.00	1,262	\$310,000.00	\$274,494.00	789	\$75,000.00	\$49,016.00	706
2021	\$220,000.00	\$258,083.00	1104	\$240,000.00	\$294,910.00	848	\$56,000.00	\$50,101.00	723

### Public Works Department YTD Solid Waste



	Budget	MSW	Tons	Budget	*Recycle	Tons	Budget	Demo	Tons
■ 2022	\$255,000	\$279,757	1,262	\$310,000	\$274,494	789	\$75,000.	\$49,016.	706
■ 2021	\$220,000	\$258,083	1104	\$240,000	\$294,910	848	\$56,000.	\$50,101.	723

### Public Works Department YTD Snow Events



	2022	2021
■ Events	35	34
■ Inches	52	46

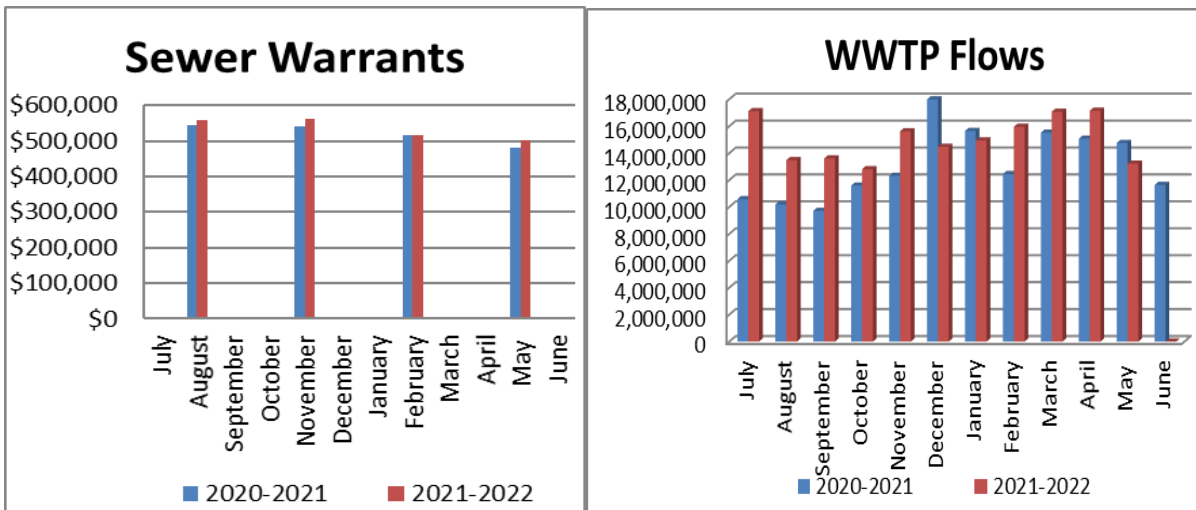
	Events	Inches
2022	35	52
2021	34	46

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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### Wastewater Department



The wastewater treatment facility treated 13.2 million gallons of water for May 2022. The facility removed 99% of the Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 99% of the total suspended solids. The facility discharged on average 1.8 mg/L of total nitrogen per day for a total of 198 total pounds of total nitrogen discharged for the month of May 2022.

The Wastewater Department received 232,213 gallons of septage during the month of April. The past trickling filter treatment process that Newmarket had could not handle septage very well. Newmarket’s current wastewater treatment plant process does very well with processing septage. The Department received \$23,221 in revenue from septage for the month of May 2022.

The Wastewater Department submitted State Revolving Loan Grant Applications for the following projects:

- Wastewater System Asset Management
- Wastewater Pump Station Improvements
- Septage Station Improvements
- Creighton Street Pump Station Improvements
- MS4 Planning Grant
- Stormwater Asset Management Grant

-Sewer problem on Bay Road: The connection that Granese installed from the old sewermain to the new sewermain last summer failed. Granese responded with a crew and made the necessary repairs. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency were notified within the required 24 hours of the incident.

-Sewer problem on Water Street: Newmarket wastewater personnel were called for a manhole that was discharging wastewater out the cover. Newmarket personnel relieved the blockage with the vac-truck. Personnel found that grease had built up inside the sewermain and created a blockage.

### Huber Press and Sludge Report

Press ran for - 24 days

Total run hours – 389.30 hrs

Total gallons pumped – 567,695 gal

Average feed sludge percentage - 0.68%

Average feed sludge temp – 18.9°c

Average filtrate percentage - 0.09%

Average filtrate temp – 17.7°c

Average capture rate - 87%

Average sludge solids percentage – 19.60%

Total monthly sludge tonnage – 72.39 tons



Monthly Operations Report																				
Newmarket WPCF																				
Permit # NH00100196																				
May-2022																				
Primary Operator Sean Greig																				
	Inf. Flow			Eff. Flow MGD			BOD		TSS		Nitrogen		PH		Fecal		Enter		Chlorine	
	MGD	Min	Max	Total	Inf.	Eff.	Inf.	Eff.	Inf.	Eff.		Inf.	Eff.	Colif.	ococci	Residual				
1	.4870	.16	1.0	.4940										7.6	7.3	<2	<1	0.00	0.00	
2	.4612	.14	1.2	.5140										7.6	7.1	20	4	0.00	0.00	
3	.4704	.20	1.2	.4940		5.9		1.1	1.8					7.1	7.1	<b>4</b>	5	0.00	0.00	
4	.4665	.13	1.2	.4950		5.8		1.7						7.8	7.2		4	0.00	0.00	
5	.4530	.18	1.0	.4920										6.9	7.2		12	0.00	0.00	
6	.4351	.17	1.3	.4700										7.7	7.2	10	11	0.00	0.00	
7	.4338	.14	0.9	.4420										7.7	7.2	2	1	0.00	0.00	
8	.4404	.14	1.0	.4430										7.8	7.3	<2	<1	0.00	0.10	
9	.4224	.12	1.0	.4280										7.4	7.2	4	6	0.00	0.00	
10	.4187	.12	0.9	.4440		6.6		4.0	1.9					7.8	7.3	<b>30</b>	5	0.00	0.00	
11	.4186	.00	1.5	.4290		6.4		3.1						7.8	7.2	<b>13</b>	10	0.00	0.00	
12	.4093	.10	1.1	.4250										7.8	7.2	<b>8</b>	3	0.05	0.05	
13	.3941	.12	1.0	.4140										7.6	6.9	4	3	0.00	0.00	
14	.3899	.08	0.8	.3690										8.0	7.3	<2	<1	0.00	0.00	
15	.4362	.08	0.9	.4340										7.8	6.9	<2	<1	0.00	0.00	
16	.4230	.05	1.4	.4460										7.8	7.2	2	19	0.00	0.00	
17	.4109	.11	0.9	.4450		4.2		2.4	1.8					7.7	7.3	<b>&lt;2</b>	4	0.00	0.00	
18	.4153	.11	1.0	.4460	534	3.8	519	1.6						7.7	7.3	<b>4</b>	4	0.00	0.00	
19	.3965	.11	0.9	.4210										7.6	7.2	<b>4</b>	4	0.00	0.00	
20	.3790	.08	0.9	.4040										7.7	7.2	2	6	0.00	0.00	
21	.3872	.12	0.8	.4260										7.8	7.1	<2	2	0.00	0.00	
22	.4185	.10	0.9	.4330										7.7	7.3	10	1	0.00	0.00	
23	.3897	.08	1.0	.3950										7.6	7.1	5	6	0.00	0.00	
24	.3824	.07	1.1	.3910		5.5		2.0	2.0					7.7	7.2	<b>&lt;2</b>	4	0.00	0.00	
25	.3899	.10	1.2	.4270	395	5.7	298	1.9						7.7	7.2	<b>2</b>	6	0.05	0.00	
26	.3717	.09	0.9	.3910										7.5	7.2	<b>&lt;2</b>	5	0.00	0.00	
27	.3722	.10	1.0	.3910										7.1	7.2	6	4	0.05	0.00	
28	.3612	.07	0.9	.3730										7.8	7.3	2	2	0.00	0.00	
29	.3496	.05	0.9	.3340										7.8	7.2	<2	<1	0.00	0.00	
30	.3702	.06	0.9	.3550										7.9	7.3	<2	<1	0.05	0.00	
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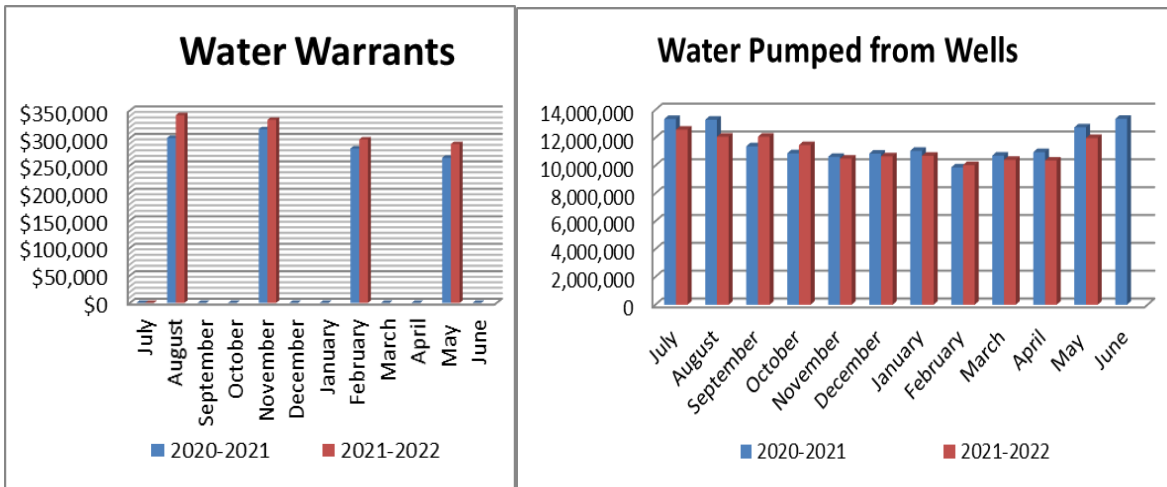
Average Wastewater Flow Discharged: 0.4265 Million Gallons/Day; Total gallons discharged 13,220,000

Biochemical Oxygen Demand Removal: 99%, Average Discharge per day: 5.5 mg/L; Permit Limit 30mg/L

Total Suspended Solids Removal: 99%, Average Discharge per day: 2.2 mg/L; Permit Limit 30 mg/L

Total Nitrogen Average Discharge per day: 1.8 mg/L, 6.4 lbs.; Permit Limit 30 lbs/day

Water Department



South Main Street Project: the contractor plans on milling and final paving South Main Street in late July to complete the project.

Tucker Well Project: The Tucker Well Project is to install a new well pump house for the Tucker Well and connect the pump house to the Newmarket Water System. The contractor has begun to mobilize and layout the project. The contractor has performed necessary tree removal and has cleared the area for the new pump station. The contractor is currently waiting for pipe fittings to arrive. Once the fittings arrive, the contractor will begin excavating and installing the watermain.

New Road Project: The New Road Project is to improve the New Road drainage system, and to install a new watermain. The contractor has installed the new drainage outfall and has begun installing the drainage pipe on Young Lane. It was found that a portion of the Young Lane 1967 cast iron watermain was in the way of the proposed drainage main. It was determined that the best solution is to replace approximately 420 feet of watermain on Young Lane. The additional cost is \$67,000. The 1967 watermain zig zagged down Young Lane. The zig zag 1967 watermain would have required the contractor to go under the 1967 watermain with the drainage many times. This would expose the pipe that was installed in poor materials in many locations and over long distances. This would lead to current and future water breaks.

The Bennett and Sewall Well Project: The Bennett and Sewall Well Project is to upgrade the two well sites. The contractor anticipates the work to begin at the beginning of June. The contractor wants to make sure that he has all the materials before he begins the project.

The Water Department submitted State Revolving Loan Grant Applications for the following projects:

Bennett Well Improvements

Water Tower Improvements

Newmarket and Newfields Water System Connection

Lead and Copper samples that were sampled from 20 Newmarket homes in April were all within the acceptable limits.

PWS 1731010 - Newmarket Water Works							
Water Quality Monitoring							
Sampled By	BMT						
	Monthly Monitoring For May-22						
Location	Date/Time	PH	Temp °C	Specific Conductance us/cm	PO4 mg/L	Free Cl2 mg/L	Total Coliform
Lamprey	5/5/2022.0840	8.02	14.2	431	0.93	0.17	Absent
Racquet Club	5/5/2022.0925	8.31	15.4	596	1.36	0.56	Absent
L+M	5/5/2022.0905	7.94	15.1	491	1	0.12	Absent
Aubuchon	5/17/2022.0915	8.06	15.5	478	1.09	0.18	Absent
Public Works	5/17/2022.0828	8.15	14.9	515	1.1	0.26	Absent
Town Hall	5/17/2022.00858	8.11	15.9	495	0.98	0.23	Absent
Well Site	Date/Time	PH	Temp °C	Specific Conductance us/cm	PO4 mg/L	Free Cl2 mg/L	
Bennett	5/6/2022.1029	8.07	12.8	307	0.72	0.23	
Sewall	5/6/2022.1007	7.55	11.5	448	0.89	0.32	
MTWTP	5/6/2022.1055	8.14	12.1	586	0.62	0.8	
Bennett	5/18/2022.0825	7.58	11.5	321	0.81	0.24	
Sewall	5/18/2022.0845	7.75	11.8	450	0.87	0.26	
MTWTP	5/18/2022.0930	8.85	12.4	609	0.71	0.57	

Water system bacteria testing for the month of May passed.

MAY PUMPING TOTALS 2022							
Date	Bennet t	185 gpm	Sewa ll	265 gpm	Mac Well	300 gpm	
	Hrs	Gallons	Hrs	Gallons	Hrs	Gallons	Total
1	3.7	40,529	10.2	162,201	9.6	173,500	376,230
2	3.2	34,370	9.2	144,731	9.4	169,800	348,901

3	3.6	39,774	9.6	150,988	9.2	167,300	358,062
4	3.4	37,128	9.2	146,600	9.1	163,500	347,228
5	3.5	38,102	9.8	155,341	8.9	160,900	354,343
6	3.0	32,948	8.5	134,267	9.1	162,900	330,115
7	3.5	39,600	10.2	162,900	10.1	181,800	384,300
8	3.9	42,552	10.7	169,862	10.5	189,500	401,914
9	4.7	51,419	9.9	156,278	8.0	143,400	351,097
10	3.2	34,412	8.8	139,783	9.0	162,200	336,395
11	3.9	42,780	10.3	162,412	10.1	181,400	386,592
12	3.9	42,786	10.0	157,896	9.9	178,900	379,582
13	3.8	41,815	10.4	165,307	10.2	184,500	391,622
14	3.8	42,589	10.9	174,723	10.8	194,800	412,112
15	3.9	42,951	11.1	176,493	10.7	193,700	413,144
16	3.2	34,581	8.3	133,493	8.5	152,300	320,374
17	3.7	41,118	10.4	163,851	10.1	182,100	387,069
18	4.2	45,667	10.8	171,296	10.9	198,800	415,763
19	3.8	41,280	9.6	152,737	9.4	170,000	364,017
20	3.6	40,775	9.4	150,109	9.3	167,100	357,984
21	4.1	44,980	11.7	186,241	11.4	206,600	437,821
22	4.3	46,502	12.7	201,382	11.8	211,700	459,584
23	3.2	35,484	9.8	155,398	10.3	185,300	376,182
24	4.0	44,383	10.8	170,569	10.6	189,900	404,852
25	4.3	47,139	11.9	189,035	11.6	210,400	446,574
26	4.1	45,173	11.3	178,476	11.0	198,300	421,949
27	4.0	43,645	11.1	175,227	10.8	194,800	413,672



28	3.6	39,674	9.8	155,892	9.6	173,600	369,166
29	3.6	39,542	10.2	160,849	9.9	179,000	379,391
30	4.2	46,349	12.5	198,864	12.3	221,000	466,213
31	4.1	44,911	10.6	168,172	9.7	174,200	387,283
Total	117.0	1,284,958	319.7	5,071,373	311.8	5,623,200	11,979,531
AVG. Day	3.7	41,450	10.3	163,593	10.1	181,394	386,436
Max Day	4.7	51,419	12.7	201,382	12.3	221,000	466,213

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## BUILDING SAFETY, ZONING ENFORCEMENT AND HEALTH

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### May 2022 Permits

<b>Permits</b>	<b>Number of Permits</b>	<b>Revenue Collected</b>
Residential Addition/Alteration	7	\$962.00
New Dwelling	8	\$22,169.00
Electrical	2	\$150.00
Sign	1	\$50.00
Mechanical	4	\$255.00
Solar	9	\$1,195.00
Misc	5	\$740.00
Pool	1	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$ 25,641.00</b>

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### Planning Board Applications and Activities

The Planning Board acted on and discussed the following applications and items during the month of May:

1. *Development Applications*

**Address & Tax Map:** 81 Exeter Road, Tax Map U3-137

**Zoning district:** B-1

**Permitting phase:** Design Review

**Proposed use:** Commercial / Mixed-Use

**Permit sought:** Permit Extension & Subdivision and Site Plan Modification

**Applicant:** Eric Dewitt

The Planning Board unanimously approved site plan extension for the originally approved mixed-use development for an additional one-year. Concerning the proposed subdivision & site plan review, the proposed use of the two lots would comprise of small-scale commercial and mixed-use respectfully. The Board directed the applicant to ensure that the stormwater infrastructure, for both lots, would be able to manage run-off adequately before moving forward with the project. The Board further discussed the procedure process with the applicant, which will require both subdivision and site plan modification applications, along with a Department of Environmental Services wetlands permit.

**Address & Tax Map:** Forbes Road Tax Map R3 - 6 & 7

**Zoning district:** B-2

**Proposed use:** Commercial / Industrial

**Permit sought:** Major Site Plan Conditional Approval Extension

**Applicant:** Maplewood and Vaughan Holding Co. LLC

The Planning Board approved the request to extend the application's conditional approval deadline by 2 years. The new permit expiration date for vesting is now set for April 10, 2025. Applicant stated that he's in the midst of finding potential purchasers for both lots and is experiencing supply difficulties in purchasing building supplies. Further, the applicant noted the excavation segment of the approved site plan has been completed. During the Board's discussion, there was concern about the state of the landscaping along Rt. 108 and requested that it be maintained as approved, which the applicant agreed to do.

2. *Subdivision and Site Plan Regulation Amendments*

- a. The Board and a preliminary review and discussion on proposed amendments to the subdivision and site plan review regulations as it related it stormwater management. The intent is to come into compliance with the Town's MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) permit as well as to create

a more readable format for those referencing the regulations. The Planning Board set the public hearing for their June 14, 2022 meeting.

### 3. *Planning Board Priority List*

The Planning Board reviewed and discussed the list of zoning initiatives to work on for this year. After identifying the areas of focus, the following items were targeted as a priority:

1. Amendment to the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) ordinance;
2. rezoning of North Main Street;
3. update outdated chapters of the Master Plan;
4. review of the Board’s rules and procedures; and,
5. if directed by Town Council, look into updating the Historical Overlay District.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Applications / Petitions**

Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed the following cases:

1. *Appeal for Administrative Decision*—86 Main Street, CC 86 Main, LLC.
  - a. Purpose: An appeal from administrative decision for a determination by the Code Enforcement Officer concerning the imposition of impact fees to be paid to the Town of Newmarket prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancies for 6 new dwelling units.
  - b. Outcome: “It is the opinion of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (“ZBA”) that this body is the inappropriate board to present this case to. Further, it is the opinion of this Board that the Planning Board is the appropriate jurisdictional body to submit a request to waive the assessed impact fees, pursuant to 32-238 (f) Waivers of the Municipal Code of the Town of Newmarket. Accordingly, the ZBA, at the moment of this motion, does not have an opinion on the application for an Appeal From Administrative Decision of the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the imposition of impact fees prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and reserves the right for the appellant to return to the ZBA to hear this specific case if there is a need in the future.”
  - c. Vote: 3-2-0
2. *Variance Request*: 11 Chapel Street, 11 Chapel Street, LLC
  - a. Purpose: A variance request seeking dimensional relief from Section 32-89 *Dimensional Table* of the Municipal Code of the Town of Newmarket to allow 3 dwelling units on a lot with an area of 0.1946 acres, where 6 dwelling units per acre is permitted and a variance to permit a setback of the additional dwelling unit in excess of 10-ft.
  - b. Outcome: To grant a variance from Section 32-89 *Dimensional Table* seeking approval to allow 3 dwelling units on a lot with an area of 0.1946 acres, where 6 dwelling units per acre is permitted, and a variance to permit a setback of the additional dwelling unit in excess of 10-ft.
  - c. Vote: 5-0-0
3. *Appeal for Administrative Decision and Variance and Special Exception Request*: 3 Railroad Street, CC Railroad Street Newmarket, LLC

a. Purpose:

- i. An appeal from administrative decision for a determination made by the Code Enforcement Officer in a letter, dated April 5, 2022 that a horizontal expansion was to occur and that the nonconforming lot, which had no existing frontage, required 50-ft. of frontage in order to be redeveloped as proposed, unless a variance were to be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- ii. A variance request seeking dimensional relief from Section 32-89 Dimensional Table of the Municipal Code of the Town of Newmarket to allow 8 dwelling units on a nonconforming lot with an area of 0.18-ac, where 6 dwelling units per acre is permitted.
- iii. A special exception request seeking approval for the vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure.

b. Outcome:

- i. To grant a petition of appeal for administrative decision, overturning the Code Enforcement Officer’s determination that a horizontal expansion were to occur and that a variance was needed for dimensional relief for a nonconforming lot within no street frontage where 50-ft. is required in order to redevelop with the following condition:
  1. The petitioner shall submit documentation to the Planning Department demonstrating the existence of a right-of-way easement that is recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds from Railroad Street to the subject property prior to the commencement of any construction activity.
  2. Vote: 5-0-0.
- ii. To grant a special exception request seeking approval for the vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure.
  1. Vote: 5-0-0
- iii. To grant a variance from Section 32-89 Dimensional Table seeking approval to construct 8 dwelling units on a nonconforming lot, where 6 dwelling units per acre is permitted.
  1. Vote: 5-0-0

**Other Projects and Noteworthy Items**

1. The Planning and Community Development Department applied for the Flood Smart Seacoast Project Grant offered by NH DES. The grant’s funds would go towards assistance in applying for federal funding (FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) to conduct a preliminary Hydraulic and Hydrology analysis for the culvert system located in Moonlight Brook near Schanda Park.

**Financials**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Budget(\$)</b>	<b>MTD Transactions (\$)</b>	<b>YTD Transactions (\$)</b>	<b>Balance (\$)</b>	<b>Spent (%)</b>
2022	154,864.87	8,839.00	137,217.86	18,920.00	88
2021	139,801.30	9,125.00	120,437.54	19,664.00	86.1

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## FINANCE

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This report will briefly explain the department's activities for the month of May.

1. During the month of May the town maintained a reasonable rate of expenditure as a whole with total General Fund spending at 85%, equivalent to last year's position at this point. The condition was similar for the total operating budget which includes the Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds (Library, Recreation, Solid Waste, Water and Sewer) and ended at 86% expended for the period. This was the same as the prior year and within the maximum expected expenditure percentage for the period of 91.7%.
2. May ended on a low note for the Finance & Administration with an important team member unexpectedly out of work at the end of the month and is planned to be out till mid-June. As the finance team is a very efficient group, this person's absence is having an impact (hopefully short term) and causing some processing delays for things like month end journal entries, accounts receivables, bank reconciliations and financial reporting. As with all the department's positions, the role is very important, and its contribution is sorely missed. More than that, we look forward to the person's return and wish them well.
3. As we look toward the future, like other communities around the world, Newmarket is facing upward pressure on expenses. This is most evident in energy prices as well as other normal supplies. It is also becoming a challenge when attempting to hire staff for new roles and staff to replace those who have departed. The town is grappling with this currently and is working to understand the actual and potential impact on the coming year's budget. Although the price inflation of many goods (particularly commodities) is likely to be time bound and reduce as supply is able to meet demand, the increases on wages will be persistent. Currently, and in the coming months, we will be dealing with this phenomenon when attempting to hire employees and will consequently need to carefully manage to the overall budget as the wages required to attract and keep staff will probably be higher than currently budgeted. This condition will put pressure on the budget overall and require careful and creative budgetary and expense management. As a management team, we are already working together to address the current and future impacts of this and endeavor to find the right balance to enable a high level of ongoing service to the community in all areas through financial prudence.

### Financials:

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>MTD Transactions</b>	<b>YTD Transactions</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Spent</b>
<b>FY2022</b>	<b>\$290,886</b>	<b>\$13,384.12</b>	<b>\$238,427.59</b>	<b>\$52,457.92</b>	<b>82.0</b>
<b>FY2021</b>	<b>\$303,719</b>	<b>\$13,359.62</b>	<b>\$251,055.97</b>	<b>\$55,542.57</b>	<b>81.9</b>

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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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### Information Technology:

1. May was a normal month with 21 support tickets (8 of which were actually for our backup system Veeam and not from users, making the real support count 13) equaling 8.63 hours of service time. The service requests were for request ranging from body cameral preparation for deployment, establishing remote connectivity, fixing a slow PC, reimaging a hard drive, and assisting with print issues. In all, support is generally for what can be considered routine issues. It is significant difference from the failing network switch ports and server drives of a year or two ago.
2. This month the IT team reviewed and discussed increasing our cyber security posture with another layer of automated threat detection. The tool being deployed is called Huntress and is focused on what are known as Persistent Threats. In basic terms, these are threats that a hacker uses to quietly access a system by using a normal/legitimate system and process. Once in, the goal is to establish a back door for them for entry at a later time. This entry point can then enable the intruder to plant malicious code enabling them to engage at a time of their choosing. Huntress seeks out these types of conditions, analyzes the situation, isolates the endpoints, neutralizes the threat and provides reporting on the incident. This solution will be rolled out in June.
3. The main distribution facility (MDF) at DPW is being reorganized to consolidate the equipment formerly in the old IT Director's office and the electrical/server room. The equipment is all being mounted in the MDF's racks and in storage racks in that room. This is to make the former IT Director's office available for the town Engineer when that position is filled. This will also increase the physical security of the IT equipment as the MDF is a secured climate controlled room.

### Channel 13:

In the month of May, Channel 13 covered 12 events for the town and schools of Newmarket. These events included 11 meetings that were held in the Newmarket Town Hall and a play that was held in the Newmarket JR/SR High School. These events were live on Newmarket Channel 13 as well as live-streamed to Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and our on demand site.

On Facebook, we had 25 posts in the month, that included our 12 live streams. This resulted in us reaching 3,235 people, having 1,131 engagements, gaining 6 new page likes and 7 new page followers. Overall, we ended up having 465 unique visits to our page, which is outside of the 71 unique shares and people who saw our posts because of those shares.

The YouTube Channel had 867 views, resulting in 485 unique viewers watching our videos. We also gained 6 new subscribers and averaged 39 returning viewers for our livestream events. The largest audience was 81 people watching the livestream of the Newmarket JR/SR high school play of *Over my Dead Body*. Finally, during the month we increased subscriber numbers from 322 to 328.



With the Newmarket Newsletter, we had 57% of the 5,339 emails sent out get opened. That means that roughly 2,865 people opened the Newmarket Newsletter from e-mail alone. That means that in May, we were down 1% from the previous month, but 21% higher than the industry average. Additionally, we had 257 clicks on links in the Newmarket Newsletter, which is 3% higher than the industry average.

In June, our new hire, Stephen Pare, will continue to get acclimated to Channel 13. Adam Gallant will be out for a while due to illness. We will also continue seeking new ways to connect with the community.

**Financials:**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>MTD Transactions</b>	<b>YTD Transactions</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Spent</b>	
<b>FY2022</b>	<b>\$219,150</b>	<b>\$9,171.42</b>	<b>\$174,419.30</b>	<b>\$40,481.06</b>	<b>81.6</b>
<b>FY2021</b>	<b>\$215,254</b>	<b>\$9,167.79</b>	<b>\$175,606.75</b>	<b>\$37,797.59</b>	<b>82.6</b>

Note: the numbers are the MIS and CH.13 budgets combined.

## TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR

<b><u>TAXES</u></b>	
Total Committed 2022	\$13,122,113
Total Uncollected 5/31/22	\$12,448,645

<b><u>TAX LIENS</u></b>			
	<b>2021 Liens</b>	<b>2020 Liens</b>	<b>2019 Liens</b>
	<i>(Deed 2024)</i>	<i>(Deed 2023)</i>	<i>(Deed 2022)</i>
Property Tax Amount Liened	169,236	146,227	178,934
# Properties Liened	33	34	33
Uncollected 05/31/2022	152,784	61,651	32,163
<b><u>WATER&amp;SEWE 1/1 THRU 5/31</u></b>			
	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	
Uncollected	39,195	732,638	
<b><u>TOWN CLERK REVENUE (7/1/21 THRU 5/31/22)</u></b>			
	<b>Year End</b>	<b>Year End</b>	
	<b><u>6/30/22</u></b>	<b><u>6/30/21</u></b>	
Motor Vehicle (MV)	1,552,461	1,580,174	1.75% decrease
Town “non-MV”	150,566	145,216	3.68% increase
State NH (MV, Vitals, Boats, Dogs)	538,553	540,784	0.41% decrease

- Daily Activity Steady
- 2022 First Issue Property Tax Bills were issued
  - Mailing Date: 5-23-2022
  - Due Date: 7-6-2022
- Dog Licenses due April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 1135 dogs licensed as of May 31<sup>st</sup>; Approx. 1,400 dogs total
- 2019 Deed Date: August 25, 2022
  - 8 parcels unpaid as of May 31<sup>st</sup>

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## RECREATION

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### Financial

**Rec Revolving Revenue:** According to our Rec Desk Registration System the Recreation Departments, the Rec's Revenue Report we have collected **\$526,464** YTD. Unfortunately, this month we are not able to have provide the monthly expenditures to compare it against. We do feel confident that we will be making a significant profit this year when comparing revenue against expenses. We will also be under in the Genral Fund as well.

### Personnel

You may recall we made the decision to take a gamble at the end of April and let in the 48 children wait list despite not yet being able to secure the staff in order to do so. It was our hope that our recent public relations and new and creative advertising efforts would pay off. Unfortunately, they did not pay off as we had hoped, not to mention the money we invested in job advertisements. What we are discovering is that the young adults of today do apply, even book an interview, but when the interview time comes, they are a no show. And for those who actually come to an interview we find that the majority have numerous interviews lined up and they end up taking better offers. One explanation for the no shows could be that they are just fulfilling the unemployment requirements and have no plan to actually get a job. During the month of May, we discovered yet another problem. We lost 3 applicants (already accepted the summer job) because they were offered something better. This can only mean that just because they accepted the position, they haven't stopped looking. To put this in perspective, we paid college age counselors \$10/hour in 2020, \$12/hour in 2021, and this year we had to raise the rate again to \$14/hour just to be competitive, but we are finding that that amount is still not enough. We are about to lose another returning employee because another Rec Department countered at \$18/hour. Due to this concern, we have once again stopped registering kids for camp because we are almost out of time to be able to recruit the additional staff needed to let in the 16 children on the waiting list (\$16,000 in revenue). We are hopeful we will be able to hire at least 3 more counselors before camp starts. Not only is summer camp and issue, but we also need to hire staff for the weekends to work Aqua Land as the chemicals need to be checked every four hours. We offset the revenue for payroll by running REXY's Rainbow Café and renting the gazebo for party rentals. Three shining rays of light happened in May that we would like to share. 1) Our former summer camp equipment manager returned to us and took the job (and promotion) to manage the Aqua Land Splash Pad. 2) Also, a former summer camp staff member who left us 2 years ago to work at a higher rate somewhere else returned to us after hearing we may not be able to take in more kids to camp due to a staff shortage. 3) Because we did raise the hourly rate for our aide and junior counselor positions, we were able to fill those spots quickly. So yes, there is still hope.

## REC Connect & Community Outreach



We would like to thank all Town Council and the Town Manager – plus all the other Community VIP’s who were able to attend our **May Rec Connect RECOgnition Mixer!** Overall, we were very pleased with the event and attendance. We have since received many thank-you emails from those who attended stating they had a fabulous time and are looking forward to next year’s event. Everyone we spoke with also loved the Kahoot Trivia about Newmarket Game that we

incorporated in the event line up. Our goal for this event is to RECOgnize all the hard work the volunteers and town staff for all that they do for our community. Once again, this event is hosted by both the Newmarket Recreation Department and the NBA. In addition, the **RECOgnition Awards for 2021-2022** were given, honoring the Event of the Year - which went to “The Conservation Connections”; Business of the Year - went to Jonny Boston’s, and Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Joan DeYoreo. Again, all nominations came from community members and then chosen by the NBA.

## Community Events

**Fishing Derby – Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 7am – 10:30am:** The Fishing Derby committee met again in May to finalize more details that needed to be hammered out. Registration also opened mid-May and numbers are steadily on the rise. All are looking forward to putting on our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual event!

**NEW How Does Your Garden Grow – Garden Tour: Saturday, June 25, 10 am – 4 pm:** As mentioned last month, this event is a “first” for Newmarket! To date we are happy to report that the tour will now feature 15 residential gardens and four sites which are public. Along with the tour, you can see several exhibits, related to gardening and sustainable gardening practices, which will be at the Rec Center, near our Monarch Waystation Garden. We’ve called this event “How Does Your Garden Grow?” and we’ll be sure and send you the list of sites on the tour to help make it easy for you to participate in the self-guided, free tour. With specific informative presentations at several of the locations, we’re glad to have the collaboration between NH Fish and Game, (Community Wildlife Garden, Chapman’s Landing, the only site outside of Newmarket) and with the Newmarket Community Garden, off Dame Road, running more than a decade! Additional special collaborative aspects of the event include the Stone Schoolhouse Historical Society exhibit tied in with gardening, featuring items in their extensive collection, where floral designs and motifs are handcrafted on various utilitarian and decorative fabrics. Signs will indicate the locations, as you follow either a paper copy of the addresses or our websites google map information about the locations. The Rec Center continues to offer additional outreach to the community by providing two van tours – with an AM and a PM departure from the Sunrise, Sunset Center. The van tours proved successful during the Conservation Commission’s “Conservation Connections” event last October, and we’re

happy to be able to offer this service again. Call the Rec Center if you would like to be on a van tour for “How Does Your Garden Grow?”

**Arts in the Park: Every Tuesday starting July 5<sup>th</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm – 8pm:** We are once again happy to report that the Rec, the NBA, and the New Arts and Tourism Commission are once again collaborating to bring the community our Arts in the Park Concert Series. We would also like to give a shout out to Kennebunk Savings Bank who have been a signature sponsor for this event from the beginning. The following is the current line-up and, on those nights, we are still looking for sponsors.

Tuesday July 5th

Band: Max Sullivan Group

Sponsor: Lamprey Health Care

Tuesday July 12th

Band: Jake Davis and the Whiskey Stones

Sponsor: Newmarket Dental

Tuesday July 19th

Band: Truffle

Sponsor: Cheney

Tuesday July 26th

Band: Borscht

Sponsor: Doucet Survey

Tuesday August 2nd

Band: North River Music

Sponsor: HRCU

Tuesday August 9th

Band: The Boston Accents

Sponsor: **NEEDS A SPONSOR**

Tuesday August 16th

Band: Ampersand

Sponsor: **NEEDS A SPONSOR**

Tuesday August 23rd

Band: Rico Barr Band

Sponsor: **NEEDS A SPONSOR**

**New Community Wide Event – Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm – 10pm:** We are happy to report that this new event is quickly gaining momentum! During the Rec Connect event, as mentioned above, we officially announced the new event to all the attendees, many of which were Town Organization Leaders. To get even more buy in on the new event - we encouraged attendees to vote on the name of the event. The top 2 most voted on event names of the 10 choices we provided were “The Back Yard Bash” and “Old Home Night.” The first committee planning meeting with all the organization representatives is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 6pm at the Rec. During this meeting we will officially decide on the event name, decide on many logistics as well as how to distribute the revenue generated by the event to the various non-profits involved. While in conversation during the Rec Connect event, we are happy to report several more KEY organizations expressed their desire to be part of the event as well. Those highlighted in blue are our NEW added organizations.

- [The PTA - TBA](#)
- [The Millspace – TBA](#)
- [The Community Church - TBA](#)
- Arts & Tourism Commission – Chalk Art Contest
- The Police Department – Touch a Truck
- The NBA - Corn hole Tournament
- The Rec – Water Balloon Toss Competition, plus a few more backyard activities
- The Sunrise Sunset Center - TBA
- The Fishing Derby Committee – [A Fishing](#) themed kids' activity
- The Cheney Companies – Dunk Tank with local celebrities being dunked
- The Junior & Senior HS Cheerleading – 50/50 Raffle

Again, here is a brief summary of what is to be planned and when.

- **Date:** Friday, August 5th, 2022 from 5pm – 10pm at Leo Landroche Fields & Rec Center.
- **Goals:** The goal of this new event is to provide a venue that will once again showcase Newmarket’s various organizations and their ability to collaborate with other organizations while providing an opportunity for each organization to gain visibility, fundraise and/or to simply give back to the town.
- **Concept:** The basic concept of this event is to host a variety of Back Yard type games all around the Leo Landroche complex: These backyard games would be open for play all through the night under the lights. Our hope is to have the variety of different Newmarket organizations involved as listed above to host and staff each backyard game. So, the more organizations that get involved, the more backyard games that can be offered throughout the night.
- **Plus, more:** The plan is to also have music and entertainment on the stage, food trucks, vendor tents, art show, small sport tournaments, plus tie in other attractions already at the park that cater to families, like Aqua Land, and the large playground.

## Spring Daily & Specialty Rec Programs

**Music is Fun for Everyone:** The spring session of *Music is Fun for Everyone* had a great turn out this May with 9 families registered for the class. The weather was beautiful this month and while class happens under the Gazebo outside, the weather has definitely affected attendance. This well-loved program has sparked conversations of



other toddler programs that community members are interested in. We hope to work with instructor Erin Timbs again this fall.

**High 5 T-Ball:** Our ever popular High 5 t-ball program began this May with an outstanding number of 45 participants. The Rec instructors ended up offering two evening sessions to accommodate all our preschoolers, which made it more manageable as well. This sport will conclude the High 5 sessions this spring and they will pick up again this fall. It is always fun to see the families participate in the sports with their children as well, and how much they look forward to attending these programs.

**Morning and Afterschool Programs:** Once again our morning program numbers are not what we started with at the beginning – which just reinforces our decision to possibly not offer an AM program next year. Our afterschool numbers, however, have remained consistent throughout the month of May. Enrichments offered were; backyard games, cooking, cartooning, court sports and crafting with nature. For special events, we had airplane/flag making and water balloon toss. The kids are enjoying the nice weather and happy to be outside as much as possible!

**Ju-Jitsu:** Jarrod Millar has put on two trial sessions for the potential Ju-Jitsu program at Beech Street in May. He had two small groups come in and practice to make sure the room was adequate. He has given the green light and we will be offering two sessions (children's and adults) of drop-in Ju-Jitsu starting this summer. This is a unique and growing martial art and we are eager to see if it gains traction.

### Summer Camp:

**Camp Wanna Iguana:** Camp Wanna Iguana registration has been open for 3 months and after deciding to take all children off the waitlist we thought that was the last of the inquiries for camp. However, in the last few weeks we have had up to 10 or more families calling to see if we still had space in both our Kiddie Camp and Adventure Camp program. At the moment the most popular groups are our Rec 1, for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and our Teen Turf camp for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. At this time, we have 76 children registered in Rec 1, 71 children registered in Rec 2, 64 children registered in Rec 3 and 49 children registered in Teen Turf with a total of 260 children registered. Our Kiddie Camp program is officially sold out with 42 Kiddie Campers signed up for a variety of session options.

- 2018: 279 Campers
- 2019: 307 Campers
- 2020: 100 Campers - Limited #'s due to COVID Summer Camp guidelines we needed to follow
- 2021: 207 Campers - Again, somewhat limited #'s due to continued restricted Covid guidelines.
- **2022: 260 Campers - This is where we are as of right now, with 16 on the waitlist.**

**Speaking of Kahoot:** The Rec department recently made the investment of Kahoot's event package. As mentioned earlier, we were able to roll this out at the Rec Connect event with a Newmarket themed trivia. This proved to be a successful and fun way to keep participants engaged. We look to utilize it for staff training ahead of summer camp as well as summer camp.

**Soccer Camp and our NEW 1-week Specialty Camps:** Currently our Soccer Camp, run by Rec employee Michael Boakye, is sold out at 31 participants and this will be our second year running the camp. Playgroup



Instructor, Miss Heather is also running a handful of specialty 1 week camps this summer. These 1-week options are new for us as and previously an untapped revenue base. Currently Art Camp is sold out with 16 participants, Forest Fridays has 14 participants and Back to Nature has 11 participants. These specialty camps also allow us to keep our Preschool Instructor employed until the new school year begins again.

### **Capital Projects, Facilities and Rentals:**

**Aqua Land:** Unfortunately, the valve issue (as mentioned last month) was not resolved in May before the Memorial Day weekend and therefore the splash pad was not open as previously announced. It is still a bone of contention, and we are in constant conversation with both the installers and Rain Drop to resolve the problem ASAP. We were, however, able to open the park for the first weekend in June. Unfortunately, again, due to the valve issue, it takes a village to make this happen each day (man hours). Despite all this, we now have the new Aqua Land tentative summer schedule posted on our website and Aqua Land Face book Page, but due to this currently unresolved maintenance issue, along with a few more that have come up after trying to open the park this spring, we have made the decision to only operate on the weekends (especially during our Gazebo Rentals – see below) and only on nice days during the week in June when we have the man power to operate it to the best of our ability. Remy's Rainbow Café will also only be open on weekends with limited hours due to staffing issues as mentioned above.

**Gazebo: Rentals:** With the summer months and the popularity of Aqua Land as we saw last summer our Gazebo rentals are kicking into high gear. During the month of May, we had 6 Gazebo rentals for birthday parties, and our inquiries have continued to increase. Our June and July schedule is already filling up with 2 to 3 parties per weekend day. The revenue generated from these gazebo rentals offset the payroll for staff we need to hire to test the chemicals every 4 hours on the weekend, in addition to all the other costs associated with operating this facility.

**Beech Street Facility:** The upgrades planned for the Beech Street Facility to turn it into an affordable location for a variety of health and wellness programs have been put on hold, until after the new facilities feasibility study. In the meantime we are continuing to rent the facility for private parties and offering the Ju-Jitsu as mentioned above.

**Skateboard Park Location:** Currently this space is now being used as a back-up parking location around the Community Center. The plan for this now vacant space is currently being researched as space needed to potentially build an enclosed gymnasium next to the Community Center. It should be noted that when the question was posed to the skateboard population who used to frequent the skateboard park, they surprisingly preferred the idea of an all-season basketball court vs a new skateboard park.

### **Basketball Court / Pickle Ball Court:**

The Rec has officially started offering pickle ball on the basketball courts behind the Rec twice a week! One of the regulars volunteered to help facilitate getting in and out of the storage unit and set up play when the Rec Center is not open. We are currently offering play times on Wednesday evenings 5:30pm-7:30pm and Saturday mornings 8:00am-11:00am. We have a growing email list of participants and are seeing a lot of activity/engagement on our Rec page as well as “What the hell is going on in Newmarket.” The program has been an

immediate hit, numbers are increasing each session! We are fielding many inquiries about the schedule and if we are able to provide additional days for play.

**Van Rental Agreement with the School:** The Rec Department has stepped up to the plate once again when we set up an agreement with the school athletic department to sublet our vans out to them for games. The bus company has been shorted staff members due to COVID so baseball teams, track and field and more have been left to figure out transportation to their games and meets. Coaches and the Athletic Director have been working with us to borrow our 15 passengers van a few times a week, and their schedule is ever-changing. The coach's fill out a tracking sheet to let us know how many miles they are driving, and the Rec will be billing the school after the athletic season is over. This is just another example of an untapped revenue resource for the department as well as way to keep the money in Town.

**Kayak Rentals:** The Rec Department is thrilled to get Kayak rentals for the summer season underway. During the month of May, we fielded many inquiries about the rentals and expect it to be a popular feature. Our New Aqua Land Manager is also handling all the Kayak Rentals this summer, which will help take the burden off the Rec Admin Staff as the process for rentals can be time-consuming. We hope by doing this, the community will also be able to call on the weekends to get a rental as well. Calls will be answered by the mobile phone we have in Rexy's Rainbow Café at Aqua Land. Packages include day rental, weekend rentals and tandem option for a slightly higher rate. Kayaks can be rented through the Rec Center and are available for rent at Schoppmeyer, Piscassic and Shanda Parks.

## Sunrise Sunset Activity Center



**Sunrise Sunset Strummers:** This month the Sunrise Sunset Strummers, the Ukulele group visited the Rec Centers Preschool Playgroup. The performance was curated for the preschoolers to dance and sing along with shakers and all. This collaboration was a sweet experience for all and the Strummers will be returning again. Kim at the Sunrise Center has also discussed with our Playgroup instructor bringing back our Book Buddies program, another collaboration between the Sunrise Center and Playgroup.

We regret that we cannot share more with what when on in the month of May at the Sunrise Sunset Center, due to unforeseen circumstances. We will be sure to provide more of this information about Mays offerings in next month's report.

Respectfully submitted by

Aimee Gigandet and the Rec Staff

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## WELFARE

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In May 2022- Newmarket Town Welfare Department supported clients in need with assistance and referrals to appropriate resources and for their household and emergency needs. In May we processed 9 (Nine) completed welfare applications, resulting in determinations of eligibility. We had many inquiries regarding referrals to resources to prevent electric disconnections and referrals for housing assistance. Anecdotally potential clients and inquiries are reporting an increased need in recent months for SNAP benefits (food stamps) and unprecedented referrals to food banks. Families and the elderly are sharing that this is in large part due to the increase cost of groceries, gas/ fuel costs to get to employment out of Town or critical medical appointments and the skyrocketing costs of the local rental or housing market. One family reported they went to view an apartment and there were 27 other applicants viewing for the same apartment. The landlord told the young family they would only be calling references from the applicants who could provide the highest credit reports! Two of the families were living in other apartments and did not tell their current landlord they were looking because they needed more room, when the prospective landlord called in put their current housing in jeopardy.

As I continue to point out in my reports, critical time and effort are spent on those cases in that do not need or qualify for Town general assistance, or who in the end refuse to fill out the application and provide the documentation required to determine eligibility. These cases are labor intensive and frequently we find that the potential applicant has then applied or inquired in several other Towns. We have had several people “couch surfing” homeless individuals, yet when offered shelter placements and case management they continue to decline services. This is unfortunate, lack of affordable housing for local families or those just starting out due in part to the fact that landlords can seek premium rental rates. This has resulted in a critical for this office and local social service agencies. Placing homeless individuals in hotels without intensive case management or comprehensive human service supports will lead to detrimental outcomes, longer bouts of homelessness and escalating financial impacts for the Town. We also have several single individuals residing in local shelters, trying to re-establish themselves.

In May we again encouraged able bodied applicants to seek employment as there are many opportunities for full time work in the Newmarket Community. If the individual or family is couch surfing and now transient this is complicated. As the month closed, we saw an uptick in inquiries to prevent electric disconnects. Covid-19 is still impacting families in terms of lost work hours/income adults are getting sick and missing uncompensated work which is frequently uncompensated for hourly workers. If their children are become ill too, and the quarantine period does not align, families may miss two or three weeks or more of work. This continues to impact those living on the financial margins with food, gas, medication, and housing- basic necessities of life.

The Welfare Office assisted in the vetting of the Recreation Camp Scholarship program for financially eligible Newmarket residents. This is a collaborative effort between the Newmarket Schools, Recreation Department and Welfare Office. We determine financial eligibility for eligible scholarship funds and rank the needs of the applications based needs to support families with childcare in the summer months and provide local children with summer recreational opportunities. This office directly collaborated with or advocated for our residents or potential clients with property owners, or Clergy, to provide appropriate support and or direction for an additional

twelve families or individuals who may not have fully applied but inquired and displayed a need for welfare or human services direction and guidance.

As previously stated, this office and the Town cannot understate the debt the Town owes to the local Church Community without whose generous financial support and caring compassionate concern to support this office's and limit the impact on the local taxpayer. I would also like to continue to thank the Town Hall Staff, The Police Department as well as the numerous programs that support all those in need during this time of uncertainty, unprecedented gas prices, rising food insecurity and inflation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Welfare Director

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# LIBRARY

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## Newmarket Public Library

### May 2022 Report

The Newmarket Public Library staff have been busy preparing for our annual summer reading program. Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as the Newmarket Public Library presents “Oceans of Possibilities” during the summer library program, which will run from June 27- August 12, 2022. Activities will include ocean-related crafts, art projects, scavenger hunts, reading challenges, and more. Local youth will have fun while keeping up their reading skills for the coming school year.

The 2022 Summer Reading Program is open to everyone, preschool through adult, with programs, prize drawings, weekly craft projects, Storytime, our new Early Literacy program Mother Goose on the Loose, and more.

Teens can participate in our Teen Book Bingo for a chance to win prizes, plus enjoy weekly crafts!

Adults are also invited to participate in Summer Reading. For every book, audiobook, or ebook read, participants will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes. Visit [newmarketlibrary.org](http://newmarketlibrary.org) for a full list of events and book discussions for Adult Summer Reading.

#### Children’s Events:

Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm: Whales and Seals with UNH Marine Docents

Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm: Aquatic Creatures hosted by Squam Lake Natural Science Center

Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am: Lindsay’s Puppet Pals

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm: Summer Reading Wrap Up Party

Registration for “Oceans of Possibilities” begins on June 27, 2022. For more information, call the library at 603-659-5311 or visit our website, [newmarketlibrary.org](http://newmarketlibrary.org). All programs are free of charge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Cronin, Library Director