

# Town of Sharon, New Hampshire Annual Report



For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2025

The copper weathervane in the shape of a heron on top of the Sharon Arts Center was designed and made by artist Charles Gibbs. (ZBA page)



Receiving Vault Wall repaired September 2023 photo courtesy of Gina Goff.

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## TOWN OFFICERS - 2025

Moderator - Elected - 2 Years Beth Fernald	Term Expires 2026
Selectmen - Elected - 3 Years Richard Dufresne - Chair Jonathon Shomody Chester Bowles	Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2027 Term Expires 2028
Town Administrator - Appointed Debra Harling	Appointed
Town Clerk - Elected - 3 Year Dianne Mitchell – Deputy	Term Expires 2027
Tax Collector - Elected - 3 Year Karen Shea Dufresne Juliana Kazanovicz - Deputy	Term Expires 2027 Appointed
Treasurer - Elected - 1 Year Susan Bowles	Term Expires 2026
Trustees of the Trust Funds - Elected - 3 Years Jeff Osgood John LaDue Rory Goff	Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2027 Term Expires 2028
Supervisors of the Checklist - Elected - 6 Years Susan Bowles Patricia Joyner Anne Murrock	Term Expires 2030 Term Expires 2028 Term Expires 2032
Planning Board - Appointed George W. Joyner – Vice Chair Sara Tobias Richard Dufresne – Ex-Officio Gerald DeBonis Jeff Osgood - Chair Mitchell Call - Alternate	Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2027 Term Expires 2028 Term Expires 2028
Conservation Commission Beth Fernald Anne Fischer – Co-Chair Anne Booth – Co-Chair Jim Martens Belinda Backstrom Ian Coles	Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2027 Term Expires 2027 Term Expires 2028 Term Expires 2028

Zoning Board of Adjustment - Appointed  
Chester Bowles - Chair Term Expires 2026  
Rich Dufresne - Alternate Term Expires 2026  
Chris Hartman Term Expires 2026  
Jane Murray Term Expires 2027  
Stephen Gapp Term Expires 2028  
Patricia Joyner Term Expires 2028

Audit Committee - Elected - 3 Years  
Jaimee Rondeau Term Expires 2027  
Barrett Golay Term Expires 2028  
Tim Connor Term Expires 2026

Records Management Committee - Appointed  
Ken Callahan, Chairman (Archive Committee)  
George W. Joyner, Chairman (Planning Bd.)  
Chester Bowles (ZBA)  
Susan Bowles (Treasurer)  
Diane Mitchell (Town Clerk)  
Karen Shea Dufresne (Tax Collector)  
Debra Harling (Town Administrator)

Emergency Management Director - Appointed  
George Carmichael

Road Agent - Appointed  
Daniel (Sandy) Eneguess

Overseer of Public Welfare - Appointed  
Alexis Murray-Golay

Building Site Inspector - Appointed  
Pierre Groleau

Code Enforcement Officer - Appointed  
Carol Ogilvie

School Board Representative - Elected - 3 Years Term Expires 2026  
Jim Fredrickson

Forest Fire Wardens - Appointed  
Fred Greathead  
Peter Paris, Deputy  
Frank Presto, Deputy

Health Officer - Appointed  
Board of Selectmen  
John MacEachran  
Deputy, Gerald DeBonis

# TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, in the County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Sharon Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 11:00 in the forenoon to act on Article 1 and Article 2. The polls will be closed at 7:00 P.M. You are further notified to meet in the Sharon Meeting House in said Town on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. to act on Articles 3 through 9.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (By Ballot)

**ARTICLE 2.** To cast your ballots on the proposed amendment to the Sharon Zoning Ordinance to add a table of contents and make clerical changes to correct formatting, structural, grammatical and typographic issues. No substantive changes to the intent of the ordinance are proposed, except to amend Article XXV (XXII) Accessory Dwelling Unit to comply with NH RSA 674:71-73, which was revised (effective July 1, 2025) to require that towns allow Detached Accessory Dwelling Units. (By Ballot)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$517,653 for town charges as the operating budget and other necessary maintenance and operating expenditures, with this amount to come from taxation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Assessing Reserve Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Technology Upgrade Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Emergency Management Communications Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Legal Expense Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3 VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Town Building Maintenance, Repair, and Capital Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3 VI(c). (Majority vote required.)

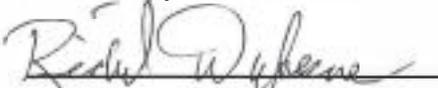
(Select Board recommends this article.)

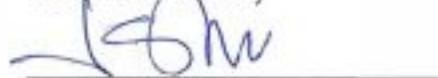
**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800 for a survey of the McCoy Road Cemetery, with this amount to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article.)

Given under our hands and seal at said Sharon, NH this 17th day of February, 2026.

A true copy attest

  
Richard Dufresne

  
Jonathan Shomody

  
Chester Bowles  
SELECTMEN OF SHARON





**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2025	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
4130	Executive	03	\$30,015	\$31,000	\$31,500	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$12,875	\$20,000	\$19,500	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	03	\$25,809	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0
4152	Property Assessment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$23,337	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	03	\$5,229	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	03	\$1,227	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$15,739	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$2,240	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
4198	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	03	\$4,015	\$4,015	\$4,000	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$120,286</b>	<b>\$116,315</b>	<b>\$121,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210	Police	03	\$132,275	\$132,275	\$137,820	\$0
4215	Ambulances	03	\$24,490	\$24,490	\$32,775	\$0
4220	Fire	03	\$65,332	\$65,332	\$65,000	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	03	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	03	\$2,256	\$2,200	\$2,500	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$224,353</b>	<b>\$225,297</b>	<b>\$240,095</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Highway Administration	03	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$335,502	\$148,092	\$158,874	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$404	\$450	\$450	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$347,906</b>	<b>\$158,542</b>	<b>\$169,324</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$14,279	\$14,279	\$20,159	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$14,279</b>	<b>\$14,279</b>	<b>\$20,159</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Electric Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Health Administration	03	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
4414	Pest Control	03	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	03	\$618	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$618</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	03	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520	Parks and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Library	03	\$4,017	\$4,020	\$4,220	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$4,017</b>	<b>\$4,020</b>	<b>\$4,220</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611	Conservation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$500	\$900	\$900	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	03	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$26,735	\$21,000	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$794	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$27,529</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2025	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$560,298</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Special Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Assessing Fund</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	05 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Technology Upgrade expendable trust fund.</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	06 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to Emergency Communications Expendable</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	07 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to the Legal Expense Re</i>	\$60,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	08 <i>Purpose: Appropriate to town building main., repair, &amp; capital improvement ETR</i>	\$1,000	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$68,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Individual Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4195	Cemeteries	09	\$4,800	\$0
<i>Purpose: Appropriate money for survey of cemetery</i>				
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	03	\$11,634	\$10,317	\$1,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$8,337	\$7,262	\$7,000
	<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$19,971</b>	<b>\$17,579</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$195	\$90	\$90
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$110,037	\$100,000	\$100,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$375	\$375	\$100
3280	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$3,924	\$3,500	\$3,500
	<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$114,531</b>	<b>\$103,965</b>	<b>\$103,690</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$35,945	\$35,945	\$35,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$21,464	\$21,464	\$21,700
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$85	\$85	\$85
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$57,494</b>	<b>\$57,494</b>	<b>\$56,785</b>



**Revenues**

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	03	\$461	\$227	\$200
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$461</b>	<b>\$227</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	03	\$4,033	\$3,354	\$3,000
3503	Rents of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	03	\$681	\$468	\$500
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$4,714</b>	<b>\$3,822</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$266,963	\$21,000	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$266,963</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$464,134</b>	<b>\$204,087</b>	<b>\$172,675</b>



Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2026
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$560,298
Special Warrant Articles	\$68,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$4,800
Total Appropriations	\$633,098
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$172,675
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$460,423</b>

	BUDGETED	REVENUE	UNDER/(OVER)	BUDGET
	2025	2025	2025	2026
<b>TAXES</b>				
<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
* Property Taxes	0.00	1,892,496.00	(1,892,496.00)	0.00
Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Tax - Conservation Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Tax	10,317.00	10,316.64	0.36	1,500.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	7,262.00	7,629.98	(367.98)	7,000.00
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>17,579.00</b>	<b>17,946.62</b>	<b>(367.62)</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES</b>				
<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
Business Licenses and Permits	90.00	195.00	(105.00)	90.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	100,000.00	110,037.07	(10,037.07)	100,000.00
Building Permits	375.00	375.00	0.00	100.00
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	3,500.00	3,924.00	(424.00)	3,500.00
From Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES</b>	<b>103,965.00</b>	<b>114,531.07</b>	<b>(10,566.07)</b>	<b>103,690.00</b>
<b>STATE SOURCES</b>				
<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
Municipal Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	35,945.00	35,945.01	(0.01)	35,000.00
Highway Block Grant	21,226.00	21,463.66	(237.66)	21,700.00
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	85.00	85.48	(0.48)	85.00
Other:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Other Governments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL STATE SOURCES</b>	<b>57,256.00</b>	<b>57,494.15</b>	<b>(238.15)</b>	<b>56,785.00</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
Income from Departments	227.00	461.28	(234.28)	200.00
Other Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	<b>227.00</b>	<b>461.28</b>	<b>(234.28)</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>				
<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest on Investments	3,354.00	4,031.06	(677.06)	3,000.00
Other	468.00	681.00	(213.00)	500.00
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	<b>3,822.00</b>	<b>4,712.06</b>	<b>(890.06)</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>				
<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
From Capital Reserve Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	21,000.00	266,963.05	(245,963.05)	0.00
From Conservation Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>266,963.05</b>	<b>(245,963.05)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
<b>Source of Revenue</b>				
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>203,849.00</b>	<b>462,108.23</b>	<b>(258,259.23)</b>	<b>172,675.00</b>
* Property Taxes not included in Total Revenue				

		BUDGETED	EXPENDITURE	UNDER/(OVER)	BUDGET
		2025	2025	2025	2026
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4130-4139	Executive	31,000.00	30,015.34	984.66	31,500.00
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	20,000.00	12,875.76	7,124.24	19,500.00
4150-4151	Financial Administration	28,000.00	25,608.88	2,391.12	28,000.00
4152-4152	Revaluation of Property*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4153-4153	Legal Expenses	5,000.00	23,336.50	(18,336.50)	10,000.00
4155-4159	Personnel Administration (Payroll Taxes)	5,800.00	5,228.97	571.03	5,800.00
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	1,500.00	1,227.41	272.59	1,500.00
4194-4194	General Government Buildings	18,000.00	15,739.07	2,260.93	18,000.00
4195-4195	Cemeteries	3,000.00	2,240.00	760.00	3,000.00
4196-4196	Insurance	4,015.00	4,015.00	0.00	4,000.00
4197-4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4199-4199	Other General Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>116,315.00</b>	<b>120,286.93</b>	<b>(3,971.93)</b>	<b>121,300.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4210-4214	Police	132,275.00	132,274.70	0.30	137,820.00
4215-4219	Ambulance	24,490.00	24,489.80	0.20	32,775.00
4220-4229	Fire	65,332.00	65,331.90	0.10	65,000.00
4240-4249	Building Inspection	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,200.00	2,255.95	(55.95)	2,500.00
4299-4299	Other (Including Communications)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>225,297.00</b>	<b>224,352.35</b>	<b>944.65</b>	<b>240,095.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4311-4311	Administration	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
4312-4312	Highways and Streets *	146,092.00	335,501.88	(189,409.88)	156,874.00
4313-4313	Bridges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4316-4316	Street Lighting	450.00	404.03	45.97	450.00
4319-4319	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>	<b>158,542.00</b>	<b>347,905.91</b>	<b>(189,363.91)</b>	<b>169,324.00</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4321-4321	Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4323-4323	Solid Waste Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4324-4324	Solid Waste Disposal	14,279.00	14,278.84	0.16	20,159.00
4325-4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4329-4329	Other Sanitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>	<b>14,279.00</b>	<b>14,278.84</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>20,159.00</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4411-4411	Administration	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
4414-4414	Pest Control	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	1,600.00	618.00	982.00	1,600.00
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>	<b>618.00</b>	<b>1,582.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>WELFARE</b>					
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4444-4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4445-4449	Vendor Payment and Other	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<b>TOTAL WELFARE</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					

		BUDGETED	EXPENDITURE	UNDER/(OVER)	BUDGET
		2025	2025	2025	2026
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4550-4559	Library	4,020.00	4,017.00	3.00	4,220.00
4583-4583	Patriotic Purposes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4589-4589	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>4,020.00</b>	<b>4,017.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>4,220.00</b>
	<b>CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4619-4619	Other Conservation	900.00	500.00	400.00	900.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4711-4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4721-4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4723-4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4901-4901	Land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4902-4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4903-4903	Buildings	21,000.00	26,735.00	(5,735.00)	0.00
4909-4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	1,000.00	793.71	206.29	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>27,528.71</b>	<b>(5,528.71)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4913-4913	To Capital Projects Fund (Capital Reserves)				
	Legal Expense Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Town Highway Repairs Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Town Bridge Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4916-4916	To Trust Funds				
	Welfare Services Non-Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Assessing Reserve Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Twtn Bldg Main/Rep/CapInmprov EFT	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Emergency Mgmt Communication ETF	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Tecnology Upgrade EFT	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
4919-4919	To Fiduciary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>208,000.00</b>	<b>208,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>753,653.00</b>	<b>947,487.74</b>	<b>(193,834.74)</b>	<b>560,298.00</b>
*	Legal Fund \$15,000.00				
*	Road Maintenance Fund \$216,891.55				
*	Wilson II Fund \$26,375.00				
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*					
	<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>				
	<b>Purpose of Appropriation</b>				
4931-4931	Taxes Assessed for County	101,341.00	101,341.00	0.00	0.00
4933-4934	Taxes Assessed for Local Education	1,193,521.00	1,193,521.00	0.00	0.00
	Taxes Assessed for State Education	94,536.00	94,536.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1,389,398.00</b>	<b>1,389,398.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
			0.00		
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,143,051.00</b>	<b>2,336,885.74</b>	<b>(193,834.74)</b>	<b>560,298.00</b>

## Select Board Report: March 2025 to February 2026

It is with great pleasure that the Select Board presents our Annual Report to the residents of Sharon NH. In preparing this report we reflect on a year of both challenges and significant accomplishments we embraced as a Sharon community dedicated to maintaining our high quality of life while keeping a watchful eye on continued fiscal responsibility. The Select Board would like to highlight a few examples of these accomplishments which demonstrate the collaborative spirit that makes Sharon truly unique.

In continued efforts to expand high-speed internet to all of Sharon the Select Board asked Eversource and Comcast to prioritize required improvements to existing lines and utility poles. Both companies have confirmed that all remaining work is scheduled for completion in 2026 and the Select Board will monitor this closely until completed. Thank you to all residents who reached out to voice concerns and offer their feedback as that collective response was important to helping us obtain a commitment to move forward on this project.

The Sharon Meeting House entered into its 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation and underwent a few planned improvements during the early part of the year. A number of electrical repairs and updates were completed in the basement. In addition, a modern water filtration system was added to ensure safe drinking water is always available. This coming year, the Select Board plans to prioritize the settling of the slab at the entrance of the large meeting room before it becomes a more immediate safety concern.

All scheduled work on the Brick School House was completed and looks remarkable. As a tradition the Select Board meets annually in the Brick School House so it was especially meaningful this year to see firsthand the craftsmanship and attention to detail involved in the masonry work. The Select Board again would like to thank Ken Callahan and the members of the “Stewards of the Brick School House” for the careful thought and attention put into the plan for necessary repairs.

The Select Board is especially appreciative of the combined efforts of the “Sharing in Sharon Committee” who hosted a number of social events designed to encourage interaction among Town residents in a fun and informal setting and look forward to learning more about what is planned in the coming year.

As Trustees of the Town cemeteries the Select Board held a South Cemetery cleanup event in the fall season with over 20 volunteers working together to trim back brush and branches that accumulated over time. Following the cleanup, everyone gathered at the Meeting House to hear residents Jack Ogren and Rick Lusky share what they have learned about the cemetery having personally invested many hours in research and mapping out the cemetery.

Having made some investments in updating Town computer equipment in the prior year, the Select Board focused on updating our Town email system and improving our methods of electronic communication. We would like to thank Rory Goff for helping the Select Board understand and ultimately update to .gov email addresses which offer greater control and security.

The Select Board has noted an increase in land owners expressing an interest to excavate sand & gravel on their property so we will continue to maintain an awareness to the extent such activities are taking place and encourages residents to work with our land use Boards as required. Additionally, the Select Board met with the New Hampshire Department of Revenue to discuss proper reporting and gravel taxation.

Once again, many residents expressed concerns with the recent and legally required property assessment and had many questions regarding what caused another overall increase in property taxes. The Select Board hosted a public meeting with the New Hampshire Department of Revenue and our contracted Assessor to discuss at a state level how the taxation process works and how the assessments are conducted with residents offered the opportunity to make the appropriate connections to address their specific concerns. The Select Board would like to thank our School Board Representative Jim Fredrickson for hosting an additional information session further discussing the various contributing factors tied to the recent increases. Although many factors influence the annual budget, the Select Board remains highly committed to keeping the cost of controllable items within the town budget as low as possible.

Sharon continues our search for a deputy Town clerk which is a compensated position. The Select Board welcomed George Carmichael to the position of Emergency Management Director and is appreciative of the expertise he brings to the role.

Once again, the Select Board wants to conclude by thanking all of our citizens who serve or have served on Municipal Boards and Committees as well as the volunteers who dedicate countless hours of their time. We greatly appreciate the spirit of community shared by our residents which makes Sharon a unique and wonderful place to live.

Respectfully,

Richard Dufresne, Jonathan Shomody, Chester Bowles

## 2024 Town of Sharon Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee met on Saturday, August 9, 2025, to review the financial processes of the town, ensure state and town regulations are being followed, and complete and sign the MS-60, "Report of Locally Elected Auditor(s)" according to RSA 41:31-d. The 2024 Audit Committee was composed of Jaimee Rondeau, Tim Conner, and Barrett Golay. John Kangas of Roberts and Greene PLLC assisted the Audit Committee again this year.

The following officials participated in this year's audit process: Sue Bowles, Treasurer; Karen Shea Dufresne, Tax Collector; Rory Goff, Trustee of the Trust Funds; Dee Mitchell, Town Clerk; and Debra Harling, Town Administrator. By the end of the day, the MS-60 was completed and signed by the committee.

The Audit Committee would like to thank each of the people holding offices for participating in the audit. Each year their preparation and attention to detail make the audit process run smoothly, making our town more efficient and reducing the cost of the audit process.

We look forward to serving the Town of Sharon next year and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Audit Committee of the Town of Sharon

Jaimee Rondeau  
Tim Conner  
Barrett Golay



### Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

#### Instructions

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- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

##### For Assistance Please Contact:

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

#### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

#### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name  Last Name   
Street No.  Street Name  Phone Number   
Email (optional)



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2024	Year: 2023	Year: 2022	
Property Taxes	3110		\$32,277.53			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance						
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2024	
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,892,496.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,947.67	\$9,685.94	
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2024	2023	2022
Property Taxes	3110				
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$274.15	\$1,730.11		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$1,894,717.82</b>	<b>\$43,693.58</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2024	Prior Levies 2023	2022
Property Taxes	\$1,827,215.38	\$12,635.03		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$1,947.67	\$9,685.94		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$274.15	\$1,486.61		
Penalties		\$243.50		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$19,642.50		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2024	Prior Levies 2023	2022
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2024	2023	2022
Property Taxes	\$65,280.62			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$1,894,717.82</b>	<b>\$43,693.58</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$65,280.62
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$29,717.14



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2024	Year: 2023	Year: 2022
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$14,860.86	\$19,670.51
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$20,566.52		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$209.65	\$2,048.71	\$4,075.23
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,776.17</b>	<b>\$16,909.57</b>	<b>\$23,745.74</b>

**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2024	2023	2022
Redemptions		\$3,808.35	\$1,901.89	\$19,670.51
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$209.65	\$2,048.71	\$4,075.23
Abateements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$16,758.17	\$12,958.97	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,776.17</b>	<b>\$16,909.57</b>	<b>\$23,745.74</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$65,280.62</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$29,717.14</b>



SHARON (411)

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**  
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name	Preparer's Last Name	Date
Karen Shea	Dufresne	01-06-2026

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**  
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**  
This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**  
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

*Karen Shea Dufresne* Tax Collector  
Preparer's Signature and Title

TOWN CLERK REPORT  
Year Ending 12/31/2025

	<b>Auto</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Vital</b>	<b>Misc.</b>	<b>Ajust-</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Month</b>	<b>Registrations</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Licenses</b>	<b>Records</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>ments</b>	<b>Collected</b>
Jan	\$4,391.00	\$222.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,613.00
Feb	\$6,527.00	\$203.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,732.00
Mar	\$8,925.00	\$363.00	\$19.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,307.50
Apr	\$12,527.00	\$405.00	\$60.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,992.50
May	\$9,602.66	\$392.00	\$21.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,016.16
Jun	\$7,193.00	\$279.00	\$23.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,495.50
Jul	\$11,447.00	\$329.00	\$15.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,791.50
Aug	\$12,920.00	\$343.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,272.00
Sep	\$9,176.00	\$233.00	\$6.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,415.50
Oct	\$6,965.41	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,210.41
Nov	\$8,768.00	\$322.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,090.00
Dec	\$11,595.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,015.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$110,037.07</b>	<b>\$3,756.00</b>	<b>\$158.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$113,951.07</b>

Motor vehicle registrations issued: Routine registrations may be done by mail. You will receive a letter from the Town Clerk with vehicles listed and amounts listed. Return the letter with your checks and the new registrations will be mailed to you. If registering in person please bring government issued photo ID and an old registration.

Vital records issued:

Residents may come to the Sharon Meeting House to obtain copies of certificates of Birth, Marriage, and Death. Residents may also apply for a Marriage license.

Dog licenses issue:

All dogs and wolf hybrids must have a current rabies certificate on file with the town and be licensed by April 30 of each year per RSA 466:13. Most veterinarians will send a copy of the rabies certificate to my office, but please bring a copy with as well! Dog licensing can also be done by mail, please send a copy of the rabies certificate along with your check! Mail your check to the Town Clerk with the dog's name. The cost is \$6.50 for spayed and neutered dogs, \$9.00 for un-spayed and un-neutered dogs. For Senior Citizens, the first dog is \$2.00, any other dogs are at the costs previously listed.

**Office Hours: Tues and Thurs 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, and by appointment, at The Sharon Meeting House.**

Dianne Mitchell – Town Clerk

Office: 603-924-9250 during office hours, or email at: [townclerk@sharonnh.gov](mailto:townclerk@sharonnh.gov),

The above information is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Respectfully submitted.

Dianne Mitchell, Sharon, NH Town Clerk

<b>BIRTHS</b>						
Report of Residents of Sharon, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2025						
Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father/Partner	Name of Mother	Place of Birth		
8/7/2025	Kace Ryan Chamberlain	Dakota Ryan Chamberlain	Shae Irene Chamberlain	Sharon, NH		
9/30/2025	Truett Asher Olson	Noah Olson	Kaelyn Mae Olson	Sharon, NH		
<b>MARRIAGES</b>						
Report of Residents of Sharon, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2025						
Date of Marriage	Person A's Name	Person A's Residence	Person B's Name	Person B's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage
<b>DEATHS</b>						
Report of Residents of Sharon, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2025						
Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/ Parents Name	Mother's/ Parents Name Prior to First Marriage/ Civil Union	Military	
Vital Records are reported by the State of NH and may not reflect all births, marriages, or deaths. Residents have the option of having events reported.						

**Treasurer Report  
Year Ending December 31, 2025**

<b>Bar Harbor Bank Checking Account:</b>			
Description	Income	Expense	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>779,357.88</b>
Interest Income	4,031.06		
Property Taxes Paid	1,892,496.00		
Other Taxes Paid	17,946.62		
Town Clerk Receivables	114,156.07		
State Aid	57,494.15		
Other Income	1,517.28		
Accounts Payable		2,108,950.02	
Payroll		68,351.93	
Payroll Taxes		5,228.97	
<b>Checking Totals</b>			
Trust Fund Transfers In	266,963.05		
Trust Fund Transfers Out		208,000.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,354,604.23</b>	<b>2,390,530.92</b>	
<b>Checking Ending Balance</b>			<b>743,431.19</b>
<b>Bar Harbor Bank ARPA Account:</b>			
Description	Income	Expense	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>20,693.75</b>
Interest Income	190.33		
Withdrawals		5,000.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>190.33</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	
<b>ARPA Account Ending Balance</b>			<b>15,884.08</b>
<b>Financial Assets &amp; Liabilities Report</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>January 1, 2025</b>	<b>December 31, 2025</b>	
Cash on Hand - General Fund	779,357.88	743,431.19	
Prepaid Expenses	1,699.00	1,789.00	
Taxes Receivable	32,272.53	65,274.62	
Tax Liens Receivable	34,531.37	29,717.14	
Due from Other Funds	755.37	524.55	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>848,616.15</b>	<b>840,736.50</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	6,835.21	3,702.78	
Due to Conval School District	622,864.40	598,372.51	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>629,699.61</b>	<b>602,075.29</b>	
<b>Fund Balance</b>			
Unassigned Fund Balance	218,916.54	238,661.21	
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>218,916.54</b>	<b>238,661.21</b>	
Total Liabilities & Equity	848,616.15	840,736.50	

## Sharon Trustees of Trust Funds Report

During 2025 the Trustees did the following:

- Met Quarterly starting in January
- Entered relevant information into the 2024-MS-9 and submitted the report to the NH DRA and to the Town of Sharon.
- Monitored the current interest rate at NHPDIP
- Made deposits into, or withdrawals from, NHPDIP for the following funds: Wilson II Fund, Cemetery Common Trust Fund, Assessment Reserve Fund, Emergency Management Communication Fund, Road Maintenance Fund, Technology Upgrade Fund, Legal Expense Fund, and Town Building Maintenance Fund.  
Deposits or withdrawals were authorized and requested by the Selectboard.
- Monitored the transition between the existing and new NHPDIP systems (New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool Client Services).
- Attended the annual audit and reported to the Town Audit Committee.

Current Trustees are Rory Goff, John Ladue, Jeff Osgood.



*For reporting year Jan 1, 2025 through Dec 31, 2025.*

**Trustees**

Name	Position	Term Expires
John Ladue	Trustee	3/11/2027
Jeff Osgood	Trustee	3/10/2026
Rory Goff	Chairperson	3/11/2025

**Ledger Summary**

Number of Fund Records	31
Ledger End of Year Balance	\$251,581.56

*This ledger was reviewed for accuracy and submitted electronically under penalty of perjury on February 18, 2026 by Rory Goff on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Sharon.*



**Donated Funds: Expendable Trust Funds**

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance			
WILLIAM YOUNG SCHOOL HOUSE	Maintenance and Repair						1955	2,355.23	102.39	2,457.62			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00		355.23	102.39	457.62		2,457.62	(2,457.62)	0.00
WILSON II FUND	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						4/7/1987	43,601.50	(25,184.40)	18,417.10			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	26,735.00	(1,735.00)		18,601.50	1,550.60	20,152.10		18,417.10	(18,417.10)	0.00
<b>Donated Funds: Expendable Trust Funds Total End of Year Balance:</b>										<b>\$20,874.72</b>			

**Taxpayer Funds: Capital Reserve (RSA 34 / RSA 35) Funds**

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance			
ASSESSMENT RESERVE	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						2005	3,009.38	5,214.96	8,224.34			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	595.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,595.00		2,414.38	214.96	2,629.34		8,224.34	(8,224.34)	0.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	Maintenance and Repair						2000	79,532.35	3,460.28	82,992.63			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	64,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,000.00		15,532.35	3,460.28	18,992.63		82,992.63	(82,992.63)	0.00
INDEMNIFICATION RESERVE FUND	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						2008	6,458.67	280.92	6,739.59			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	5,350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,350.00		1,108.67	280.92	1,389.59		6,739.59	(6,739.59)	0.00
LEGAL EXPENSE RESERVE	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						2010	21,664.42	(17,600.89)	4,063.53			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	18,472.00	0.00	0.00	18,336.50	135.50		3,192.42	735.61	3,928.03		4,063.53	(4,063.53)	0.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE	Maintenance and Repair						2000	53,843.89	(14,053.64)	39,790.25			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	41,926.31	200,000.00	0.00	216,891.55	25,034.76		11,917.58	2,837.91	14,755.49		39,790.25	(39,790.25)	0.00
<b>Taxpayer Funds: Capital Reserve (RSA 34 / RSA 35) Funds Total End of Year Balance:</b>										<b>\$141,810.34</b>			

**Taxpayer Funds: Trust (RSA 31:19-a) Funds**

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance			
ARCHIVE SUPPLIES	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						7/5/2013	8,959.56	389.69	9,349.25			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	7,737.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,737.00		1,222.56	389.69	1,612.25		9,349.25	(9,349.25)	0.00
AUDIT RESERVE	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						2/9/2017	14,751.86	641.62	15,393.48			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00		2,251.86	641.62	2,893.48		15,393.48	(15,393.48)	0.00
BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE MAINT.	Maintenance and Repair						7/5/2013	1,439.42	62.34	1,501.76			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		939.42	62.34	1,001.76		1,501.76	(1,501.76)	0.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	Maintenance and Repair						3/28/2023	2,108.92	1,109.02	3,217.94			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	2,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00		108.92	109.02	217.94		3,217.94	(3,217.94)	0.00
TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	Maintenance and Repair						3/28/2023	2,108.92	1,109.02	3,217.94			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	2,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00		108.92	109.02	217.94		3,217.94	(3,217.94)	0.00
TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town						4/30/2024	3,092.98	1,152.20	4,245.18			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	3,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00		92.98	152.20	245.18		4,245.18	(4,245.18)	0.00
WELFARE RESERVE	Poor/Indigent						2/9/2017	9,751.30	423.90	10,175.20			
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	8,499.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,499.16		1,252.14	423.90	1,676.04		10,175.20	(10,175.20)	0.00
<b>Taxpayer Funds: Trust (RSA 31:19-a) Funds Total End of Year Balance:</b>										<b>\$47,100.75</b>			



**Cemetery Funds**

Name	Purpose						Creation Date	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
<b>BACON CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						12/21/1926	781.47	33.98	815.45					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		581.47	33.98	615.45		815.45	(815.45)	0.00	
<b>CEMETERY COMMON TRUST FUND</b>														
Cemetery Trust (Other)						4/20/2008	11,911.27	1,593.50	13,504.77					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	9,150.00	1,050.00	0.00	0.00	10,200.00		2,761.27	543.50	3,304.77		13,504.77	(13,504.77)	0.00	
<b>D &amp; C WILSON CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						10/26/1938	166.77	7.28	174.05					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		116.77	7.28	124.05		174.05	(174.05)	0.00	
<b>DONAWAY FAMILY CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						5/31/1990	464.49	20.15	484.64					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		264.49	20.15	284.64		484.64	(484.64)	0.00	
<b>EDITH WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/3/1983	1,031.68	44.88	1,076.56					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00		731.68	44.88	776.56		1,076.56	(1,076.56)	0.00	
<b>ELLEN A WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1951	782.56	34.02	816.58					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	211.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	211.59		570.97	34.02	604.99		816.58	(816.58)	0.00	
<b>FLOSSIE E WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	647.11	28.12	675.23					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		447.11	28.12	475.23		675.23	(675.23)	0.00	
<b>G &amp; MR WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						3/22/1939	164.57	7.19	171.76					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		114.57	7.19	121.76		171.76	(171.76)	0.00	
<b>JOHN B SHEDD</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/15/1947	588.69	25.60	614.29					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		438.69	25.60	464.29		614.29	(614.29)	0.00	
<b>KEENE FAMILY CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1983	510.69	22.21	532.90					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		310.69	22.21	332.90		532.90	(532.90)	0.00	
<b>KENTON M YOUNG</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						11/29/1979	781.53	33.99	815.52					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	211.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	211.58		569.95	33.99	603.94		815.52	(815.52)	0.00	
<b>NEWTON FAMILY CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						4/22/2009	199.59	8.62	208.21					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		99.59	8.62	108.21		208.21	(208.21)	0.00	
<b>ROYCE CEMETERY</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						7/23/1942	391.34	16.97	408.31					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		291.34	16.97	308.31		408.31	(408.31)	0.00	
<b>WAITE E WILSON</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	647.11	28.12	675.23					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		447.11	28.12	475.23		675.23	(675.23)	0.00	
<b>WILSON (JARMANY)</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	8,643.65	375.89	9,019.54					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00		4,643.65	375.89	5,019.54		9,019.54	(9,019.54)	0.00	
<b>WILSON (MCCOY)</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						1/23/1984	10,922.80	475.13	11,397.93					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00		5,922.80	475.13	6,397.93		11,397.93	(11,397.93)	0.00	
<b>WIRLING GREGG</b>														
Cemetery Perpetual Care						4/6/1928	387.95	16.83	404.78					
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value	
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		287.95	16.83	304.78		404.78	(404.78)	0.00	

**Cemetery Funds Total End of Year Balance: \$41,795.75**

Road Agent Report Budget  
2026

The Sharon Highway department is responsible for 11.2 miles of roads including Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Springhill Road, Slip Town Road, Mill Road, Swamp Road and South Road. NH state-maintained roads include the Sharon portions of Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road and Springhill Road.

Ongoing issues:

- Speeding on all roads and failure to stop at STOP signs
- Driving on South and Swamp Roads during closed months December to April
- Residential snow being pushed into town roads after they have been plowed
  - Trees being cut and falling into town roadways

Bridge report on the State E2 bridges

- Sharon is responsible for 5 bridges - Mill Road, Spring Hill Road, Swamp Road, McCoy Road and Cross Road. Currently Mill and Swamp are on a grade six from grade seven NH DOT Bridge Program State Red List Ranking Process. No bridges in Sharon are scheduled for work this year.

Description	Cost
Tree Limb Trimming	\$13,000.00
Tree Removal	\$6,000.00
Ditching and Culvert Clearing	\$8,000.00
Paving and Sealing Cracks	\$18,000.00
Pavement repair	\$6,800.00
Gravel for Road Paving	\$6,500.00
Road Sand	\$9,500.00
Road Salt	\$4,000.00
Grinding Roadsides	\$7,800.00
Replace Culverts Swamp Road and Cross	\$7,000.00
Speed signs caution signs -33.75 x 5-\$168.75	\$168.75
Post 47.50 x 5 =237.50 warning x 48.60 x 4=194.40	\$431.90
Post 47.50 x 5 =237.50 warning x 48.60 x 4=194.40	\$431.90
Stay Safe Signs: from stay safe 60.00 shipping. Total signs 660.65	\$660.65
Signpost install and Labor	\$800.00
Road Grading	\$5,200.00
Salary	\$12,000.00
Gas Stipend	\$1,080.00
Machine Rental Winter	\$16,500.00
Winter Maintenance Snow Plowing and Sanding	\$45,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$168,873.20</b>

Report is respectfully submitted by Sandy Eneguess Road Agent Sharon New Hampshire. 2/2/2026.

## SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Sharon Conservation Commission in 2025 were: Anne Booth (co-chair), Anne Fischer (co-chair), Belinda Backstrom, Megan Cahill and Beth Fernald.

### Mission

The mission of the Sharon Conservation Commission is to protect wetlands and other natural resources in the town of Sharon through acquisition (the Robert P. Bass Town Forest), management, education and regulation; to act as a liaison between the public and other governmental agencies in protecting our natural resources; and to become an environmental/educational resource for citizens, groups, organizations, as well as local, state, and federal agencies.

The Cons Com meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting House.

### Activities 2025:

- **Natural Resource Inventory:** Moosewood Ecological LLC completed an updated Natural Resource Inventory of the Town Forest, with a plan to develop a new/updated Forest Management/Sustainability plan. The plan is posted on the town web site and Moosewood will make a presentation to the town on March 31 at 6 p.m.
- **Conservation Easements:** A main focus of the Cons Com’s mission is to encourage and assist property owners in protecting their land with a Conservation Easement, which can be placed on all or just part of a property. The Cons Com is ready to assist landowners in understanding the benefits of easements. Information is available on the Cons Com web page, or landowners may contact any Cons Com member. The Conservation Commission is beginning steps toward putting an easement on the Robert P. Bass Town Forest.
- **Swamp Road:** The Conservation Commission has been in regular communication with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests about protecting abutting land on Swamp Road.
- **Town Forest:** Trail work in the Town Forest is ongoing, especially with much Hemlock damage from recent looper/wood adelgid infestation. Hikers may alert the trail crew to maintenance needs by emailing [concom.sharonnh@gmail.com](mailto:concom.sharonnh@gmail.com).
- **Planned activities 2026:** Cons Com will host a presentation in which Moosewood will present the findings of its natural resources inventory on March 31 at 6 p.m. Earth Day Cleanup will take place on April 18, 2026—bags will be available at the Meeting House.

Conservation Fund:			
Description	Income	Expense	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>139,571.21</b>
Interest Income	1,392.27		
Withdrawals		230.82	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,392.27</b>	<b>230.82</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>140,678.66</b>

Forest Fund:			
Description	Income	Expense	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			85,086.13
Interest Income	786.29		
Withdrawals		11,240.00	
<b>Totals</b>	786.29	11,240.00	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			74,632.42



Gridley River Photo courtesy of Gina Goff

Planning Board Annual Report 2025  
March 2026

The Planning Board had a fairly busy and diverse year in 2025. Solar applications, a conundrum of a land survey, the revision of a State Law, and Zoning Ordinance work gave the Board plenty of work. The Select Board also kept us well-informed throughout the year about the Harris Pit situation.

At the March meeting, the Board reviewed and accepted an application for a roof-mounted solar system at 448 Jarman Hill Road. The application was accepted into the town records.

The Board reviewed an application for a ground-mounted solar array at the Young house at 243 Jarman Hill Road. Bill Joyner and Jeff Osgood visited the site, and a Public Hearing was held on June 10, 2025. The Board accepted the application as complete and correct, and approved the installation.

An interesting issue relating to three lots on Rte. 123 was brought to the Board by Realtor Heather Peterson at the June meeting. The lots are Map 1 Lots 6-1, 6-3, and 6-4. The land had been surveyed when it was owned by the Bass/Bross family, and these lots were marked “not a building lot” by the surveyor. The Board determined that the lots did meet the frontage and acreage requirements, and voted to recognize the lots as building lots. The Board surmised that the surveyor was simply stating that there were no buildings on the lots.

Sara Tobias resigned in July due to work conflicts, and the Board approved a recommendation to the Select Board to appoint Don Carrara as a full member.

Changes to RSA 674:71-73 regarding ADUs required that the Board update Article XXV of the Zoning Ordinance to comply with the new State Law. The primary change for Sharon is that Detached Accessory Dwellings must now be allowed. A Public Hearing was held in November to present these changes.

The bulk of the work by the Board this year was on the Zoning and Building Ordinance. Rory Goff helped the Board tremendously by creating a Table of Contents and cleaning up formatting and clerical errors. Members of the Board reviewed the Ordinance for errors as well, carefully collating between the current Ordinance and the proposed one to ensure that the content was not changed. The order of a few of the Articles was changed for ease of use of the Ordinance. The only substantive changes made to the Ordinance were those to Article XXV to comply with the ADU changes. These changes were also presented at a Public Hearing in November, and will be presented as a Warrant Article at the Town Meeting in 2026.

Members of the Planning Board in 2025 consisted of Jeff Osgood (Chairman), Bill Joyner (Vice-Chair), Gerald DeBonis, Sara Tobias, Rich Dufresne (ex-officio), Don Carrara, and Mitch Call (alternate).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Osgood, Chairman

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)**

In small towns like Sharon, Zoning Boards of Adjustment are not required to hold regularly scheduled meetings. Rather, meetings are held when a case is presented for consideration.

Technically, the Sharon ZBA did not meet in 2025. One case was submitted in November, but, because of the holidays and scheduling issues, the hearing was not held until January 2026. The case was a request for a Special Exception to excavate on a parcel on Swamp Road. During the hearing in January, the request for the Special Exception was withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Fernald (Chair), Stephen Gapp, Chris Hartman, PJ Joyner, Jane Murray.  
Alternates: Chet Bowles, Rich Dufresne, Shane LaBrake.



Weather vane on the Sharon Center Office Building – Change of use approved by the ZBA 2022

## Emergency Management Annual Report for 2025

The role of Emergency Management in New Hampshire towns is to help prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies that may affect public safety, critical infrastructure, and municipal operations. This includes planning for natural disasters, severe weather events, extended power outages, transportation disruptions, and other incidents that could impact residents or town services. A key responsibility of the Emergency Management Director is ensuring that the town maintains current plans and procedures so that coordination with local, county, and state partners can occur smoothly when needed.

In 2025, a major focus was the completion of Sharon's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was finalized in early August and formally adopted by the Selectmen at their August meeting. Maintaining an up to date Hazard Mitigation Plan is important because it identifies risks specific to Sharon, outlines strategies to reduce long term impacts from hazards, and allows the town to remain eligible for certain state and federal mitigation and recovery funding. The plan serves as a foundation for informed decision making before and after emergency events.

Work is also underway to update the town's Emergency Operations Plan. The current plan has not been revised since 2010 and no longer reflects current conditions, staffing, or response expectations. The Emergency Operations Plan is critical because it defines how the town organizes and manages emergency response, including roles, communication, and coordination with outside agencies. My goal is to complete a fully updated Emergency Operations Plan within the coming year.

Throughout the year, I have worked closely with Sharon Road Agent Sandy Eneguess to monitor conditions following significant weather events. After major storms, I routinely observe areas prone to flooding, drainage issues, and road hazards so that concerns can be identified early and addressed as needed. This coordination helps support timely responses and improves situational awareness during and after severe weather.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Selectmen, town officials, and the many residents who willingly offer their time, assistance, and cooperation when needed. Emergency preparedness and response depend on shared effort, and Sharon benefits greatly from the continued support and involvement of those willing to help when challenges arise.

Respectfully submitted,

George Carmichael  
Emergency Management Director  
Town of Sharon



## **REPORT FROM THE ARCHIVE WORKGROUP 2025:**

2025 was a particularly productive year in the Archive. Many things were accomplished this year, including:

More organizing and cataloguing of historical documents, including a large backlog of maps. Re-organizing the layout and displays of the Archive with bulletin boards, and other items. Historic maps are now on display in the Archive, labelled by year. A map overlay project to show historic ownership of property was begun. Our historic fabric and wood voting booths were unfolded, labelled and used to screen areas of the Meetinghouse basement. The town's historic firefighting equipment and wooden Bass Park picnic tables were identified and labelled. In our ongoing collaboration with Lynne Callahan, signs were created to identify historic photos on display in the Meetinghouse. Digital copies of photographs of the Laws House and the Callahan home were obtained. A new and easy system to sign out non-reference books and documents was put in place for items that can be borrowed (Sharon Authors, Conservation, Planning, Zoning, etc), and reference material from collections, which are to be used within the Archive. We developed and added to a database of the town's Archival collections by category (accessible on [sharonnh.gov](http://sharonnh.gov)). Considerable effort was put into painting the bare concrete walls and floors in the Archive floor. We purchased a rug for the workspace and a runner for the entry, all of which made it a more attractive and comfortable place to work and visit. And, finally, the broken dehumidifier was replaced.

### **BRICK SCHOOLHOUSE:**

We measured the classroom and entry/cloakroom area of the Brick Schoolhouse and created a detailed floor plan that includes walls, lights, windows, etc. We consulted with a contractor and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance about the pros and cons of sealing the shingle roof of the Brick Schoolhouse and the addition of lightning protection. Oversaw work by Berquist Masonry to restore and repair the brickwork at the Brick Schoolhouse. Consulted with the town's Emergency Management Director about the Schoolhouse item in the 2025 Emergency Management Plan. We consulted with two contractors and asked for bids to re-wire the Brick Schoolhouse.

## DONATIONS RECEIVED:

Bookcases given by Jeff Osgood and Lynn Callahan

A wooden table given by the Goff family for the Archives entrance

A wooden Town Forest Fire Warden sign (circa 1980)

Various documents and books related to the town or its residents, including *Climactic Change* (1953) edited by Harlow Shapley with clippings and notes by Herbert Nichols (donor: Jeff Osgood), and a two-volume history of the Town of Peterborough.

A wood stove for the Brick Schoolhouse, similar to the one used there in the Schoolhouse in the 1940s and earlier. This was painted with high-heat stove paint and awaits chimney inspection and stove pipe.

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Our goal is to preserve and document the history of the Town of Sharon. There is still much work to do in the archive. The current members of the Archive Committee are Gina Goff, Diane Gardenour, and Ken Callahan.

New volunteers are always welcome. Your ideas, experience and skills could help us in preserving Sharon's past. If you are interested, stop in the Archive on Tuesday afternoons, from 3:00 to 5:00.

We are always interested in acquiring, copying, photographing or learning of the whereabouts of any artifacts, maps, documents, photographs and artwork related to the Town. Every new item adds to the Town history and will be of benefit to anyone using the Archive for research.

Copies of the map of the old South Burying Ground, printed on high quality archival paper, and the book *The Lost Village, A History of Sharon, New Hampshire*, by Gina Goff, are available for sale from the Town Clerk.

# Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

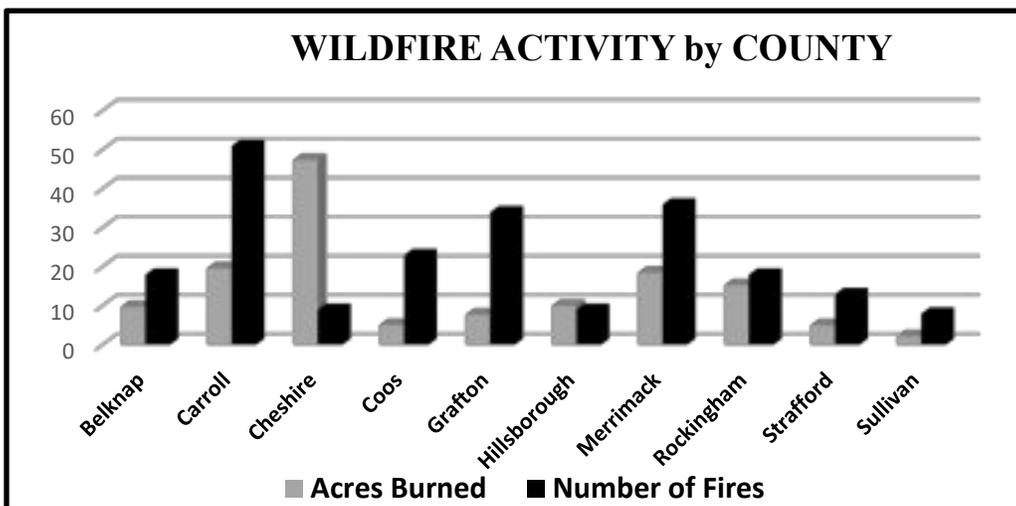
In 2025, New Hampshire experienced a lower-than-average spring wildfire season. However, flash drought conditions quickly took hold as New Hampshire experienced the driest summer on record in 130 years. This led to deep burning wildfires across the state. The state assisted local fire departments on 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](https://www.instagram.com/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

## JAFFREY PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2025

Thank you to the Sharon Select Board and the Town Administrator for this opportunity to be included in Sharon's Annual Town report. The Jaffrey Public Library has been providing contracted library services to the Town of Sharon since 2019. All Sharon residents have full access to all the same library services provided to Jaffrey residents, including our services at both the Ingalls Memorial Library in Rindge and the Frost Free Library in Marlborough as part of the Monadnock Regional Library Consortium.

We are thrilled to say we now have 100 Sharon residents with active library accounts, and our top user, with the highest circulation last year was a Sharon cardholder. That one patron checked out 331 items, valued at \$6,000! As a contract service, there is no additional cost to the Town of Sharon for all residents to join us, so we encourage you to invite your neighbors to the library and make the most of your library card in 2026. All that is required is a photo ID and proof of residency. Children ages 5 - 17 require a signed registration by a parent or guardian.

### Facts and figures for 2025:

- Circulation, the total number of materials (physical and digital) checked out from the library, totaled 58,149.
- Our catalog was searched 29,707 times this year, by 3,363 unique users.
- Our Novelist databases were searched 1,207 times to help our patrons find their next great read.
- Our patrons learned new language skills with Mango Languages, with a total of 297 learning sessions – 181 of which were on the go with their mobile app. Spanish was the most popular language, followed by German and Japanese.
- Our patrons listened to 6,175 audiobooks on Libby, checked out 3,236 eBooks, and read 1,583 online magazines.
- Our staff answered 25,073 reference and technology questions.
- Our library provided 436 educational programs for all ages, with 11,008 attendees at these live events. An additional 8,092 people participated in self-directed learning station activities. All of these programs were funded with grants and donations.
- Over 1,500 children and caregivers attended our Family Storytimes.
- We had 11,538 visits to our Kanopy video streaming service in its first full year! (This service is fully donor funded.)
- We registered 234 new library users this year. For statistical purposes and transparency, we have removed inactive accounts from our report totals, bringing our total number of active users to 3,237.
- Our new website, in conjunction with the Town, launched on April 30, 2025.
- We were awarded multiple grants in 2025 (valued at \$62,800) for both our building and our learning programs, including a Moose Plate grant from the state for historic preservation, a sustainability award from the Association for Rural & Small Libraries with the Manton Foundation, and program support from MilliporeSigma, Brooklyn Public Library with Books Unbanned, New Hampshire Humanities, and the Children's Literacy Foundation.

- The Friends of the Library continued ongoing funding for our mobile hotspot lending program, our NH State Park Pass, local museum passes, and Ancestry.com, as well as popular educational and recreational programs.
- Volunteers are our unsung heroes. Our beautiful gardens were tended and maintained this year by wonderful local gardeners. Additional volunteers washed windows, painted light posts, made homebound deliveries, watered indoor plants, made program reminder calls, dusted shelves, moved shelving, ran book club meetings, managed the Cribbage group, provided free programs (from baby goats to sewing!) and sorted the seeds for our Seed Library. Who knows how many hours our outdoor helpers invested, but our in-building volunteers logged 282 hours this year. Thank you!

The library provides a wide array of materials for checkout, including books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, children’s learning technology and tablets, microscopes, a telescope, metal detectors, sewing machines, field science kits, and Wi-Fi hotspots. The library’s collection is diverse, inclusive, and relevant, with physical holdings at 34,964, and shared downloadable digital holdings of 49,510 eBooks, 50,816 audiobooks, and 6,559 magazine copies (43,389 unique digital titles), available through the state consortium from *Libby/Overdrive*. Our donor funded video streaming service with *Kanopy* provides online access to thousands of films, documentaries, and television series for all ages. Additional digital resources include online newspapers with *US Newsstream*, *Britannica Library*, *Educate Station*, *Ancestry.com*, *AtoZ World Food* and *Food America* databases, *Mango Languages*, *Novelist Plus*, *Medline Plus* and *PubMed Central*.

In 2025, we added 1,337 new titles to our physical collection, of which 690 were funded by grant programs and donations, at no cost to taxpayers. 1,537 items were withdrawn from the physical collection as part of a comprehensive collection development and maintenance plan, according to professional standards. Many of these withdrawn items were donated or sold by the Friends of the library. This number also includes the deletion of titles from our system discovered missing during inventory.

The Library Trustees continued their commitment to use available trust funds to assist with library operating and building expenditures. I would like to express my appreciation to our Library Board of Trustees for their dedication to the library’s mission. It was a challenging policy year due to legislation that impacted our services, and they addressed our policy, staffing, and budgetary needs with thoughtful examination, always keeping the best interests of the library and the community as their priority.

We ended the year on a positive note, welcoming a dynamic new Youth Services Librarian, Kayla Charlonne to our team.

Thank you for learning with us. We look forward to serving you in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Perrin, MSLIS  
Library Director

January 2026

Report of Sharing in Sharon committee for 2025

“Building Community Together”

The Sharing in Sharon committee first met in the summer of 2024 with the identified purpose of planning activities to bring townspeople together to get to know each other and to find ways to play, work and celebrate together.

The first event sponsored was a getting to know you pot luck on September 15, 2024. The committee had the support of many others including some Boy Scouts from a local troop, the selectmen and a face painter in this endeavor. Those attending expressed appreciation for the opportunity to get together and meet residents that they had not known before.

Activities in 2025 included a bake sale on May 18th with proceeds to be used to assist in funding further activities of the Sharing in Sharon committee. A local beekeeper gave a talk about her work with bees.

On September 20th the committee worked along with the Trustees of the Cemetery to recruit helpers to clean the South Burying Ground. It was very gratifying to see all the helpers who showed up as well as to see the results of their effort in the cemetery.

As a thank you for the volunteers the committee provided drinks and treats at the meetinghouse. Rick Lusky and Jack Ogren talked with the group about the research done about the history of the South Cemetery and some of the people buried there. The crew of volunteers included many Boy Scouts and their leaders as well as townspeople.

On December 7th the committee organized a pot luck supper that followed the Bass Park Committee’s Christmas Tree Lighting event. This was very well attended and featured many dishes and Christmas treats.

Sharing in Sharon is very gratified to see the interest so many in town have in getting together. The meetinghouse is now a gathering place for so many who love Sharon!

The committee members at this time are Diane Callahan, Karen Shea Dufresne, Diane Gardenour, Becky Levine, Marjorie Margolis, Dianne Mitchell, and Serena Shomody. It is our hope to continue this effort with more events in 2026.

We welcome anyone else who would like to join this merry band of planners! Let us know of interest by sending a message to [admin@sharonnh.gov](mailto:admin@sharonnh.gov) and one of us will respond.

**TOWN OF SHARON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2025**

Moderator: Beth Fernald - Moderator  
Selectmen: Chet Bowles, Richard Dufresne, Jonathon Shomody  
Town Administrator: Debra Harling  
Minutes: Dianne Mitchell, Town Clerk  
Location: Sharon Meeting House, 432 Rt 123, Sharon, NH 03458  
 Moderator Beth Fernald called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Results of the March 11, 2025 voting for Town Officers**

Moderator Beth Fernald reported the results of the March 11, 2025 Town Officers voting and Ballot Question:

Selectman---3 years	Chester Bowles – 100; Write in: Fred Greathead – 1, Mike Williamson – 3, Satan – 1, Fred Woodhouse – 1, Blank - 5
Treasurer--1 year	Susan Bowles-106; Linda Paris-2, Blank-3
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years	Anne Murrock-104, Linda Paris-1; Blank-6
Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years	Rory Goff-103; Peter Paris-1, Mike Williamson-1, Blank-6
Audit Board – 3 years	Barrett Golay-104; Blank-7

**Contoocook Valley School District Voting**

Moderator Bill Joyner reported the results of the March 12, 2025 School District voting:

Question:	# of YES votes	# of NO votes
1	56	55
2	65	46
3	71	40
4	67	42
5	71	39
6	64	46
7	34	75
8	34	75
9	48	54
10	91	17
11	85	23
12		

**ARTICLE 2.** To cast your ballots on the proposed amendment to the Sharon Zoning Ordinance for Article XVII: Definitions. By adding definitions of Recreational Vehicles; and by adding the following new Article XXVII: Recreational Vehicles.

# of YES votes	# of NO votes
81	27

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$521,653 for town charges as the operating budget and other necessary maintenance and operating expenses, with this amount to come from taxation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

**Motion to move Article 3 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion 3: Deb Harling, Town Administrator reviewed changes in the budget. Increases to the Town of Peterborough were: Police budget is up \$25,753.00 Fire Department budget was down \$2,700.00, Welfare was down \$2,000.00 and Recycling Center was up \$4,500.00. Chet Bowles made a motion to amend the amount by increasing it \$4,000.00 to cover legal fees. It probably won't cover all of the fees but we have \$21,000.00 in reserve. Amendment passed by voice vote.

**Article # 3 passed by voice vote as amended.**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Assessing Reserve Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with this amount to come from fund balance. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 4 by Chet Bowles, second by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion 4: Deb Harling, Town Administrator explained that Assessments are done every five years. This money goes toward helping to offset the cost to the taxpayers.

**Article 4 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Technology Upgrade Expendable Trust Fund, previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3,VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 5 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion: No discussion

**Article 5 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Emergency Management Communications Expendable Trust previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3, VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 6 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion: No discussion

**Article 6 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,143 to be added to the Town Highway Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 32:3,VI(c).

**Motion to move Article 7 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion: Sandy Eneguess: There are 4 parts to this:

1. Paving Greenleaf Rd to Temple Rd and Temple Rd to Nashua Rd. \$60,000
2. Paving Cross Rd. \$28,000
3. Paving Spring Hill Rd between Jarmany Hill Rd and Mill Rd. \$41,000
4. Overlay McCoy Rd to Old Sharon Rd. This is an emergency route out of town \$90,000

Mark Fernald brought up that the total of special articles is almost \$800,000; \$242,000 for the roads and \$521,000 for the Operating budget.

Rory Goff asked about the monies already in the road budget

Chet Bowles acknowledged there is approx. 50k in the reserve fund, so there is the option to amend the amount that is voted on

Shane LaBrake brought up that there is increased traffic on Cross Rd due to Lion Heart School and by paving it there will be even more traffic

Rich DuFresne spoke about the increased traffic and wear and tear on the roads and that Sandy's approach is to get out ahead of that.

Ken Callahan would like to see Cross Rd remain gravel

Shane asked Sandy if we deferred, if the prices would increase and Sandy told him that would most likely be the case based on quotes gotten previously.

PJ Joyner made a motion to amend the amount to \$200,000 Liz MacEachran seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mark Fernald made a motion to amend the amendment to 100,000. That motion did not pass.

#### **Article 7 passed by voice vote as amended**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Town Building Maintenance, Repair and Capital Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provision of RSA 32:3, VI(c).

#### **Motion to move Article 8 by Chet Bowles, second by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion: Rich spoke to Nathan Rautiola about repairing the threshold in to the meeting room. .

#### **Article 8 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purchase of a water filtration system for the meeting house, which includes the cost of the first replacement filter, with this amount to come from taxation. (Future costs for this filtration system will be included in the budget

#### **Motion to move Article 9 by Chet Bowles, second by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion: Jonathan spoke to the issues that they have had with the well with chloroform.

#### **Article 9 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to provide supplies to improve the plantings, landscaping and other features of the area around the Meeting House and School House, with this amount to come from taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article under the provisions of RSA 31:3, VI(c).

#### **Motion to move Article 10 by Chet Bowles, second by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion: No discussion

#### **Article 10 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the purpose of repairing/restoring the bricks and mortar of the School House, with this amount to come from the Wilson II Fund.

**Motion to move Article 11 by Chet Bowles, second by Rich Dufresne.**

Discussion: A question was asked as to when the school house was built. School House was built in 1832. No additional discussion.

**Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

**Other Business:** Rory Goff spoke about the Emergency Notification System that has been implemented. It's attached to the cell phones. He asked for anyone that wants to be included to submit their cell phone numbers.

Karen Dufresne spoke about the Sharing in Sharon events.

**Moderator Beth Fernald adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne Mitchell  
Dianne Mitchell, Town Clerk

**WINTER ROAD POLICY  
TOWN OF SHARON  
(Revised 2005)**

**A written policy is essential to receive the full benefit of the liability protection found in RSA 231:92-a.**

Sharon's Winter Road Policy is to try and maintain and make our roads as safe as possible during the winter season. The roads maintained by the Town of Sharon are: Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Sliptown Road, Spring Hill Road starting at the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Jaffrey/Sharon town line, and Mill Road. State maintained roads are: Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road, and Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Sharon/Peterborough town line.

Sharon's school bus route will be maintained first because of the need to have our roads as safe as possible for the transporting of our students.

Sharon does not use a large amount of salt, therefore, our roads, depending on the season, could be ice and snow covered for a period of time. The town will do its best to try and remove as much as possible from the surface of the road by means of a grader or other equipment.

**Per order of the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 41:11, the town has adopted a Winter Parking Ordinance which states that:**

No person shall park any vehicle upon any Town highway at any time of the day between November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Violation of this ordinance shall be deemed to be the responsibility of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Each date during or on which a violation shall occur or continue shall be considered a separate offence. The penalty for each Violation shall be \$25.00. Unlawfully parked vehicles may be towed and stored at the expense of the registered owner.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

The purpose of this winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control methods, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts. Private roads, private drives, private businesses and parking areas, per RSA 231:93 imposes no duty to maintain such an area.

Roads to summer cottages open for summer maintenance only, because RSA 231:79-81 exempts the municipality from duties of winter maintenance.

Plowing our roads will not commence until snow has accumulated to a sufficient amount, unless slippery road conditions occur first. Roads will continue to be plowed according to the accumulation of snow as determined by the Road Agent. Four inches of a "cold" snow provides better traction than two inches of wet snow on a frozen road surface.

After completion of each snow and or ice storm, roads will be sanded if necessary, to help the covered roads melt and make our roads safe. It should be noted that salt has a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at

temperatures below 25 degrees, extremely slow at 20 degrees and at 10 degrees it stops and turns into an icy condition.

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths get increasingly higher, and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

The town has one part-time Road Agent who engages the services of contractors to carry out its winter maintenance operations.

For communication the town is equipped with radios and its own frequency enabling operators to communicate amongst themselves, the Emergency Management Director and a Selectman.

Emergency situations that arise during an event, equipment can be diverted at the request of a police or fire officer, emergency management director or an incident commander, from a planned snow removal route, responding to a motor vehicle accident, fire or a medical emergency. (RSA 154:7)

It should be noted that the town is not held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way. (RSA 231:92-a) The right-of-way (ROW) is often 50' wide, and is often confused by property owners as their own property. In most cases, the ROW often extends 10 to 20 feet of either side of the paved or graveled road. Home owners often cultivate extensions of their lawns, place mailboxes, erect fences or stonewalls in these areas, which improves the appearance of the street greatly, but is obstructive to good maintenance from being conducted on the roadway.

In the event of personal property damage, the Town of Sharon will only be responsible to repair or replace damaged property having been in actual contact with the snow removal equipment that is on private property and not within the public right-of-way.

RSA 215-A:6 states OHRV's are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way or any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted.

**It is unlawful to:**

- Operate as to endanger any person or damage property
- Operate on any road or within the right-of-way except where authorized and posted
- Chase or harass wildlife
- Operate on **town roads** or sidewalks unless posted for OHRV's
- Operate on or across any highway bridge unless posted as open for OHRV's
- Tow any person or sled without a rigid hitch.

The town does not allow snowmobiling on town roads.

It is important that people take into account and be aware of weather and road conditions while driving Sharon's roads. Please drive cautiously and safely at a reasonable rate of speed, so as not to endanger other vehicles and or pedestrians.

**TO ALL A SAFE WINTER**