

# Monthly Department Report

March 2022



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# POLICE

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## Activity

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

|                                | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Total calls for service</i> | 1844        | 1928        | 1500        |
| <i>Motor vehicle stops</i>     | 434         | 337         | 169         |
| <i>Arrests</i>                 | 15          | 14          | 11          |
| <i>Offense reports</i>         | 48          | 31          | 38          |
| <i>M/V accidents</i>           | 9           | 3           | 12          |
| <i>Parking tickets</i>         | 65          | 43          | 51          |
| <i>Drug overdoses</i>          | 1           | 0           | 1           |
| <i>Alarms</i>                  | 17          | 18          | 17          |
| <i>Death investigations</i>    | 2           | 1           | 2           |
| <i>Mental health related</i>   | 24          | 4           | 2           |

During the month of March, the Newmarket Police Dispatch Center documented 1844 calls for service. We investigated forty-eight criminal complaints that required investigations into 46 of them. The cases involved, Theft, Fraud, Domestic Violence, Harassment, Child Abuse, Criminal Mischief, Stalking, Cruelty to Animals and Violation of a Protective Order. We received several reports of Civil Disputes between parties that we helped mediate. The Civil Disputes include Landlord/Tenant Issues, Child Custody Issues, and Property Ownership.

Several motor vehicle complaints were received and investigated to include Speeding, Road Rage, Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Hit and Run, Operating Without a Valid License, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and Distracted Driving. We receive numerous reports daily of vehicles not able to maintain their lane of travel. The reporting parties believe the operators to be impaired or distracted. Most times we found the vehicle operators had been distracted by something in the vehicle causing them to lose focus on driving.

This month we have started our Traffic Safety Grant program. The grants are funded through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety. Traffic grants allow us to assign officers for specific patrols designed to focus on issues such as distracted driving, pedestrian/bicycle issues and

speeding. This program will continue through the year and allow us to add extra patrols geared towards safety on the roads around specific dates such as Memorial Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day W\weekend.

Some of the calls we handled this month:

- Officers took a report of theft of 75 gallons of diesel fuel. The reporting party said they believed about 75 gallons of diesel fuel was siphoned from a tractor and storage tank. Security footage was being checked for the area. As of the time of this report no leads have been developed.

- Officers received a report of an injured mouse in the living room of a Newmarket home. The caller said she could not bring herself to remove the mouse. Officers responded and removed the mouse to the outside where they let the mouse go into the woods.

- A resident called the dispatch center looking for help. She had called the local hospital requesting to be admitted to their Behavioral Health Unit. The hospital told her she should call the police first and possibly an ambulance. When officers arrived, they found the caller in both a mental and physical health crisis. The caller had taken a large quantity of medication and said to the officers she no longer wanted to live. Officers summoned an ambulance and provided aid to the subject while waiting for the EMT's to arrive. Officers were able to provide reassurance to the caller that they would not leave her until she was safe and received the help she needed. She was later transported to the local hospital for treatment.

- Officers responded to what was reported as a gas leak and people in the residence feeling ill. It was later determined that the caller was suffering from a mental health episode and there was not actually a gas leak. Officers were able to guide housemates on how to best deal with a mental health crisis. The housemates were later provided mental health pamphlet with a list of resources similar to the one pictured below.

## Crisis Resources

We realize that not everyone in crisis requires emergency hospitalization. Sometimes you or a loved one may just need someone to connect with.

If you or a loved one wishes to see someone in person, Seacoast Mental Health offers Open Access same day service. To arrange a same day appointment to meet with a clinician call Seacoast Exeter Office at (603) 772-6703.

### Crisis Lines

- Seacoast Mental Health Crisis Line
  - (603) 772-2710 or (603) 431-6703
- HAVEN NH (Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline)
  - (603) 944-SAFE (7233)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
  - 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Youth Crisis Line (Ages 11-21)
  - 1-877-968-8491 or
  - Text "TEEN to TEEN" to 839 863
- Veterans
  - 1-800-273-8255 and press 1
- Military Hotline
  - 1-800-959-8277
- LGBTQ+ National Hotline
  - 888-843-4564
- NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line
  - 1-844-711-HELP (4357)
- National Suicide Hotline
  - 988 (Beginning Summer 2022)

## Mobile Crisis Response Teams

Mobile Crisis Response Teams are available through Seacoast Mental Health Center. MCRT's will respond to meet with you or a loved one in crisis in a familiar and comfortable environment. MCRT's are staffed by trained clinicians, peer specialists, and medical providers. The Access Point will assess the best route for response to crisis, and when appropriate teams are sent to meet people in the community or at an MCRT site. The Access Point can be reached at 833-710-6477 or NH988.com.

## Trauma & Loss

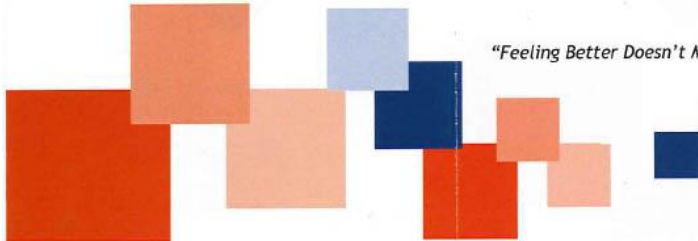
### Normal Reactions to Trauma and Loss:

- Overwhelmed • Confusion • Numbness • Guilt • Restlessness • Irritability • Relationship Changes • Difficulty Concentrating • Fear • Withdrawal • Memory Loss • Sleep Disturbance • Fatigue • Difficulty Making Decisions • Disbelief • Anxiety • Moodiness • Apathy • Depression • Nightmares • Jumpiness • Muscle Tremors •

### Do This:

- Take slow, deep breaths • Limit Stimuli • Focus on today's needs • Be with someone • Accept help from others • Exercise • Do something healthy & comforting • Talk about your feelings • Look for Positives •

*"Feeling Better Doesn't Mean You Care Less"*



## Warm Lines

Warm Lines are a resource for people who are not experiencing a crisis, but may still be struggling with trauma.

Peers who have also experienced trauma typically staff warm lines. These people are willing to speak about their own experiences with others in an effort to help. Warm Lines are a great resource when you need some reassurance that you are not alone, but don't feel that a crisis line is necessary. Warm lines are typically not staffed by doctors or clinicians, and are just a great way to connect with someone who may be able to validate your experiences and feelings.

### NH Warm Lines

- Keene Area Warm Line
  - (866) 352-5093
  - M, W, & Sun, 4pm - 9pm
- Stepping Stone Warm Line
  - (888) 582-0920 press 9
  - Daily, 5pm-10pm
- H.E.A.R.T.S. Peer Support Warm Line
  - 1-800-306-4334
  - Daily, 5pm - 10pm
- Waypoint Family Support Warm Line
  - 1-800-640-6486
  - M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

A national list of Warm Lines can be found at:

<https://nami.org/Support-Education/NAMI-HelpLine/NAMI-Resource-Library>



- The School Resource Officer was summoned to the faculty room at the Newmarket Elementary School for a burst pipe. The officer was able to stop water gushing from the pipe with a pair of rubber gloves he had in his belt and a set of pliers he found in the room. Once the water flow was stopped, they were able to contact a plumber to fix the pipe.

We had another busy month when it came to animals. We handled 15 Animal Incidents this month. An Animal Incident can range from a found dog to an animal struck by a vehicle. This month we responded to an Animal Incident involving chickens. One caller was fearful the presence of his neighbors' chickens was causing a rodent problem. Another animal call we investigated involved a report of a resident overbreeding cats or having multiple litters. The officer investigated and found the family had a cat having one litter and well within the guidelines.

### Personnel

**Aaron Hurlburt** and **Matthew Pefine**, our two newest officers, continue their training at the New Hampshire Police Academy. The police academy is 16 weeks of intensive training followed by an additional 12-16 weeks of in-the-field training. Hurlburt has completed 12 weeks of training while Pefine just finished his 8<sup>th</sup> week.

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

### Training

All members of the department conducted training this month on Mental Health Crisis Response and Involuntary Emergency Admission. Lieutenant Frank Harris from the New Hampshire State Hospital Police provided the training early in March. The training helps officers in dealing with and de-escalating situations involving a person in a mental health crisis. The second part of the training went over the legal process for having people in mental health crisis involuntarily admitted to the hospital.

Officer Robert McGloughlin attended Field Training Officer at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. This training teaches officers techniques on training new police recruits to help prepare them for a successful career in law enforcement.

### Parking Violations

In March patrol officers issued 65 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.

### Motor Vehicle Accidents

We had 9 reportable motor vehicle crashes for the month of March. On March 9th, 2022 officers were called to the area of 4 corners at the intersection of Ash Swamp Road and Grant Road for a reported crash. A late season snowstorm made roads slick. A vehicle traveling on Ash Swamp Road went off the road, glanced off a telephone pole and came to rest in the bushes. The operator had a small cut but was otherwise unhurt. The vehicle was later towed from the scene.



On March 12th, 2022, a vehicle went off the road on Ash Swamp Road just past the golf course. The operator reported sliding on the corner due to "black ice". Both occupants were uninjured, but the vehicle had to be towed from the scene.



## Fleet

Our new Cruiser 4 is in and currently being outfitted for duty. You may remember the previous car 4 was damaged in an accident and declared a total loss. We hope to have this vehicle the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April. All other fleet vehicles are in working condition.

## Police Station Maintenance

The police station is up to date and in good working order

## Drug Related Issues

The month of March was relatively quiet when it came to drug related issues for us. We had one incident where a person was reported to be overdosing. Through a regional information sharing network we became aware of an alarming trend in the Southern Maine area. A significant number of overdoses had been reported in the southern portion of Maine in a very short time period. Health resources and law enforcement discovered a potent combination of Fentanyl and Heroin were the likely cause and had made its way into the area. We have redoubled our efforts to make contact with local health partners and community members to make sure we are getting information and resources to those in need.

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

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 many officers from the department took part in an event in Barrington. State and local law enforcement officers gathered to wish Peyton Sherrill, daughter of fallen State Police Staff Sergeant Jesse Sherrill a very happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Officers participated in a cruiser parade for Peyton. Below you can see Lieutenant Kukesh, Sergeant O'Brien, Sergeant Schmidt, Detective Wedgeworth and Officer McGloughlin as they wait for the event to kick off.







March 3, 2022 at 10:46 p.m. Sergeant Schmidt responded to an apartment in town for a report of water coming through the ceiling. Sgt. Schmidt was able to call the fire department, the landlord and render assistance to the caller to help resolve the water issue. Sgt. Schmidt helped by moving valuable items away from the water leak until the situation could be resolved. The caller that night sent a card to the station to thank Sgt. Schmidt for her kindness, patience and service. I have included a copy of the card in this report.



You were a bright spot in my ~~day~~ <sup>NIGHT!</sup>

Most GRATEFUL,  
Judy Sullivan



With Thoughts of You

DEAR OFFICER SCHMIDT  
(PLEASE USE THE SPELLING OF JUDY'S NAME.)

3/6/02  
11:37AM

JUST A LITTLE NOTE OF THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE, YOUR TIME & YOUR QUICK RESPONSE - TO MY CALL FOR HELP - DUE TO A LEAK IN MY APT. KITCHEN - (APT #2 - 100 MAIN ST.)

IT'S ALL FINE. BEN (STEARNS @ CARDON CAPITAL) SHOWED UP AROUND 5:50AM SHUT OFF THE WATER, UPSTAIRS (APT #8) & THE LEAK STOPPED.

AS FOR THE BUBBLES, IN MY WALL, THEY HAVE SUBSIDED INTO ONE WRINKLE.

HOPEFULLY, "CRISIS AVERTED" IN APT #8, TOO.

GOOD NEWS FOR BEN S. & FOR THOSE EAGERLY AWAITING A PLACE TO LIVE.

PLEASE, SHARE THIS BETTER WITH YOUR SUPERIORS, SO THEY CAN KNOW - HOW BLESSED THEY ARE TO HAVE & HOW GRATEFUL I AM, TO HAVE MET YOU.

I WISH YOU + YOUR FAMILY (PROFESSIONAL + PERSONAL), A VERY SAFE, PEACEFUL SPRING. MAY ALL THE CALLS TO COME, THAT YOU ANSWER TO, SHOW YOU THE KINDNESS YOU SHOWED ME.

SINCERELY,  
Judy Sullivan

P.S. - I FINISHED MY NETFLIX DVD "CRUELLA" (GREAT MUSIC. GREAT CLOTHES. (AHH - BUT = PRECIOUS ANIMALS!)  
(CARRIERS WHO FOLLOW THEM, TO ME!)

In the early morning hours of March 7, 2022 at 12:30 a.m. Officer McGloughlin responded to the area of Exeter Road for a report of a disabled vehicle. McGloughlin spoke with the owner and helped her get the vehicle into the parking lot of Great Bay Sports Club and off the main road. The owner said she would be fine and that she had AAA on the way to assist her. McGloughlin cleared a moment later. McGloughlin returned a while later to find that AAA was on scene but was unable to help the vehicle owner. McGloughlin helped arrange a tow for the vehicle and remained until the occupants had a ride to their destination. A few days later we received a card from a family member thanking Officer McGloughlin for his efforts. I have attached a copy of that card to this report.



3/19/2022

Dear Officer McGloughlin;

I just wanted to say thank you for going up above the call of duty to make sure my kids were safe and checking on them the other night. My daughter suffers from mental illness and anxiety and you really made her & her friends feel safe you were more help than AAA. We need more officers like you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Susan Del Giudice  
Cranston, R.I.

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

Fuel consumption continues to be a concern as we move forward. We believe with the current fuel situation we will need to pull from other areas of our budget to sustain current use. At this point due to the increase in gas prices our fuel budget is spent. The rest of the budget appears to be on track.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Jordan

Police Chief

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## FIRE AND RESCUE

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In March the Department responded to 79 calls for service; 52 of which were medical calls, transporting 35 patients to area hospitals. The ambulance responded to Newfields for seven medicals transporting six patients. The only mutual aid request was to Durham with the ladder for a chimney fire.



The new engine has arrived and was placed into service. Everyone has been training and getting certified to operate it.



I have been applying for grants that are available for equipment and training. I'm currently seeking a grant of \$50,000 for new bunker gear.

Sam Hochschwender has filled the vacant full-time position. Sam is a lateral transfer from North Hampton Fire. Sam has been in the fire service for five years and is our first full-time firefighter/paramedic. We will now have a paramedic on duty Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm. This is a great asset for the department.



I have attached charts with activity reports for the month of March.





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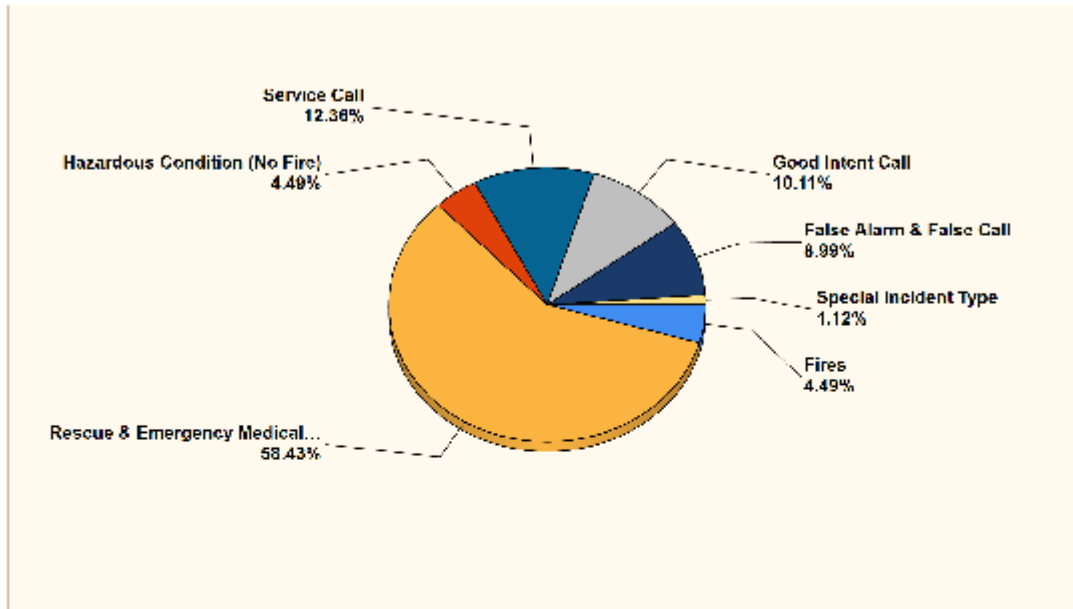
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 03/01/2021 | End Date: 03/31/2021



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE                | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires                              | 4           | 4.49%       |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 52          | 58.43%      |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire)      | 4           | 4.49%       |
| Service Call                       | 11          | 12.36%      |
| Good Intent Call                   | 9           | 10.11%      |
| False Alarm & False Call           | 8           | 8.99%       |
| Special Incident Type              | 1           | 1.12%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>89</b>   | <b>100%</b> |

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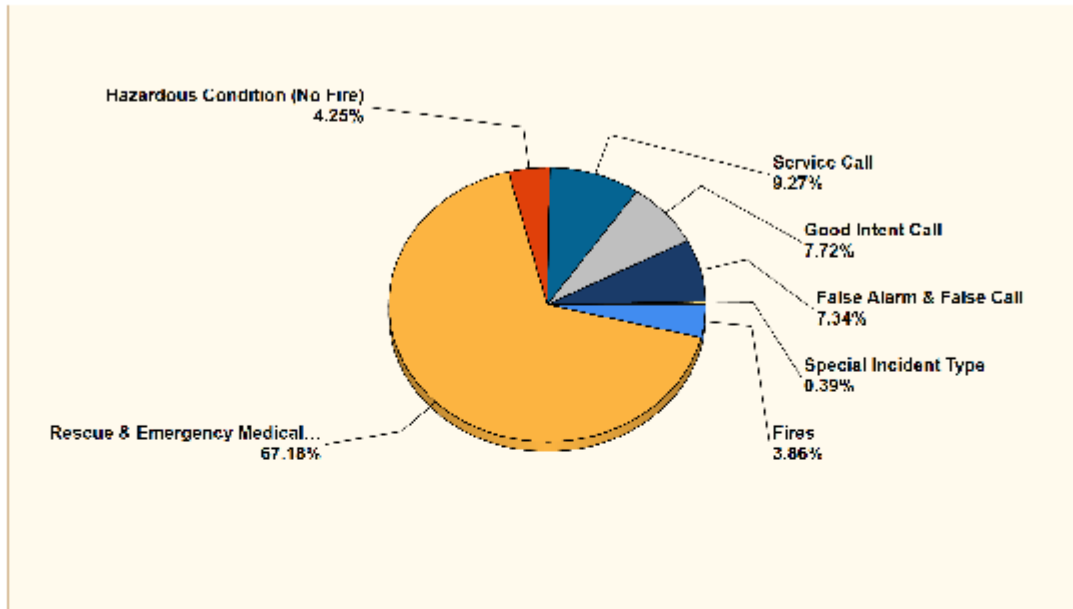
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 03/31/2021



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE                | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires                              | 10          | 3.86%       |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 174         | 67.18%      |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire)      | 11          | 4.25%       |
| Service Call                       | 24          | 9.27%       |
| Good Intent Call                   | 20          | 7.72%       |
| False Alarm & False Call           | 19          | 7.34%       |
| Special Incident Type              | 1           | 0.39%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>259</b>  | <b>100%</b> |

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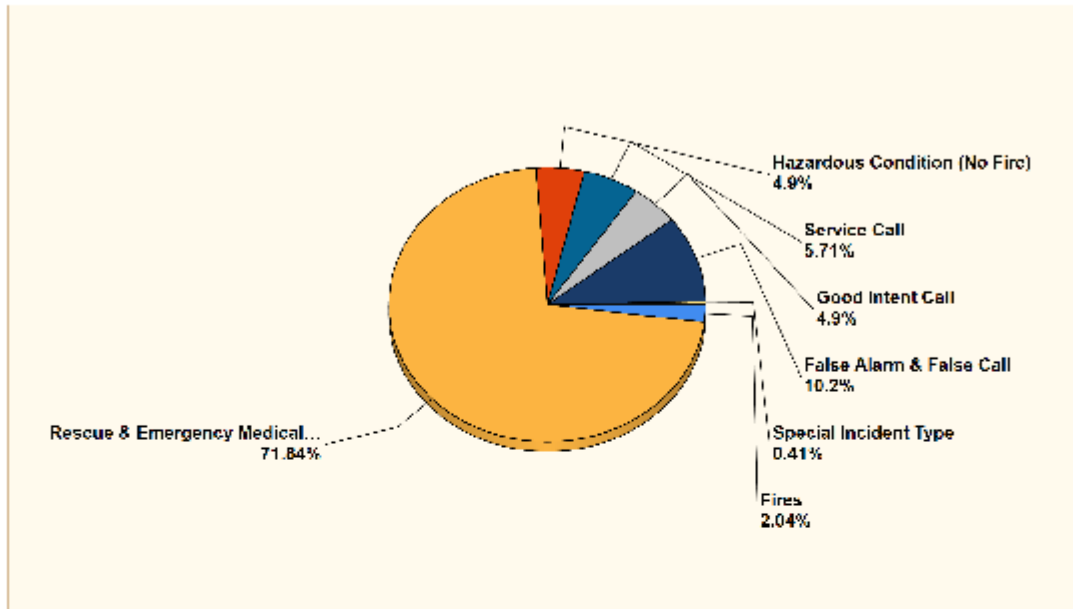
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 03/31/2022



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE                | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires                              | 5           | 2.04%       |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 178         | 71.84%      |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire)      | 12          | 4.9%        |
| Service Call                       | 14          | 5.71%       |
| Good Intent Call                   | 12          | 4.9%        |
| False Alarm & False Call           | 25          | 10.2%       |
| Special Incident Type              | 1           | 0.41%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>245</b>  | <b>100%</b> |

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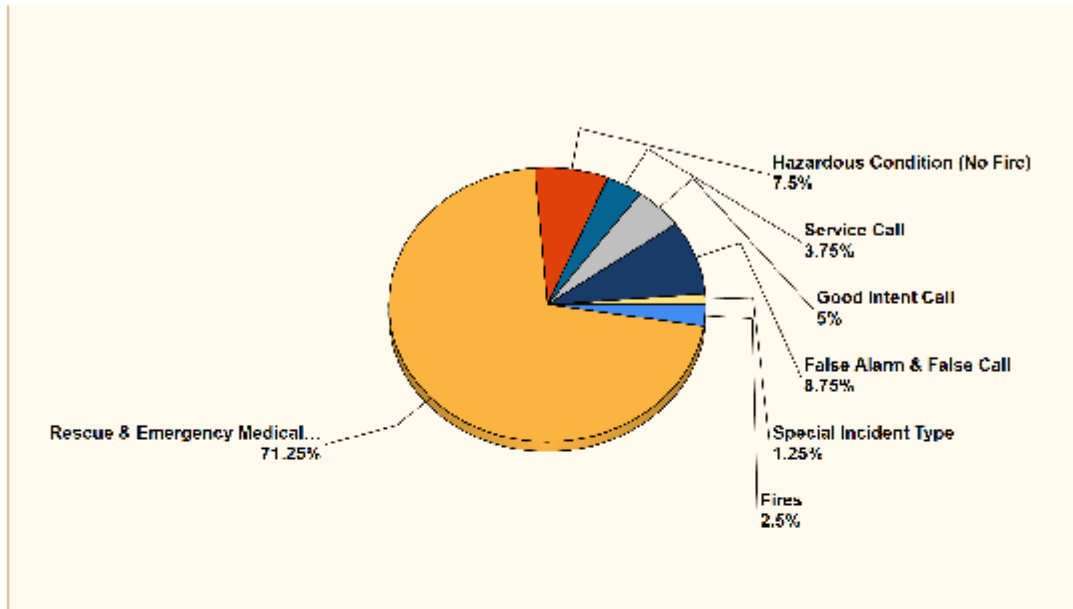
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 03/01/2022 | End Date: 03/31/2022



| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE                | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires                              | 2           | 2.5%        |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 57          | 71.25%      |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire)      | 6           | 7.5%        |
| Service Call                       | 3           | 3.75%       |
| Good Intent Call                   | 4           | 5%          |
| False Alarm & False Call           | 7           | 8.75%       |
| Special Incident Type              | 1           | 1.25%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>80</b>   | <b>100%</b> |

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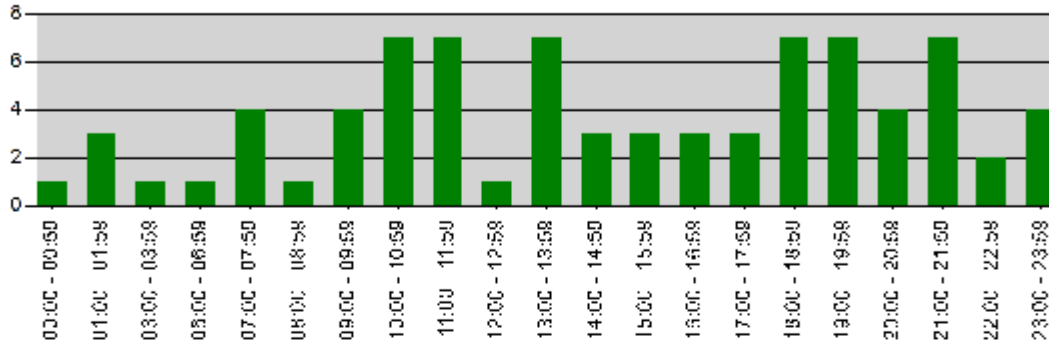
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## Incidents per Hour for Incident Type Range for Date Range

Start Incident Type: 100 | End Incident Type: 911 | Start Date: 03/01/2022 | End Date: 03/31/2022



| Hour          | # of Calls |
|---------------|------------|
| 00:00 - 00:59 | 1          |
| 01:00 - 01:59 | 3          |
| 03:00 - 03:59 | 1          |
| 06:00 - 06:59 | 1          |
| 07:00 - 07:59 | 4          |
| 08:00 - 08:59 | 1          |
| 09:00 - 09:59 | 4          |
| 10:00 - 10:59 | 7          |
| 11:00 - 11:59 | 7          |
| 12:00 - 12:59 | 1          |
| 13:00 - 13:59 | 7          |
| 14:00 - 14:59 | 3          |
| 15:00 - 15:59 | 3          |
| 16:00 - 16:59 | 3          |
| 17:00 - 17:59 | 3          |
| 18:00 - 18:59 | 7          |
| 19:00 - 19:59 | 7          |
| 20:00 - 20:59 | 4          |
| 21:00 - 21:59 | 7          |
| 22:00 - 22:59 | 2          |
| 23:00 - 23:59 | 4          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>80</b>  |

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## Incident Detail for Aid Given and Received for Incident Type Range for Date Range

Incident Type Range: 100 - 911 | StartDate: 03/01/2022 | EndDate: 03/31/2022


| INCIDENT DATE                     | INCIDENT # | ADDRESS    | INCIDENT TYPE   | SHIFT         |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---|---------------|
| <b>AID TYPE: Mutual aid given</b> |            |            |   |               |
| 03/25/2022                        | 2022-226   | 395 Bay RD | 114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue | 1 - Station 1 |

Percentage of Total Incidents: 1.25%

|                                      |          |                                   |  |               |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>AID TYPE: Mutual aid received</b> |          |                                   |  |               |
| 03/03/2022                           | 2022-171 | 290 Wadleigh Falls Building 1 RD  | 321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 1 - Station 1 |
| 03/11/2022                           | 2022-190 | 290 Wadleigh Falls, Building 1 RD | 321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 1 - Station 1 |
| 03/17/2022                           | 2022-208 | 60 Route 108                      | 611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route                  | 1 - Station 1 |

Percentage of Total Incidents: 3.75%

Displays all incidents with aid given or received, and excludes incidents with neither. Percentages calculated from total number of incidents for parameters provided. Only REVIEWED incidents included.

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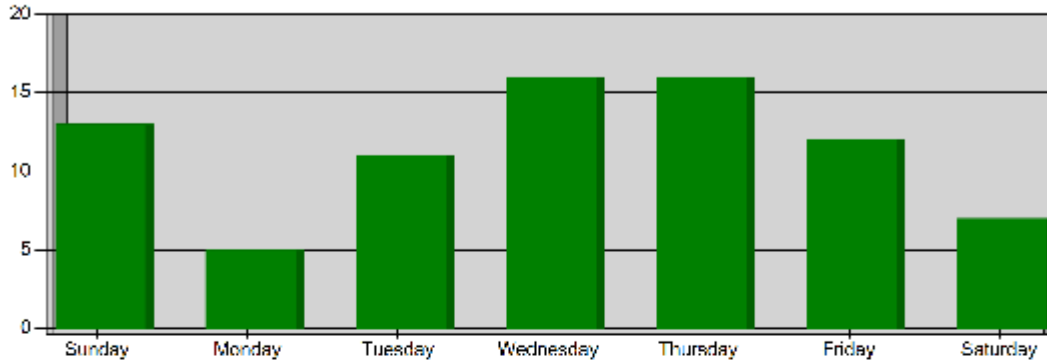
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## Incidents by Day of the Week for Date Range

Start Incident Type: 100 | End Incident Type: 911 | Start Date: 03/01/2022 | End Date: 03/31/2022



| DAY OF THE WEEK | # INCIDENTS |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Sunday          | 13          |
| Monday          | 5           |
| Tuesday         | 11          |
| Wednesday       | 16          |
| Thursday        | 16          |
| Friday          | 12          |
| Saturday        | 7           |

TOTAL

80

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## PUBLIC WORKS

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In March there were 8 weather events and 7 inches of snow. The town road ban is in effect until mid-April. This limits trucks to a 6-ton limit until the frost comes out of the roads.

The crews have been putting the benches and trash receptacles out on Main Street. The street sweeper is back out on the road. As soon as the weather is warm enough crews will start painting the crosswalks and parking areas. Spring clean-up of all town buildings, parks, ballfields and cemeteries is in full swing. The seasonal staff will return to work in April. Finding staff has been challenging, there are several open positions to fill. Operations will be affected if the positions are not filled, and tasks may take longer to complete with fewer workers on the crew.

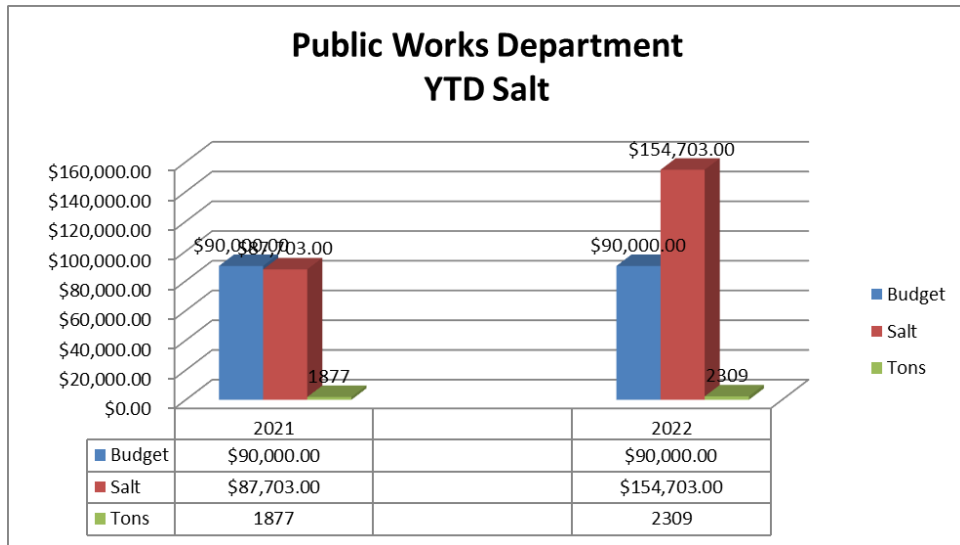
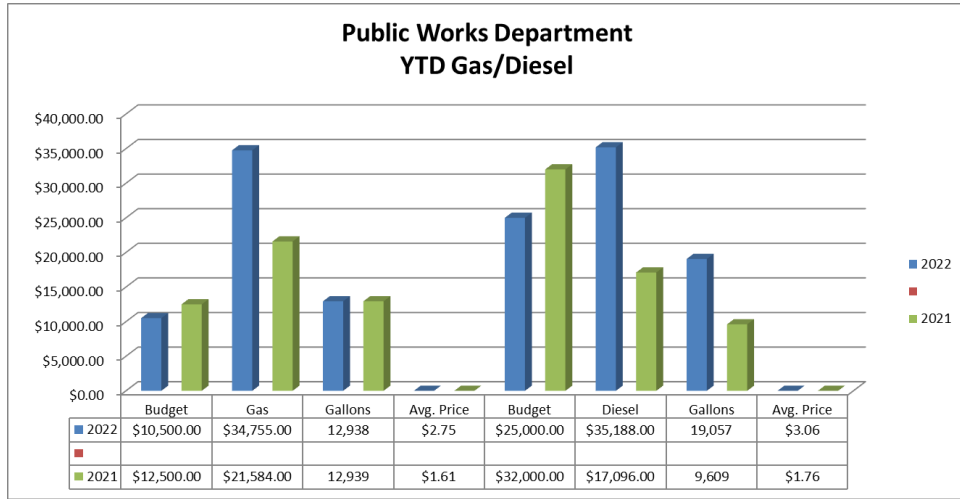
One of the new dump trucks has arrived and has been put into service. The second truck should be delivered sometime in May.



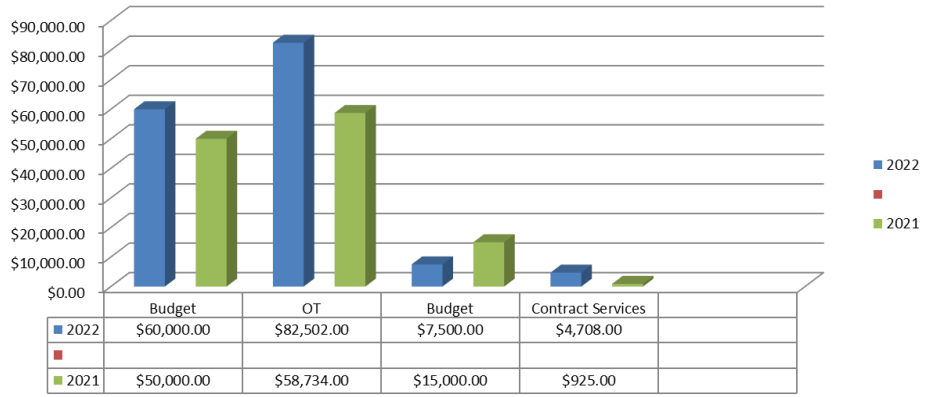
We have had the kickoff meeting for the New Road Drainage project with Granese & Sons. The anticipated start date will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Materials and pipe will be delivered over the next couple of weeks and staged at the Public Works facility on Young Lane. The project will be completed by November. Residents of New Road should expect delays, there will be alternating traffic during the day from 7am-4pm.

I'm in the process of applying for grants through FEMA to make drainage improvements to areas around town that have had flooding issues in the past. The cost share for these grants has been increased from 75% to 90%.

I have attached charts with activity reports for the month of March.



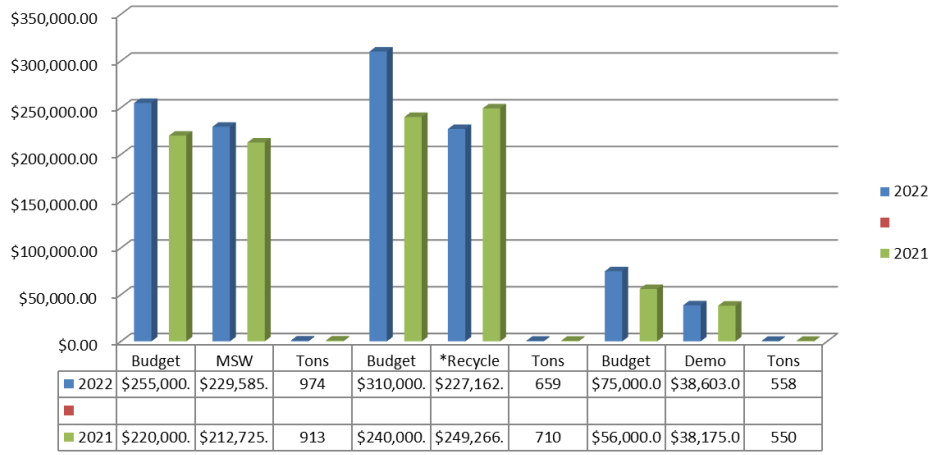
### Public Works Department YTD Overtime/Contract Services



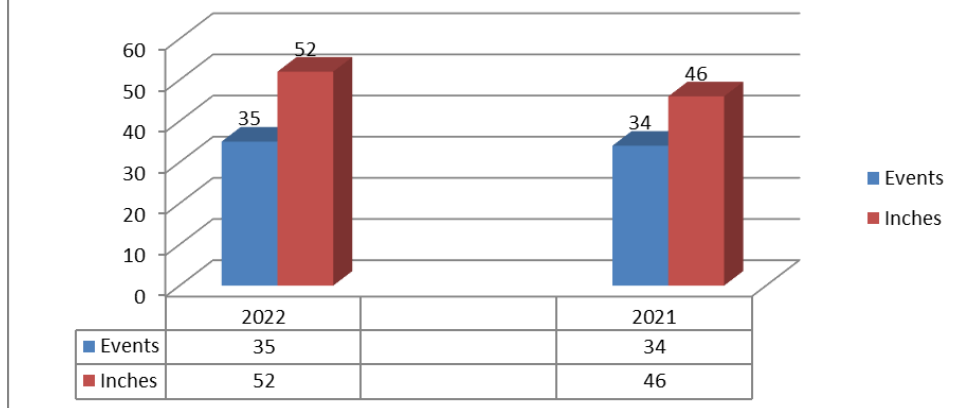
### Public Works Department YTD Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance



### Public Works Department YTD Solid Waste



### Public Works Department YTD Snow Events

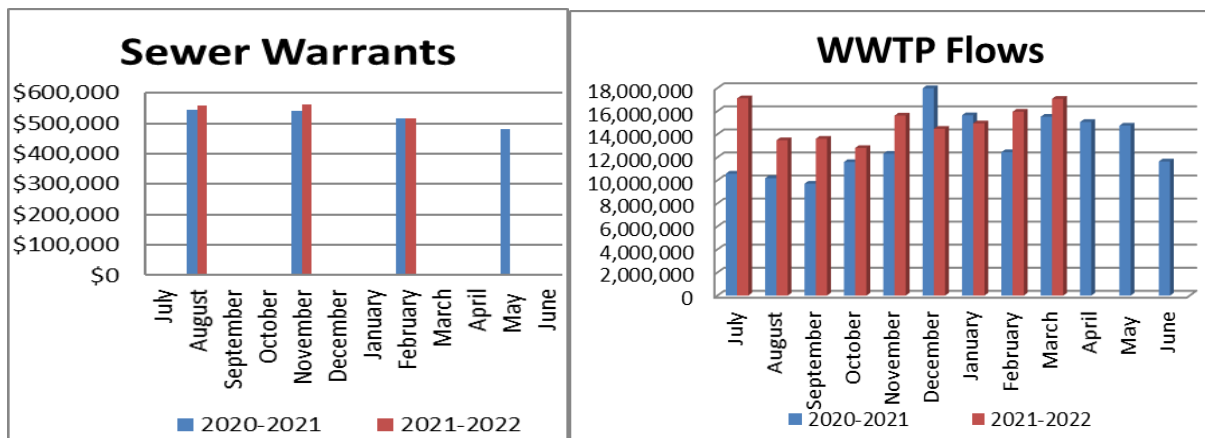


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## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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### Wastewater Department



The wastewater treatment facility treated 17.7 million gallons of water for March 2022. The facility removed 99% of the Biochemical Oxygen Demand and 98% of the total suspended solids. The facility discharged on average 2.4 mg/L of total nitrogen per day for a total of 342 total pounds of total nitrogen discharged for the month of March 2022.

Sewer Department personnel worked with flow assessments to evaluate the sewer system in the Packers Falls, Salmon Street, and Bay Road areas for infiltration and inflow into the sewer system.

The Department continues to try to fill the open Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator position. Due to the workforce climate, I do not think we will be able to fill the position with the salary range that the Town offers.

## Huber Press and Sludge Report

Press ran for - 21 days

Total run hours – 235.00 hrs

Total gallons pumped – 445,501 gal

Average feed sludge percentage - 0.88%

Average feed sludge temp – 10.8°c

Average filtrate percentage - 0.10%

Average filtrate temp – 10.1°c

Average capture rate - 88%

Average sludge solids percentage – 18.42%

Total monthly sludge tonnage – 79.84 tons

| Monthly Operations Report   |           |     |               |       |      |      |      |      |          |      |      |        |        |          |          |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|-------|------|------|------|------|----------|------|------|--------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| Newmarket WPCF              |           |     |               |       |      |      |      |      |          |      |      |        |        |          |          |  |
| Permit # NH00100196         |           |     |               |       |      |      |      |      |          |      |      |        |        |          |          |  |
| March-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. | Colif. | ococci | Residual |          |  |
| 1                           | .4491     | .12 | 1.0           | .4733 |      | 5.9  |      | 4.0  | 2.7      | 7.8  | 7.0  | 2      | 12     | 0.00     | 0.05     |  |
| 2                           | .4526     | .15 | 1.0           | .4660 |      | 6.7  |      | 3.6  | 2.4      | 7.8  | 7.0  | 3      | 12     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 3                           | .4444     | .13 | 1.0           | .4740 |      |      |      |      |          | 8.0  | 7.0  | 12     | 3      | 0.05     | 0.06     |  |
| 4                           | .4381     | .14 | 0.9           | .4460 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.7  | 7.0  | 2      | 10     | 0.07     | 0.00     |  |
| 5                           | .4473     | .12 | 1.0           | .4530 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.9  | 7.1  | 15     | <1     | 0.00     | 0.07     |  |
| 6                           | .5228     | .09 | 1.3           | .5400 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.8  | 7.1  | <2     | 1      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 7                           | .5982     | .25 | 1.2           | .6490 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.5  | 7.1  | <2     | 8      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 8                           | .5684     | .23 | 1.2           | .6350 |      | 9.7  |      | 3.1  | 2.6      | 7.7  | 7.1  | <2     | 20     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 9                           | .4150     | .16 | 1.4           | .5990 |      | ##   |      | 3.4  | 3.2      | 7.4  | 7.1  | <2     | 7      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 10                          | .5211     | .22 | 1.1           | .5430 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.8  | 7.0  | 4      | 13     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 11                          | .5050     | .17 | 1.1           | .5350 |      |      |      |      |          | 8.0  | 6.9  | <2     | 11     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 12                          | .5873     | .18 | 1.3           | .6120 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.9  | 7.1  | 2      | <1     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 13                          | .5732     | .06 | 1.3           | .5900 |      |      |      |      |          | 8.0  | 7.1  | <2     | 8      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 14                          | .5152     | .18 | 1.3           | .5590 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.6  | 7.1  | <2     | 6      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 15                          | .5105     | .19 | 1.2           | .5820 |      | 7.8  |      | 3.2  | 2.2      | 7.2  | 7.0  | 5      | 20     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 16                          | .5079     | .27 | 1.1           | .5470 | ##   | 7.1  | ##   | 2.2  | 1.8      | 7.5  | 7.1  | <2     | 30     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 17                          | .4904     | .19 | 1.1           | .5200 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.7  | 7.1  | <2     | 9      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 18                          | .4831     | .19 | 1.1           | .5100 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.5  | 7.1  | <2     | 13     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 19                          | .5266     | .16 | 1.3           | .5570 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.7  | 6.9  | <2     | <1     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 20                          | .5629     | .22 | 1.2           | .5870 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.6  | 6.9  | 3      | <1     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 21                          | .5187     | .20 | 1.1           | .5640 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.7  | 6.9  | 8      | 1      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 22                          | .4421     | .16 | 1.2           | .5400 |      | 5.8  |      | 2.8  | 2.4      | 7.8  | 7.0  | 5      | 6      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 23                          | .4871     | .19 | 1.0           | .5050 | ##   | 5.8  | ##   | 3.1  | 2.1      | 7.5  | 7.0  | 5      | 17     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 24                          | .5207     | .17 | 1.3           | .5760 |      |      |      |      |          | 8.3  | 7.0  | 6      | 14     | 0.00     | 0.05     |  |
| 25                          | .6300     | .40 | 1.4           | .7070 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.5  | 7.0  | 2      | 10     | 0.00     | 0.05     |  |
| 26                          | .5644     | .25 | 1.2           | .5940 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.6  | 7.0  | 5      | <1     | 0.07     | 0.00     |  |
| 27                          | .5530     | .22 | 1.1           | .5710 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.7  | 7.0  | <2     | 1      | 0.00     | 0.05     |  |
| 28                          | .5084     | .19 | 1.0           | .5170 |      |      |      |      |          | 7.9  | 7.1  | 2      | 16     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 29                          | .4882     | .16 | 1.2           | .5310 |      |      |      |      | 1.8      | 7.7  | 7.2  | <2     | 10     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 30                          | .4814     | .15 | 1.2           | .5800 |      |      |      |      | 2.3      | 7.8  | 7.1  | <2     | 16     | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |
| 31                          | .4707     | .18 | 1.1           | .5120 |      |      |      |      |          | 8.0  | 7.1  | <2     | 5      | 0.00     | 0.00     |  |

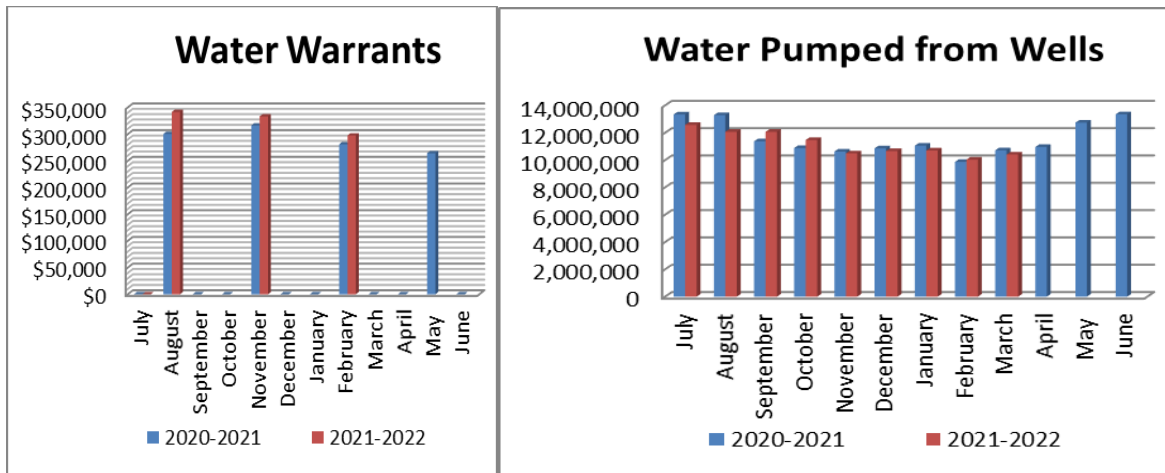
Average Wastewater Flow Discharged: 0.5508 Million Gallons/Day; Total gallons discharged 17,704,000

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) Removal: 98%, Average Discharge per day: 5.9 mg/L; Permit Limit 30mg/L

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Removal: 99%, Average Discharge per day: 2.5 mg/L; Permit Limit 30 mg/L

Total Nitrogen (TN) Average Discharge per day: 2.4 mg/L, 11.0 lbs; Permit Limit 30 lbs

## Water Department



The new water treatment facility is operating and supplying water to the Town. In March, the facility was operated during regular town working hours. So that the operator could watch and make sure that all the systems were functioning properly. In April, the water facility began automatic operation. The facility will turn off/on based on take level. Operators can monitor, make changes, and will be notified of any problems by the computer monitoring system.

The New Road project contracts have been signed, and the project will begin at the beginning of May.

The Sewall Well project contracts have been signed, and the project will begin at the beginning of June.

The Tucke Well Project Documents have been signed, and the project will begin at the end of April.

The water system passed all testing for the month of March.



| PWS 1731010 - Newmarket Water Works |                  |      |         |                            |          |               |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------|---------|----------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| Water Quality Monitoring            |                  |      |         |                            |          |               |                |
| Sampled By BMT                      |                  |      |         |                            |          |               |                |
| Monthly Monitoring For              |                  |      |         | Mar-22                     |          |               |                |
| Location                            | Date/Time        | PH   | Temp 'C | Specific Conductance us/cm | PO4 mg/L | Free Cl2 mg/L | Total Coliform |
| Lamprey                             | 3/8/22.<br>0840  | 8.09 | 14.6    |                            | 1.37     | 0.1           | Absent         |
| Racquet Club                        | 3/8/22.<br>0900  | 7.92 | 12.7    |                            | 1.19     | 0.37          | Absent         |
| L+M                                 | 3/8/22.<br>0920  | 8.03 | 14.9    |                            | 1.18     | 0.13          | Absent         |
| Aubuchon                            | 3/15/22.<br>0855 | 8.1  | 7.5     | 426                        | 1.08     | 0.23          | Absent         |
| Public Works                        | 3/15/22.<br>0815 | 8.07 | 7       | 429                        | 1.12     | 0.25          | Absent         |
| Town Hall                           | 3/15/22.<br>0830 | 7.8  | 8.1     | 422                        | 1.33     | 0.32          | Absent         |
| Well Site                           | Date/Time        | PH   | Temp 'C | Specific Conductance us/cm | PO4 mg/L | Free Cl2 mg/L |                |
| Bennett                             | 3/8/22.<br>1330  | 8.03 | 11.8    |                            | 1.23     | 0.29          |                |
| Sewall                              | 3/8/22.<br>1315  | 7.59 | 11.9    |                            | 1.42     | 0.13          |                |
| MTWTP                               | 3/8/22.<br>1405  | 7.89 | 13.2    |                            | 0.36     | 0.91          |                |
| Bennett                             | 3/15/22.<br>1145 | 7.98 | 10      | 319                        | 0.7      | 0.33          |                |
| Sewall                              | 3/15/22.<br>1150 | 7.61 | 10.9    | 483                        | 1.06     | 0.33          |                |
| MTWTP                               | 3/15/22.<br>1420 | 7.84 | 12.1    | 600                        | 0.74     | 0.86          |                |

| MARCH PUMPING TOTALS 2022 |         |           |        |           |          |           |            |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Date                      | Bennett | 185 gpm   | Sewall | 265 gpm   | Mac Well | 300 gpm   |            |
|                           | Hrs     | Gallons   | Hrs    | Gallons   | Hrs      | Gallons   | Total      |
| 1                         | 8.0     | 88,195    | 8.0    | 126,341   | 6.1      | 109,600   | 324,136    |
| 2                         | 3.6     | 40,041    | 3.2    | 50,882    | 7.1      | 128,000   | 218,923    |
| 3                         | 10.7    | 118,028   | 11.0   | 174,957   | 7.4      | 133,999   | 426,984    |
| 4                         | 8.3     | 91,695    | 8.3    | 131,357   | 6.6      | 118,299   | 341,351    |
| 5                         | 12      | 132,975   | 12     | 190,335   |          |           | 323,310    |
| 6                         | 13.2    | 145,711   | 12.8   | 202,238   |          |           | 347,949    |
| 7                         | 10.1    | 112,032   | 10.5   | 166,822   | 6.3      | 114,299   | 393,153    |
| 8                         | 7.9     | 87,789    | 7.9    | 119,317   | 6.5      | 116,600   | 323,706    |
| 9                         | 8.6     | 95,451    | 9.0    | 143,199   | 7.4      | 133,199   | 371,849    |
| 10                        | 8.9     | 98,525    | 8.9    | 141,129   | 5.6      | 101,799   | 341,453    |
| 11                        | 7.9     | 87,290    | 7.9    | 123,888   | 7.1      | 127,999   | 339,177    |
| 12                        | 12.3    | 136,450   | 12.4   | 196,559   |          |           | 333,009    |
| 13                        | 13.8    | 153,325   | 13.8   | 219,994   |          |           | 373,319    |
| 14                        | 10.7    | 118,426   | 10.7   | 169,542   | 1.9      | 35,400    | 323,368    |
| 15                        | 8.4     | 93,070    | 8.4    | 133,413   | 7.2      | 130,099   | 356,582    |
| 16                        | 10.9    | 120,930   | 10.9   | 173,447   | 1.1      | 20,500    | 314,877    |
| 17                        | 10.4    | 114,991   | 10.4   | 164,699   | 2.0      | 36,000    | 315,690    |
| 18                        | 12.8    | 141,612   | 12.7   | 202,928   |          |           | 344,540    |
| 19                        | 11.8    | 131,093   | 11.8   | 187,968   |          |           | 319,061    |
| 20                        | 14.6    | 161,963   | 14.6   | 232,164   |          |           | 394,127    |
| 21                        | 6.2     | 68,357    | 10.7   | 169,864   | 5.1      | 92,999    | 331,220    |
| 22                        | 7.9     | 87,046    | 10.4   | 165,176   | 5.9      | 107,499   | 359,721    |
| 23                        | 0.4     | 3,496     | 3.7    | 58,366    | 7.3      | 130,799   | 192,661    |
| 24                        | 6.2     | 68,830    | 6.2    | 98,633    | 7.0      | 126,000   | 293,463    |
| 25                        | 9.1     | 100,190   | 10.0   | 159,424   | 5.8      | 104,500   | 364,114    |
| 26                        | 12.1    | 134,212   | 12.1   | 192,246   |          |           | 326,458    |
| 27                        | 14.7    | 162,848   | 14.7   | 233,349   |          |           | 396,197    |
| 28                        | 11.3    | 125,113   | 11.3   | 179,101   | 1.0      | 17,200    | 321,414    |
| 29                        | 8.5     | 93,479    | 8.5    | 134,294   | 6.4      | 114,700   | 342,473    |
| 30                        | 5.2     | 58,055    | 8.6    | 136,810   | 8.7      | 157,100   | 351,965    |
| 31                        | 2.7     | 30,224    | 2.7    | 43,328    | 12.7     | 229,200   | 302,752    |
| Total                     | 289.1   | 3,201,442 | 304.2  | 4,821,770 | 132.2    | 2,385,790 | 10,409,002 |
| AVG. Day                  | 9.3     | 103,272   | 9.8    | 155,541   | 6.0      | 108,445   | 335,774    |
| Max Day                   | 14.7    | 162,848   | 14.7   | 233,349   | 12.7     | 229,200   | 426,984    |

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## BUILDING SAFETY, ZONING ENFORCEMENT AND HEALTH

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March 2022 Permits

| <b>Permits</b>                          | <b>Number of Permits</b> | <b>Revenue Collected</b> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residential Addition/Alteration         | 2                        | \$470.00                 |
| New Dwelling                            | 10                       | \$18,815.00              |
| Electrical                              | 2                        | \$125.00                 |
| Sign                                    | 1                        | \$50.00                  |
| Mechanical                              | 2                        | \$225.00                 |
| Solar                                   | 1                        | \$100.00                 |
| Municipal Addition                      | 1                        | 0                        |
| New Municipal (well building Neal Mill) | 1                        | 0                        |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>37</b>                | <b>\$ 19,785.00</b>      |

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### March 2022 – Planning Board

Seacoast Pool Plastering LLC/Robert MacInnis – Continuation of a public hearing for an application for Site Plan & Special Use Permit to permit the proposed construction of a 6,000 square foot building consisting of 1,000 sq. ft. of office space and 5,000 sq. ft. for an equipment/construction storage warehouse. Two existing lots will be combined and access will be from an existing paved driveway off Route 152 (Wadleigh Fall Road). The office/warehouse is expected to consist of three employees, proposed paved driveway extension and 8 paved parking spaces, a proposed septic system and leach field, well and water line, and approximately 78,000 sq. ft. of gravel parking for storage of truck trailers, containers and equipment. The applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for a wetlands buffer disturbance for the proposed driveway extension for site access and minor grading near a small wetlands buffer area pursuant Section 32-155 (e) of the Zoning Ordinance. A portion of the proposed building and site and drainage improvements, including a bioretention area (rain garden) fall within the Town’s Aquifer Protection Overlay District under Section 32-153 of the Zoning Ordinance. The lots are located at 446 & 450 Wadleigh Falls Road, Tax Map R6, Lots 50-7 & 50-8, B3 Zone.

**Motion: Jane Ford made a motion that the Planning Board accept the request by Seacoast Pool Plastering LLC for the Special Use Permit - Wetland Buffer Disturbance for the property located at Tax Map R6 Lots 50-7 & 508, 446 & 450 Wadleigh Falls Road as it meets the criteria of the Town’s Zoning Regulation specific to**

**Section**

**32-155E.**

**Second: Scott**

**Blackstone**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Approved 4-0-0**

Notice is hereby given for public hearings in accordance with RSA 231:158 for tree Pruning and clearing on Town of Newmarket scenic roads by Eversource Energy. This public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Newmarket Town Hall in the Council Chambers, 186 Main Street. This hearing is scheduled in accordance with RSA 231:158, as requested by Eversource Energy to engage in tree pruning and cutting along Bay Road in the Town of Newmarket. The proposed activity will include, but not be limited to, tree cutting, trimming, and removal of brush and trees. All proposed activity and criteria for action by the applicants will be presented and reviewed at this public hearing.

**Motion: Jane Ford moved that this item be continued to the next meeting of the Planning Board on April 12, 2022.**

**Second: Bill**

**Doucet**

**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** Approved 6-0-0

There will be a hearing for an application for Design Review, requested by Bingham Junction LLC/Shawn McGowan, for the renovation of the Rockingham Junction rail depot to include the relocation of the existing building to a new foundation on the existing site. The use of the building will for be the owner’s professional office space. The work is focused on software engineering, software investing, and advanced data analytics. A small addition to the structure and a storage barn will be added. The property is located at 3 Rockingham Junction, Tax Map R3, Lot 13A, B1 Zone.

Mr. Shawn McGowan was present this evening to bring an application for Design Review before the Board. He was accompanied by his architect Michael Graf. The Vice-Chair asked the applicant if they anticipated any requests and/or waivers which might be required later. Mr. McGowan does have an engineer for the project. He will be going before the Newfields Planning Board at a later date as well as returning to the Newmarket Planning Board.

**March 2022 - Zoning Board of Adjustment**

There were no applications in March.

**Financials**

|                | <b>Budget</b>    | <b>MTD Transactions</b> | <b>YTD Transactions</b> | <b>Balance</b>   | <b>% Spent</b> |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>\$154,865</b> | <b>\$ 13,097</b>        | <b>\$ 85,800</b>        | <b>\$ 69,064</b> | <b>56%</b>     |
| <b>FY 2021</b> | <b>\$138,801</b> | <b>\$ 12,065</b>        | <b>\$ 81,722</b>        | <b>\$ 58,078</b> | <b>58%</b>     |

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**FINANCE**

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**Monthly Report to the Town Council: Finance**

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

1. A preliminary loan arrangement has been made to finance the new Water Treatment facility on 90 Durell Drive. The agreement is with Northway Bank at an interest rate of 2.84 for a 20-year repayment term. This is a .54% reduction from the initial 3.38% loan agreement with NH DES and is projected to reduce the interest on the loan by \$280,973.46. This is preliminary because the project is still being finalized, meaning the full cost of the project is yet to be calculated. NH DWGWTF needs that number to provide us with a final reimbursement and then the repayment amount for the bank and bond counsel.
2. In part due to the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, there has been a significant rise in the price of Oil and Gas fuels. Russia is a major producer of both. This is a complex issue and depending on the length of the hostilities, the town could face increased fuel costs for months (or more). During the month of March prices have increased significantly, but fortunately, for the time being, we are under contract for electricity, preventing rapid fluctuations. However, we will be making fuel purchasing decisions in preparation for our contracts to expire in September (gasoline, oil, diesel), and December (electricity). Working with our energy purchasing partner (Competitive Energy Services) we have been monitoring the energy markets, the war in Ukraine, and relations between the United States and other oil producing countries to get a sense of where the markets are heading and what the impact on prices will be. As a result, we are tentative about energy purchasing commitments and considering the idea of employing a hybrid buying agreement potentially consisting of short-term spot market fuel purchasing, midterm using a short term (1 year) contract, and then using a longer-term contract after the war has ended and energy production has readjusted globally. In addition to the energy purchasing decisions, during the month of April, a series of energy price increase stress tests will be run. The purpose of the tests will be to determine the impact on those departments with energy lines as well as the overall budget. This isn't a major cause for concern, but as 3.55% of the overall town budget is worth some attention and preparation. The upside of this situation is that the town intelligently invested in energy efficiency projects for its facilities in the recent past and that is helping mitigate the impacts of energy cost increases.
3. The other financial consideration for the current and future fiscal periods is the pressure on wages due to price inflation for normal goods and housing. While we are not experiencing an exodus of personnel, some department heads are finding it harder to replace employees when they depart. When they are replaced, the pay rates are often higher than the person who left (even with less experience). This has been an issue since business began returning

to normal after the worst of the pandemic. The plan for addressing this is to engage in a salary survey and compensation study at the start of the new fiscal year. This will help the town in planning for FY2024 and the following years. The challenge is going to be with the already budgeted FY2023. This coming fiscal year will be a test of the management team’s ability to keep morale high and maintain personnel while managing budgets in a year experiencing wage pressures.

4. On a positive note, year to date municipal revenues have been solid this year experiencing overall growth of \$2,135,304.17 compared to March of the prior year. One area to highlight is the meal and rooms (M&R) tax distribution which compared to last fiscal year was up \$217,383 or 31%. We budgeted conservatively due to the pandemic and have been pleased to see the positive impact of the legislation ensuring that 40% of the M&R tax revenues are returned to the municipalities.

**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>\$14,295.10</b>      | <b>\$211,588.57</b> | <b>72.7</b>    |
| <b>FY2021</b> | <b>\$303,719</b>        | <b>\$12,421.69</b>      | <b>\$223,113.35</b> | <b>72.8</b>    |

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **Monthly Report to the Town Council: Information Technology**

This report outlines the department’s activities for the month of March.

**Information Technology:**

1. In terms of IT service management/support, March was relatively quiet with 11 support tickets equaling 6.42 hours of service time. The service requests related to passwords, new PC software installation, WIFI connectivity checks, connectivity to new water treatment facility, and DES iPad WIFI connectivity. IT time has shifted, in recent months, to project based work focused on continued improvement of the systems, as well as to strengthening our perimeter, performing

patch and update maintenance on networked systems, and updates to antivirus and malware applications.

2. Now that the new water treatment facility is securely connected to the Internet and the town's network (via VPN), we are reconsidering the necessity of a "Dark Fiber" solution for connecting the water treatment facility to the town's network. The current solution was originally planned as a short-term solution because it wasn't thought to be as reliable or secure. However, now that it is established, Internet service is consistent with adequate bandwidth, and a firewall is in place, we are rethinking the strategy and may continue with this solution. We will be having another round of technical discussions to determine the technical efficacy juxtaposed with the investment to insure we are making the best decision relative to security, consistency, and financial considerations.
3. Two potential changes under review are a) moving the copper telephone services from FirstLight to Consolidated Communications, and b) switching our Internet service from FirstLight to Consolidated. The rationale for the changes is twofold: cost management while maintaining the same level of service and expanding the town's bandwidth tenfold for a minor monthly increase. In recent months FirstLight increased its copper phone line service costs (it is generally thought the company wants to get out of that service line) by \$20+ per line/per month to \$55 (before taxes and surcharges). Consolidated provides copper line for \$30.50 (before taxes and surcharges). These decisions require more information on Internet service provision and cost, and another vendor may be contacted. Ultimately, the goal is to expand the town's bandwidth to meet its increasing needs, while maintaining a reasonable cost profile.

### **Channel 13:**

This month, Newmarket Channel 13 covered 8 town and school events, which was the result of 7 meetings and 1 school concert. Each of these events were multicast to Channel 13, our on demand channel (<http://bit.ly/NewmarketCh13>), our Facebook page, and our YouTube Channel. We also created 5 Newmarket Newsletters that were emailed to our contacts as well as posted on our social media sites. In the month of March, we were finally able to work with Comcast to find a resolution to the audio issue that has plagued Channel 13 for a long time. The end result ended up being a misspelling on the Comcast encoder that confused the audio channels. This seems to have been fixed and we have received outside confirmation from the community that the channel is now acting as well as could be expected, with the audio much better.

On our Facebook page we had 18 posts that reached 4,259 accounts. This resulted in an increase of 77% over the previous month, engagements of 1,103 accounts, and 337 interactions with our posts. We also gained 8 new followers bringing our total Facebook followers to 939. In demographic terms our largest follower group is women (68%) ages 35-44. The majority of



them are from Newmarket (60%), with the bulk of the rest coming from the neighboring seacoast communities. As for the most viewed video on the Facebook page for March: the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Newmarket Budget Committee Meeting.

On the YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/c/NewmarketChannel13/](http://www.youtube.com/c/NewmarketChannel13/)) we posted 7 videos during the month of March. This resulted in our videos being viewed 762 times, reaching an audience of 12,156 accounts. Of those views, 46 were returning unique viewers from February. We also noticed that 37 % of those viewing our YouTube videos were actively searching for our videos. Interestingly, 87% of those video viewers are not subscribers to our channel. As for subscribers, we gained 8 new ones in March bringing our total to 317.

In March, we published 5 Newmarket Newsletters which experienced an open rate of 55%, which is 19% (higher than the industry average). In other words, we sent emails to 8,182 accounts and 4,177 were opened by recipients. Of those 4,177 opens, people clicked the links inside the Newmarket Newsletter 287 times (3% higher than industry average).

Finally, in April we anticipate hiring two new videographers to replace the staff who will be stepping away from Newmarket Channel 13.

**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>\$23,679.73</b> | <b>\$153,966.24</b>     | <b>\$56,684.12</b> | <b>74.3</b>    |
| <b>FY2021</b> | <b>\$215,254</b>        | <b>\$19,348.38</b> | <b>\$140,763.85</b>     | <b>\$68,390.49</b> | <b>68.6</b>    |

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

## TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR

| <b><u>TAXES</u></b>                                    |             |              |                |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Total Committed 2021                                   |             | \$26,026,168 |                |
| Total Uncollected 3/31/22                              |             | \$138,160    |                |
| <b><u>TAX LIENS</u></b>                                |             |              |                |
|  | 2020 Liens  | 2019 Liens   |                |
|  | (Deed 2023) | (Deed 2022)  |                |
| Property Tax Amount Liened                             | 146,227     | 178,934      |                |
| # Properties Liened                                    | 34          | 33           |                |
| Uncollected 03/31/2022                                 | 69,332      | 32,532       |                |
| <b><u>WATER&amp;SEWER 1/1 THRU 3/31</u></b>            |             |              |                |
|  | 2022        | 2021         |                |
| Uncollected  | 199,567     | 94,692       |                |
| <b><u>TOWN CLERK REVENUE (7/1/21 THRU 3/31/22)</u></b> |             |              |                |
|  | Year End    | Year End     |                |
|  | 6/30/22     | 6/30/21      |                |
| Motor Vehicle (MV)                                     | 1,253,064   | 1,281,973    | 2.26% decrease |
| Town “non-MV”  | 119,794     | 115,753      | 3.49% increase |
| State NH (MV, Vitals, Boats, Dogs)                     | 429,723     | 434,090      | 1.01% decrease |

1. Daily Activity Steady
2. Town & School Election held on 3/8/2022; 979 Ballots C

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## RECREATION

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### Financial

**General Fund Expenditures:** According to Munis the Recreation's Department's General Fund, we have expended \$162,162 (71% of the budget) as compared to \$151,021 (69% of the budget) last year at this same.

**Rec Revolving Expenditures:** According to Munis the Recreation's Department's Revolving Account, we have expended **\$237,774** as compared to **\$102,868** for last year at this same time. Once again, the reduction in expenditures last year was COVID related as we were not able to run our typical summer camp program last year nor were we able to make the revenue that coincides with the camp. Additional expenditures for this year also include increased payroll with our before and after school program which was not budgeted for both last year and this year. It has been budgeted for 2022/23.

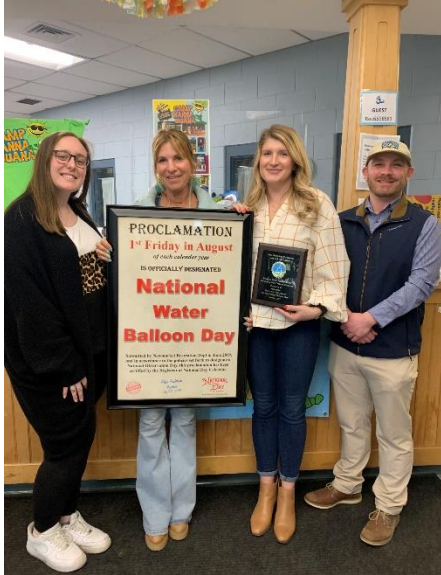
**Rec Revolving Revenue:** According to Munis the Recreation Departments, the Rec's Revolving Revenue Account shows that we have collected **\$401,649** YTD. Last year we had only collected **\$194,331** in revenue at this same time last year, which again was due to COVID and the reduction in programming. However, as you can see the month of March is typically where we go from being in the red to being in the black. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, we had not been where we were in participant numbers / program as we were in 2019, but with the way the summer camp registration numbers rolled in this past month, we believe we have the potential to even surpass 2019 camp numbers. Also, with the addition of our new before and after-school program we will definitely make more revenue than we ever have before. This is especially exciting as we have several recreation capital improvements that we would like to start utilizing our Enterprize fund.

### Personnel

Currently our recruitment focus is all about Summer Camp Employment. The good news is that we are sold out for Summer Camp, but the bad news is that we are not getting applications nearly as quickly as we have had in previous years prior to COVID. This is a major concern for us. As a matter of fact, we have 48 campers on a waiting list that would bring in over \$50,000 more revenue to the Rec, but we are concerned that if we do not get enough staff applying for the camp, we will not be adequately staffed for the summer camp program and therefore hesitate to take these wait list campers in. We are continuing our search for camp staff before we allow children off the waitlist. The competitive hourly rates out there are our biggest concern. We have already maxed out our typical advertising budget for posting on indeed. We have reached out to UNH as well, but to date have seen little return on the investment. We are also constantly posting job opportunities on social media. We have even started a Support Local, Work Local Campaign to promote working at the Rec Center this summer with added perks like kayak rentals or gift certificates in return of referring a hired candidate. We also hope to get into high school and set up a table at lunch as well as continue to run ads on recruitment sites such as indeed.

We are still actively searching for permanent / part-time Site Supervisor for the afterschool program so that the program has more leadership consistency. Again, this position has been a difficult position to recruit as we are looking for an experienced employee and experienced employees are looking for full-time employees with benefits.

## Awards and Recognition:



We are happy to announce that the Newmarket Recreation Department was awarded *The Kim Perkins NHRPA Award for best Event of the Year* for our NATIONAL WATER BALLOON DAY. The award was presented to us by the New Hampshire Recreation and Parks Association during last month's NHRPA Awards luncheon. The plaque is now hanging up at the Rec Center.

## NEW Website Update:

Have you had a chance to review our new website? As we have so much going on here at the Rec it has been quite the project to update thoroughly. Again, with the new look on the website, we hope all community members have an easier and more enjoyable time registering and navigating through our numerous program and event offerings. We are currently encouraging our residents to offer us feedback.

## REC Connect & Community Outreach

**SAVE THE DATE for the REConnect REcognition Event:** You will be receiving us evite soon, but in the meantime, please save the date and plan on joining the group at the Stone Church, upstairs, Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>! During this event, we will meet, mingle and enjoy collegiality between the elected officials, volunteers, Newmarket Business Association members and representatives of service and civic organizations.

**REcognition Awards for 2021-2022** will be given, honoring the Event of the Year, Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year, which is voted on by the NBA. You are welcome, and encouraged, to enter your impression and candidates for each of those three categories. You'll receive more information on how to send us your nominees soon. Please keep an eye on your email for the E-vite and for the request for nominations.

**The REConnect Calendar** has returned to our website, and we're filling it in with dates and events we're learning about and connecting in one succinct place. This was a vibrant and active part of our website and now with the new website we're hoping it gains the interest and traction it's had in the past. Newmarket has so many organizations and ways to be involved in community or civic, or just plain ol' fun, that we hope you can take advantage and join in many of the events you'll see listed there.

## The Rec on Social Media

We invite you to be a presence on Facebook and on Instagram. Our Facebook posts give more details about events, cancellations, or registration deadlines, for instance. Our Instagram posts center on ways to let the public meet our staff, and get a glimpse of the day-to-day activities our preschool playgroup experience or ways our before- and after- school participants are involved in activities planned for a portion of each day with ample time for casual socialization and playing outdoors. Following us on Instagram is a way to stay

connected to the Rec Department so you get an appreciation of what we do to share our passion for creative, safe and supportive recreation with our participants as the true beneficiaries of our work.

## Community Events



**Bon Voyage – Parent/Child Date Cruise:** As reported last month we held our first official Parent / Child Date night last month. Initially due to the name change from *daddy daughter date night* to *parent child/date night* was the reason tickets sales were slow in the beginning, but eventually they picked up and we were able to fill the ballroom quite nicely. Overall, the night was a huge success and everyone thanked us for putting on such a great event! We are hoping “word of mouth” of this year’s event will spread and we will once again pack the ballroom as we have done in year’s past.

**Update: New Community Event: The Big Backyard Bash** (the name still under consideration)

As mentioned in last month’s report the Newmarket Rec Department along with a few interested residents is currently facilitating a planning committee in an effort create a new community wide event for all ages that has potential to build an annual celebration similar to what we had with Old Home Weekend or Heritage Festival. The following is what we have planned so far.

- **Date:** Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 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: i.e., Water Balloon Toss (hosted by the Rec to celebrate National Water Balloon Day), Corn Hole, Croquet, Ladder Ball, Kan Jam, Horseshoes, Lawn Darts, Kick Ball, Bocce Ball, etc. The ideas keep coming. These backyard games would be open for play all through the night under the lights. Our hope is to have a variety of different Newmarket organizations 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.
- **Call to Action:** The next step in our plan is to send out a more thorough proposal of the event concept to all the Newmarket Organizations asking them to let us know ASAP if they would like more information and/or would like to be involved and part of the planning process.

## Spring Daily & Specialty Rec Programs



**Preschool Playgroup:** Preschool Playgroup with playgroup teacher Miss Amanda has concluded this month, with Miss Amanda's announcement that she has found another job that has met her full-time needs. Our spring playgroup kids will surely miss her as we now have a total of 19 children in the program, our biggest group yet. However, the kids will be in great hands as Miss Heather, our longtime Rec employee and leader of our Forest Fairy group and nature-based programs has accepted the position and will be returning to the Rec in April. We are so excited to see where the program will

go for the remainder of the spring.

**Dance Classes:** Our spring session of dance classes had their start at the beginning of this month. Ballet and Tap with Miss Maggie has continued with full programs with around 27 ballerinas between the ages of 3 and 8. The Creative Movement classes with Ethan and Hope have exceeded last sessions numbers with 43 participants among the 3 classes and in addition to those programs, our new class Next Generation Performance group has 7 participants as well. The performance group recently filmed a fantastic dance music video and it really shows how enthusiastic these kids are about performing and getting creative.

**High 5 Indoor Soccer:** The Rec decided on running Indoor Soccer for the first spring sport of our popular High 5 Sports program. The afternoon session had 13 registrants and our evening session had a total of 18 registrants. We had many inquiries with soccer being a popular sport among these families and many families are excited for the return of the outdoor sports programs. Our next sport will be the very popular t-ball program that is set to begin in May.



**Play & Stay After-School Program:** The Before and After School numbers saw a bump up from the previous few months. Special activities included a rainbow scavenger hunt, skittle sorting minute to win it, March Madness- basketball skills and Riddles/ mad-libs. Enrichments offered for the month were Sports and games, Pokémon Club, Art Club, Dance and Movement and we introduced a trip to the library. The Recreation Department is excited to establish a more involved working relationship with the library. Many of our kids in the program were able to get library cards for the first time and they enjoyed checking out books throughout the month. We will continue this with a new group in April. Overall, we

continue to have issues with student behavior and were recently approved to use CDBG funds to hire 1-1 staff to help support this.

## **Summer Camp:**

Camp Wanna Iguana registration began on March 7<sup>th</sup> for residents and March 14<sup>th</sup> for non-residents. We had a great kick off with registration numbers climbing throughout the month, by the time the last week of March came we had sold out in nearly every age group. Currently we have 61 children registered in Rec 1

with 19 children on the waitlist. In Rec 2 we have 60 children registered and 14 children on the waitlist, and in Rec 3 we have 57 children registered, just 3 shy of the being sold out. Lastly, we have 40 children registered for the Teen Turf program with 10 children on the waitlist. Our field trip packages are nearly sold out as well with almost 15 children registered in each program. This is all great news considering we had to increase the camp rate quite a bit in order to increase the staff hourly rates in order to stay competitive. and it looks like we have the potential to have similar numbers as we did in 2019 prior to COVID, but this will only be the case should we be able to staff the program like we have in the past! Again, staffing is our biggest concern.

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

**Beech Street Facility:** As reported last month we are still waiting for quotes on flooring. The Elementary school is going to provide us with the same flooring company they used for the new NES school gym which I realized on a recent visit to the NES gym is same type of floor we are looking for. We are also looking for prices for a mini split. The current heating and AC units are very dated. In the meantime, Beech Street Extension building rentals continued to be slow with only 2 party reservations this month.

**Fit & Fun Room:** Our Fit and Fun Room rentals continued to be steady after our February Big 2 Do promotion, with 20 bookings during the month. In addition, we have been getting phone calls about booking the Gazebo for spring birthday parties so those reservations have been picked up again on Saturday's.

**Skate Board Park:** Rick Malasky and the Rec team met last week and it has been decided that 3 of the skateboard park ramps will be removed due to safety issues. We do have several plans for a new park from American Ramp Company with similar type features, however, after speaking to other Recreation and Park Departments at various conferences, they say that concrete parks are the way to go. Unfortunately, they were a lot more expensive. The Rec team is having a hard time justifying spending 300K on a new park that has no return on investment when the same 20 kids who currently use it refuse to take care of the park. We find litter and junk dumped all over the park every day and it is quite discouraging. Some might say well, if there is a new skate park the kids might take better care of it then. (see Basketball Court write up below)

**Basketball Court / Pickle Ball Court:** As was previously reported last year, we spent over \$15,000 of Rec revolving money to resurface the basketball court and pour a concrete foundation where the grass didn't grow between the building and the basketball court. We also added pickle ball lines. The problem is that now that spring is here the basketball court is getting used more than ever before – which is great news! We can only attribute this increased usage to the new basketball court surface. It truly looks great. Unfortunately, every morning when we get to work, we walk out to the basketball court and trash and litter is all over the place. We have two trash barrels inside the court and the kids refuse to use them. We now have had to resort to going out there each afternoon and tell the kids that the court is off-limits until it's cleaned up, hoping they might learn something. They don't. So even if we invest in a new skate board park, we fear it will be the same result, and that nothing will change. In May we plan to open up the pickle ball courts for morning play and we are not looking forward to the pickle ball player's response to the trash they will discover each morning and will need to pick up before they can even play.

**Spring Field Scheduling:** The Newmarket Recreation fields have booked up quickly. High School teams are just starting to get out as the grass dries and the new baseball outfield fence has been installed. The field bathroom facility opened at the end of the month. PD has expressed concerns about leaving them unlocked,

though with many games and birthdays (gazebo rentals) taking place on weekends or after hours it would be difficult to do. In addition to the school teams of softball, baseball, track and Special Olympics track, we have NYAA softball, baseball, a new spring soccer team and men's and women's softball will also be playing as usual.

## Sunrise Sunset Activity Center



**Special Events:** Annual special events at the Sunrise Center are making their return. This month we held our Annual Casino Day with the help of the Rec staff, practicum students from UNH, and volunteers from our local community. This event offers casino-style gameplay such as Black Jack & Poker, Roulette, Horse Racing and more. Participants accumulate poker chips throughout the afternoon while having fun socializing and playing casino games. At the end of the day, the poker chips are cashed-in for raffle tickets, which are then used to win a variety of donated prizes. With the lively reporting of the play-by-play at the horse race table combined with the enthusiastic participants, the room was full of energy and good vibes. Our next annual special event on the calendar is our April

Opening Day at Fenway Celebration, which has been absent since 2019. Our members are really looking forward to this beloved sporting event with all the baseball festivities including classic ballpark food and the live game on the big screen.



**Entertainment Bus Trips:** St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in style this year at the Danversport Yacht Club with lunch and an Irish music show featuring the very talented Celtic Knights and Angels from Dublin. The menu of Corned Beef or Baked Scrod, with all the sides, was followed by traditional Irish song and dance, which made for an entertaining afternoon for our group and the 400 other attendees. A Sunday theater trip to Garrison Players Arts Center in Rollinsford, with a lunch stop at Fogarty's Restaurant, was very popular. We had 20 people join us on the bus and in their own cars for a hilarious afternoon of zany humor. The British farce, *Run For Your Wife*, was a great success providing everyone with much-needed comic relief.

**Adventure Bus Trips:** Our second adventure with NH Conservationist Dick Lutz, took place this month with *Birding Around Plum Island*. We met Dick at the Visitor's Center at the Parker River National Refuge in Newburyport where he joined us on the Rec bus and directed us to various bird sites on the island. We made several stops throughout the day trekking boardwalks, paths, and the beautiful shoreline, seeking birds to add to our identity list. We completed the outing with over 20 sightings with highlights of a Snowy Owl nestled in a sand dune and a flock of 60 Brant Geese at the water's edge as they worked their way



North. The popularity of these outings has organically formed a new Sunrise Club, which we have humorously named *Bird Brains*. We'll continue to organize and plan outings around birding & wildlife activities in the coming months and Dick has generously offered to lead our group to other destinations this spring.

**Random Acts of Art Club:** The Random Acts of Art Club has experienced consistent attendance on Monday mornings over the past few weeks. We have a group of 12-15 crafters on a regular basis participating in card-making workshops, Mandala Dot painting and the newly donated art boxes from the Arts for Angel's program. Those projects have focused on introducing new mediums such as watercolors, acrylics and pastels to our group. There appears to be a real interest in elevating our art offerings and we're currently looking into planning more fine art lessons for our older adults. Many of our members have dabbled in painting and expressed interest in developing their painting skills.

**Exercising is back!** Several of our Bone Builders members have returned to the center this month bringing the class up to 20 participants on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We expect to have a few snowbirds return in the near future as well. There are still a dozen members that prefer to participate at home with volunteer leaders on Zoom twice a week. In the coming weeks we anticipate the return of other programs such as Mat and Chair Yoga, Trail Walkers and we'll be introducing the new program,

**The Smarty P.A.N.T.S. Club,** The Smarty P.A.N.T.S. Club is a new program which focuses on the ins and outs of using Instagram.

These activities and more will begin in the spring as we continue to meet the requests of our Sunrise members.

Respectfully submitted by

Aimee Gigandet and the Rec Staff

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## WELFARE

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In March Newmarket Town Welfare Department supported clients in need with assistance and referrals to appropriate resources and for their emergency basic household or needs to support life and health and for final expenses. In March we processed 9 (nine) completed welfare applications, resulting in determinations of eligibility. Many inquiries were for clients seeking referrals to State resources and direction on how to access other programs and secure Housing. Apartments are extremely competitive if available, most landlords or complexes have waiting lists, and are being inundated with families seeking affordable rental who may already currently reside in Newmarket trying to maintain their residency due to the volatile real estate market.

We continue to work with those who are homeless or who have housing issues and collaborate with worked with other agencies to provide offers of shelter placements for residents. As stated in the first paragraph apartments are ridiculously hard to find in Newmarket or the Seacoast Region and even harder to secure when your income is limited, you have credit issues, or you have an eviction on your record. Property owners can sell properties in the real estate upswing, renovate and then price tenants out- this is an ongoing issue for many of our clientele, and further depletes the affordable housing in Town. A client reported a one bedroom for \$2300 in Newmarket this month. When people are economically vulnerable, there are no other available housing to refer them too we must refer them to a shelter. In March we secured space in shelters for three families.

As I have previously shared anyone who has driven through Newmarket is aware if you are able bodied, there are many opportunities for full time work in the Newmarket Community. The issue my clients often share is that even with the higher wages being paid, or sign on bonus offered, these individuals are still not able to pay for basic needs. Inflation, higher food, heat, and gas prices are really starting to have hurt or impact our clients the most economically vulnerable in the community or those that are elderly, disabled or facing a sudden life changing illness. We have families or individuals who drive to Massachusetts to work who now must budget another \$200 per month for gas depending upon their vehicles and this is hurting their family's food budget. This department relies heavily on the support of the strong partnerships and collaborations that are in place from other agencies that help those in need, as Town Welfare is a fund of last resort. Town Welfare is a fund of last resort and to be utilized after all other resources have been exhausted.

Newmarket is deeply indebted to all the work of the Newmarket Community Church and the generosity of their volunteers and their food pantry as well as all their programs of support to those in need which reduce the financial burdens on the Town. The applicant must assume the initiative and responsibility in following through to becoming economically self-sufficient when they are capable. As we get into the spring and summer months, we are hearing more about possible evictions due to property sales, in this market with inadequate affordable rentals. This office other

area Towns is concerned about the impact on the escalating number of families who are finding themselves teetering on the edge of housing insecurity with limited financial resources, dwindling dwelling units and competing against the UNH student for housing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Thibodeau

Welfare Director

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# LIBRARY

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## March 2022 Report

Every Wednesday approximately ten children from the Newmarket Recreation Department's afterschool program visited the library with two staff members to check-out books and enjoy a craft. One week resident Nan Foster stopped by with her therapy dog Thelma to also share a book with the kids. We are grateful for this growing partnership with the Recreation Department and have continued these popular weekly visits during the month of April.

The 2022 National Library Week, "Connect with your Library" took place from April 3 – 9. This annual event celebrates the contributions of the nation's libraries and is marked by special events. This year the Newmarket Public Library co-hosted a special visit to the Portsmouth Athenaeum with the Sunrise Sunset Center. 19 participants enjoyed a private tour of the library with Keeper, Tom Hardiman and learned more about the origins of the library's historical collections. On 4/7 we hosted a virtual author program with Gigi Georges who wrote *Downeast*, which 9 people attended. We were also pleased to host a custom StoryWalk "Remembering Wentworth Cheswill" by resident John Herman. The timing coincides with the Cheswill's 276<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 11. Visitors are encouraged to leave their comments about the life and legacy of Wentworth Cheswill on the Library's idea wall. Because Cheswill created the first library in Newmarket, children are invited to leave their suggestions of which books they would include if they were to create a circulating library.

- Recent virtual programs included:
  - "Votes for Women: A History of the Suffrage Movement" with Liz Tentarelli sponsored by NH Humanities on 3/7. (17 participants)
  - "Songs of Emigration: Storytelling through Traditional Irish Music" with Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki sponsored by NH Humanities on 3/14. (18 participants)
  - Blooming Newmarket and NPL collaborated to offer a virtual program on winter sowing with Kathy Lockhardt. 31 attendees learned how to start seeds in winter using recycled materials. This program is available for viewing on demand at <https://youtu.be/WpcAKgvONhA>
  - The Town of Newmarket and Revision Energy presented the virtual program, "Solarize Newmarket: Solar 101" to explain more about the benefits of solar energy and the community discount program for Newmarket residents. (24 attendees). This program is available for viewing on demand at <https://youtu.be/xWmjiMGBjuc>
  - "Russia, the United States, and the War in Ukraine" with Kurk Dorsey, Chair of the Department of History at the University of New Hampshire on 3/24. (49 participants)

This program is available for viewing on demand at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXQBdMHLZgg>

- Courtesy of the Friends of the Newmarket Public Library during March 18 people (including a group from Newmarket Rec) enjoyed a virtual concert with Ed Morgan (a.k.a. “The Music Man”). 10 enthusiastic chefs and their caregivers also learned how to make healthy muffins at our second virtual Kids in the Kitchen session with Misa Pignataro.
- Weekly Wednesday story times have continued to draw a steady crowd. On April 6<sup>th</sup> we launched “Mother Goose on the Loose,” an early literacy program for babies and toddlers to age 3, which was funded by the IMLS “Grants to States” program through the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and facilitated by the NH State Library. The program includes music, activities and stories that address early literacy goals. Through this grant funding the Library has also been able to purchase a puppet theater, toy castle, and early learning backpacks for our younger patrons. We look forward to expanding our audience of library users through this enhanced programming and expanded play space.

Forthcoming programs include:

- The final program in the Newmarket Public Library’s four-part series entitled “Our World” will take place via Zoom on 4/26 at 6:00pm with a discussion of Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future by Elizabeth Kolbert.
- “African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire during the American Revolution with Glenn Knoblock sponsored by NH Humanities will take place via Zoom on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This talk will feature two Newmarket patriots, Wentworth Cheswill and Reuben Roberts.

### **Community Read**

The Plaistow Public Library received a major grant from NH Humanities to offer a collaborative community read of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford, which included nine other New Hampshire libraries. We are so fortunate that the Newmarket Public Library was included among the community partners. A press release about the project is available at <https://bitterinjustice.wordpress.com/blog-2/> Information about Newmarket’s related events can be found on the Library’s website at <https://newmarketlibrary.org/newmarket-reads-2022.html>

On 3/9 I made a presentation about highlights from the Newmarket Public Library to the Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay. I welcome the opportunity to talk with individuals and/or groups about the wonderful services available at the Newmarket Public Library!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Cronin, Library Director