

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**OF THE TOWN OF**  
**JEFFERSON, NH**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

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## TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Jason Call
SELECTMEN	Kevin Meehan, <i>Chair</i> Norman Brown Terri Larcomb
TREASURER	Cheryl Meehan
TAX COLLECTOR	Jennifer Kenison
TOWN CLERK	Linda Cushman
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Cheryl Meehan Debbie Dubois Christine Smith
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Hank Verret, <i>Director</i>
PLANNING BOARD	Robert Roy, <i>Chairman</i>
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	Kim Perry, <i>Chairman</i>
FIRE CHIEF	Chris Milligan
HEALTH OFFICER	Chris Milligan
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS	Jason Call Cheryl Marshall Michael Meehan
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Elizabeth Milligan, <i>Chair</i> Brenda Roy Jeannie Kenison Leslie Seppala Betty Bovio
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Govatski, <i>Chairman</i>

## **WARRANT 2026 TOWN MEETING**

### **THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You hereby notified to meet at the Jefferson Community Center/Town Office 178 Meadows Rd. in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next, at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote)\*\*

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Jefferson Land Use Ordinance as proposed by the Jefferson Planning Board as follows – Amend Article III, Section 1, Permitted Uses and Section 2, Permitted Uses by Special Exception, and Article XI, Accessory Dwelling Uses as required by recent changes to state law by making Accessory Dwelling Units (“ADUs”) a use permitted by right, instead of by special exception; amending the definition of ADU; increasing the maximum size of ADUs to 950 square feet; and removing the requirement for an interior door between an attached ADU and the principal dwelling unit. (ballot vote)\*\*

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Jefferson Land Use Ordinance as proposed by the Jefferson Planning Board as follows – Amend Article III, Section 1, Permitted Uses to clarify that only accessory buildings incidental to permitted uses are permitted. (ballot vote) \*\*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,334,352 for general municipal operations for the ensuing year. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Select Board recommend.

\$75,000 Highway Vehicle CRF

\$5,000 Highway Repair & Maintenance CRF

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established at Town Meeting 1996 to reflect to include not only the Purchase of Road Machinery and Snow Removal Equipment but also to allow for expenditures for Road Machinery and Snow Removal Equipment Maintenance, making the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund be for Purchase and Maintenance of Road Machinery and Snow Removal

Equipment. Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectman as agents to expend from the fund. (2/3 vote required)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund, Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Building Capital Reserve Fund established at Town Meeting 1996 to reflect to include not only the maintenance of Town Buildings but also to allow for expenditures for the maintenance of Town Grounds, making the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund be for Maintenance of Town Buildings and Grounds. Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (2/3 vote required)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Select Board recommend.

\$2,000 Dump Closure CRF  
\$2,000 Transfer Station CRF

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Select Board recommend.

\$75,000 Fire Truck CRF \$5,000 Fire Station CRF  
\$10,000 Fire Dept. Equipment CRF

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established at Town Meeting 1996 to include not only the Purchase of Fire Trucks but also to allow for expenditures for Fire Truck Maintenance, making the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund be for Purchase and Maintenance of Fire Trucks. Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (2/3 vote required)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Airport Road Capital Reserve Fund. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Cemetery Repair Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, adjusting, and cleaning the gravestones and markers in the Town Cemeteries. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 14:** To establish a Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining two 20" x 30" radar traffic

calming speed alert signs to be placed on Rt. 2 Presidential Highway where the speed limit reduces to 30 MPH. to be known as Radar Traffic Speed Alert Signs Purchase and Maintenance, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in this fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Supervisors of the Checklists' salaries from \$260 to \$500 and to raise the sum of \$720 for this purpose. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Treasurer's salary from \$3075 to \$4,000 and to raise the sum of \$925 for this purpose. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Moderator stipend from \$236 to \$600 and raise the sum of \$364 for this purpose. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a which authorizes the Select Board to buy and sell land or buildings, and to demolish or otherwise dispose of buildings, after review and comment by the planning board and the conservation commission, and 2 public hearings. Regardless of the adoption of RSA 41:14-a, the Selectmen shall have no authority to sell town-owned conservation land, any part of a town forest, or any real estate that has been given to the town for charitable or community purposes. Once adopted, these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the town at any duly warned meeting. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 19:** (If Article 18 does not pass) To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell the Old Library Property located at 737 Presidential Highway, Tax Map 5A Lot 37 on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem advisable. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to grant to Waumbek Partners, LLC an easement over property owned by the Town located at Presidential Highway, Tax Map 5A Lot 45A to access property located at Meadows Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 4B on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem advisable. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will authorized the Select Board to grant Ben and Koryn Ingerson an easement over property owned by the Town located at 178 Meadows Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 6 to access landlocked property located at Meadows Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 8 on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem advisable. Select Board recommend.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 72:76 to exempt new commercial and new industrial construction from local school and municipal taxation for a period of 5 years. This will exempt 100% of the value of such new construction. If approved, the authority to grant such exemptions shall begin April 1, 2026, and expire 5 years from the date of Town Meeting approval, unless readoption by a later Town Meeting. In the event this is not readopted, exemptions granted prior to the expiration of this authority shall remain in place for their full term. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bonds approved in 2020 for moving the town offices into the former school building and opening the space to the Jefferson Town Library (Article 2 & 3), and to raise and appropriate \$198,000 in unused bond proceeds for the purpose of constructing a new fire station per RSA 33:3-a, II. No amount of money needs to be raised by taxation. (2/3 ballot vote required) Recommendations required.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Solar Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, approximately \$103,670.57, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,676,040 to construct a new fire station. Of this sum \$198,000 will come from the unused bond proceeds referenced in Article 23, \$1,354,695 will come from unreserved fund balance (including \$103,670.57 from the dissolved Solar Capital Reserve Fund in Article 24, and \$1,251,024.43 in remaining fire insurance money), \$67,997 will be withdrawn from the Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund; and \$55,348 will be withdrawn from the Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is contingent on Articles 23 and 24 passing. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes in accordance to RSA 80:52-a.

**ARTICLE 27:** To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

A True Copy: ATTEST

KEVIN M. MEEHAN, *Chair*  
NORMAN A. BROWN, *Member*  
TERRI LARCOMB, *Member*  
*Select Board, Town of Jefferson, NH*

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2026 (MS-636)**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Expenditures For Period Ending 12/31/25</b>	<b>Approp. For Period Ending 12/31/25</b>	<b>Prop. Approp. For Period Ending 12/31/26 (Recom.)</b>
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>				
Executive	04	\$110,875	\$121,511	\$126,824
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	23,252	34,065	31,155
Financial Administration	04	47,283	53,524	55,024
Property Assessment	04	27,273	35,000	50,000
Legal Expense	04	10,498	10,000	10,000
Planning and Zoning	04	10,209	37,850	19,500
General Government Buildings	04	77,101	109,187	88,000
Cemeteries	04	15,804	19,250	18,750
Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	04	69,033	83,067	93,472
Other General Government	04	28,239	15,200	25,200
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$419,567</b>	<b>\$518,654</b>	<b>\$517,925</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>				
Police	04	20,172	22,850	26,150
Ambulances	04	67,795	67,795	78,225
Fire	04	111,481	118,309	132,553
Emergency Management	04	878	850	1,055
Other Public Safety	04	17,880	16,400	16,600
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$218,206</b>	<b>\$226,204</b>	<b>\$254,583</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u></b>				
Highways and Streets	04	200,569	239,100	237,083
Bridges	04	0	500	7,000
Street Lighting	04	3,934	3,000	2,200
Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	04	22,335	28,800	36,800
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>		<b>\$226,838</b>	<b>\$271,400</b>	<b>\$283,083</b>
<b><u>SANITATION</u></b>				
Solid Waste Disposal	04	133,853	153,500	191,350
Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	04	12,900	10,000	10,000
Sewage Collection and Disposal		2,480	0	0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$149,233</b>	<b>\$163,500</b>	<b>\$201,350</b>
<b><u>HEALTH</u></b>				
Health Agencies and Hospitals	04	10,134	10,161	10,135
<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$10,134</b>	<b>\$10,161</b>	<b>\$10,135</b>
<b><u>WELFARE</u></b>				
Direct Assistance	04	0	3,000	3,000
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b><u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u></b>				
Parks and Recreation	04	7,202	13,150	5,500
Library	04	46,603	50,523	49,376
Patriotic Purposes	04	8,000	8,000	9,000
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$61,805</b>	<b>\$71,673</b>	<b>\$63,876</b>

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<b><u>CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT</u></b>				
Conservation Administration	04	660	330	400
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$660</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>				
Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	04	0	4,000	0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u></b>				
Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		4,514	0	0
Buildings		53,911	0	0
Improvements Other than Buildings		23,128	0	0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$81,553</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>				<b>\$1,334,352</b>

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Proposed Appropriations For Period Ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)</b>
To Capital Reserve Funds <i>Purpose: Raise and appropriate Highway Department CRF's</i>	05	\$80,000
To Capital Reserve Funds <i>Purpose: Raise and appropriate Buildings CRF</i>	07	\$25,000
To Capital Reserve Funds <i>Purpose: Raise and appropriate Transfer Station CRF's</i>	09	\$4,000
To Capital Reserve Funds <i>Purpose: Raise and appropriate Fire Department CRF's</i>	10	\$90,000
To Capital Reserve Funds <i>Purpose: Raise and appropriate Airport Road CRF</i>	12	\$10,000
To Capital Reserve Funds <i>Purpose: Establish Capital Reserve Fund for purchase and maintenance for radar traffic speed alert signs</i>	14	\$12,000
To Expendable Trusts <i>Purpose: Raise and appropriate Cemetery ETF</i>	13	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>		<b>\$271,000</b>
Executive <i>Purpose: Increase Moderator Stipend</i>	17	\$364
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics <i>Purpose: Increase Supervisors of the Checklists' Salary</i>	15	\$720
Financial Administration <i>Purpose: To Increase Treasurer's Salary</i>	16	\$925
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES</b>		<b>\$2,009</b>

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**REVENUES**

<b>Source of Revenue</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Actual Revenues For Period Ending 12/31/25</b>	<b>Estimated Revenues For Period Ending 12/31/25</b>	<b>Estimated Revenues for Period Ending 12/31/26</b>
<b><u>TAXES</u></b>				
Land Use Change Taxes for				
General Fund	04	\$12,425	\$1,000	\$3,000
Yield Taxes	04	11,917	10,000	8,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	04	22,610	22,610	22,700
Excavation Tax	04	28	28	30
Other Taxes	04	2,282	1,500	4,025
Interest and Penalties on				
Delinquent Taxes	04	13,487	12,000	12,850
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$62,749</b>	<b>\$47,138</b>	<b>\$50,605</b>
<b><u>LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES</u></b>				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	382,333	355,000	375,000
Building Permits	04	890	600	850
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	7,878	5,000	7,100
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$391,101</b>	<b>\$360,600</b>	<b>\$382,950</b>
<b><u>STATE SOURCES</u></b>				
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	105,360	105,000	110,000
Highway Block Grant	04	47,589	40,000	50,000
State and Federal Forest Land				
Reimbursement	04	18,060	18,145	1,500
Railroad Tax Distribution	04	104	104	17,605
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$171,113</b>	<b>\$163,249</b>	<b>\$179,105</b>
<b><u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u></b>				
Income from Departments	04	205	130	270
Other Charges	04	10,127	10,000	10,000
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>		<b>\$10,332</b>	<b>\$10,130</b>	<b>\$10,270</b>
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u></b>				
Sale of Municipal Property	04	3,750	1,400	7,000
Interest on Investments	04	3,690	2,500	3,000
Revenue from Misc. Sources				
Not Otherwise Classified	04	140,028	20,000	22,700
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>		<b>\$147,468</b>	<b>\$23,900</b>	<b>\$32,700</b>
<b><u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u></b>				
From Sewer Proprietary Fund		2,480	0	0
From Capital Reserve Funds		18,561	0	0
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		4,125	0	0
<b>Other Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>		<b>\$88,166</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>		<b>\$870,929</b>	<b>\$605,017</b>	<b>\$655,630</b>

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Period Ending 12/31/2026</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,334,352
Special Warrant Articles	271,000
Individual Warrant Articles	<u>2,009</u>
Total Appropriations	\$1,607,361
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	<u>655,630</u>
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$951,731</b>

KEVIN M. MEEHAN, *Chair*  
NORMAN A. BROWN, *Member*  
TERRI LARCOMB, *Member*  
*Select Board, Town of Jefferson, NH*

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	Number of Acres	2025 Assessed Valuation
<b>LAND</b>		
Current Use (at current use value)	16,667.74	\$ 793,462.00
Residential (improved & unimproved)	3,690.18	45,261,200.00
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use	463.65	2,151,900.00
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE LAND</b>	<b>20,821.57</b>	<b>\$ 48,206,562.00</b>
<b>BUILDINGS</b>		
Residential		94,069,900.00
Manufactured Housing		4,408,200.00
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use		12,093,000.00
<b>TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS</b>		<b>\$110,571,100.00</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Eversource		5,523,800.00
Portland Pipeline Corporation		2,555,900.00
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$ 8,079,700.00</b>
<b>VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>\$166,857,362.00</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>		
Blind		0
Elderly (10)		400,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>
<b>NET VALUE FOR LOCAL TAX COMPUTATION</b>		<b>\$166,457,362.00</b>
Less Utilities		8,079,700.00
<b>NET VALUE FOR STATE TAX COMPUTATION</b>		<b>\$158,377,662.00</b>

Land Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable - 9,446.72 Acres  
 Value - \$15,511,298  
 Buildings Tax Exempt Non-Taxable Value - \$2,348,200  
 Veteran's Tax Credits for RSA's 72:28, 72:35 & 72:28-c  
 Total Veteran's Tax Credits (54) \$28,200

## TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Gross Town Appropriations	\$ 1,531,922
Add Veteran Credit	28,200
Add Overlay	9,508
Less Revenues & Voted Surplus	-613,731
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	-400,000
Net Town Appropriations	555,899
Add School Appropriations	2,642,930
Less Adequate Education Grant	-266,266
Less State Education Tax	-263,185
Add County Appropriations	659,491
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$3,328,869</b></u>
Less Shared Revenues	0
LOCAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	3,328,869
STATE EDUCATION TAX TO BE RAISED	263,185
<b>TOTAL TAXES BEING RAISED</b>	<u><b>\$3,592,054</b></u>

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - local valuation 166,457,362 times 20.00 per thousand equals 3,329,147.24, state education tax, local valuation less utilities 158,377,662 times 1.66 per thousand equals 262,906.92 (20.00 + 1.66 = 21.66)

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### TAXES

Property Taxes	\$3,512,845
Land Use Change Tax	12,425
Yield Taxes	11,917
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	22,610
Excavation Taxes	28
Sewer Tax	2,282
Penalties & Interest	13,487

### LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicles	382,333
Building Permits	890
Other Licenses and Permits	7,878

### FROM STATE AND FEDERAL

Rooms and Meals Tax	105,360
Highway Block Grant	47,589
UCC Township	915
Statewide Check List	200
US Fish & Wildlife	16,945
NH Railroad	104

### INCOME FROM DEPT

Copying	40
Dump Stickers	65
NSF Check Return Fee	100

### FEES COLLECTED

Town Clerk Fees	10,127
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### SALE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Cemetery Lot	1,600
Repurchase Deed	1,750
FD Equipment Sale	400

### INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS

Interest Earned	3,690
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**MISC. REVENUE SOURCES**

FEMA Storm Reimbursement (2024)	96,391
Town of Whitefield Airport Road Reimbursement	6,600
State Vital Records	330
Sale of Scrap Metal	2,463
Grant (Library)	5,000
Police Special	6,701
Historical Society Lease	2,400
Parking Lot Rent	-
Fire Dept Reimbursement	3,540
JCC Rental	1,203
NHRS Reimbursement	497
NRRA Stipend	100
Retainer Reimbursement Fire Claim	1,318
Incentive for Street Light Project	2,600
Solar Credits	594
State Solar Grant	9,680
Misc. Refund	613

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Sewer Fund	2,480
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**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

Highway CRF	23,128
Highway Vehicle CRF	491
Building CRF	51,936
Fire Station CRF	1,975
Fire Equipment CRF	4,023
Broadband CRF Dissolve Interest	8

**TRUST & AGENCY**

Cemetery Trust	4,125
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES</b>	<b><u>\$4,383,776</u></b>

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 110,875
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	25,252
Financial Administration	47,283
Revaluation	27,273
Legal	10,498
Planning Board	6,247
Zoning Board	3,962
Town Hall & Other Government Buildings	77,101
Cemeteries	15,804
Insurances	69,033
Other Government	28,239

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	20,172
(6,700.80 Reimbursed)	
Ambulance Service	67,795
Fire	111,481
Health Officer	878
EMS	17,880

### HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Highway Department	200,569
Gravel	22,335
Street Lighting	3,934
Bridge Work	0
Paving	0

### SANITATION

Solid-Waste Disposal and Recycling	133,853
Landfill Monitoring & Groundwater Plans	12,900

### SEWAGE COLLECTION & OTHER

Sewer Disposal	2,480
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### HEALTH

North Country Home Health & Hospice	5,684
Food Bank	2,000
White Mountain Mental Health	1,400
Red Cross	500
Center for New Beginnings	250
St. Paul's Church Back Pack Program	300

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**WELFARE**

Direct Assistance 0

**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Park and Recreation 7,202  
Library 46,603  
Patriotic Purposes 8,000

**CONSERVATION**

Conservation Commission 660

**CAPITAL OUTLAY OTHER THAN BUILDINGS**

Highway Vehicle 491  
Fire Equipment 4,023  
Highway Maintenance 23,128

**CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDINGS**

Fire Station 1,975  
Buildings 51,936

**INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds 231,000  
Transfer to Expendable Trust 54,000

**PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Taxes Paid to County 659,491  
Taxes Paid to School District 2,517,517

**TOTAL** \$4,630,006

**BALANCE SHEET**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Cash	\$1,061,926	\$2,482,448
Investments	1,138,959	1,159,351
Taxes	399,251	406,243
Accounts	-	-
Interfund Receivable	124,143	265,435
Due from Other Governments	81,163	9,657
Due from Other Funds	-	-
Other Current Assets	-	-
Prepaid Items	<u>23,702</u>	<u>25,704</u>
Tax Deeded Properties	<u>12,316</u>	<u>12,316</u>
<b>Current Assets Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,841,460</b>	<b>\$4,361,154</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Warrants & Accounts Payable	53,752	42,562
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	8,845	3,246
Intergovernmental Payable	712,216	1,258,759
Interfund Payable	131,940	265,435
Notes Payable-Current	<u>855,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Current Liabilities Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,761,753</b>	<b>\$1,570,002</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>		
Non-Spendable Fund Balance	478,794	480,796
Restricted Fund Balance	119,648	154,489
Committed Fund Balance	644,858	911,505
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>340,986</u>	<u>995,505</u>
<b>Fund Equity Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,584,286</b>	<b>\$2,542,295</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$2,841,460.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,361,154.00</u></b>

\*Audited 2024

## **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Town Parking Lots	\$ 68,500
Town Owned Land	88,500
Old Library, Land and Buildings	135,800
Library JCC Furniture, Equipment, Books	125,000
Police Department	5,000
Fire Department, Building & Land	152,000
Equipment	1,203,000
Highway Department, Garage Building	69,500
Equipment	525,369
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	119,400
Gravel Pit	71,200
Solid Waste Facility	68,600
Cemeteries	164,600
Deeded Property	390,900
JCC Building & Land	933,200
Furniture and Equipment	250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$4,370,569</u></b>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)

For the Period Beginning Jan. 1, 2025 end Ending Dec. 31, 2025

	<u>LEVY FOR YEAR OF THIS REPORT</u>	<u>PRIOR LEVIES 2024</u>	<u>2022+</u>
<b>DR.</b>			
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES</b>			
<b>BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>			
Property Taxes		\$384,888.31	
Other Taxes		1,698.00	\$ 326.00
Other Tax or Charges			
Credit Balance	(\$2,210.24)		
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>			
Property Taxes	\$3,566,984.12		
Land Use Change Taxes	21,925.00		
Yield Taxes	11,932.36		
Excavation Tax	27.72		
Other Taxes	3,002.00		
<b>OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS</b>			
Property Taxes	4,163.79		
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	2,171.55	7,319.84	98.04
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<u><u>\$3,607,996.30</u></u>	<u><u>\$393,906.15</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 424.04</u></u>

	<u>LEVY FOR YEAR OF THIS REPORT</u>	<u>PRIOR LEVIES 2024</u>	<u>2022+</u>
<b>CR.</b>			
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>			
Property Taxes	\$3,121,320.28	\$339,699.36	
Land Use Change Taxes	12,425.00		
Yield Taxes	11,916.77		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	2,096.55	5,897.34	\$ 98.04
Penalties	75.00	1,422.50	
Excavation Tax	27.72		
Other Taxes	1,304.00	652.00	326.00
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		46,234.95	
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE</b>			
Property Taxes	16,155.62		
Yield Taxes	15.59		
Current Levy Deeded	3,588.00		
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR</b>			
Property Taxes	447,576.43		
Land Use Change Taxes	9,500.00		
Other Taxes	1,698.00		
Other Tax or Charges			
Credit Balance	(19,702.66)		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<u><u>\$3,607,996.30</u></u>	<u><u>\$393,906.15</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 424.04</u></u>

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)

### Lien Summary

	<u>2024</u>	<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b> <u>2023</u>	<u>2022+</u>
<b>SUMMARY OF DEBITS</b>			
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$23,818.96	\$18,535.92
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$48,578.29		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	<u>1,364.50</u>	<u>1,168.49</u>	<u>3,207.80</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<u><b>\$49,942.79</b></u>	<u><b>\$24,987.45</b></u>	<u><b>\$21,743.72</b></u>
	<u>2024</u>	<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b> <u>2023</u>	<u>2022+</u>
<b>SUMMARY OF CREDITS</b>			
Redemptions	\$22,996.34	\$ 5,476.62	\$11,494.80
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,364.50	1,168.49	3,207.80
Liens Deeded to Municipality	7,504.41	6,703.34	7,041.12
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	<u>18,077.54</u>	<u>11,639.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<u><b>\$49,942.79</b></u>	<u><b>\$24,987.45</b></u>	<u><b>\$21,743.72</b></u>

Respectfully Submitted,

JENNIFER KENISON  
*Tax Collector*

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Office of the Town Clerk collected \$398,996.08 for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2025 for vehicle registrations, along with Clerk fees in the amount of \$5,166 and Municipal Agent fees in the amount of \$4,950.50 all of which were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

\$5,274 was collected for the Reclamation Trust Fund and \$255 collected for vital records, \$150 for marriage licenses, \$10 for copies and \$2 for filing fee, all of which were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

The amount of \$819.50 was collected for the registration of 134 dogs and 3 kennels, which was also turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

LINDA CUSHMAN  
*Town Clerk*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND**

Cash on hand January 1, 2025		\$1,822,992.45
Received from Tax Collector	\$3,550,608.32	
Received from Town Clerk	400,830.58	
Received from Selectboard	2,664,979.16	
Interest Earned on NOW Account	164.35	
Interest on ICS Account	<u>3,525.39</u>	
	\$6,620,107.80	
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$6,620,107.80</u></b>
		<b><u>\$8,443,100.25</u></b>

**General Fund Disbursements**

Disbursements Per Selectboard's Orders	\$6,419,625.11	
Transfer to RTF	<u>4,877.73</u>	
<b>Total</b>	\$6,424,502.84	<b><u>\$6,424,502.84</u></b>

**2025 General Fund Balance** **\$2,018,597.41**

**RTF**

2024 Balance	\$ 28,799.64	
2025 Deposits	4,877.73	
2025 Interest	<u>25.23</u>	
<b>RTF Balance</b>	\$ 33,702.60	<b>\$ 33,702.60</b>

**RTF CD**

2024 Balance	\$ 30,585.41	
2025 Interest	<u>1,298.51</u>	
<b>2025 RTF CD Balance</b>	\$ 32,415.00	<b>\$ 32,415.00</b>

**Conservation**

2024 Balance	\$ 4,358.13	
Deposit	350.00	
2025 Interest	<u>3.69</u>	
<b>2025 Conservation Balance</b>	\$ 4,711.82	<b>\$ 4,711.82</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

CHERYL MEEHAN  
*Treasurer*

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended 12/31/2025

**Deposits with Passumpsic Bank**

Flora Holmes Fund - River Damage	\$ 20,151.27
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**Total Passumpsic Bank**

**\$ 20,151.27**

**Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool**

Cemetery Care & Perpetual Care	69,009.67
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	3,128.08
H. Hartley Conservation Fund	2,300.02
Honor Roll Fund	2,137.75
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	32,885.00
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	36,007.20
Library Endowment	491,394.71
Sewer Fund	76,234.32

**Capital Reserve & Expendable Trust Funds**

#1 Highway Vehicle	190,162.03
#3 Dump Closure	205,789.02
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	194.94
#6 Fire Truck	127,852.26
#7 Buildings	187,412.13
#9 Highway Repair	16,333.33
#10 Transfer Station	8,835.21
Perambulating Town Lines	20,766.30
Town Library Fund	113.08
Athletic Trust Fund	29,085.03
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	56,748.83
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF	22,505.19
Fire Station CRF	67,997.28
Jefferson Municipal Community Center	1,176.32
Broadband Infrastructure CRF	0.00
Solar Power CRF	103,670.57
Airport Road CRF	20,390.49

**Total Funds in NHPDIP**

**\$1,772,128.77**

**Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2025**

**\$1,792,280.04**

**Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2024**

**\$1,529,416.51**

**Expenditures**

Care of Cemeteries - Perpetual Care & General	2,200.00
Highway Vehicle CRF	491.35
Buildings CRF	51,935.76
Highway Repair & Maintenance CRF	23,127.96
Fire Dept. Equipment	4,022.68
Fire Station CRF	1,975.00
Ben Kenison Fund - WMRHS	1,550.37
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarships	0.00

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Broadband CRF	8.18	
Sewer Fund	2,480.00	
Library Endowment	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 87,791.30</b>
<b>Additions to Funds</b>		
Interest from Passumpsic SB	51.70	
Interest from NHPDIP	64,603.13	
Ben Kenison Fund Donations	1,000.00	
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarship Donations	0.00	
CR#1 Highway Vehicle	75,000.00	
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund	2,000.00	
CR#6 Fire Truck	75,000.00	
CR#7 Buildings	25,000.00	
CR#9 Highway Repair & Maintenance	5,000.00	
CR#10 Transfer Station	2,000.00	
Athletic Trust Fund	4,000.00	
Cemetery Maintenance	50,000.00	
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF	10,000.00	
Fire Station CRF	5,000.00	
Solar Power CRF	22,000.00	
Airport Road CRF	<u>10,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Additions</b>		<b><u>\$ 350,654.83</u></b>
Net Increase/Decrease to all Funds		<u>262,863.53</u>
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2025</b>		<b><u><u>\$1,792,280.04</u></u></b>

*Trustees of Trust Funds*

JASON CALL  
 MICHAEL MEEHAN  
 CHERYL MARSHALL

## DETAILED EXPENSES

### EXECUTIVE

Kevin Mehan	\$ 3,500
Norman Brown	3,000
Terri Larcomb	3,000
Employer FICA	402
Jason Call, Moderator	230
Amanda Simino, Administrative Assistant	68,286
Deborah Debois, Temp. Office Assistant	326
Cynthia Hakansson, Temp. Office Assistant	8,096
Employer FICA	2,256
NH Retirement Company Match	3,608
Executive Mileage	1,289
Executive Training	379
Norton Anti Virus	100
Dues & Memberships	1,899
Office Supplies	3,427
Copier Contract	18
Postage, Envelopes & Box	1,126
Quickbooks	1,922
Phone	721
Office Equipment	818
Microsoft365	100
PO Box Rent	72
IT Service & Equipment	770
Website	529
Advertising	2,886
Gifts/Awards	44
Printing, Town Reports	2,072
Vault Project	-

### TOTAL

110,875

### ELECTION, REGISTRY & VITAL

Linda Cushman, Town Clerk	13,275
Jen Kenison, Deputy Town Clerk	4,093
Cheryl Meehan, Supervisor	254
Deborah Dubois, Supervisor	254
Christine Smith, Supervisor	254
Employer FICA	539
Dog Licenses Fees	394
Auto Registration Fees	-

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Vital Records	249	
Supervisors' Expenses	509	
Supervisors' Postage	10	
Town Clerk Office Supplies	159	
Clerk Convention, Meetings & Dues	500	
Town Clerk Printing	430	
Town Clerk Postage	299	
Telephone	1,086	
Office Equipment	705	
Mileage	<u>243</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23,252</b>

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

Debbie Dubois, Deputy Tax Collector	234	
Jennifer Kenison, Tax Collector	17,048	
Cheryl Meehan, Treasurer	3,000	
Sandra Challinor, Dep. Treasurer	95	
Employer FICA	1,012	
Redemptions	-	
Tax Postage	571	
Record Lien	141	
Software	5,394	
Tax PO Box Rent	72	
Treasurer Miles	400	
Tax Collector Dues & Meeting	1,020	
Tax Office Supplies	2,314	
Tax Mileage	220	
Linda Cushman, Assessing	2,300	
Assessing Office Supplies	-	
Tax Collector Phone	<u>361</u>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>34,183</b>	
Tax Map Conversion/Update	4,100	
Audit	<u>9,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>47,283</b>

**REVALUATION**

Assessing Revaluation	<u>27,273</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>27,273</b>

**LEGAL EXPENSES**

Executive Legal	6,883	
PB Legal	3,070	

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Tax Collector Legal	494	
BOA Legal	<u>50</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,498</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>		
Michelle Gross, Board Secretary	2,317	
Charlene Wheeler, Board Secretary (Fill-in)	481	
Employer FICA	51	
Office Equipment	885	
Plan Abutter AD	1,104	
Planning Dues	644	
Office Supplies	33	
Abutters' Notices	690	
Postage/Envelopes	-	
Handbooks	<u>43</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,247</b>
<b>ZONING</b>		
Charlene Wheeler, Board Secretary	2,625	
Employer FICA	120	
Abutter AD	702	
Office Supplies	64	
Hearing Postage	437	
Postage Other	<u>14</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,962</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>		
Rodney Boudle, Grounds	4,574	
Employer FICA	477	
Grounds Mower Maintenance	444	
Belinda Morrison, JCC Building Maintenance	11,662	
General Government Grounds	13,536	
JCC Trash Removal	1,951	
JCC Alarm Mon.	872	
JCC Alarm Consolidated	1,492	
JCC Heating Pellets	6,176	
JCC Ground Maintenance	5,612	
JCC Electric	1,096	
JCC Building Propane	6,943	
JCC Building Maintenance	14,380	
JCC Internet	5,670	
JCC Gorham Septage Agreement	500	

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JCC Safety Inspection	908	
JCC Generator Maintenance	<u>808</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>77,101</b>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>		
Starr King	2,460	
Indian	630	
Hillside	1,755	
Forrest Vale	3,440	
Riverton	1,200	
Kilkenny View	420	
Rodney Boudle, Kilkenny P/R	1,643	
Employer FICA	64	
Wentworth/Reed	630	
Cemetery Supplies	<u>3,563</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,804</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>		
Worker Compensation	6,478	
Property Liability	30,662	
Health Insurance	<u>31,893</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69,033</b>
<b>OTHER GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>		
Refunds	23,539	
Tires (paid by RTF)	4,034	
Electronic Mileage	<u>666</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28,239</b>
<b>POLICE</b>		
Norman Brown	9,514	
Brian Matson	523	
Norman Brown Special Detail	5,913	
Brian Matson Special Detail (10,672 reimbursed)	-	
Employer FICA	977	
Mileage	1,819	
Equipment	776	
Dispatch	-	
Training	300	
Dues	<u>350</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,172</b>

**AMBULANCE**

Yearly Contract	<u>67,795</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>67,795</b>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Gage Charron	882
Mark Corrigan	5,793
Lawrence Coulter, Jr.	4,402
Joshua Couturier	525
Gracie Green	762
Regan Hite	525
Frederick Ingerson	162
Raymond Lamitola	889
Christopher Miller	1,077
Stephen Miller	2,030
Christopher Milligan, Chief	33,392
Elizabeth Milligan	883
Jacob Morgan	114
William Patnaude	610
Alan Reynolds	1,643
Dylan Ruggles	648
David Savage	3,080
Connor Simino	285
Lucas Simino	254
Henry Verret	1,397
Larry Wells	<u>3,704</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>63,055</b>
Employer FICA	1,889
Electricity	1,639
Building Fuel	3,015
Radio & Pager	2,056
Training	200
Building Repair & Maintenance	500
Fire Prevention	431
Equipment	10,823
Air System	5,000
Vehicle Fuel	2,314
Internet	774
Telephone	761
Building Alarm	1,480
Dispatch	2,500
Generator Maintenance	808

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Building Alarm Monitoring	408	
PO Box Rent	72	
Shop Supplies	966	
Fire Station Safety Inspection	217	
Dues	250	
Rescue 1	884	
Engine I	1,636	
Van	1,011	
Engine II	3,221	
Tanker I	1,252	
Other Equipment Maintenance	<u>4,320</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>111,481</b>
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>		
Health Officer PR, Christopher Milligan	769	
FICA	5	
Training/Dues	<u>105</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>879</b>
<b>EMS</b>		
Cody Green	56	
Gracie Green	1,772	
Stephen Miller	1,030	
Elizabeth Milligan	5,379	
David Savage	310	
Employer FICA	245	
CPR Supplies	400	
Medical Supplies	1,943	
EMS Training	3,954	
EMS Equipment	<u>2,792</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,880</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		
Mike Kenison	71,016	
Jeffrey Broe	20,104	
Richard Brown	8,356	
Marc Dubois (Fill-in)	291	
Employer FICA	3,245	
Employer NH Retirement	4,865	
Garage Propane	3,125	
Electric	1,735	
Garage Fuel	1,343	

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Porta Potty Maintenance	150	
Culverts	9,947	
Pressure Washer Repair & Maintenance	325	
2022 Ford F-600 Repairs & Maintenance	1,479	
Leaf Blower	55	
Trimmer Head	288	
2012 Dodge Repairs & Maintenance	1,447	
2020 Western Star Repairs & Maintenance	3,720	
Backhoe Repairs & Maintenance	531	
JD Excavator Repairs & Maintenance	49	
Mulching Head	840	
Grader Maintenance	3,200	
Vehicle Fuel	14,600	
Proguard Magnesium	19,754	
Chain Saw Repairs & Maintenance	275	
Salt	3,560	
Winter Sand	14,803	
Safety Inspection	109	
Shop Supplies	3,095	
Shop Equipment	1,500	
Hired Equipment	5,263	
Road Signs	1,000	
Porta Potty Purchase	<u>500</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>200,569</b>
<b>BRIDGEWORK</b>		
Bridge Supplies	<u>-</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>		
Street lighting	<u>3,934</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,934</b>
<b>OTHER HIGHWAY</b>		
Crushed Gravel	22,335	
Paving	<u>-</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22,335</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>		
Jimmey Howland	39,932	
Nicholas Kenison	12,863	
Employer FICA	1,528	

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Electricity	998	
Heater Fuel	586	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry Ash	-	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry C&D	16,400	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry MSW	10,800	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry Recycling	28,325	
Disposal C&D	8,959	
Disposal MSW	13,132	
Freon Removal	1,000	
Disposal ASH	-	
Grounds Upkeep	454	
Supplies	166	
Training Certificates	50	
Equipment Maintenance	-	
Safety Inspection	<u>70</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>135,264</b>
<b>LANDFILL MONITOR</b>		
Landfill Monitor	<u>12,900</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,900</b>
<b>SEWAGE COLLECTION &amp; OTHER</b>		
Sewer Disposal	<u>2,480</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,480</b>
<b>HEALTH AGENCIES</b>		
NC Home Health & Hospice	5,684	
Local Food Bank	2,000	
White Mountain Mental Health	1,400	
Center for New Beginnings	250	
Red Cross	500	
St. Pauls Episcopal Church-Back Pack Program	<u>300</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,134</b>
<b>WELFARE</b>		
Direct Assistance	<u>-</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>PARK AND RECREATION</b>		
Electricity	243	
Skating Rink Maint-Skating Rink Stipened	750	
Athletic Building Maintenance	-	
Warming Hut Heating Fuel	-	

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FH Baseball Field Maintenance	1,915	
Outdoor Basketball Hoop	2,898	
Athletic Supplies	286	
Baseball/Softball	<u>1,110</u>	

**TOTAL** **7,202**

**LIBRARY**

Joy McCorkhill	20,291	
Emma Wotton, Assistant	11,121	
Employer FICA	900	
Electricity	274	
Heating Propane	1,736	
Heating Pellets	1,544	
Trustees Allowance	10,000	
Phone	355	
Library Internet	<u>382</u>	

**TOTAL** **46,603**

**PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

4th of July	<u>8,000</u>	
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**TOTAL** **8,000**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Dues	250	
Training	60	
2023 & 2024 Transfers to Conservation Commission Account	<u>350</u>	

**TOTAL** **660**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Highway Vehicle	491	
FD Equipment	<u>4,023</u>	

**TOTAL** **4,514**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Fire Station	1,975	
Buildings	<u>51,936</u>	

**TOTAL** **53,911**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Highway Maintenance	<u>23,128</u>	
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**TOTAL** **23,128**

**TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Transfer (22,000.00 2024 Solar Transfer)	<u>231,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>231,000</b>

**TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUNDS**

Athletic	4,000	
Cemetery	<u>50,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>54,000</b>

**COUNTY TAX**

2025 Payment	<u>659,491</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>659,491</b>

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX**

2025 Payments	<u>2,517,517</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><b>2,517,517</b></u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,631,415</b>

## **VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT 2025**

Balance Forward 1/1/2025	\$6,976.81
Interest	<u>5.56</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,982.37</b>

### **NO EXPENSES**

<b>BALANCE 12/31/2025</b>	<b>\$6,982.37</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,

CHERYL MEEHAN

*Treasurer*

## **JEFFERSON EMS SAVINGS ACCOUNT YEAR END TREASURER'S REPORT 2025**

Balance 1/1/2025	\$ 597.01
Donation	600.00
Interest	<u>.88</u>
	<b>\$1,197.89</b>
<b>NO EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>BALANCE 12/31/2025</b>	<b>\$1,197.89</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
CHERYL MEEHAN  
*Treasurer*

## **GREEN UP JEFFERSON SAVINGS ACCOUNT YEAR END TREASURER'S REPORT 2025**

Balance 1/1/2025	\$656.59
Donation	200.00
Interest	.48
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	<b>\$856.59</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Flowers, Potting Soil & Planters	261.39
Lights	49.97
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<b>BALANCE 12/31/2025</b>	<b>\$545.23</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

CHERYL MEEHAN

*Treasurer*



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Jefferson  
Jefferson, New Hampshire 03583

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Jefferson, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Jefferson as of December 31, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and where applicable, cash flows, and the budget to actual comparison for the General Fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, any significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension related information on pages 30-31 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial

statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Town of Jefferson has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

**Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Jefferson's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

January 3, 2026

*Roberts & Heene, PLLC*

## HIGHWAY REPORT

### Winter Road Maintenance

Salaries

Michael Kenison	\$35,910.16
Jeffrey Broe	15,601.38
Richard Brown	8,356.25
Marc Dubois	<u>211.60</u>

**Total**

**\$60,079.39**

### Summer Road Maintenance

Salaries

Michael Kenison	\$35,105.59
Jeffrey Broe	4,503.11
Richard Brown	0.00
Marc Dubois	<u>79.35</u>

**Total**

**\$39,688.05**

Winter Sand 1,147.50 tons	\$14,802.78
Winter Salt 32.36 tons	<u>3,559.60</u>

**Total**

**\$18,362.38**

Gravel 1,731.14 tons	\$22,335.48
Culverts	<u>9,947.31</u>

**Total**

**\$32,282.79**

### Hired Equipment

Mike Kenison - Chipping	\$ 192.50
Jeffrey Heath - Mowing	3,900.00
Terry Kenison - Mowing	<u>1,170.00</u>

**Total**

**\$ 5,262.50**

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT

**Hazardous Waste collection day is June 13, 2026. Check with the attendants for further details.**

It has been over 20 years since Jefferson adopted a Recycling Ordinance and joined the Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuge Disposal District.

The recycling of as much waste as possible will continue to reduce the cost of disposal charges to the Town, which is \$58 per ton.

To assist in the operation of the Transfer Station please pre-sort your recyclables before you get to the Transfer Station. This will help keep the traffic flowing.

1. If you are not sure where something goes, **ask** the attendant.
2. **Please** sort your items **before** you get to the Transfer Station; this will help people and vehicles to move along efficiently.
3. Flatten corrugated cardboard and remove all contents.
4. Light cardboard (cereal, cracker boxes, etc.) now go with the corrugated cardboard.
5. Junk mail
6. Newspapers and magazines go together.
7. Check with attendant for proper disposal of **mercury-containing products**.
8. **CPU's**, along with the other video display devices such as computer monitors, televisions, liquid crystal displays and plasma displays greater than 4 inches in diagonal measure, are being collected at the Transfer Station for disposal.

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

#### SUMMER HOURS (after April 1)

Monday	Noon to 5:00 PM
Wednesday	Noon to 5:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

#### WINTER HOURS (after November 15)

Monday	CLOSED
Wednesday	Noon to 5:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation.

JIMMEY HOWLAND  
*Transfer Station Attendant*

## **JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2025**

This past year we responded to a combined 132 incidents, 74 medical calls for EMS and 58 for the Fire Department, which was an increase from 98 that we responded to last year. The spring weather started out fairly wet, and then we went into dry season where the entire Northeast had severe drought conditions mid-summer that led to a state-wide fire ban on any outdoor type fires right up until October. Fortunately we did not have any issues here in our town. One of our mutual aid calls this year took us to Beecher Fall, VT to assist with the Ethan Allen furniture factory fire, which is a member within our mutual aid system. Our Engine 2 and crew responded and assisted them and other mutual aid towns with fire ground operations.

As we have responded to various calls around our town, it has been noticed that some homes do not have the proper number signage either at the driveway or on the home. Please take a minute to check to ensure your home is properly marked to ensure valuable time is not lost. Brush and branches can be a big issue, and even if your vehicles can navigate your driveway, some of our apparatus cannot very easily, causing damage or delays getting to your home.

Our organization throughout the year is involved in doing community service, our members helping out other organizations in town, working with the Jefferson Athletic Association filling up the liner at the skating rink with water for the Jefferson Festival Committee, providing scene safety at the 4th of July fireworks show at the Couture Ball Field, which again had a very large attendance this year. Thank you to Sherri Anderson and her crew, Anderson Pyrotechnics of Milan, for putting on a spectacular display as always, and assisting with traffic safety for the Christmas Festival.

Our members participated in our home town 4th of July parade, the Littleton and Lancaster Fire Prevention Parade of Lights in October. Some of our members went to the Heartwood Public Charter School and gave a program on fire prevention and fire safety, which was well received by the students and staff members and thank you for your hospitality.

In November this year, I, Fire Chief Chris Milligan, was the recipient of the Firefighter of the Year award, presented by the North Country Public Safety Foundation at their annual awards ceremony. It is a true honor to have been nominated and to receive this award and I was joined by my family, members of the Fire Department and Select Board member Norman Brown for the presentation. Since 2006, the North Country Public Safety Foundation has supported public safety members of Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Emergency

Medical Services, Dispatchers and Support Staff along with NH Fish and Game of Coos and Grafton Counties and their families throughout the years in their time of need and to honor those who help make a difference.

Each year I include these home safety tips. A safe home is all our responsibility. We all must take fire safety seriously. Each year thousands of people are injured or killed with property damage in the millions across the country.

### **1. Fire Safety Is Fire Prevention:**

How safe is your home? This can be simple things, such as not overloading extension cords and maintaining your heating systems by having them cleaned and inspected yearly. Burn wood? Or pellets? Please have your wood stove/ pellet stove installation approved and inspected. Keep check on creosote build-up in pipes and chimneys and disposing of **Wood Ashes Properly. Improperly disposed wood ashes have caused fatalities and thousands of dollars in damages every year. Start by placing them in a Metal Container. Take Them Outside and wet them down. Never place them in a cardboard box or plastic container! Do not leave them in your home, or bring them back into your home!**

Pellet stoves are good, affordable heat, but there is a misconception that they are maintenance free. This is not the case. These stoves and pipes should be checked and cleaned periodically throughout the heating season. **Do not operate** any unapproved, unvented heating system in the home. Never leave combustible items near any heating system. Make sure all vents for any heating system, dryer vents, doors leading to the outside are clear and clean, especially during the winter months. Always use open fire safely and responsibly. We should all have a check list and the entire family can get involved to help make us safer. Have an escape plan and practice it often. Make sure everyone knows where the designated meeting place is. Never return into a building that has some type of problem.

### **2. Properly Operating Back-Up Generators:**

As we all know from time to time we do lose power here in town. If we should have to rely on a generator to get by until the power is restored, please never run the generator in an enclosed area, meaning basements or garages. Refuel only after the generator has cooled down, and do not try to run more items than the generator is rated for. If you are using a transfer switch in your home, ensure it has been wired properly as this can cause dangerous feedback into the system.

### **3. Smoke/Co Alarms:**

We cannot stress this enough. Every home needs to have adequate **Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors**. These are our first defense should

something go wrong. These need to be in all living areas. Test all you may have once a month. Change your clocks, change your batteries. Have at least 2 working ABC fire extinguishers easily accessible and know how to use them. If you need help installing a detector, or how many you should have and proper placement, please feel free to contact the department.

**4. The Only Number To Call For Fire, EMS, Police Is 911:**

Keep this number and all Emergency Numbers posted near your phones. Teach your younger children the necessity of this number and only use it when there is an emergency. Never let a small problem become a large one, and never feel you are bothering us. This is a service we provide our residents 24 hours a day.

**5. Make Sure Your House Number Is Visible:**

The number issued to your home is **Your Responsibility**. Please be sure your number is in good condition and visible from the road. This will help us and other agencies find you that much faster should you need that service.

**6. Permits For Outside Fires:**

In accordance with the laws of New Hampshire Forests and Lands, any outdoor fire requires a written permit, when conditions allow. You must obtain a permit for campfires, and to burn brush. Permits are not required for charcoal and gas grills. Permits are only good for the time they are issued for. No exceptions. Any type of fire to do with wood requires a permit. No written permit is needed when there is adequate snow on the ground, covering the area completely where you wish to burn in. If you are not sure of the snow requirements, please call a permit issuer first. It might save a lot of aggravation later. It is also a good idea to call a permit issuer and advise us so we can call it into our dispatch center. This lessens the possibility of a well meaning citizen making an unnecessary 911 call.

**It is Against The Law to Burn Any Type of Household Trash. This Act is Punishable By Fines.**

The transfer station will accept all our separated trash. Please call Forest Fire Warden Larry Wells, or any Deputy Warden for any questions you may have.

Knowing what to do during an emergency may have a better ending in a bad situation. For our residents, the Fire Department, free of charge, is willing to give your home a safety inspection, or please contact us with any concerns you may have.

Though we train for many types of incidents, we cannot possibly be totally prepared for everything that could happen. As always, our members have stepped up, dealing with the increased amount of incidents we responded to, some more serious than others. There are times we quietly help out our folks

in town, as they may not have anyone else to turn to, and do so willingly. Thank you members for the professionalism you showed handling these incidents, be proud people, you have served your community well. Thank you for giving up free and family time to attend meetings, train, and to respond to emergency calls 365 days, 24 hours a day, and strive to give the best possible emergency services we can. I also wish to express our appreciation for the continued support we receive from our Board of Selectmen and from our community members and to all the past members who helped make the department what it is today.

I must thank the Jefferson Firemen's Association as they fund projects and equipment purchases for the betterment of the members, the Fire Department and the Town of Jefferson to help us accomplish our mission of providing emergency services.

I wish to thank Grafton County Sheriff's Office for our dispatching services and last, but never least, our mutual aid members for assisting us when we need it, and Lancaster Fire Department for providing ambulance service.

I would like to dedicate this year's report to past member and great supporter of the Fire Department who passed away in June this year, Michael Gray Sr.

May we all have a safe and healthy 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Chief* CHRISTOPHER MILLIGAN

**JEFFERSON FIRE AND EMS  
INCIDENT RESPONSES  
JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Alarm Activations (check buildings)	9-Fire Alarm 3-CO Alarm
Chimney Fire	1
JEMS (Medical Calls)	74
JFD Assist EMS	2
Lawnmower Fire	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	22
Motor Vehicle Fire	1
Mutual Aid Assists	8 (to other towns)
Trees/Wires Down	6
Railroad Ties Fire	1
Service Calls	1-Assist Homeowner with Collapsing Building
Smoke Investigation	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>

**OFFICER ROSTER 2025**

Chief Christopher Milligan  
Deputy Chief Mark Corrigan  
Captain Lawrence Coulter Jr.  
Captain Larry Wells  
Lieutenant Henry Verret  
Lieutenant David Savage  
Membership 21 JEMS 6

Emergency Management Director Henry Verret  
Deputy Emergency Management Director Larry Wells

**NH FOREST AND LANDS  
TOWN OF JEFFERSON**

Forest Fire Warden Larry Wells  
Deputy Warden Mark Corrigan  
Deputy Warden Lawrence Coulter, Jr.  
Deputy Warden Fred Ingerson  
Deputy Warden Christopher Milligan

## **JEFFERSON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2025**

First and foremost we would like to thank William (Bill) Patnaude as he retired this year as President of the Association, for his years of dedication to the Firemen's Association. The Firemen's Association holds fundraisers through the year, and accepts donations to our organization. We then in turn, fund projects and purchase specialty equipment to better assist the members, the Fire Department and the Town of Jefferson to help fulfill the mission to provide emergency services to our townspeople, people who are visiting, or just passing through.

Our breakfast fundraisers in July and October were very well attended and would not be as successful if not for the generous donations of products we receive from the Old Comer Store and the Water Wheel Breakfast and Gift House. We would also like to thank Shari Brooks for making and donating batches of homemade doughnuts for both of these events.

The Association also wishes to thank the Town of Jefferson for allowing us to use the JCC. We again this year have been recipients from the Dr. Lillian Luksis Charitable Giving Fund, with much gratitude to the Akerman family to have selected our organization for this grant and to the Openhowski family for their very much appreciated contributions to our organization.

We are truly grateful to all the good folks who attend our fundraisers, support our endeavors, and the donations we receive.

Thank you members for your dedication and hard work you continue to give for the benefit of the organization. May we all have a healthy and safe New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*President* REGAN HITE

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

In 2025, New Hampshire experienced a lower-than-average spring wildfire season. However, flash drought conditions quickly took hold as New Hampshire experienced the driest summer on record in 130 years. This led to deep burning wildfires across the state. The state assisted local fire departments on these multi-day events, providing resources and technical assistance. This included our thermal imaging unmanned aircraft system, which was deployed on multiple incidents, including in North Hampton where a wildfire burned for 5 days. Wildfire risk increased to the level where the Governor and Council set forth a statewide prohibition on outdoor burning. This resulted in fewer wildfires and reduced the risk until rain came in late October.

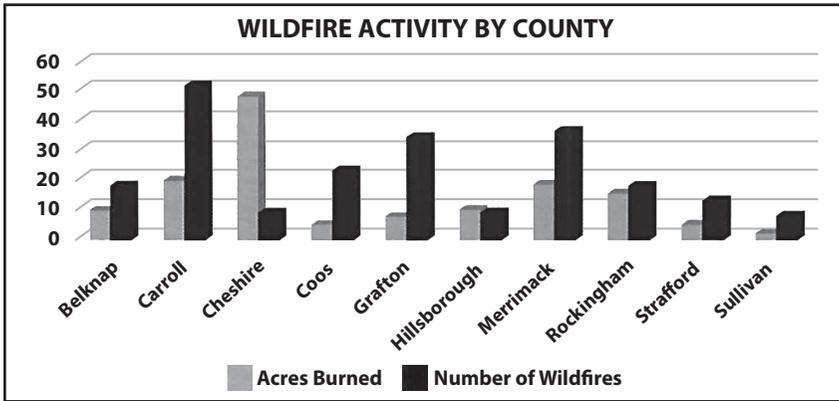
Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. In 2025, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 10 structures threatened by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2026 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com) or using the QR code. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.dncr.nh.gov](http://www.nhdf.dncr.nh.gov). For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: @**NHForestRangers**



## 2025 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2025)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2025	157	146	62
2024	123	125	77
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED											
Fireworks	Firearm & Explosives Use	Undetermined	Recreation & Ceremony	Debris & Open Burning	Natural	Other Causes	Power Generation, Transmission, Distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of Fire by a Minor	Equipment & Vehicle Use
1	3	62	17	87	8	4	16	1	1	1	18

**REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!**

## **2025 MARC A. HURZELER M.D. LIBRARY REPORT**

### *A Public Library Serving the Town of Jefferson*

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the library in the past year. We want to thank you for recognizing the importance of the library's role in providing the opportunity for "knowledge and learning ... essential to the preservation of a free government." (RSA 202-A: 1).

We hope to promote lifelong learning for all age groups by continuing to offer creative and educational programs. In 2025, we offered American Sign Language, paint nights, jewelry making and quilt mentoring. Several groups meet monthly in the library, everyone is welcome to join. Other monthly programs: Senior & Friends, Book Club, Cookbook Club, Needling Around and Magic the Gathering Game Nights. For children, we offer a story time and craft every Thursday and one Saturday a month. Last year, we also partnered with the Jefferson Historical Society on the programming for Smithsonian Crossroads Exhibit: Changes in Rural America. We are always looking for new programming ideas so if there is something you would like, please let us know. All programs are offered free of charge.

The Jefferson Community Calendar is now a fundraiser done by the Library Trustees with the proceeds going back to the community in the form of an annual scholarship. Part of the mission of our library is promoting life-long learning. Any Jefferson senior in high school who wishes to continue their learning whether it be at a trade school, technical, community or traditional college is eligible. Applications will be available from the guidance office at White Mountain Regional High School. We encourage you to be a part of the Jefferson Community Calendar and support our Jefferson seniors. Please contact the library if you would like more information, to purchase a calendar, or wish to purchase an ad for your business. 2025 Scholarship Recipient: Noah Wiers

Every year we try to bring in additional funding to assist with materials and programming. In February, the library hosts our annual Valentine's Day Craft Fair and Chocolate Tasting. During the Jefferson Christmas Festival we also have our annual Library Book Sale. We have bookmarks and bookbags for sale in the library year round. We want to thank everyone who donated to the fundraisers and who supported us by purchasing items at these fundraisers.

In 2025 Marc A. Hurzeler M.D. Library received multiple grants/gifts:

- In May, we received Library Transforming Communities Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant from the American Libraries Association for \$10,000. Funds were used to:

- o purchase more accessible displays and furnishings
  - o create a new library website to meet new accessibility standards
  - o purchase our own New Hampshire Downloadable Books (NHDB) content and iPads to circulate to patrons for use with NHDB collection
  - o expand Large Print collection
  - o develop a circulating memory care collection
  - o purchase an Assisted Listening System for the Jefferson Community Center usage
- In May, we also received the Sustainable and Resilient New England Libraries Grant for \$5000. This money was turned over to the Town of Jefferson Select Board to be used by May 2026 to help fund the walkway from the children's room.
  - Friends of the Library supported our annual Summer Reading Program and helped fund the purchase of several outdoor yard games that included: Connect Four, Jenga, Hungry Hippos, and Toss Across. These will now circulate as part of collection. Friends of the Library supports library programming and special purchases and does a yearly Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Your support is appreciated.
  - In September, we accepted a donation from John and Susan Openowski

By using the library, patrons have saved approximately \$110,500 borrowing books, magazines, audio and video materials rather than purchasing for themselves in 2025. The library will take donations of newer materials, but please check with us in advance and bring them in during library hours. Unfortunately, we do not take donations of textbooks, encyclopedia sets or Reader's Digests.

The library offers our patrons access to the New Hampshire Downloadable Book (NHDB) consortium. This subscription gives library patrons access to downloadable audio, and e-books in the state collection. If you have an e-reader (e.g. Kindle), PC, Mac, tablet, or smartphone you can borrow up to three books at a time from the NHDB for up to 14 days. To access this service, you must be a Marc A. Hurzeler M.D. Library patron and have a library card that has a barcode. Any Jefferson resident may obtain a free library card by calling or stopping in during regular library hours.

The library continues to offer high speed wireless internet access to patrons through the Town of Jefferson – Guest. In addition, there are one desktop and four laptop computers available for in-library use. Several iPads and two mobile hotspots are available for circulation. We have a copier, wireless

printer, 3d Printer and laminator available to the public. Our collection contains approximately 11,000 items and includes several newspaper subscriptions and a variety of magazine subscriptions, as well as audio books and movies. Our catalog is automated and you can search our online catalog collection 24/7 via our website. We offer a year-round puzzle exchange, as well as an ongoing puzzle which are available during library hours, for your pleasure. We are always open to suggestions on how to make the collection more useful for our patrons.

Our library is open to every member of our community and surrounding communities as well. If you are unable to physically access the library building, feel free to contact us for assistance by phone at 603-586-7791 or by email: [librarian@mahlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@mahlibrary.org)

**Yearly Totals:**

Circulation – Adult Materials: 3,496

Circulation – Children’s Materials: 802

Circulation – Audio/Video Materials: 1,415

Library Visits: 2,829

**Library Hours:** Monday & Tuesday 3pm-8pm; Thursday 9am-1pm & 4pm-8pm;  
Saturday 9am-1pm

Library Website: [www.mahlibrary.org](http://www.mahlibrary.org) (includes access 24/7 to our online catalog)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/pages/Jefferson-Public-Library/  
106775262771620](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jefferson-Public-Library/106775262771620)

Instagram: [jeffersonpubliclibrarynh](https://www.instagram.com/jeffersonpubliclibrarynh)

*Library Trustees:*

JEANNE KENISON            BETTE BOVIO

LESLIE SEPPALA            BRENDA ROY

ELIZABETH MILLIGAN (*chair*)

*Librarian/Library Director:*

JOY McCORKHILL

*Library Assistant (children/teen focused):*

EMMA WOTTON

## MARC A. HURZELER, M.D. LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT 2025

**CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

<b>BALANCE: 12-31-24</b>		<b>\$ 2,741.17</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Grants	15,000.00	
Donation	5,000.00	
Calendars	1,824.36	
From Savings	1,900.00	
Programs	600.00	
	600.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$34,324.36</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Books, DVD's & Magazines	\$ 8,356.47	
Subscriptions	1,857.47	
Supplies	4,256.97	
Equipment	4,081.00	
Software	3,373.00	
Calendars	1,501.42	
Dues & Consulting	380.00	
Programs	2,286.00	
Furniture & Repairs	5,753.85	
Friends of the Library	474.00	
Miscellaneous	343.93	
	343.93	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>		<b>\$32,664.11</b>
<b>BALANCE: 12-31-25</b>		<b>\$ 4,401.42</b>

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT:**

<b>BALANCE: 12-31-24</b>		<b>\$21,836.01</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Craft Fair Tables	\$ 555.00	
Calendars	550.00	
Magazines	120.00	
Donation	5,000.00	
Interest	18.12	
	18.12	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$ 6,243.12</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Scholarships	\$ 1,900.00	
Furniture	722.77	
	722.77	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>		<b>\$ 2,622.77</b>
<b>BALANCE: 12-31-25</b>		<b>\$25,456.36</b>

Submitted by,  
LESLIE SEPPALA, *Trustee*

## THE JEFFERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 2025, we enjoyed an incredible amount of community engagement and participation. We want to thank you all for being involved in the Society's activities this past year. The largest group of volunteers we've ever had the pleasure of working with stepped up to be part of the Smithsonian Institution's Crossroads Exhibition. Over 1,000 hours of time were donated, helping in all phases of the traveling exhibit's six-week stay here in Jefferson. On top of that, 1,129 visitors attended the exhibit as well as the programming supporting it. All four programs we and our partners at the Marc A. Hurzerler M.D. Public Library sponsored were well attended. The Jefferson Seniors and Friends group made sure excellent treats were on hand. Talk about community engagement, it was amazing!

Another big win was our connecting with many school children during the exhibit's stay. Jefferson's own Heartwood Public Charter School was another of our partners. Their students made engaging displays and gave presentations to augment the Smithsonian's. Surrounding schools bussed children in to view the exhibit, exposing them to life long before cell phones and the internet. In all, about 300 children attended the exhibit.

With all the excitement of the Smithsonian Institution being in town, we had a lot on our plate, but still managed to accomplish other goals. In June, the National Park Service at Independence Hall in Philadelphia delivered the portrait of Joseph Whipple, Jefferson's founder. This painting, on permanent loan from the NPS, will be the centerpiece of our upcoming exhibit honoring Whipple. It took two years to acquire the painting, and we are delighted to have it as part of our collection.

With the Crossroads exhibit, we met a number of new people. The "preparator" of exhibits for the Museum of the White Mountains in Plymouth was one, and we have engaged her services to assist us in designing and building out our museum. Her knowledge and experience will assist us to provide the best possible interpretive experience for our visitors. Her first order of business was to work with us on a rebranding project, culminating in a whole new look for the Society. This includes a new logo, fonts for our displays, and a color palette that will all provide consistency going forward as we build out our space.

Randall H. Bennett, a resident of Bethel, Maine, and a White Mountain historian, has also come into our sphere at the Society. Randy is the former long-time director of the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society. He has a great interest in Jefferson, with Waumbek Hotel family ties, as well as Joseph Whipple in his family tree. He has donated a large quantity of one-of-a-kind materials to the Society relating to Jefferson, including two original Joseph

Whipple documents from the late 1700s. His guidance and generosity to the Society have been a game-changer for us, and we are thankful for his interest and faith in our organization.

Special thanks to Ben Sears, Brad Conner, and Cynthia Mork for another engaging and fun summer benefit concert in August. We appreciate their twenty-plus years of amazing support for our organization and community. The Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers show was fabulous!

Though we haven't officially opened our museum yet, we are still hard at work on our initial exhibits and anticipate having scheduled open hours in 2026. Another bonus from hosting the Smithsonian exhibit was the acquisition, at no cost, a major part of the exhibit. The structures will be reconfigured and utilized to display Jefferson's history. This is a huge boon for us from both an exhibit standpoint as well as a fiscal one.

We'd like to thank those who have become members, and the continued financial support which helps to keep us on track with our mission. Our 2025 Annual Membership Appeal and Fundraiser was a success, thank you! We have a lot in store for 2026, stay tuned as we move forward with our latest plans. Again, thank you everyone for your support in 2025!

Respectfully Submitted,

*The Jefferson Historical Society Board of Directors*

JOE MARSHALL - *President*

NANCY GREENLEE - *Vice-President*

ADELE WOODS - *Interim Treasurer*

DEBBIE DUBOIS - *Membership Secretary*

KATHI GOVATSKI - *Corresponding Secretary*

KATE SAVAGE - *Social Media Coordinator*

ELAINE LALUMIERE - *Member At Large*

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

2025 was a busy year for the Planning Board. We had 20 meetings in 2025, twelve subdivisions, three boundary line adjustments. Throughout the year, the Planning Board worked on reviewing the Land Use Ordinance. This year we have some changes and updates that will appear as warrant articles for the Town to vote on to stay up with the changing times. Thank you for your support of these changes and updates of definitions.

Throughout their deliberations Board members have tried to keep to this purpose: to avoid scattered and premature subdivision of land and to provide for the harmonious development of the municipality and its environs in the Town of Jefferson, which will create conditions favorable to health, safety, convenience and prosperity while avoiding an excessive expenditure of public funds for the supply of public services.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your attendance and comments. The Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Please see the Town's website for additional information. We want to take this time to thank all of our dedicated Planning Board members for volunteering their time: Mark Gross-Vice Chairman, Kevin Meehan-Selectman Representative, Rebecca Hatfield, Mike Meehan, Mike Smith, Jason Call.

**ROBERT ROY**

*Chairman of the Planning Board*

**MICHELLE GROSS**

*Secretary of the Planning Board*

## **JEFFERSON PLANNING BOARD**

To propose a language change on the following Land Use Ordinances.

### **Article III - Permitted Uses**

All land uses consistent with the stated purposes of this ordinance are permitted in the Town of Jefferson, including single-family dwellings, accessory dwelling units, two-family dwellings, pre-site built or manufactured housing units, accessory buildings incidental to permitted uses and swimming pools (public or private)

### **Section 2 - Permitted Uses by Special Exception**

The following additional uses may be permitted by the Board of Adjustment (see article VII) as Special Exceptions -

- A. Motels, hotels, tourist accommodations and lodging units, recreational campgrounds, short-term rentals, nursery schools, clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, public utility buildings, retail and wholesale stores, parks and recreation areas, cemeteries, green houses, private clubs, golf courses, riding stables, restaurants, saw mills, camps, home based businesses, small businesses and telecommunications equipment and facilities. (Hotel, motel, tourist accommodations and lodging units shall be defined in the strictest sense and shall not be considered in the context of condominium conversion.)

### **Article XI - Accessory Dwelling Units - Section 2: Definitions**

A subordinate dwelling residence with complete and independent living facilities on the same lot or as a single family dwelling.

### **Section 4 - Procedure**

- 1) A building permit shall be required for an ADU. 2) The ADU shall meet the standards contained in Section 5 below.

### **Section 5 - Standards**

The maximum size of an ADU shall not exceed 950 sq. ft.

If needed a second hearing would be scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7pm.

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Jefferson Zoning Board of Adjustment held six meetings in 2025. Nine applications for Special Exceptions and four applications for a Variance were heard. All the Special Exception applications were proposals to operate short-term rental units. Because of changes in state regulations the Board will no longer have to consider Accessory Dwelling Units as requiring a Special Exception. The Select Board, however, must issue a building permit based on certain criteria. The Zoning Board of Adjustment usually schedules meetings for the second Thursday of the month, but only meets when an application for a Variance, a Special Exception or an Appeal from an Administrative Decision is brought before them. Once the Board has voted to approve the minutes of a meeting, they are posted on the Town's website. All meeting minutes both in draft form as well those with final approval are available to read or to request paper copies of (there is a minimal charge for copies) at the Town office.

Kim Perry and Jason Call ably served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, for the past year. Regular members include Thomas Walker, Burleigh Wyman, and Rodney Houghton. Wayne Bilquin serves as an alternate. Charlene Wheeler continues to serve as secretary to the Board. Currently, there are openings for alternate members on the Board to fill. Citizens who may be interested in serving the Town in this capacity are encouraged to contact the Town office, a Board member, or the Board secretary.

A fee schedule for application is posted at the Town offices and on the Town's website. These fees are necessary to cover the cost to taxpayers these applications generate. The Board voted to increase the fee for required certified letters to abutters and the applicant to \$10 because of continued increases in postal rates. This increase took effect on January 1, 2026. Application forms for Special Exceptions, Variances, as well as an Appeal to an Administrative Decision are also available at the Town office or to download on the Town's website along with instruction sheets.

All property in the Town is considered residential but certain sections of the Land Use Ordinance provide that a particular use of property will be permitted by Special Exception if specific conditions are met. Permitted uses by Special Exception are listed in Article III, Section 2 of the Land Use Ordinance. A Variance is an authorization, which may be granted under special circumstances, to use property in a way that is not permitted under the strict terms of the Land Use Ordinance. Please keep in mind the Town's Master Plan is a 10-year guideline for the Town's future direction, **not** the Town's current ordinances. **Anyone wishing to erect a new building, modify an existing one, or change the use of the property from being strictly residential should check with the**

**Select Board, the Planning Board, or the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as required, so they have the necessary information before any project begins to avoid later problems.**

Throughout their deliberations Board members have tried to keep to this purpose: to promote the health, safety, economic and general welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson; to protect the value of property; to prevent the overcrowding of lands; to conserve our natural resources; to avoid undue concentration of population; and to facilitate the adequate provisions of other public requirements.

Board members are volunteers working with no salary often dealing with difficult applications. They continue to serve the Town striving for fairness and consistency, while following town and state regulations in their decision-making process. All meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages anyone who is interested to attend.

KIM PERRY  
*Chairman*

## **ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

Our Materials Recycling Facility processed a total of 898.53 tons of materials, for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, representing \$123,091.99 of marketing income to the District. Recyclables shipped to market included: aluminum - 23.37 tons; newspaper /magazines - 22.20 tons; corrugated cardboard - 485.08 tons; PET plastic - 40.35 tons; HDPE plastic - 22.34 tons; tin - 22.27 tons; and mixed office paper - 43.04 tons. In addition, 239.88 tons of glass were processed for reuse.

Our Transfer Station recycling income totaled \$76,719.78. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 1,085.68 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder; 533.06 tons of scrap metal; 182.59 tons of leaf and yard waste; and 481.55 tons of brush which was chipped. In addition, 979 refrigerators/air conditioners; 268 propane tanks; 6,244 tires; 14,220 feet of fluorescent bulbs; 314.23 pounds of ballast; 856 lighting bulbs consisting of U-tube, circline, HID, compact fluorescent, and LED; 172 pounds of broken bulbs; and 49.31 tons of electronics were recycled. We also received 2,015 gallons of waste oil which was used in our waste oil furnace to heat the recycling center. The District owns and operates the Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

District Officers are Chair Linda Cushman of Jefferson, Vice Chair Alan Rossetto of Northumberland and Secretary-Treasurer Yves Zornio. Other District Representatives are David Roy of Randolph, Jason Huter of Milan, Rodney Monahan of Stark, Eric Demers of Dummer, Robert Theberge for the Coos County Unincorporated Places, Steven Korzen of Berlin, Keith Kidder of Errol, and Michael Waddell of Gorham.

The District conducted its thirty-third Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 14th. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 300 households participating. The 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at the District Transfer Station, 100 West Milan Road, Berlin, NH.

2025 was the twenty-third year of operations for the AVRRDD Mt. Carberry Landfill. Since purchasing the landfill in December 2002, no assessments have been made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry Landfill operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. The landfill is operated, under contract with the District, by Cianbro Corporation.

No assessments will be made to the member municipalities for the 2026 AVRRDD budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

LISA G. RIENDEAU  
*Executive Director*



## **NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL**

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### **ANNUAL UPDATE 2025**

North Country Council (NCC) is one of nine Regional Planning Commissions in New Hampshire, serving 50 municipalities and 25 unincorporated areas across the state's northern third. Established under RSA 36:46, NCC supports local governments through coordinated planning in land use, transportation, economic development, mapping, data analysis, grant support, and project management. In addition, NCC staff collaborated with peer RPCs through the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions, supported statewide professional conferences and news articles, responded to 4 developments of regional impacts, participated in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Management Plan update, and coordinated a bulk purchase of Planning and Land Use Regulation books for municipalities, saving an estimated \$115 per book.

#### **Transportation**

Council staff completed 145 traffic counts in coordination with NH DOT and responded to additional community requested locations, providing tailored data to support local decision-making. NCC adopted a Regional Safety Action Plan, qualifying communities for federal transportation safety implementation funding and launched a Traffic Calming Supply Library using AARP Community Challenge Grant funds, enabling communities to pilot DOT-compliant traffic-calming strategies. The Council supported two Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County - 8 meetings; Grafton County - 7 meetings) and hosted 5 Transportation Advisory Committee meetings. It also participated in statewide transportation initiatives, including the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and NHDOT's Week Without Driving campaign. NCC staff supported Regional Project Development for the Ten-Year Plan, attending 5 GACIT Hearings.

#### **Community & Economic Development**

With funding support from NH Housing, NCC advanced regional housing and workforce initiatives, convening seven employer workshops and conducting 80+ hours of outreach. Staff developed a Housing Toolkit to help employers

address workforce housing challenges. NCC continued to support communities awarded InvestNH Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grants, assisting with housing needs assessments, public engagement, and regulatory updates. Council staff provided local planning services-including master plan updates, land use board support, and regulation amendments available to all member communities, with expanded services offered on a contract basis.

The CEDS was updated to include an industry supplement, and the webpages were refreshed.

The Council continued to assist communities, the State of NH Bureau of Economic Affairs (BEA) & Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) by providing technical assistance and pre-application coaching to over 20 entities pursuing NBRC funding, with approximately 50% securing funding.

### **Mapping & Data Analysis**

NCC developed and analyzed regional surveys, including the Regional Plan Survey and Regional Transportation Safety Survey, and provided updated community data snapshots covering demographics, housing, and affordability. Staff delivered GIS mapping and data services to support local planning and grant applications, and maintained two regional ArcGIS Online Hubs focused on funding opportunities and climate resiliency.

### **Membership in Action**

Municipal dues directly support planning assistance, technical expertise, and data resources provided by NCC. Council staff worked alongside municipal boards, staff, and community partners across the region, helping communities address challenges, plan for the future, and leverage additional funding—delivering a clear return on member investment. As we move into 2026, NCC remains committed to serving as a reliable partner to North Country communities. Whether your municipality is updating a master plan, pursuing grants, planning transportation improvements, or addressing environmental or housing needs, Council staff are here to help. We encourage all member communities to connect with us in the coming year to explore how our services can support local goals.

## **JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

Regular monthly meetings in 2025 were held in person at the Jefferson Community Center, 178 Meadows Road, in the Conference Room. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7 PM. Interested Jefferson residents are welcome to participate in any Conservation Commission meeting. Citizens are encouraged to contact any member with questions, help with wetland permits, or to provide suggestions. We are looking for additional volunteers to serve on the Jefferson Conservation Commission.

According to NH RSA 36-A, conservation commissions are the only local boards specifically charged with “the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for protection of watershed resources” in a New Hampshire town or city. Commissions provide advisory roles to planning boards and other local bodies on conservation matters.

The members of the Jefferson Conservation Commission are:

- Nancy Decourcey
- David Govatski
- Charles Muller
- Jamie Savage
- David Passios

Notable accomplishments of the Jefferson Conservation Commission in 2025:

- Assisted the Select Board with the municipal solar power project and grants to help cover costs.
- Assisted Jefferson residents and businesses with wetland permit applications. These included the Eversource, NH Department of Transportation, and private landowners.
- Organized volunteers to work on the trails at the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge and Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail.
- Assisted with reviews of the 2025 NH Wildlife Action Plan and 2025 Good Forestry in the Granite State revisions.
- Monitored Conservation Easements in Jefferson.
- Continued to update sections of the Natural Resource Inventory for Jefferson.
- Attended the NH Association of Conservation Commissions' annual training day.
- Assisted in the monitoring and eradication of invasive species at the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge.

## **JEFFERSON MUNICIPAL SOLAR POWER UPDATE**

The citizens of the Town of Jefferson voted at the March 2024 Town Meeting to approve a proposal to install solar panels in a field adjacent to the Community Center. The purpose was to offset the cost of electricity for municipal buildings in Jefferson. A bid proposal went out to several solar energy companies, and the winning bid came from Smart Energy of New England, based in Colebrook, NH.

Construction began in July 2024 after obtaining necessary permits and coordinating with Eversource. The work was completed in July 2024, and after final approval from Eversource, the system began operation shortly thereafter.

The cost of the 88-panel system was \$118,900. The State of NH provided a grant of \$9,680, and the Federal Government is providing another \$35,670. The Town covered the remaining \$73,550. After a full calendar year of operation, the Community Center's energy cost savings are approximately \$1,000 each month. At the current electricity rate, the system will pay for itself in 6 years. If the electricity rate increases, then the return on investment will be earlier. The Town also received \$594 in 2025 from the sale of renewable energy credits.

The lifespan of photovoltaic solar energy systems, like ours in the Town of Jefferson, is typically 30 years or longer. With a return on investment of approximately six years, the solar panels will save the taxpayers of Jefferson estimated to be \$12,000 a year at current electricity rates starting around 2031. The total taxpayer savings from this system from years 6 to 30 are \$288,000. This assumes the electricity rate remains the same as in 2025.

The Town of Jefferson also replaced several streetlights with efficient US-made LED lights produced by veterans at Affinity LED of Dover, New Hampshire. The Town received a \$2,600 incentive check from Eversource. The new streetlights were installed and operational in September 2025. In 2024, the cost of electricity for streetlights was estimated to be \$6,000. In 2025, the cost was reduced to \$3,924, and this included only the September to December period when the new LED streetlights were in use. The estimated annual savings in electricity are around \$3,000 with the efficient LED lights, which also preserve our night sky.

DAVID GOVATSKI

*Jefferson Conservation Commission*



Androscoggin Valley Hospital  
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency  
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital  
Weeks Medical Center

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## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT TOWN ALLOCATION REQUEST: \$5,684

**North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency (NCHHHA)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to delivering compassionate home health, hospice, and long-term care services throughout Coös and Grafton Counties. Serving nearly 76,000 residents across 2,705 square miles, our Mission is to improve lives by caring for patients and families as they navigate their health-care journey at home. For many in our rural communities, we are more than a healthcare provider; we are a vital lifeline.

In 2025, we made **45,441 visits** across our two counties and provided care for **1,999 patients**. In 2025, for Jefferson, we visited 29 patients 328 times for home health, hospice, and long-term care services. At the same time, the complexity of care has risen, with more patients facing higher-acuity conditions that require advanced clinical expertise. Despite rising costs and declining insurance reimbursements, NCHHHA remains committed to ensuring that no one in need is left without care, meeting individuals wherever they call home.

We offer a comprehensive range of services designed to support patients at every stage of their healthcare journey. Our skilled Home Health nursing, rehabilitation, and disease management services help individuals heal and recover in the comfort of their own homes, reducing hospital stays while keeping them close to the people they love. Our hospice care focuses on comfort, dignity, and compassion, providing comprehensive physical, emotional, and spiritual support for patients and their families during life's final chapter. In addition, our long-term care services assist with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, and meal preparation, empowering individuals to maintain independence and age safely in familiar surroundings.

Your support of NCHHHA extends far beyond the patients we serve; it strengthens the entire community. Every home we visit in Jefferson represents a neighbor cared for, a family supported, and a community uplifted. By ensuring access to these essential services, you help create a healthier, more resilient town where people of all ages can thrive. Investing in NCHHHA is an investment in the well-being and independence of your friends, family, and neighbors.

The steadfast partnership between NCHHA and Jefferson is vital to addressing the unique challenges of rural healthcare. Together, we can meet the growing demand for home-based care, adapt to changing needs, and continue to provide services that foster independence and dignity for all. Your unwavering support ensures that no one is left behind and that compassionate, high-quality care remains accessible for years to come.

For more information, please visit [www.nchha.org](http://www.nchha.org) or contact Ren Anderson directly at **(603) 444-8399**. Thank you for partnering with us to improve lives across the North Country.



# North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency

## Impact In Action

### 2025 Community Care

# 45,441



Patient Visits as they navigate their healthcare journey at home

# 1,999

Patients Served

# 447,546



Miles Traveled by NCHHHA Staff

# 51

Communities Served



# 97

Dedicated Staff & Volunteers

# 656

Hours From our dedicated NCHHHA Volunteers



# 7,788

Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Visits

# 21,256

Skilled Nurses & Nurse Practitioner Visits

### Your Friends & Neighbors

Town of Jefferson

**Patients Served: 29**

**Numbers of Visits: 328**

# 10,864

Home Health Aid & Homemaker Visits

# 3,392

Medical Social Worker & Spiritual Counselor Visits

Interested in getting involved with NCHHHA? Let's Connect! [giving@northcountryhealth.org](mailto:giving@northcountryhealth.org)



## White Mountain Mental Health

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## 2025 Director's Report

Northern Human Services is one of ten community mental health centers in New Hampshire that provides a comprehensive array of services to meet the mental health needs of all individuals residing in an assigned geographic area. White Mountain Mental Health is Northern Human Services' community mental health center that serves Northern Grafton County and lower Coos County. As the safety net provider of mental health services for these geographic areas, White Mountain Mental Health strives to ensure that everyone in the community, regardless of income or insurance status, has access to high quality mental health services. These services include 24/7 emergency services, outpatient therapy for adults and children, psychiatric services for established clients, case management and functional support outreach services, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services, Supported Employment services, a 6-bed adult residential group home and three supported, short-term transitional beds available for clients in need of housing while awaiting stable affordable housing. For those that are uninsured or under-insured, Northern Human Services offers a sliding fee scale as well as affordable payment plan options so necessary services are still accessible to individuals regardless of their ability to pay.

Mental illness can affect a person's thinking, feelings, behavior or mood. Left untreated, mental illness can profoundly disrupt a person's life. Accurate, early and timely treatment for mental illness can and does save lives. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 259,000 adults in New Hampshire have a mental health condition (that's more than 5 times the population of Concord) with 66,000 New Hampshire adults having a serious mental illness. 1 in 20 adults have serious thoughts of suicide each year with 1 in 9 adolescents between the ages of 12-17 having serious thoughts of suicide each year; 221 lives were lost to suicide in New Hampshire in 2023 (according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Additionally, NAMI reports that in 2024 more 46,000 call/text/chat interactions occurred with NH's 988 Lifeline Centers and Rapid Response Access Point.

In 2025 White Mountain Mental Health served 542 individuals through outpatient services with 113 individuals (both clients and non-clients) accessing emergency services. Early and immediate access to emergency services is crucial; this quick attention to crisis situations can and does prevent loss of life. Emergency services is the most expensive and most critical service we provide to the communities we serve. Each year we ask the towns we serve to contribute a small amount toward supporting the cost of both outpatient treatment and emergency services for individuals that are uninsured or under-insured. With insurance premiums increasing and changes to Medicaid Expansion that will include co-pays and premiums, our uncovered costs for care will undoubtedly increase and some individuals may very well opt out of healthcare coverage because they can no longer afford it. Any funding received from the towns we serve will continue to support residents in accessing necessary mental health services without worrying about the cost.

Despite the increase in the number of individuals accessing Mobile Crisis/Emergency Services and the rising cost of these services, we are requesting level funding from Jefferson. All funds received from Jefferson go directly to Jefferson residents that are uninsured or under-insured and help us to provide the needed services for the residents of Jefferson.

We truly appreciate the support that we have received from Jefferson over the years and are thankful to the voters for recognizing the importance of timely access to mental health services, particularly Mobile Crisis/Emergency Services, for all Jefferson residents.

Respectfully Submitted,



AMY L. FINKLE, BA  
*Behavioral Health Director*  
White Mountain Mental Health  
Northern Human Services

## *Center for New Beginnings*

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*A special place for children & families. Excellent care and caring.  
Individual, group and family psychotherapy ~ Employee Assistance.*

Dear North Country Neighbor,

For forty years, the Center for New Beginnings has been part of the fabric of our community. We began in Littleton as a small counseling center for people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Today, we have grown into a place where children, teens, adults, and families can find comfort, guidance, and hope during some of life's most difficult moments.

Every day, we meet neighbors who are struggling with anxiety, depression, grief, trauma, relationship challenges, or other emotional burdens. We see children and teens doing their best to navigate the pressures of our changing world. And we meet families who simply need someone to listen, to support them, and to remind them that they are not alone.

Our doors are open to the entire northern third of New Hampshire and nearby Vermont communities—but we never turn away someone willing to come to us for help.

Many people ask how we differ from Northern Human Services. The answer is simple: we are an independent nonprofit providing short-term support for acute issues, while they focus on longer-term care for more chronic cases. Both types of services are essential, and both face the challenge of long wait lists as we search for qualified providers to serve our neighbors.

As costs continue to rise and insurance reimbursements fail to keep pace, we rely more than ever on community partnership. Your support truly makes a difference.

In 2025, we served 540 individuals and held 7,366 appointments. *Fourteen of those clients call Jefferson home.* This year, we are respectfully requesting a \$750 contribution from the Town. Gifts like these allow us to help clients who are facing high deductibles, unexpected copays, or temporary gaps in insurance—situations that can otherwise prevent them from receiving the care they need.

When people have access to mental health support, families become stronger, children thrive in school, workplaces become healthier, and our communities grow more resilient. An investment in mental wellness is an investment in the well-being of the entire region.

If you would like to know more about our counseling services or our Employee Assistance Program, we would be grateful to talk with you. We take pride in serving your community and are always happy to share how we can help.

Good works have always relied upon the generosity of good people. Thank you for your support, your kindness and your trust.

Sincerely,

*Board of Directors*

The Center for New Beginnings

NANCY DICKOWSKI, Bethlehem  
ILMA GALEOTE, Littleton  
ANNETTE CARBONNEAU, Franconia  
CHERYL BAILEY, Franconia  
LYNN CRAIG, Lyman



## American Red Cross Northern New England Region

### COOS COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

#### Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **3 disaster events in Coos County**, providing assistance to **5 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide support services to first responders during large-scale responses. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local fire and police departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Berlin	1	1
Milan	2	4



Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Coos County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made **26 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.



Coos County is home to **15 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



We collected **739 pints** of lifesaving blood at **32 drives** in Coos County.



Last year, **98 Coos County residents** were taught a variety of important life-saving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills and water safety.



We proudly assisted **19 of Coos County's service members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Thank you for your generous support, which makes our mission – alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies – possible.

*Thank you!*

## **ST. PAUL'S BACKPACK PROGRAM**

St. Paul's Backpack Program exists to improve the health and bolster the academic success and life outcomes of the children enrolled at Lancaster Elementary School, Whitefield Elementary School, Groveton Elementary School, Stratford Public School, Stark Village School and the Heartwood School. We strive to provide consistent, nourishing meals to students who may otherwise go hungry outside of school.

St. Paul's Backpack Program provides a bag of nonperishable food to nourish eligible children over the weekend (breakfast and lunch) during the school year, as well as extra food during school vacations. This program reduces food insecurity and boosts academic success by keeping children fed and ready to learn.

Our very dedicated group of volunteers work together regularly to pack and distribute the meals. We are currently packing 122 bags per week, providing food for 260 children. This food provides 1,040 meals per week and 38,480 meals during the school year.

We continuously seek and apply for grants to help support this program. We have been successful in our application to the Tillotson Fund each year. We also receive very generous donations from individuals within the community as well as local organizations.

We would like to sincerely thank all the voters for their continued support.

## **NEVERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established in 1981 by the family of Wilbur and Gurda Nevers in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. It is available to any Jefferson High School senior seeking to advance in higher education in any field. Any student wishing to apply for the scholarship may request an application from the Guidance Department at the White Mountain Regional High School.

The Scholarship Committee consists of the Library Trustees, Librarian, and Town Clerk. This year two scholarships were awarded, and they went to Noah Weirs and Josephine Faris (Lucius).

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Nevers family and to all who have contributed to their scholarship fund. Donations to the fund may be sent to the Nevers - Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of the Jefferson Trustee of Trust Funds, PO Box 81, Jefferson, NH 03583.

Respectfully Submitted,

ELIZABETH MILLIGAN  
*Library Chair Trustee*

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, NH 01/01/2025-12/31/2025

<u>Person A's Name and Residence</u>	<u>Person B's Name and Residence</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
CALL, ABIGAIL IRENE JEFFERSON, NH	VAUDO, MATTHEW RYAN JEFFERSON, NH	07/26/2025
HILL, JACOB MILES JEFFERSON, NH	HORA, BETTINA JEFFERSON, NH	08/16/2025
INGERSON, GRACIE LYNN JEFFERSON, NH	GREEN, CODY HENRY COLUMBIA, NH	10/25/2025
MIGNONE, MATTHEW ALBERT JEFFERSON, NH	LUONGO, ALISON KAITLIN JEFFERSON, NH	11/20/2025

**Total number of records 4**

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, NH 01/01/2025-12/31/2025

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name</b>
CORMIER, KATE NOELLE	01/10/2025	LITTLETON, NH	CORMIER, KYLE GENE	CORMIER, AMANDA LYNN
ENNIS, NORA KATE	04/08/2025	LITTLETON, NH	ENNIS, JOHN JOSEPH	FORD, TRISHA ANN
CORNISH, GINNY JOY	06/03/2025	LITTLETON, NH	CORNISH, NOAH WALKER	CORNISH, KATELYNN RENEE
MEALEY, LAINIEY ANN	09/18/2025	BERLIN, NH	MEALEY, ALEX MICHAEL	WASUTA, ZOYA DEE
AHERN, LUC JOHN	10/14/2025	LITTLETON, NH	AHERN, JOHN PAUL	AHERN, BRITTANY ELLEN

**Total Number of Records 5**

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, NH 01/01/2025-12/31/2025

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Death Place</b>	<b>Father's/ Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union</b>
DOAN, MARJORIE MARRAN	02/16/2025	WHITEFIELD	MARRAN, JOHN	HERZOG, SUSANNE
GREGORY, MICHAEL E.	03/02/2025	JEFFERSON	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	BROOM, DOROTHY
SEAVEY, CARL MORRIS	03/07/2025	MANCHESTER	SEAVEY, MILTON	STANLEY, ELLA
HANSON, RONALD WAYNE	03/18/2025	WHITEFIELD	HANSON, HAROLD	STILES, IRIS
NOYES, MARIE ANNE	04/01/2025	LANCASTER	NOYES, EARL	BLAKE, AMANDA
GRAY SR., MICHAEL AUBURN	06/29/2025	JEFFERSON	GRAY, DEWEY	CASS, MILDRED
MEDEIROS, SANDRA	08/20/2025	LITTLETON	SOARES, ALEXANDER	MEDEIROS, MARGARET
MEALEY JR., JOSEPH	08/28/2025	LANCASTER	MEALEY SR., JOSEPH	SPELLMAN, INA

**Total Number of Records 8**

