

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*of the*  
**OFFICERS, BOARDS**  
*and*  
**COMMITTEES**  
*of the*  
**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024*



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# In Memoriam 2024

Jeffrey Hoyt

Selectman, Historical Commission

David Sharkey

Police Department, Fire Department, Parks Department

Joyce Nevins

Police Department, Crossing Guard

Charlotte Soucy

Assessing Department

John Leonard Bachelder

MBTA Designee

Lawrence Hard

Light Commissioner, Water Commissioner

# Town of Merrimac

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS		Oath Date	Term End
Elected	JOYCE CLOHECY	5/3/2022	5/5/2025
Elected	SUSAN M. SEARLE	5/8/2024	5/3/2027
Elected	GENA SINIBALDI	5/8/2024	5/4/2026

BOARD OF HEALTH		Oath Date	Term End
Elected	CHRISTINE BERUBE	5/8/2023	5/4/2026
Elected	ASHLYN CALCAGNI	5/8/2024	5/3/2027
Elected	JASON SARGENT	4/5/2022	5/5/2025

BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS		Oath Date	Term End
Elected	EDWARD DAVIS		5/5/2025
Elected	NORMAN DENAULT	5/8/2023	5/4/2026
Elected	KENNETH P. RHUDICK	5/8/2024	5/3/2027

CEMETERY TRUSTEES		Oath Date	Term End
Elected	RICKY PINCIARO	5/2/2022	5/1/2025
Elected	GWENDOLYN SABBAGH	5/8/2023	5/1/2026
Elected	DAVID J. VANCE	5/6/2024	5/3/2027

CONSTABLES		Oath Date	Term End
Elected	RAYMOND FELICE		5/5/2025
Elected	KEITH POLLMAN		5/5/2025
Elected	DAVID J. VANCE	5/2/2022	5/5/2025

HOUSING AUTHORITY		Oath Date	Term End
Elected	CANDIE A BENJAMIN	5/17/2023	5/1/2028
Elected	AYN KIRA CARROLL	5/18/2022	5/4/2027
Elected	CONNIE NUCCI	5/6/2024	5/7/2029



<b>LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>		<b>Oath Date</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Elected	JENNIFER P. BROWN	5/6/2024	5/3/2027
Elected	SUSAN M. COBURN	5/8/2024	5/3/2027
Elected	YVONNE COSGROVE	5/8/2023	5/4/2026
Elected	MARIPAUL MCGINN	5/8/2023	5/4/2026
Elected	ROBERT MICHAUD	5/3/2022	5/5/2025
Elected	PATRICIA MUNZ-ADAMS	5/3/2022	5/5/2025
<b>MODERATOR</b>		<b>Oath Date</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Elected	W. EARL BAUMGARDNER	5/6/2024	5/5/2025
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>		<b>Oath Date</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Elected	TOM ABISALIH		5/3/2027
Elected	DENNIS BRODIE	5/4/2021	5/4/2026
Elected	DAVID CRESSMAN	5/8/2023	5/1/2028
Elected	WILLIAM MCGOWAN	5/8/2024	5/7/2029
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		<b>Oath Date</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Elected	JULIE A. KING	5/2/2022	5/5/2025
Elected	CHRISTOPHER MARKUNS	5/8/2023	5/4/2026
Elected	BRIENNE WALSH	5/6/2024	5/3/2027
<b>SELECT BOARD</b>		<b>Oath Date</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Elected	WAYNE P. ADAMS	5/8/2024	5/4/2026
Elected	JANET BRUNO	5/7/2024	5/3/2027
Elected	IRINA GORZYNSKI	5/8/2023	5/4/2026
Member	ROBERT L. GUSTISON, II	5/6/2024	5/5/2025
Elected	CHRIS MANNI	5/2/2022	5/5/2025
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>Oath Date</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Elected	GWENDOLYN LAY SABBAGH	5/2/2022	5/5/2025

# **DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR FY2024**

## **Affordable Housing Board of Trustees**

Sandra Venner, Chairperson  
Brienne Walsh  
Phillip Parry  
Irina Gorzynski, Select Board Rep.

Dawne Young  
Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello  
Bridget Bacheller

## **Board of Appeals**

Matthew Passeri, Chair  
Joshua Jackson  
Mitch Kostoulakos thru 12/24  
Ken Nobrega

Joanne Rodrigues  
Benjamin Beaulieu, Alternate  
Rob Gustison II, Alternate  
Ron Reade

Kathleen Marshall, Administrative Assistant

## **Board of Registrars**

Ricky Pinciario

Maripaul McGinn

Jennifer Eye-Daggolu

## **Capital Planning Committee**

Sandra Venner  
Michael Marden, Chair & Finance Committee Rep.  
Chris Manni, Alternate, Select Board Rep.  
Carol McLeod, Ex Officio

David Cressman  
Marcia Zosack

## **Commission on Disabilities**

Chris Gaudet, Chairman  
Ann Marie Murphy  
Bob Sinibaldi, ADA Compliance Officer  
Brienne Walsh, COA Director  
Kathleen Sullivan, Secretary

Robert Hart, Vice Chairman  
Bridget Batcheller

## **Conservation Commission**

Jerome Mathieu, Chair  
Gregory Hochmuth, Vice Chair  
Gregory MacLean  
Mark Leger

Charlie Cohavey  
Arthur Yarranton  
William Andrulitis

Jay Smith, Agent

## **Council on Aging**

Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Chairwoman  
David Vance, Asst. Chairman  
Kathy Devaney  
Donna Doherty

Brienne Walsh  
Candie Benjamin, Secretary  
Maryann Mikson

## **Cultural Council**

Christy Skinner  
Christy Dole  
Valerie Labelle  
Joy Kimball

David Cressman  
Alex Cain  
Theresa Blackman  
Kathryn LaPlante

## **Finance Committee**

Mike Marden  
Marcia Zosack  
David Luoma  
Michael Bevilacqua

Lindy Davis  
Rob Gustison  
Thomas Ackerman  
Kenneth Tingle

## **Historical Commission**

Larry Fisher  
Herbert Cresey

Yvonne D. Cosgrove

## **Mass Bay Transit Authority Designee**

Bill Andrulitis

## **Merrimac Valley Planning Commission**

Tom Abisalih

## **Merrimack Valley Transit Authority Designee**

Mitch Kostoulakos

## **OPEB Trustees**

Carol McLeod  
Chris Manni  
Mary Usovicz

Anne Jim  
Mike Marden

## **Open Space Committee**

Martin Hanlon  
Lucy Abisalih  
Maryann Glennon  
Sean Wright

Dawn Ackerman  
Sandra Venner  
Susan Simmons

## **OSHA Committee**

Larry Fisher  
Alyssa Sexton  
Leo Reynolds  
Robert Sinibaldi

Chris Perkins  
Jim Clark  
Mary Usovicz  
Carol McLeod

Kiersten Cray  
Eric Shears  
Joelle Mather

## **Rent Control Board**

Virginia Noble

Bronwyn Crocker

Irina Gorzynski

**School Building Committee**

Carol McLeod

Benjamin S. Beaulieu

Gregory Towson

**Inspectional Services**

Robert Sinibaldi, Building Inspector

**Cable Access**

Carol Traynor, Director

**Emergency Management Director**

Larry Fisher, Chief

**Emergency Management Deputy**

Steven Brown

**Finance Director, Treasurer, & Town Administrator**

Carol A. McLeod

**Fire Department**

Larry Fisher, Chief

Gregory Habgood, Assistant Chief/EMS Coordinator

**Police Department**

Eric Shears, Chief

**Department of Public Works**

Robert Sinibaldi

**Select Board's Executive Assistant**

Jennifer Penney

**Tax Collector**

Michelle Barry

**Town Accountant**

Anne O. Jim

**Town Counsel**

Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC

**Town Nurse**

Danielle Cataldo

**Veterans' Services Director**

Kevin Hunt

**Veterans' Services Associate Director**

Jeremiah Murphy

**Weights and Measures**

Leonard Rose

The Select Board would like to thank all those who have served the town this past year.



## Annual Report of the Merrimac Select Board

As we, the Merrimac Select Board, reflect on the past year and look forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead, we continue to be honored to serve our great community. It has been a year filled with accomplishments, community engagement, and resilience to ever changing conditions.

First and foremost, we would like to express our gratitude for your continued support and dedication to our town. Your involvement in Town Meetings, local events, volunteering for town boards and committees, and the overall commitment to improving our community is truly remarkable. Many incredible experiences and unforgettable memories were made during Old Home Days, the Santa Parade, the Christmas Eve Santa ride, the Santa Trot, the Jamaco River Run, and many other programs and events that would not be possible without all your support.

From a financial standpoint, our town continues to be in good health and has maintained a credit rating of AA+ for the last five years. A recommended target for a general stabilization fund is typically in the five to seven percent of the current operating budget range which Merrimac currently has. These funds can be utilized in case of an emergency expense or address issues in the future.

The Select Board continues to focus on foundation level infrastructure projects that would support our community for decades such as replacing water mains for capacity and quality, paving roads, and replacing failing waste processing equipment. We would like to thank our Department of Public Works teams for their execution of these vital projects. Some of the recent successes we have had with securing grants include the \$600,000 to repair the Mill Street Culvert, \$450,000 for Locust Street pedestrian improvements, and another \$436,000 to replace the water mains and road on Winter Street. All these successful grants took years of advocacy and persistence to accomplish.

While Merrimac is generally considered a safe community, challenges remain. The number of calls for Police, Fire, and Emergency Services continually increase especially in the area of mental health problems. This is happening while available staffing continues to be scarce especially with per diem Firefighters/EMTs. To address these public safety issues, the Select Board and Finance Committee have sent two override articles to Town Meeting for consideration. One is related to Fire/EMS which would be to hire an additional four first responders and the other for the Police Department to hire an additional officer. Additionally, there is a debt exclusion override request to repair roads in town. Some of the most common feedback the Select Board receives is related to the state of our roads and the safety of them. While we have put resources into many roads over the last few years, inflationary conditions have the town behind in improving its "road miles." There is an opportunity for the state to increase Chapter 90 funds from \$197,000 to \$323,000 which would help but not enough to proactively improve our infrastructure. These requests for additional investments were not taken lightly given the current economic climate and our taxpayers' ability to pay. Ultimately, the Select Board and Finance Committee believes the best course of action is to put these topics in front of Town Meeting and the voters to have them decide whether these investments are made.

From an education perspective, major investments have been made to the Pentucket Regional School District from both infrastructure and annual operating budgets over the last few years. Even with that

support, cost increases over 2.5% continue to pressure budgets. This is true not only of Pentucket Regional but school districts throughout the state. The Select Board has responded by proactively engaging the Pentucket Administration, School Committee members, and our partner Select Boards to put forth a budget that all three towns can move forward to Town Meeting without an override request. Lastly, since the Select Board does not anticipate major Chapter 70 reform within the next few years, we continue to advocate in areas where there are opportunities such as regional transportation and special education funding. Regarding Chapter 70 reform, we currently see momentum building for change across the commonwealth which is a sign of hope for adequate and equitable funding.

In closing, our optimism and confidence about the future of Merrimac remains strong. With the community's continued support and collaboration, there are no issues that we cannot resolve. Thank you again for being a part of our special place in this world and we wish you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous, and fulfilling year ahead.

With gratitude,



Christopher Manni, Chairman



Janet M. Bruno, Clerk



Irina Gorzynski, Member



Wayne P. Adams, Member



Robert L. Gustison II, Member



## Merrimac Fire Department

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*Larry S. Fisher*  
*Fire Chief/EMD/CFO/FPOH*

To: The Honorable Select Board &  
The Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts

Each year, as I draft this report, I reflect on our successes and challenges. As Chief, my role is to serve both the community and the firefighters of our department. Some may perceive this role as straightforward, while others may find it complex. The decisions made for the community and department members have often been challenging, but support has made them more manageable.

Our community benefits from a department that has united to support each other, yet we face significant challenges ahead. Much like responding to an emergency call, time is an uncontrollable factor. The time or availability of our per-diem staff has been limited and thus also uncontrollable. These firefighters have served us loyally for various periods of time, and it is crucial that we continue to have access to them. However, our current staffing model is unsustainable.

We must adapt by placing full-time personnel on-duty to ensure a minimum crew of three on any apparatus. Additionally, we need to be prepared to respond to ambulance calls and make sound decisions when a second call arises, even if we do not have enough staff in the station to operate a truck.

This can be achieved through various models, but it is important to continue to work together in the partnership that we have formed. We need to be committed to our vision and the goals that bring that vision to life so that we are serving our community and ensuring the safety of its firefighters.



## **Staff Acknowledgement**

As previously mentioned in this report, our staff has shown remarkable solidarity in covering shifts to meet the needs of the Town. Their dedication is evident as they work extensive hours.

Assistant Chief Greg Habgood continues to excel in his role, bringing outstanding expertise and commitment. We are indeed fortunate to have him on our team.

Dave Forziati was promoted to Acting Deputy this past year. His dedication and forward-thinking approach will be instrumental as the department transitions in the coming years. He is set to be a pivotal leader for the Town.

Mark Soucy, our senior captain, has reaffirmed his status as a dedicated member and leader within our team.

William Howard was promoted to Acting Lieutenant this year. He is using this opportunity for personal and professional growth, demonstrating leadership by supporting his colleagues. William consistently makes himself available for numerous overtime hours, ensuring we have adequate coverage for calls.

We continue to attract young firefighters and aspiring individuals, thanks to our engaging, supportive environment that fosters input and offers growth opportunities. Some of these new members have become full-time employees, while others serve on a per diem basis or are beginning their firefighting careers. Our recent additions include Skylar Bianculli (FT), Phil Gray (FT), Travis Bounsy (FT), Conor Clancy, Jacob Barlow, Gabriel Ricker, and Johnathan Gardella. This group has managed a significant workload with enthusiasm, contributing to a positive workplace atmosphere and facilitating a sense of enjoyment at our fire station despite the challenges we face.

Kiersten Cray continues to be the approachable and welcoming presence for those who call or visit the department. As the Administrative Assistant, she plays a crucial role in managing our office and is an exemplary team member. She is well regarded by everyone and occasionally engages our members in some basic drills to gain a better understanding of our job challenges. This practice provides her with a unique and practical perspective on our skills and responsibilities. In return for her additional efforts, she enhances her ability to support both the team and the community effectively.

## **Merrimac Couplings**

The Merrimac Couplings were honored for their 60 years of dedicated service to the department and community. A dinner was held in their honor, during which they received citations from Janice Phillips, Chief of Staff for Senator Finegold, and Representative Dawn Shand. This group exemplifies the essence of volunteer service. We extend our deepest gratitude for their many years of service and unwavering support.

## **Emergency Management**

In the event of an incident requiring activation of our Emergency Operations Center (EOC), this group will collect data, manage needs, and provide direction. The team consists of experienced individuals led by Deputy Director Steven Brown, who has many years of service. Together, we collaborate to manage and train for these situations. Our processes have been tested numerous times, and we continuously strive to improve.

## **Events & Successes**

This past year, we secured several grants once again. These grants provide funding for items beyond those covered by local taxes. With this financial support, we were able to acquire 16 new dual-band portable radios with an approximate value of \$120,000. Additionally, we received a grant for asset management products, including barcode and QR code printing. This marks the final phase of a three-year project that will enable the department to effectively track and plan for maintenance, replacement, testing, and budgeting for all assets under our care.

Our engagement with the community continued robustly through our support of local events. We provided Emergency Medical Services (EMS) support, participated in Touch-a-Truck events, offered fire truck rides, and conducted station tours. We remain committed to actively supporting these events whenever possible. Our involvement in the community has fostered the strong partnership we enjoy today.

We welcomed numerous small groups to our fire department, such as the Cub Scouts, Daisies, and various school classrooms. Our firefighters' dedication to their roles and the community allows us to effectively convey home safety messages and help children become more familiar and comfortable with us. This familiarity is crucial during emergencies, improving our ability to serve them and their families.

Furthermore, our Haunted Fire House event this year was a significant success. It provided a valuable opportunity for the community to interact with us in a more relaxed, non-emergency context.

## **Challenges**

The challenges that our staff has faced over the past year cannot be overstated. Many within the fire department acknowledge that most residents may not fully appreciate or understand the complexities of our operations within the community. Unfortunately, due to the nature of our work, sharing detailed information about our activities is often not permitted. While we strive to communicate some of our positive achievements, it is almost impossible to provide comprehensive details about current calls. Consequently, we rely heavily on the testimonials of

those we serve, as they are uniquely positioned to convey their experiences to family and friends.

Over the past ten years, our call volume has doubled, yet the availability of on-call staff has dramatically decreased. Since our community was established nearly 150 years ago, there has been a recognized need for buildings, equipment, and personnel to support our fire department. However, while there has been some growth, it has not been sufficient to meet the evolving needs of our community. Demand and regulations that effect the departments operation are simply changing too fast.

The onset of the COVID pandemic significantly altered our operations. Our on-call personnel realized they lacked financial protection against losses incurred from exposure as on-call members. This awareness led many to either leave or limit their availability. Furthermore, the adoption of OSHA standards by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts imposed additional time commitments, and now, regional operational standards are also increasing demands on their time.

Our dedicated and passionate team remains committed to serving the community, but the increasing requirements are making it difficult for them to balance their personal and professional lives.

It is imperative that we develop a realistic growth plan to safeguard both our community and our firefighters. This plan must be adaptable to accommodate changes over time. The fire department has always collaborated with the community, and together, we can and will achieve success through our partnership.

### **Closing**

The Fire Department is an integral part of our community, symbolizing the dedication of our taxpayers to fostering and maintaining a safe environment. Your commitment is highly valued and treated with the utmost respect. Every member of our team ensures that the tax dollars allocated for equipment, apparatus, and building repairs are properly utilized and aligned with our actual needs. We take immense pride in our accomplishments over the past 5-6 years and do not take either your contributions or our efforts lightly.

To our firefighters and community members, I extend my sincere gratitude for your partnership, friendships, and the opportunity to serve you. We are indeed fortunate to reside in the Town of Merrimac.

Respectfully,

Larry S. Fisher

Fire Chief/EMD/CFO/FPOII



## **Merrimac Fire Department 2024**

Larry Fisher - Fire Chief, EMT-B

Greg Habgood- Assistant Chief, EMT-P

Michael Sloban – Deputy Chief

Dave Forziati- Acting Deputy, EMT-B

Kiersten Cray- Administrative Assistant

### **Full-time Officer & Firefighters**

William Howard- Acting LT, EMT-P

Skylar Bianculli - Firefighter, EMT-B

Phillip Gray - Firefighter, EMT-B

Travis Bounsy – Firefighter, EMT-B

### **Officers**

Mark Soucy- Captain, EMT-B  
EMT-B

Shane Sevigny- LT, EMT-P

Benjamin Jennell- LT,

### **Firefighters & EMT's**

John Alcantara

Jacob Barlow

Steven Brown

Conor Clancy

Lisa Eichel

Johnathan Gardella

Brian Greaney

Garrett King

Gabriel Ricker

Nicole Sevigny

Keith Sherman

David Sherwood

Chris Stiles

Christian Taylor

Curtis Walton



## Merrimac Emergency Management 2024

### Personnel Roster

Emergency Management Director	Larry S. Fisher
Emergency Management Deputy Director	Steven Brown, Sr.
Municipal Official	Selectmen Designee
Police Department Representative	Eric M. Shears or designee
Radiological Officers	Guy Oteri
Transportation Coordinators	Greg McLean
Communications Personnel	Ann Brown
	Rebecca Armstrong
Staging Area Personnel	Guy Oteri
Special Needs Notifier	Rebecca Armstrong
Fire Department Representative	Greg Habgood
DPW Representative	Robert Sinibaldi or designee
EOC Administrative Personnel	Julia Fisher
	Ann Brown
	Kiersten Cray
Police Dispatchers	Mark Sayers
	Rebecca Armstrong
Traffic Management & Municipal Security	Chief Shears or designee



## **Merrimac Fire Couplings 2024**

Chief- Judy David

Captain-Deanne Daneau

Clerk- Julia Fisher

Treasurer- Carolyn Kelly

### **Members**

Ellen Amirault

Donna Berard

Betty Elliot

Pat Jordan

Jeanne Judson

Alberta Peavey

Betty Sloban

Sally Smith

Ellen Soucy

*This group of women is the definition of dedicated, selflessness and supportive. They have been silently working behind the scenes in the fire department, during good and bad times, supporting in whatever ways needed. They are in my eyes equivalent to our members that respond to calls, they serve our members and our cause. Their ability to do much, without fanfare, is rare today for sure.*

*Thank you, ladies, for all you do and have done for over 60 years. We do truly appreciate your help in getting us to where we are today!*  
*Respectfully,*

*Larry S. Fisher, Fire Chief*



Eric M. Shears  
*Chief of Police*

# Merrimac Police Department

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

**2024**

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac,  
Massachusetts;

The Merrimac Police Department is committed to providing quality police services to this community. I am very proud of my staff. They are well-trained, hard-working, and dedicated to the citizens of Merrimac.

The men and women of this department continue to put forth tremendous efforts to keep up with increased workload, many times, as the sole officer responding. Fortunately, we were able to hire Officer Paul DeCoste in FY2024. He was fully trained and transferred to our department from the Haverhill Police Department. Although we have made strides in providing two officer coverage, we are still not where we need to be with police officer staffing. In 2024, police officers in Merrimac worked alone fifteen (15) percent of the time. This is five (5) percent better than we were in 2023. Staffing is something we will need to continue to address as a community.

We would like to thank our residents, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, Capital Planning, and the entire staff at Town Hall for their continued support. We are also thankful for the public safety partnerships we enjoy with our Fire Department, Emergency Management, Department of Public Works, Light Department, and the Pentucket Regional School District.

Working together, we continue to provide for the safety and security of our “little” town.

It is truly an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Chief of Police in Merrimac.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric M. Shears  
Chief of Police

# Merrimac Police Department

## 2024

**Eric M. Shears**  
Chief of Police

**Richard P. Holcroft**  
Operations /  
Investigations Sergeant

**Joelle Mather**  
Administrative  
Assistant

**Stephen A. Ringuette**  
Operations /  
Investigations Sergeant

### ***Patrol Officers***

**Stephen E. Beaulieu**  
Detective

**Brett Remon**  
Patrol Officer

**Jonathan Hewey**  
Patrol Officer

**Scott LaValley**  
Patrol Officer

**William David**  
Patrol Officer

**Adam White**  
Patrol Officer

**Paul DeCoste**  
Patrol Officer

### ***Reserve Officers***

**Keith Cote**  
Reserve Officer

**David J. Vance**  
Special Officer  
Reserve Dispatcher

### ***Police & Fire Signal Operators***

**Mark E. Sayers**  
Dispatch Supervisor

**Lorna Morgan**  
Dispatcher

**Rebecca Armstrong**  
Dispatcher

**James Stoner**  
Dispatcher

### ***Part-Time Police & Fire Signal Operators***

**Joelle Mather**  
Reserve Dispatcher

**Gabriel Ricker**  
Reserve Dispatcher

**Katelyn Drago**  
Reserve Dispatcher

**Sydney Lathrop**  
Reserve Dispatcher

**David Knight**  
Reserve Dispatcher

**Manny Tickelis**  
Reserve Dispatcher



2024 Calls by Dispatch Reason			
Intelligence	54	Welfare Check	102
Rape / Sexual Assault	0	Officer Wanted	637
Robbery (Unarmed)	0	Officer Wanted / Detail	685
Assault & Battery	1	Provide Escort	1
B & E (Attempted)	1	Assist Citizen	102
B&E Building	2	Assist Citizen/ Lock Out	16
B&E Boat	0	Assist Citizen / Transport	2
B&E Motor Vehicle	2	Building Check	4353
Larceny / Personal Property	4	Message Delivery	4
Larceny by Check	0	Animal Incident (ACO)	238
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	1	Assist Municipal Agencies	29
Kidnapping (Parental)	0	Utility Alarm / Emergency	158
Assault (Threats / No Battery)	2	Medical Emergency	645
Forgery & Counterfeiting	1	Mental Health Emergency	22
Stalking	1	Intoxicated Person	0
Vandalism Complaint	8	Reported Death	0
Weapons Violation	0	FIRE ALARM - Street Box	74
Sex Offenses	0	FIRE ALARM - Brush Fire	8
Drug Law Violations	1	FIRE ALARM - Car Fire	10
Gaming Law Violation	0	FIRE ALARM - Structure Fire	4
Offenses Against Family/Child	0	FIRE ALARM - Investigation	184
Intoxicated Driver Complaint	1	FIRE ALARM - Mutual Aid	75
Disorderly Conduct	1	Burglar Alarm	90
209A Violation	3	Confer with other PD	0
209A Order Received	3	Assist Other Police Department	204
Officer Investigation	11	Motor Vehicle Stop	1236
Warrant Arrest	2	Motor Vehicle Listing	17
Larceny of a Bicycle	1	Parking Violation	80
General Offenses	8	RADAR Assignment	437
Trespass Complaint	6	Motor Vehicle Complaint (Speed)	101
Civil Complaint	2	Motor Vehicle Accidents	102
Juvenile Offense	4	Traffic Control	36
Recovered Stolen MV	0	Abandoned MV Complaint	4
Missing Person	9	Disabled MV Complaint	95
Lost / Found Property	45	Car Seat Assist	4
Disturbance (General)	24	Assist Schools	234
Domestic Disturbance	2	Community Policing	41
Disturbance (School)	0	Inter - Department Services	3
Disturbance (Group)	2	Court (On Duty)	50
Hazard / Youths in Street	131	911 Calls -Abandoned, Hangup, Silent, Wrong	324
Disturbance (Noise)	40	Servicing Cruiser	629
Annoying Harassing Phone Calls	5	Community Service	0
Suspicious Activity	97	Radio Communications Maint.	0
Boating Complaint	1	Pursuit (MV or Foot)	0
ATV / Dirt bike Complaint	0	Service of Legal Process	69
General Services	519	Animal Inspection (Barn/QR)	64
General Services/ Directions	1	TOTAL	10483

### **ADULT ARRESTS**

Male Arrests	<b>16</b>
Female Arrests	<b>07</b>

### **JUVENILE ARRESTS**

Male Juvenile Arrests	<b>0</b>
Female Juvenile Arrests	<b>0</b>

### **PROTECTIVE CUSTODY**

Male PC	<b>0</b>
Female PC	<b>0</b>

### **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT APPLICATIONS**

Various Criminal Offenses	<b>34</b>
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### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

Total Motor Vehicle Stops	<b>1236</b>
Verbal Warnings	800
Written Warnings	351
Civil Citations	58
Criminal Complaints/Arrest	27



# Merrimac Department of Veterans' Services

Kevin Hunt  
Director

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TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
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What follows is the annual report from The Department of Veterans' Services.

## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER 115 BENEFITS:**

This department was able to assist veterans or family members this past year under M.G.L. Chapter 115. This is emergency financial assistance provided to financially qualified veterans or their surviving spouses. Any money expended to these veterans under Chapter 115 is returned to the Town by the State at the rate of \$.75 to the dollar expended. In 2024, approximately \$90,000.00 was expended to eligible veterans and their families, of which \$67,500.00 will be returned to the Town by the State of Massachusetts.

## **VETERANS DAY:**

Thanks to the efforts of Commander Roger Clark and the members of Post 134 of the American Legion, a small ceremony was held at the Veteran Cemetery on Veterans Day November 11, 2024.

## **MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS:**

Again, thanks to the efforts of Commander Clark and the members of Post 134 of the American Legion, veterans' graves and memorials were appropriately decorated with American Flags by Memorial Day.

## **VA COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS:**

The Veterans Department continues to assist and secure various VA benefits -- service connected and non-service connected -- disability compensations and pensions paid to Merrimac residents. Last year, the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs distributed \$180,861.82 to Merrimac veterans and/or their surviving spouses as compensation or

pension. The Veterans' Office assists veterans and their families in applying for these benefits. The Town of Merrimac does not have to pay anything to receive these funds, much of which is spent within the Town.

**VA HEALTH CARE:**

This department assisted and secured various VA medical benefits for service and non-service connected veterans. These medical benefits included short and long-term medical treatments at the VA satellite Clinic in Haverhill and VA Hospitals in the surrounding area.

**SOCIAL SECURITY:**

This department continues to assist and refer veterans seeking benefits from the Social Security Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hunt  
Director of Veterans' Services  
Town of Merrimac

Jeremiah Murphy  
Associate Director  
Town of Merrimac



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**PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**The Merrimac Annual Report of the School Department activities for FY24 has been developed by the Principal of the Pentucket Regional Middle-High School and the Principal of the Helen R. Donaghue School and the Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir School on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools and the Pentucket Regional School Committee.**

**Emily Dwyer, Chairwoman**  
**Christine Reading, Vice Chairwoman**  
**Lana Durocher**  
**Michaels Hawes**  
**Julie King**  
**Chris Markuns**  
**Dena Trotta**  
**Brienne Walsh**  
**Emily Zeitsev**

## **Pentucket Regional Middle-High School**

Last year at Pentucket Middle-High School was filled with academic successes, new initiatives, and vibrant community events that marked a year of growth and achievement. The school hosted various events such as post-graduation fairs for juniors and seniors, guiding them on their future paths. Extracurricular activities were bustling, with highlights like our DECA club's participation in regional competitions, showcasing our students' business acumen. Sports teams also had an impressive year, with students pushing hard in lacrosse, football, and other competitions, supported by strong fan attendance at key games. Parent-Teacher conferences ensured ongoing collaboration between families and teachers, strengthening the home-school connection. Together, these accomplishments underscore Pentucket's dedication to fostering a supportive and challenging environment for every student.

## **Demographic Information 2023-2024**

<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>Present Students</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Groveland</b>	294	59	
<b>Merrimac</b>	283	51	
<b>West Newbury</b>	186	29	
<b>Choice in</b>	3	1	
<b>Total:</b>	766	140	906

## **School Highlights**

The year at Pentucket High School was a vibrant and rewarding one, filled with significant achievements and meaningful experiences for students, staff, and the community. Academically, students excelled in standardized tests, innovative projects, and college acceptances - a PHS student is in ROTC to become an officer in the military through Holy Cross, and we had students accepted to USC, Colby, Bates, etc.. In addition, the DECA club's impressive involvement in competitions demonstrated our students' growing interest in business and leadership. The theater department showed off their rising stars in Les Miserables which boasted three sold-out shows. The school year was capped off by events like Parent-Teacher conferences and post-graduation fairs, all designed to support students' futures. We prepared for our NEASC accreditation where surveys went out to families, students and staff. The data was used to share areas of growth for the NEASC group to evaluate in the fall.

## **Assessment**

The MHS administered MCAS in Spring 2023 for grades 7-10 (ELA and Math) and Science Grade 8 (STE) Grade 9 (Bio).

Grades 7 & 8 implemented diagnostic assessments (iReady) three times last year and the results were used to make decisions on curriculum and instruction.

## **PRMHS Vision of a Graduate**

All graduates of the Pentucket Regional Middle High School will successfully use their knowledge and skills to

be lifelong learners, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens.

The Pentucket Community could not thrive without the support of the Town of West Newbury. The unwavering support demonstrated by its residents helps guide Pentucket and teaches tomorrow's citizens, which takes a village.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Erhardt  
Principal  
Pentucket Regional Middle High School  
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024

### **Merrimac Schools Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

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(978) 345-8921

Dr. F. N. Sweetsir  
104 Church St.  
(978) 345-8319

#### **Demographic Information**

Merrimac has two elementary schools that provide educational services to its residents. The Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir School is located at 104 Church Street. It houses students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 2. The enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year was 230 students. The Helen R. Donaghue School is located at 24 Union Street Extension. It houses students in grades 3-6. The enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year was 243 students.

#### **School Highlights from 2023-2024**

- The Merrimac Schools were awarded the Silver Award for their participation in the three annual Massachusetts Department of Transportation flagship days; iWalk, Winter Walk and Bike to School Day, and Spring Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day.
- Administration attended and held "Pops with the Principals" at Merrimac Goes Back to School to meet students, families, PTO, and community members.
- Grade levels participated in field trips (both out of the building and in-house).
  - First Grade- Curious Creatures, Merrimac Library
  - Second Grade- Plum Island
  - Third grade- Merrimac Museum, Stone Zoo, Plimoth Plantation
  - Fourth Grade- LegoLand
  - Fifth Grade- Greenscapes, Ecotarium
  - Sixth Grade- Adventurelore, In the Game
- Our Peer Mentor Program continued to thrive between our sixth graders and Horizons Program. Our school counselors and special education teachers work to strengthen student's social, communication, and friendship building skills.
- Merrimac students participated in an annual Talent Show. Proceeds from this event were donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.
- Students participated in an end of year art show showcasing student work K-6.

- The Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus, directed by music teacher Johanna Dickson, held two concerts showcasing their talent.
- The PTO teamed up with school staff to celebrate Unique Week. This week celebrates what makes us special and unique through school spirit days and collaborative in school and home projects.
- The Donaghue School has a Student Council led by Kathleen Terceiro, third grade teacher. Students promoted school spirit and developed leadership skills.
- The Donaghue School held its first annual Staff Vs. Sixth Grade Student basketball game. Community members, including the police and fire department and district administrative staff were invited to participate.
- School counselors implemented PBIS lessons with direct instruction of expected behaviors and held a Coffee with the Counselors for families to meet and hear about what their children are learning.
- Students were recognized for their expected behavior aligned with PRSD elementary core values with positive reinforcement, “Wolf Calls.”
- Students had the opportunity to join the math team and ski club.
- Students in grades 4-6 had the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. Students showcased their learning through in school and evening performances.
- Merrimac Schools held a Field Day for ALL students at the Donaghue School at the end of the school year. Community members (police and fire departments) led stations, as well as parent volunteers. Paired classes rotated through each station during the event. Kona Ice and t-shirts were purchased for all students by the PTO.
- Kindergarten students held a Rainforest Show for families encompassing classroom learning, songs in music, and beautiful artwork created in art.
- Merrimac Schools participated in “Paws for Pentucket” a campaign to bring therapy dogs to all Pentucket Schools. The campaign included mapping the arrival of the dogs from Kansas, auctioning off “Days with Dice” - the High School Therapy Dog, and more! Merrimac Schools were lucky to have two staff members participate in training and receiving a therapy dog (one for FNS and one for HRD).

## **Curriculum and Instruction**

- Students received the core academic disciplines of math, science, ELA, and social studies. Specials include PE, Art, Music, and Library Media.
- Teachers focused on developing cohesive units of instruction that incorporated UDL (Universal Design for Learning) and SEL (Social Emotional Learning) strategies.
- Math- students use the new Eureka Math Squared Program.
- Literacy - students continued to use the Wit and Wisdom Literacy program.
- Writing- teachers continued to find ways to use writing across the curriculum.
- Professional Walkthroughs continued to guide instructional design.
- The Student Success Team continued to monitor student access to and success with curriculum and instruction.

## **Assessment**

- The Donaghue School administered MCAS in Spring 2024 for grades 3-6 (ELA and Math) and grade 5 (Science).
- Merrimac administered diagnostic reading and math assessments three times last year in grades K-6, and the results were used to make decisions on curriculum and instruction.
- Merrimac Staff utilized reading and math data meetings to drive instruction and determine student instructional groups.



- Students identified as at risk in literacy were progress monitored biweekly to determine growth and subsequent support needs.

### **Community Service/Collaboration**

- The Merrimac Community continued to support Merrimac families in need through the Holiday Helper Program.
- Merrimac Schools held their annual food drive for the Holiday Helper Program.
- School administration collaborated with both the Merrimac Police Department and Merrimac Fire Department to increase school safety.

Sincerely,  
 Stephanie Dembro, Principal  
 The Merrimac Schools  
 Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir School & Helen R. Donaghue

### **Merrimac Graduates**

Ashley Agouli  
 Zachary Attwood  
 Lorenzo Busigo Jimenez  
 Malialani Charles  
 Olivia Chaves  
 Leigha Cignetti  
 Jamie Dahlgard  
 Kade Dennis  
 Ava DiBurro  
 Alex Donovan  
 Benjamin Drescher  
 Zachary Dunn  
 Zoe Dunn  
 Kathryn Easton  
 Taylor Eaton  
 Skylar Fisher  
 Jordyn Flaherty  
 John Foley  
 Tannah Gatchell  
 Laken Graham  
 Tighe Hosman  
 Emily Jones  
 Clifton Judson  
 Lindsey Kawiecki  
 Isabelle Lischke  
 Courtney Locke  
 Caileigh MacKay  
 Seamus MacKinnon  
 Isabella Merrill  
 Jacob Mitchell

Gaetano Morse  
Narjis Musa  
Chloe Neumann  
Shaylind Novick  
Dominic Oteri  
Avery Palermo  
Alyssa Perschetti  
Adam Post-Montjoie  
Aine Reade  
Kevin Reiter  
Camelia Saddas  
Seth Schindler  
Katelyn Shears  
Jeffrey Snow  
Ava Snyder  
Katelyn Sullivan  
Hunter Tocci  
Jocelyn Weinberg  
Leah Whitney  
Jackson Woodsum  
Haley Wright

September 12, 2024

### ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: Michael Rossi, Whittier Representative  
Maureen Lynch, Superintendent

Whittier Tech offers 24 career and technical education (CTE) programs in key cluster areas, including Allied Health, Service, Construction, Technology, and Manufacturing/Transportation. These programs provide students with the practical, hands-on training they need to succeed in both the workforce and in higher education.

Additionally, our rigorous academic curriculum offers a strong foundation in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Physical Education/Health, and a variety of elective subjects, all aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure student success. By blending technical training with academic excellence, Whittier Tech is preparing students not just for jobs, but for meaningful, lifelong careers.

In addition to our comprehensive CTE programs, Whittier Tech offers students the opportunity to participate in Early College courses through our partnership with Northern Essex Community College (NECC). These courses not only enhance students' academic growth but also provide dual-enrollment opportunities for certain shops, giving students a head start in both their academic and technical education. This ensures that students are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a competitive and evolving job market.

Whittier Tech also supports adult learners through a robust adult education program. Our offerings, such as plumbing and electrical journeyman classes, help residents advance in critical, high-demand fields. Over the summer, we expanded our commitment to the community through the Career Tech Initiative, which provided 100 under- or unemployed Massachusetts residents with new

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skills in areas such as construction, culinary, welding and more to meet the demands of the workforce and create opportunities for a brighter future. This program was free to participants and funded by the Commonwealth.

At Whittier Tech, we are dedicated to "Shaping Futures, Building Tomorrow." As we enter our 51st year, we are proud to have graduated over 13,000 students who are contributing to our communities and the region's economy. Our vision is clear: to provide the best career technical and academic education in Massachusetts, empowering students to succeed in a safe and supportive environment while building a workforce that is ready for tomorrow's challenges.

We are proud of the role that Whittier Tech plays in the success of our shared communities. Together, we can continue to support the growth and development of all our children, ensuring that they are well-equipped to contribute to the future.

The enrollment for the Evening School from Merrimac: 14

The October 1, 2023 Day School Enrollment:

	Boys	Girls	Non-Binary
Grade 9	4	3	0
Grade 10	4	2	0
Grade 11	8	5	0
Grade 12	8	6	0
Total –	40		

2024 Graduates – 15

The cost to Merrimac for the school year 2023-2024 was \$684,480.00.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Rossi  
Merrimac Representative

Maureen Lynch  
Superintendent

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**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
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## FY2024 ANNUAL REPORT

### *Fiscal Year 2024 Total Receipts*

Permit Type	Qty	Estimated Construction Cost	Permit Fees Paid
MA Building Permit Commercial	8	\$605,784.00	\$9,420.00
MA Building Permit Residential	266	\$9,417,754.50	\$121,570.10
MA Electrical Permit	160	\$ 7,629,879.47	\$23,961.25
MA Gas Fitting Permit	93	\$563,583.36	\$5,745.00
MA Plumbing Permit	97	\$549,227.78	\$8,085.00
MA Sheet Metal Permit	12	\$318,139.43	\$1,667.05
MA Sprinkler System Permit	2	Data Not Collected	\$ 201.00
Grand Totals	638	\$19,084,368.54	\$170,649.40

### *Permit Accessibility*

In late 2016 the Inspectional Services Department transitioned to PermitLink, an online permitting system. PermitLink is available via a Public Access Portal at [www.townofmerrimac.com](http://www.townofmerrimac.com). Permits can be easily searched for by location, permit number or permit type. From here you can view attachments, inspections and the permit application.

The archival documents containing permits and maps/plans have been scanned in, making all permit history for the life of the building easily accessible. Please e-mail the office at [asexton@townofmerrimac.com](mailto:asexton@townofmerrimac.com) or call 978-346-0525 to request a copy of an addresses file.

*Annual Report Submitted By:*  
*Robert Sinibaldi, Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer*  
*Alyssa Sexton, Admin*



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WATER DEPARTMENT  
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC WATER DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**NEW CONNECTIONS:** During the year FY24 there were 4 new homes connected to the town's water system bringing the total number of connections to 1978.

**PRIVILEGE FEE:** \$9,600 was collected during FY24 from individuals and developers for new service connections, apartment unit fees, and fire services and deposited to Water Department Privilege Fee account. MWD utilizes this funding for various improvements to our distribution system. We used these funds to support the special articles to provide new water meters, necessary upgrades to wells at Bear Hill/Sargent wellfield, and infrastructure.

**RETAINED EARNINGS FUNDS:** MWD ended FY24 with a surplus of \$81,765.30. Those funds will be added to our Water Retained Earnings account which is used for capital improvements.

**WELL CLEANING and REPLACEMENT:** Wells at both East Main and Bear Hill well fields were cleaned in November 2023. The well cleaning, completed by F.G. Sullivan Co. is performed to improve pumping capacity and water quality. 2 New Wells at Bear Hill were completed December 23.

**ANNUAL PUMPING STATISTICS:**

Gallons pumped from Bear Hill and East Main	143,126,100	FY 24 showed an increase of 21,398,900 from FY23
Gallons sold to customers	107,897,032	FY 24 showed a decrease of 5,990,227 from FY23
Gallons plant backwash	1,880,900	
Gallons unaccounted for	33,348,168	23% of all water pumped could not be accounted for. This is an INCREASE from 4% last year. Causes: Fire protection, hydrant flushing, inaccurate meters, water theft and minor leaks not detectable, water main breaks and meter placement at the plants which are not billed.

**NOTABLE HAPPENINGS:**

We are continuing with our water meter replacement program to ensure both accurate readings and safe water along with a method to reduce the man hours it takes to obtain quarterly readings. We replaced 113 meters in FY24. This brings our meters to replace number to 187. We completed hydrant flushing in the fall and spring to improve quality and exercise the hydrants. Aqueous Infrastructure came in August 2024 and performed a Sanitary and Security survey and sediment removal for the Water Tanks. Replaced our 40+ year old wells at the Bear Hill location that increases them from 8" to 12" wells. Work completed in January 2024. We also upgraded the SCADA communications at Bear Hill. Last year we upgraded the water main from 110 up Woodland Street from a 6" main to a 12" main. This increases fire flow protection and water quality.

**IN THE FUTURE:**

We continue to perform leak detection and look for new water sources. This will lower our unaccounted-for water, improve efficiency of existing supply, and examine current capacity of existing wells. Working with DEP for an increase water pumping capacity that was originally set in 1974. In 2025 the water main on Winter St between Nichols and Woodland will be replaced from a 6" and 8" main to a 12" main.

Without the support of the employees of the Water Department this would not be possible, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all employees for their efforts and commitment to water quality throughout the year.

I would also like to thank all the water customers for their part in water conservation efforts. Water bans are here to stay and with everyone's help in conserving water we can try to make them as short as possible. But even then, we can't abandon our conservation habits.

Robert Sinibaldi, Building Commissioner / Zoning Compliance Officer/DPW Director

**Respectfully submitted**



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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**NEW CONNECTIONS:** During FY24 there were 5 new homes connected to the town's sewer system. This brings the total number of connections to 2145.

**Capital Fund:** \$12,250 was collected during FY24 from individuals and developers for new service connections and deposited to Sewer Capital account. MWWD utilizes this funding for various improvements to our wastewater services system.

**Retained Earnings Fund:** MWWD ended FY24 with a surplus of \$121,163.44. Those funds will be added to our Waste Water Retained Earnings account which is used for capital improvements.

**NOTABLE PROJECTS:** Our ongoing work for I & I (Inflow & Infiltration) fixes throughout the town continues. All generators were serviced. We de-watered 103 dry metric tons of sludge and sent it to Agresource in Ipswich to make compost; and completed Dig Safes throughout the year.

- In the surveying phase of a new upgrade for the treatment facility
- Annual DEP inspection – all good – report submitted with help of Mike Roy, engineer from SME.
- Ongoing I & I repairs throughout the town.
- Cleaned out all the grease and grit from all the pump station wet wells and grit channels
- Alert Scientific did annual lab calibrations. – Passed all toxicity tests for the year. All generators serviced by Tr-State. All flow meters calibrated (Wilson Controls)
- Replaced couplings, bearings, and Disks on the oxidation ditches.
- Upgraded River Rd pump station with new cabinet and control panel
- Replaced VFD's at Merrimacport and Lakewood Heights pumping stations
- Replaced PLC in pump building at the plant
- Replaced 2007 crane truck

**General Permit Compliance**

The Wastewater Department continued efforts to maintain compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Permit. Those efforts included but are not limited to collection system investigations to identify sources of inflow and infiltration (I&I), repair and removal of sources of I&I, educational public outreach program, engineering review of new sewer connections and extensions, testing of new sewer extensions, and continued collection system mapping. A new General Permit became effective 12/1/21.

### **Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan**

The Town of Merrimac's Wastewater Treatment Plant was originally constructed in 1980 and then partially upgraded in 2005 meaning the existing treatment systems are either 19 or 44 years old. Many of the treatment systems are now obsolete, in poor condition, or in need of remediation to avoid failure. Since the plant was constructed the population of Merrimac has increased by approximately 53% which exceeds the original pollutant loading design capacity of the Plant and puts additional strain on the aging Plant equipment. A Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan was completed in 2022 and recommended upgrades to many of the unit processes and remediation of systems that are obsolete or in need of immediate repair. The Town authorized the start of the Preliminary Design Phase which includes a detailed analysis of the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Preparation of a Preliminary Design Phase Report. The Preliminary Design Phase is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025. The initial project cost estimate is \$25 to \$30 million, but a more detailed cost evaluation will be completed as part of the Preliminary Design Phase.

As always, a reminder to not throw any wipes in the toilet, even though they say that they are flushable. They are not; and only cause serious damage to the pumps that are located throughout the town. Pump replacement cost is in the tens of thousands of dollars, so please do not flush any of those products. Please think before you flush.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Robert Sinibaldi

Building Commissioner / Zoning Compliance Officer/DPW Director





## Merrimac Municipal Light Department 2024 Annual Report

The Board of Light Commissioners and staff are pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report of the Merrimac Municipal Light Department (MMLD). This report highlights our continued efforts to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to the residents of Merrimac while outlining key achievements, operational improvements, and future plans.

### MMLD MISSION STATEMENT

The Merrimac Municipal Light Department (MMLD) is committed to providing safe and reliable electricity to the Town of Merrimac at reasonable and competitive rates. Our mission focuses on maintaining, expanding, and modernizing the electrical distribution system. This mission is driven by our dedicated team of skilled employees, who take pride in their strong work ethic and exceptional customer service.

### KEY GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

#### 1. SAFETY FIRST

Safety remains our top priority for both employees and the public. In 2024, we made significant investments in new equipment to enhance operational efficiency and workplace safety:

- Acquired two new bucket trucks and a new digger to replace outdated machinery.
- These investments will serve our fleet for the next 20 years, ensuring long-term reliability.

#### 2. IMPROVING RELIABILITY SYSTEM

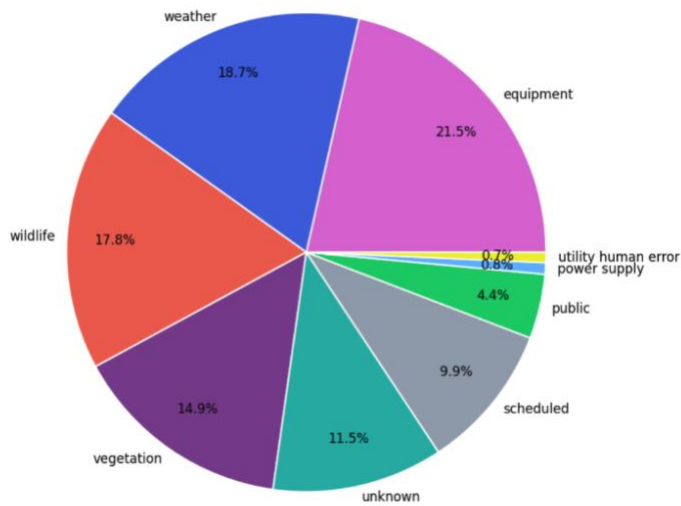
Reliability is essential to our operations. In 2024, we continued implementing infrastructure upgrades and performance monitoring to reduce outages:

- **Five-Year Vegetation Management Plan:** Ongoing efforts to trim and maintain trees throughout Merrimac to reduce weather-related outages.
- **Capital Improvements:** Completed a service upgrade on Winter Street.

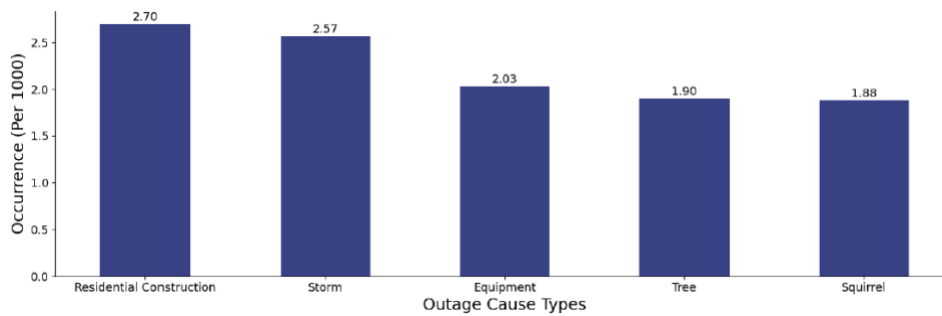
Despite weather, vegetation, and animal-related outages, we closely monitored performance using industry-standard metrics:

- **SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index):** 1.41 minutes
- **SAIFI (System Average Frequency Index):** 0.02 interruptions per customer
- **CAIDI (Customer Average Interruption Duration Index):** 56.48 minutes per outage

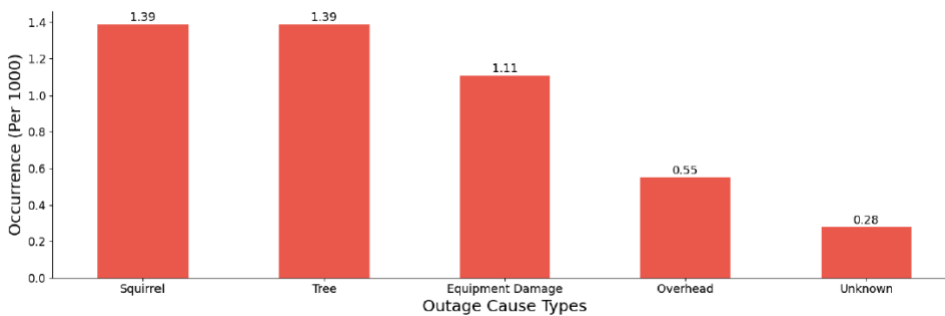
These metrics help us identify areas for improvement and ensure system reliability.



Top five causes of sustained outages for all utilities that use the eReliability Tracker:



Top five causes of sustained outages for MMLD:



### 3. COST MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION

Controlling costs is critical to maintaining affordable service. MMLD rates remain 40% lower than surrounding investor-owned utilities, such as National Grid.

#### Key Initiatives in 2024:

- **Customer Charge Adjustment:** A \$3.90 monthly increase was introduced to support the installation of new meters and equipment.

- **Upcoming Meter Upgrades:** Over the next two years, all households will receive upgraded meters for time-of-use billing with off-peak and on-peak pricing.

- **Peak Shaving Strategy:** Purchased a generator in December to reduce transmission costs.
  - **33% Transmission Cost Increase Mitigation:** The generator is expected to have a three year return on investment (ROI).
  - **First Month Savings:** Net savings of \$13,000 in the first month of operation.
- **Reducing System Losses:** Targeted projects helped reduce unaccounted power from 15.92% to 6.8%, improving efficiency and lowering costs.

### SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME INITIATIVES

To maintain affordable rates while improving service, MMLD pursued additional revenue streams in 2024:

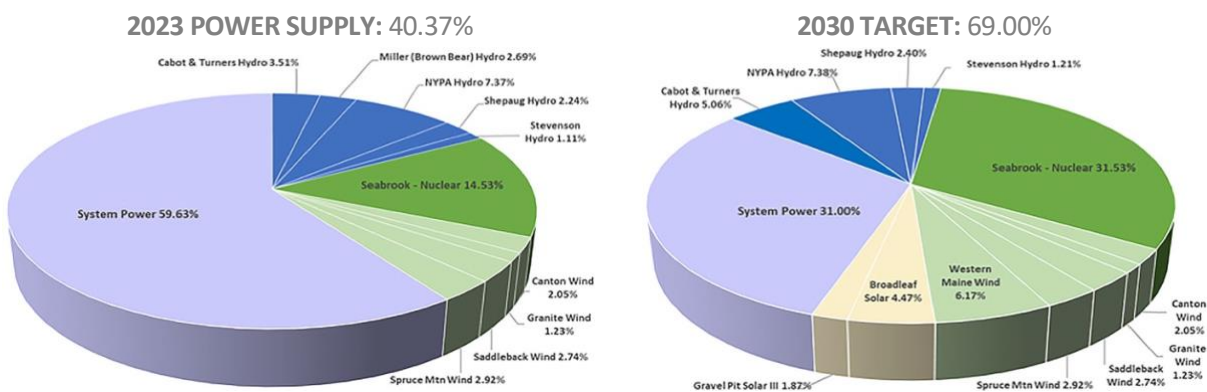
- **Street Lighting Services Expansion:** Provided services to the Town of Salisbury, generating \$106,000 in supplemental income.

### COMPLIANCE & SUSTAINABILITY

MMLD is committed to aligning with town and state energy mandates, which require that at least **50% of our power supply** comes from non-carbon-emitting sources.

- **Current Power Supply:** 40.37% from non-carbon sources.
- **Target:** 69% by 2030.

This progress reflects our dedication to environmental sustainability and compliance with evolving regulations.



### COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

2024 marked **MMLD's 120th anniversary**, celebrated with a year of community-focused activities:

- **Welcome Banners:** Installed at the town's main entrances.
- **Town-Wide Celebration at Sweetsir School:** Attended by over 100 residents, featuring historically significant foods from the 1904 St. Louis Fair (hot dogs, cotton candy, ice cream cones).

- **“Electrify Merrimac” Initiative:** Announced the illumination of the town clock, supported by a \$20,000 ceremonial check presented to Town Clerk Gwen Lay Sabbagh and Carol Trainer.
- **Participation in Town Traditions:** Joined annual events such as the Homecoming and Santa Parade.

#### HONORING COMMUNITY TRADITIONS

- Displayed the American Flag from Memorial Day through September 11.
- Illuminated Flags at Carey Park, the Senior Center, Sweetsir School, and Kimball Park.

#### FINANCIAL SAVINGS FOR THE COMMUNITY

MMLD continues to provide significant financial benefits to Merrimac:

- **Reduced Electrical Rates:** Town facilities saved \$15,500, with projected savings of \$130,000 compared to National Grid rates.
- **Streetlight Cost Absorption:** MMLD covers the cost of streetlights, saving taxpayers \$7,475 annually.
- **Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT):** Contributed \$38,000 to the town.
- **Shared Resources:** Collaborated with the town on projects such as tree trimming, road access to the water tower, and lighting at the veteran memorial.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

MMLD remains dedicated to its mission of delivering safe, reliable, and affordable electricity while supporting the growth and well-being of Merrimac. We extend our gratitude to the Board of Light Commissioners, MMLD staff, and the community for their continued support and trust.

We look forward to another successful year in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Board of Light Commissioners  
Merrimac Municipal Light Department staff



Merrimac Municipal Light Department  
Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
Years Ending December 31, 2024 and 2023

<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Charges for services	5,548,852	5,125,389
Other operating revenues	250,927	492,252
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>5,799,779</b>	<b>5,617,641</b>
 <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Purchased power and production	3,220,959	3,328,287
Distribution expenses	338,867	253,807
Customer account expense	138,650	40,872
Administrative and general expenses	909,803	799,440
Depreciation	387,055	359,861
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>4,995,334</b>	<b>4,782,267</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>804,444</b>	<b>835,374</b>
 <b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
Investment income (loss)	478,014	493,525
Interest expense	(11,499)	(16,097)
<b>Total nonoperating revenues (expenses), net</b>	<b>466,515</b>	<b>477,428</b>
<b>Income before contributions and transfers</b>	<b>1,270,959</b>	<b>1,312,802</b>
 <b>CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>80,752</b>	<b>63,258</b>
<b>TRANSFERS, TAX EQUIVALENT</b>	<b>(38,000)</b>	<b>(38,000)</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>1,313,711</b>	<b>1,338,060</b>
 <b>NET POSITION, BEGINNING</b>	<b>11,025,771</b>	<b>9,687,711</b>
<b>NET POSITION, ENDING</b>	<b>12,339,482</b>	<b>11,025,771</b>

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and investments, unrestricted	1,095,551	1,336,610
Cash and investments, restricted	129,253	124,704
User charges receivable, net of allowance for uncollectibles	707,300	631,109
Inventory	182,916	182,278
Other asset	29,239	10,778
Purchased power advanced deposits	767,703	732,719
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>2,911,961</b>	<b>3,018,198</b>
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Depreciation account, restricted	4,771,152	4,484,568
Capital assets, non depreciable	112,092	112,092
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	6,638,545	5,657,842
<b>Total non current assets</b>	<b>11,521,789</b>	<b>10,254,502</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>14,433,751</b>	<b>13,272,700</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	356,611	4,771,152
Deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits	185,245	112,092
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>541,856</b>	<b>6,638,545</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	275,091	395,856
Other liabilities	19,958	20,069
Customer deposits, restricted	111,115	106,725
Compensated absences	8,085	6,829
Bonds payable	75,000	75,000
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>489,249</b>	<b>604,479</b>
<b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Compensated absences	6,878	5,558
Net pension liability	1,749,762	1,663,508
Net other postemployment benefits liability	80,494	130,494
Bonds payable	150,000	225,000
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<b>1,987,134</b>	<b>2,024,560</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,476,383</b>	<b>2,629,039</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred inflows related to pensions	111,166	104,898
Deferred inflows related to other postemployment benefits	48,576	105,234
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>159,742</b>	<b>210,132</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets		
Restricted for:	6,525,637	5,469,934
Depreciation	4,771,152	4,484,568
Customer deposits	18,138	17,979
Unrestricted	1,024,554	1,053,294
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>12,339,482</b>	<b>11,025,775</b>



**Merrimac Municipal Light Department Staff  
& Board of Light Commissioners**

**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS**

**Norman Denault**

1996 - Present

*Up for reelection in 2026*

**Kenny Rhudick**

2024 - Present

*Up for reelection in 2027*

**Ed Davis**

Appointed in 2024 to complete  
Commissioner Fisher term

*Up for reelection in 2025*

**GENERAL MANAGER**

**Mary Usovicz**

2022 - Present

**FIELD CREW**

**Bill Jennings**  
General Foreman  
2006 - Present

**Matt Shwom**  
Crew Leader  
2016 - Present

**Tyler Crawford**  
Crew Leader  
2021 - Present

**Nate Buzzell**  
First Class Lineman  
2021- Present

**Issac Breem**  
Apprentice  
2024- Present

**OFFICE STAFF**

**James Pramberg**  
Office Manager  
2025 - Present

**Heather Manning**  
Customer Service Rep  
2023 - Present

**Danielle Teel**  
Asst. Customer Service Rep  
2025 - Present

## Town Of Merrimac Planning Board

### 2024 Annual Report

In year 2024, several developments in the town under authority of the Planning Board were newly approved, while others are still in progress. The end of year status of ongoing projects previously approved by the Planning Board is as follows;

Merrimac Crossing (118 East Main) – The project was completed and an as-built plan was submitted in February 2024.

Stormwater Management Violation (1 High Street) – The site continues to be monitored. It remains stable as the board awaits receipt of a plan for remediation and future development. On April 16, 2024 the Planning Board expressed concern regarding lack of progress made on the future development plans for the site and the status of the remediation needed to address the previous stormwater violation. In June 2024, the Board required an application submission prior to the next meeting or it would consider referring the violation to the Town's legal counsel.

Abbey Road (22-32 Bear Hill Road) – Construction at this 13-home single-family subdivision has continued throughout the fiscal year. A meeting with the applicant was conducted on Sept. 19, 2023. The applicant is still working to complete the project and it is expected to be completed in spring 2025.

Regency Mixed Use (One Jana Way) – Construction continues at the site and is expected to be completed by summer 2025.

During the reporting period, two new projects were submitted.

51 East Main Street – Applicant resubmitted their application to construct manufacturing building and associated parking on Sept. 23, 2023 (originally submitted in September 2022). The Planning Board voted to approve the special permit and site plan on November 7, 2023. A Certificate of Decision was filed with the Town of Merrimac Clerk on January 19, 2024 and recorded at the Registry of Deed in February 2024.

92, 94, 96 East Main – Applicant submitted proposal to construct on the site well-known locally as "Skips". The proposed development included the development of ten (10) duplex style buildings containing twenty (20) units and a mixed-use building with commercial space on the first floor and eight (8) rental units on the upper floors. A public hearing for a mixed-use development opened on May 21, 2024 and continued until the June 18, 2024 meeting. The Planning Board voted to approve the special permit, and site plan on June 18, 2024.

The Planning Board collected \$650 in filing fees for their project review activities in 2024. There were zero Approval Not Required submittals in 2024.

Planning Board members are participating in the process to update the 2002 Master Plan which is anticipated will be ready for board approval by the end of 2024. The board also has been appraised of the Zoning Bylaw changes necessary to comply with the state MBTA Communities legislation and will hold a public hearing on these changes when ready.

In 2024, the term of Planning Board Chair Sandra Venner ended and the board was restructured on May 21, 2024. Member David Cressman was elected as the new Chair of the Planning Board. Sandra Venner

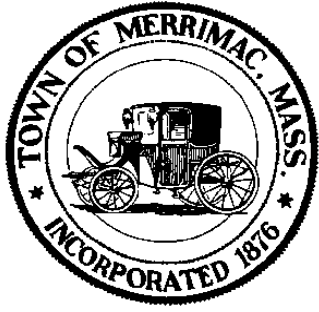


was elected as alternate member to the Planning Board. New member Bill McGowan was appointed by the Select Board in May 2024. Keith Pollman submitted his resignation to the board in February 2024. Thomas Abisalih is the representative for the Merrimac Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Shayla Wells

David Cressman	Term expires 2028
Karol Flannery	Term expires 2025
Bill McGowan	Term expires 2028
Thomas Abisalih	Term expires 2027
Dennis Brodie	Term expires 2026
Sandra Venner	Alternate Member



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
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**Honorable Select Board**  
**Town of Merrimac**  
**Massachusetts, 01860**

Honorable Select Board,

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Annual Financial Report of the Town Accountant for the Town of Merrimac, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is herewith submitted.

The data represents a fair and accurate presentation in all material aspects of the Town's financial position and the results of its operations. Disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the Town's financial affairs have been presented. Included are schedules on debt issue and servicing, a detailed listing of revenues and expenditures, a balance sheet for all fund types and account groups, and a combined statement of cash flows.

The reports are based on information recorded using the Uniform Municipal Accounting System (UMAS) of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The same information is used to prepare the Schedule A.

An audit of the Town's financial records by Roselli, Clark & Associates, has been completed and the results of this audit are available in my office for public inspection. The books of the Town are also open for public inspection during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. McLeod  
Town Administrator, Finance Director

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)**

<b>FUND/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
01-000-1020-000000	Petty cash	1,425.00	
01-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted checking	2,038,222.34	
	<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,039,647.34</b>	
<b>Receivables</b>			
01-000-1210-202400	Personal property-2024	440.21	
01-000-1210-202300	Personal property-2023	340.91	
01-000-1210-202200	Personal property-2022	352.29	
01-000-1210-202100	Personal property-2021	101.97	
01-000-1210-000000	Personal property-prior years	222.47	
01-000-1220-202400	Real estate-2024	252,333.99	
	<b>Property taxes receivable</b>	<b>253,791.84</b>	
01-000-1220-000000	Supplemental real estate	28,436.75	
	<b>Misc. non-reoccurring receivable</b>	<b>28,436.75</b>	
<b>Overlay</b>			
01-000-1230-000000	Allowance for abatements & exemptions		147,183.03
	<b>Total allowance for abate &amp; exemptions</b>		<b>147,183.03</b>
01-000-1240-000000	Tax liens receivable	808,804.51	
01-000-1880-000000	Tax foreclosures	358,591.68	
	<b>Total tax liens and foreclosures</b>	<b>1,167,396.19</b>	
01-000-1260-202400	Motor vehicles excise-2024	104,191.62	
01-000-1260-202300	Motor vehicles excise-2023	19,293.53	
01-000-1260-202200	Motor vehicles excise-2022	7,444.09	
01-000-1260-202100	Motor vehicles excise-2021	6,683.42	
01-000-1260-000000	Motor vehicles excise-prior years	5,092.80	
	<b>Total motor vehicle excise</b>	<b>142,705.46</b>	
01-000-1340-000000	Departmental A/R-ambulance	121,587.43	
	<b>Total user charges</b>	<b>121,587.43</b>	
01-000-1720-000000	Due from Commonwealth		
Total Asset		<b>3,753,565.01</b>	<b>147,183.03</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>DEFERRED REVENUE</b>			
01-000-2610-000000	Real & personal property		135,045.56
01-000-2622-000000	Tax liens & litigation		808,804.51
01-000-2623-000000	Tax foreclosures		358,591.68
01-000-2630-000000	Motor vehicle excise		142,705.46
01-000-2654-000000	Departmental-ambulance		121,587.43
	<b>Total deferred revenue</b>		<b>1,566,734.64</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
01-000-3211-000000	Reserve for encumbrances		16,170.92
01-000-3250-000000	Reserved for other-petty cash		1,425.00
01-000-3295-000000	Reserved for continued appropriation		1,326,534.09
	<b>Total reserved</b>		<b>1,344,130.01</b>
01-000-3590-000000	Unrestricted/undesignated fund balance		<b>695,517.33</b>
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>2,039,647.34</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,753,565.01</b>	<b>3,753,565.01</b>

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)**

<b>FUND/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
<b>FUND # 20</b>	<b>RECEIPTS RESERVED - OTHER</b>		
20-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	40,882.36	
20-000-1060-000000	Cash restricted	43,555.12	
20-000-3580-203303	F/B Title V repayments principal only		23,627.80
20-000-3590-203301	F/B Sale of bond premiums		3,927.32
20-000-3590-203316	F/B Sale of real estate		20,402.40
20-171-3590-203307	F/B Conservation		2,502.58
20-172-3590-203302	F/B Open Space preservation		16,004.88
20-241-3590-203309	F/B Code enforcement/municipal hearings		100.00
20-420-3590-203304	F/B Highway transportation Infrastructure		1,872.50
20-491-3580-203300	F/B Sale of cemetery lots		16,000.00
	<b>Total Other Receipts Reserved</b>	<b>84,437.48</b>	<b>84,437.48</b>
<b>FUND # 21</b>	<b>RECEIPTS RESERVED - CABLE ACCESS</b>		
21-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	577,805.05	
21-199-3590-213301	F/B Cable TV grant old		7,599.37
21-199-3590-213312	F/B Cable PEG Access		40,000.00
21-199-3590-213313	F/B Cable TV grant		530,205.68
	<b>Total Receipts Reserved - Cable TV</b>	<b>577,805.05</b>	<b>577,805.05</b>
<b>FUND # 23</b>	<b>GIFTS</b>		
23-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	63,906.88	
23-000-3590-233588	F/B Monument		3,174.89
23-124-3590-233582	F/B Commission on Disabilities	185.57	
23-146-3590-233586	F/B Elder/disabled		2,738.91
23-171-3590-233588	F/B Conservation		5,000.00
23-210-3590-233583	F/B Police		556.55
23-220-3590-233589	F/B Fire		6,380.91
23-422-3590-233588	F/B Highway paving		25,707.98
23-491-3590-233588	F/B Cemetery		1,100.00
23-541-3590-233581	F/B Council on Aging		7,276.61
23-610-3590-233587	F/B Library		3,321.73
23-630-3590-233588	F/B Playground		7,834.87
23-650-3590-233588	F/B Parks		1,000.00
	<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>64,092.45</b>	<b>64,092.45</b>
<b>FUND # 24</b>	<b>REVOLVING 53E 1/2</b>		
24-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	187,023.00	
24-145-3590-243577	F/B Tax title		23,478.32
24-176-3590-243569	F/B Zoning Board of Appeals		4,520.80
24-241-3590-243573	F/B Zoning/Building code enforcement		16,435.01
24-241-3590-243578	F/B Inspectional services		137,173.65
24-510-3590-243579	F/B Board of Health code enforcement		5,415.22
	<b>Total 53E 1/2 Revolving</b>	<b>187,023.00</b>	<b>187,023.00</b>

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BALANCE SHEET  
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<b>FUND/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
<b>FUND # 25</b>	<b>REVOLVING - OTHER</b>		
25-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	49,760.81	
25-000-3590-253565	F/B Insurance <\$150K		2,052.29
25-122-3590-253568	F/B Opioid settlements		9,569.92
25-171-3590-253567	F/B Wetlands		31,663.04
25-210-3590-253562	F/B Police firearms \$5K		671.90
25-302-3590-253536	F/B Pentucket grounds \$50K		5,803.66
	<b>Total Other Revolving</b>	<b>49,760.81</b>	<b>49,760.81</b>
<b>FUND # 28</b>	<b>GRANTS - STATE</b>		
28-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted		38,353.11
28-122-3590-283544	F/B Recycling (RDP)		2,925.09
28-124-3590-280024	F/B ADA MOD Self-Evaluation & Transition	12,440.00	
28-155-3590-283599	FB Town Hall CC IT tech assessment		16,500.00
28-161-3590-283527	F/B Clerk extended polling hours		10,136.59
28-192-3590-280002	F/B Green Community energy conservation	11,018.00	
28-192-3590-283597	F/B Emergency shelter generator	3,700.00	
28-210-3590-280003	F/B Police MED project		2,874.07
28-210-3590-280006	F/B Police Muni Road Safety (MRS)		3,357.62
28-210-3590-283516	F/B Police ALERRT	600.08	
28-210-3590-283554	F/B Police 911 training	9,047.64	
28-210-3590-283555	F/B Police 911 support & incentive	92.96	
28-210-3590-283559	F/B Police Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)	285.96	
28-220-3590-2800011	F/B Fire DFS fire fighter safety equipment	14,955.66	
28-220-3590-283533	F/B Fire safety		4,980.72
28-220-3590-283582	F/B Fire SAFE		2,621.74
28-231-3590-283596	F/B ambulanc AED equipment		1,871.25
28-241-3590-280023	F/B EOHLC MBTA zoning		25,000.00
28-241-3590-283601	F/B DHCD housing choice master plan	75,250.00	
28-543-3590-283590	F/B Veteran Heritage		2,420.00
28-610-3590-283532	F/B Library MEGLIG		12,831.99
28-699-3590-283524	F/B Cultural arts		3,518.12
	<b>Total State Grants</b>	<b>127,390.30</b>	<b>127,390.30</b>
<b>FUND # 29</b>	<b>GRANTS - FEDERAL</b>		
29-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted		1,040.42
29-000-3590-290016	F/B FEMA 2021 EMPG		2,609.25
29-210-3590-290015	F/B Byrne	5,524.67	
29-420-3590-293521	F/B Bear Hill culvert improvement		1,875.00
	<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	<b>5,524.67</b>	<b>5,524.67</b>
<b>FUND # 30</b>	<b>CHAPTER 90</b>		
30-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted		292,196.12
30-000-1720-000000	Due from Comm of Mass-Chapter 90	292,196.12	
	<b>Total Chapter 90</b>	<b>292,196.12</b>	<b>292,196.12</b>
<b>FUND # 35</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
35-000-1040-000000	Cash Unrestricted Checking	16,323.41	
35-192-3590-353426	F/B Police station construction		5,492.72
35-220-3590-353432	F/B Fire erescue vehicle		8,270.69
35-420-3590-353433	F/B DPW vehicle		2,560.00
	<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>16,323.41</b>	<b>16,323.41</b>

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JUNE 30, 2024  
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<b>FUND/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
<b>FUND # 40</b>	<b>WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
40-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	25,391.73	
40-450-3590-403402	F/B Water E Main St station repair ATM04/08 A12		18,754.50
40-450-3590-403431	F/B Water Bear Hill well replacement STM10/18 A6		6,637.23
	<b>Total Water Capital Projects</b>	<b>25,391.73</b>	<b>25,391.73</b>
<b>FUND # 60</b>	<b>WATER ENTERPRISE</b>		
60-000-1020-000000	Cash petty	50.00	
60-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	225,851.96	
60-000-1310-000000	Water user charges receivable	34,934.95	
60-000-1331-000000	Water liens receivable	2,618.97	
60-000-2651-000000	Water user charges deferred revenue		34,934.95
60-000-2653-000000	Water liens deferred revenue		2,618.97
60-000-3211-000000	Water reserved for encumbrances		50.00
60-000-3250-000000	Water reserved for petty cash		50.00
60-000-3295-000000	Water reserved for continued appropriation		144,207.60
60-000-3590-000000	Water retained earnings		81,594.36
	<b>Total Water Enterprise</b>	<b>263,455.88</b>	<b>263,455.88</b>
<b>FUND # 61</b>	<b>WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE</b>		
61-000-1020-000000	Cash petty	50.00	
61-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	1,682,986.03	
61-000-1310-000000	Wastewater user charges receivable	59,301.99	
61-000-1332-000000	Wastewater liens receivable	3,214.41	
61-000-1410-000000	Wastewater betterment unapportioned receivable	41,794.45	
61-000-1420-000000	Wastewater betterment apportioned receivable - principal	211.20	
61-000-1430-000000	Wastewater betterment apportioned receivable - principal	31.68	
61-000-2651-000000	Wastewater user charges deferred revenue		59,301.99
61-000-2653-000000	Wastewater liens deferred revenue		3,214.41
61-000-2660-000000	Wastewater special assessment deferred revenue		42,037.33
61-000-3240-000000	Wastewater reserved for expenditures		20,000.00
61-000-3250-000000	Wastewater reserved for petty cash		50.00
61-000-3295-000000	Wastewater reserved for continued appropriation		1,414,038.80
61-000-3300-000000	Wastewater reserved for betterments		93,655.79
61-000-3590-000000	Wastewater retained earnings		155,291.44
	<b>Total Wastewater Enterprise</b>	<b>1,787,589.76</b>	<b>1,787,589.76</b>
<b>FUND # 67</b>	<b>ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE</b>		
67-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	6,595,200.39	
67-000-1330-000000	Electric lien receivable	200.00	
67-000-2653-000000	Electric lien deferred revenue		200.00
67-000-3295-000000	Electric reserved for continued appropriation		6,229,645.26
67-000-3590-000000	Electric retained earnings		365,555.13
	<b>Total Light Enterprise</b>	<b>6,595,400.39</b>	<b>6,595,400.39</b>
<b>FUND # 75</b>	<b>OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST (OPEB)</b>		
75-000-1060-000000	Cash restricted	3,028,462.56	
75-000-3580-753375	Electric OPEB		640,817.48
75-000-3580-753377	General OPEB		1,878,375.90
75-000-3580-753378	Water OPEB		197,077.36
75-000-3580-753379	Wastewater OPEB		312,191.82
	<b>Total OPEB Trust</b>	<b>3,028,462.56</b>	<b>3,028,462.56</b>

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)**

<b>FUND/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
<b>FUND # 80</b>	<b>TRUSTS</b>		
80-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted - expendable	281,059.98	
80-000-1060-000000	Cash restricted - non-expendable	383,516.71	
80-000-3590-803311	Affordable housing		100,093.90
80-491-3580-803352	Cemetery perpetual care Armstrong/McGinnis - non-expendable		5,000.00
80-491-3590-803352	Cemetery Armstrong McGinnis perpetual care expendable		373.02
80-491-3580-803353	Cemetery perpetual Sweetsir - non-expendable		5,000.00
80-491-3590-803353	Cemetery perpetual Sweetsir expendable		1,890.87
80-491-3580-803358	Cemetery perpetual Harry Robinson - non-expendable		1,500.00
80-491-3590-803358	Cemetery perpetual Harry Robinson expendable		2,351.80
80-491-3580-803370	Cemetery perpetual - non-expendable		344,216.71
80-491-3590-803370	Cemetery perpetual care expendable		171,454.76
80-610-3580-803354	Library Albert Wadleigh - non-expendable		2,000.00
80-610-3590-803354	Library Albert Wadleigh expendable		1,511.50
80-610-3580-803355	Library Thomas Hoyt - non-expendable		16,000.00
80-610-3590-803355	Library Thomas Hoyt expendable		3,032.20
80-610-3580-803357	Library books - non-expendable		6,800.00
80-610-3590-803357	Library books expendable		98.34
80-650-3580-803371	Judith Kimball park - non-expendable		1,000.00
80-650-3590-803371	Judith Kimball park - expendable		96.07
80-650-3580-803376	Amos Weed Kimball Park - non-expendable		2,000.00
80-650-3590-803376	Amos Weed Kimball park expendable		157.52
	<b>Total Trusts</b>	<b>664,576.69</b>	<b>664,576.69</b>
<b>FUND # 82</b>	<b>STABILIZATION</b>		
82-000-1060-000000	Cash restricted	1,373,618.43	
82-000-3580-823380	Stabilization		1,049,690.48
82-000-3580-823381	Ambulance stabilization		635.77
82-000-3580-823382	Capital stabilization		323,292.18
	<b>Total Stabilization</b>	<b>1,373,618.43</b>	<b>1,373,618.43</b>
<b>FUND # 90</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>		
90-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted		28,215.86
90-161-2580-903564	Clerk dog licenses		504.00
90-210-2580-903561	Police details	29,219.86	
90-220-2580-903523	Fire COVID-19 watch details		500.00
	<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>29,219.86</b>	<b>29,219.86</b>
<b>FUND # 91</b>	<b>ESCROWS</b>		
91-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	71,064.08	
91-171-2550-913660	Conservation Flats at Merrimac Square		1,502.09
91-175-2550-913601	Plan Board - Bozek/Equestrian Estates		385.72
91-175-2550-913610	Plan Board - Middlesex/E Main St		13,767.50
91-175-2550-913616	Plan Board - Birchmeadow Estates		3,489.07
91-175-2550-913636	Plan Board - Pondelli / MJS Trust / Emery / Sunset Terr		5,000.00
91-175-2550-913650	Plan Board - BeWell Organic Medicine		7,001.20
91-175-2550-913654	Plan Board - Merrimac Housing Crossing/118 E Main St		7,948.78
91-175-2550-913658	Plan Board - Fitzgerald/Abbey Rd		8,052.87
91-175-2550-913659	Plan Board - 1 High St remediation		4,711.35
91-175-2550-913661	Plan Board - Jana Properties		8,269.73
91-175-2550-913662	Plan Board - NSD 2 Real Estate LLC/51 E Main St		4,442.31
91-175-2550-913663	Plan Board - Son Tes Realty/8 Church St		2,500.00
91-176-2550-913651	Appeals Board - Police station		168.00
91-176-2550-913657	Appeals Board - CH40B		3,825.46
	<b>Total Escrows</b>	<b>71,064.08</b>	<b>71,064.08</b>
	<b>PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS</b>		
92-000-1040-000000	Cash unrestricted	1,179.02	
92-000-2151-000000	Life Insurance - Boston Mutual		141.86
92-000-2155-000000	Life Insurance, other - Boston Mutual		1,037.16
		<b>1,179.02</b>	<b>1,179.02</b>
<b>FUND # 99</b>	<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
90-000-1996-000000	Amounts to be provided for long-term debt	10,855,224.00	
99-000-2900-992929	\$7.8951M Inside FY38-FY44		7,135,000.00
99-000-2900-992930	\$1.695M Inside FY27-40		1,450,000.00

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)**

<b>FUND/ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
99-000-2940-601004	\$1.6M Outside FY49		1,410,642.00
99-000-2940-992920	\$2.38M Outside FY20-FY28		300,000.00
99-000-2940-992924	\$860K Outside FY23		559,582.00
	<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>10,855,224.00</b>	<b>10,855,224.00</b>



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Specials Articles</b>	<b>Actual Adjusted</b>	<b>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Property Taxes	\$ 18,308,333	\$ 18,048,964	\$ 17,904,208		\$ 17,966,105	\$ (82,859)
Excise Taxes	1,066,000	1,066,000	1,131,136		1,131,136	65,136
Tax Title	-	-	76,540		76,540	76,540
Penalties and Interest	44,700	44,700	29,473		29,473	(15,227)
Payments in Lieu of Tax	1,289	1,289	1,281		1,281	(8)
Departmental Charges for Services	623,000	623,000	593,429		593,429	(29,571)
Fees	46,000	46,000	50,573		50,573	4,573
Rentals	145,500	145,500	126,758		126,758	(18,742)
Licenses and Permits	67,800	67,800	78,199		78,199	10,399
Fines	25,700	25,700	25,896		25,896	196
Investment Income	164,800	164,800	226,662		226,662	61,862
Other	89,300	89,300	165,312		165,313	76,013
State Revenues	1,131,409	1,131,409	1,132,488		1,164,467	33,058
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>21,713,831</b>	<b>21,454,462</b>	<b>21,541,955</b>		<b>21,635,832</b>	<b>181,370</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
General Government	1,674,753	1,830,186	1,258,738	113,602	1,372,340	457,846
Public Safety	3,163,335	3,317,168	2,561,050	346,307	2,907,357	409,811
Education	13,171,968	13,036,839	11,975,405	1,013,000	12,988,405	48,434
Public Works	1,283,312	1,892,821	785,827	773,596	1,559,423	333,398
Human Services	532,975	555,240	496,894	10,000	506,894	48,346
Culture and Recreation	485,188	643,688	363,983	15,263	379,246	264,442
Debt Service & Lease	923,121	923,121	923,120		923,120	1
State and County Assessments	116,815	116,815	116,815		116,815	-
Retirement & Benefits	1,688,898	1,666,763	1,449,594	34,408	1,484,002	182,761
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,040,365</b>	<b>23,411,439</b>	<b>19,931,426</b>	<b>2,306,175</b>	<b>22,237,601</b>	<b>1,745,040</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Operating Transfers In	163,098	163,098	321,050	-	321,050	157,952
Operating Transfers (Out)		(4,437)	(59,094)	-	(59,094)	(54,657)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>163,098</b>	<b>158,661</b>	<b>261,956</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>261,956</b>	<b>103,295</b>
<b>Excess(Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (1,326,534)</b>	<b>\$ (1,956,977)</b>	<b>\$ 1,872,485</b>	<b>\$ (2,306,175)</b>	<b>\$ (339,813)</b>	<b>\$ 703,171</b>
Reserved for continued appropriations	1,326,534	1,326,534				
Free Cash		630,443				
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,326,534</b>	<b>\$ 1,956,977</b>				
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>				

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>		
	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Other Trust and Agency Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Department Charges for Services	\$ 258,314			\$ 96,141	\$ 354,455
Intergovernmental	\$ 477,579			\$ 61,400	\$ 538,979
Investment Income	\$ 2		\$ 65,772	\$ 335,831	\$ 401,605
Other	\$ 236,637			\$ 984,933	\$ 1,221,570
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 972,532</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 65,772</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,305</u>	<u>\$ 2,516,609</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
General Government	\$ 312,281			\$ 490,839	\$ 803,120
Public Safety	\$ 162,511			\$ 106,037	\$ 268,548
Public Works	\$ 492,270			\$ 21,145	\$ 513,415
Education	\$ 71,680				\$ 71,680
Human Services	\$ 105,525			\$ 18,266	\$ 123,791
Recreation and Culture	\$ 31,955			\$ 2,186	\$ 34,141
Other	\$ 133,029			\$ 510,396	\$ 643,425
Capital Outlay					\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 1,309,251</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,148,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,458,120</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (336,719)	\$ -	\$ 65,772	\$ 329,436	\$ 58,489
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds from Bond Issues					\$ -
Operating Transfers In	\$ 59,095			\$ 59,123	\$ 118,218
Operating Transfers Out	\$ (281,025)			\$ (2,025)	\$ (283,050)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>\$ (221,930)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 57,098</u>	<u>\$ (164,832)</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (558,649)	\$ -	\$ 65,772	\$ 386,534	\$ (106,343)
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>\$ 1,189,993</u>	<u>\$ 41,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,307,845</u>	<u>\$ 3,350,533</u>	<u>\$ 5,890,086</u>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 631,344</u>	<u>\$ 41,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,373,617</u>	<u>\$ 3,737,067</u>	<u>\$ 5,783,743</u>

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
STATEMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)**

	Enterprise			
	Water	Sewer	Electric	Total
REVENUES				
Charges for Services	\$ 1,248,894	\$ 1,336,627	\$ 5,769,500	\$ 8,355,021
State Revenues				\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 39,714	\$ 73,322	\$ 653,393	\$ 766,429
Earnings on Investments	\$ 719	\$ 3,572	\$ 173,580	\$ 177,871
Total Revenues	\$ 1,289,327	\$ 1,413,521	\$ 6,596,473	\$ 9,299,321
EXPENDITURES				
Salary and Wages	\$ 518,449	\$ 615,185	\$ 935,858	\$ 2,069,492
Expenditures	\$ 508,025	\$ 512,762	\$ 4,812,239	\$ 5,833,026
Construction	\$ 204,505	\$ 94,876		\$ 299,381
Capital Outlay				
Debt Service	\$ 174,726	\$ 122,437	\$ 88,406	\$ 385,569
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,405,705	\$ 1,345,260	\$ 5,836,503	\$ 8,587,468
Transfers Out	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 97,000
Total Expenditures and Transfers Out	\$ 1,415,705	\$ 1,355,260	\$ 5,913,503	\$ 8,684,468
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (126,378)	\$ 58,261	\$ 682,970	\$ 614,853
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 352,451	\$ 1,624,606	\$ 5,912,230	\$ 7,889,287
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 226,073	\$ 1,682,867	\$ 6,595,200	\$ 8,504,140

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**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups  
as of June 30, 2024  
(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	2,039,647.34	631,343.57	41,715.14	8,504,138.38		5,110,684.92		16,327,529.35
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	1,457.85							1,457.85
Real estate taxes	280,770.74							280,770.74
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(147,183.03)							(147,183.03)
Tax liens	808,804.51							808,804.51
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	142,705.46							142,705.46
Other excises								0.00
User fees				94,236.94				94,236.94
Utility liens added to taxes				6,033.38				6,033.38
Departmental	121,587.43							121,587.43
Special assessments				42,037.33				42,037.33
Due from other governments		292,196.12						292,196.12
Other receivables								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	358,591.68							358,591.68
Prepays								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							10,855,224.00	10,855,224.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,606,381.98</b>	<b>923,539.69</b>	<b>41,715.14</b>	<b>8,646,446.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,110,684.92</b>	<b>10,855,224.00</b>	<b>29,183,991.76</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Liabilities:								
Warrants payable								0.00
Accounts payable								0.00
Accrued payroll								0.00
Withholdings								0.00
Accrued claims payable								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Other liabilities								0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	135,045.56							135,045.56
Tax liens	808,804.51							808,804.51
Deferred taxes								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	358,591.68							358,591.68
Motor vehicle excise	142,705.46							142,705.46
Other excises								0.00
User fees				94,236.94				94,236.94
Utility liens added to taxes				6,033.38				6,033.38
Departmental	121,587.43							121,587.43
Special assessments				42,037.33				42,037.33
Due from other governments								0.00
Other receivables								0.00
Deposits receivable								0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Tailings								0.00
IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds								0.00
Notes payable								0.00
Bonds payable							10,855,224.00	10,855,224.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	1,566,734.64	0.00	0.00	142,307.65	0.00	0.00	10,855,224.00	12,564,266.29
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	16,170.92			50.00				16,220.92
Reserved for expenditures				20,000.00				20,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,326,534.09			7,787,891.66				9,114,425.75
Reserved for petty cash	1,425.00			100.00				1,525.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service				93,655.79				93,655.79
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	695,517.33	923,539.69	41,715.14	602,440.93		5,110,684.92		7,373,898.01
Unreserved retained earnings								0.00
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	2,039,647.34	923,539.69	41,715.14	8,504,138.38	0.00	5,110,684.92	0.00	16,619,725.47
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	3,606,381.98	923,539.69	41,715.14	8,646,446.03	0.00	5,110,684.92	10,855,224.00	29,183,991.76
PROOF BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE								
PROOF FUND BALANCE DETAIL								
AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET								
PROOF RECEIVABLES DETAIL								
AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET								

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**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups  
as of June 30, 2024  
(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	2,039,647.34	631,343.57	41,715.14	8,504,138.38		5,110,684.92		16,327,529.35
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	1,457.85							1,457.85
Real estate taxes	280,770.74							280,770.74
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(147,183.03)							(147,183.03)
Tax liens	808,804.51							808,804.51
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	142,705.46							142,705.46
Other excises								0.00
User fees				94,236.94				94,236.94
Utility liens added to taxes				6,033.38				6,033.38
Departmental	121,587.43							121,587.43
Special assessments				42,037.33				42,037.33
Due from other governments		292,196.12						292,196.12
Other receivables								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	358,591.68							358,591.68
Prepays								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							10,855,224.00	10,855,224.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,606,381.98</b>	<b>923,539.69</b>	<b>41,715.14</b>	<b>8,646,446.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,110,684.92</b>	<b>10,855,224.00</b>	<b>29,183,991.76</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Liabilities:								
Warrants payable								0.00
Accounts payable								0.00
Accrued payroll								0.00
Withholdings								0.00
Accrued claims payable								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Other liabilities								0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	135,045.56							135,045.56
Tax liens	808,804.51							808,804.51
Deferred taxes								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	358,591.68							358,591.68
Motor vehicle excise	142,705.46							142,705.46
Other excises								0.00
User fees				94,236.94				94,236.94
Utility liens added to taxes				6,033.38				6,033.38
Departmental	121,587.43							121,587.43
Special assessments				42,037.33				42,037.33
Due from other governments								0.00
Other receivables								0.00
Deposits receivable								0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Tailings								0.00
IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds								0.00
Notes payable								0.00
Bonds payable							10,855,224.00	10,855,224.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	1,566,734.64	0.00	0.00	142,307.65	0.00	0.00	10,855,224.00	12,564,266.29
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	16,170.92			50.00				16,220.92
Reserved for expenditures				20,000.00				20,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,326,534.09			7,787,891.66				9,114,425.75
Reserved for petty cash	1,425.00			100.00				1,525.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service				93,655.79				93,655.79
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	695,517.33	923,539.69	41,715.14	602,440.93		5,110,684.92		7,373,898.01
Unreserved retained earnings								0.00
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	2,039,647.34	923,539.69	41,715.14	8,504,138.38	0.00	5,110,684.92	0.00	16,619,725.47
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	3,606,381.98	923,539.69	41,715.14	8,646,446.03	0.00	5,110,684.92	10,855,224.00	29,183,991.76
PROOF BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROOF FUND BALANCE DETAIL								
AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
PROOF RECEIVABLES DETAIL								
AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		

**Town of Merrimac**  
**General Long Term Debt Activity**  
**Fiscal Year 2024**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/23</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/24</b>	<b>Interest Paid 7/1/23-6/30/24</b>
Multi-Purpose Loan	11/15/2003	2%-4.5%	\$ 4,231,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,912.50
Multi-Purpose Loan	2/15/2008	3.56%	\$ 2,380,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 13,406.25
Multi-Purpose Loan	12/3/2013	1.92%	\$ 3,971,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
MWPAT - Water Mains	2/11/2016	2.00%	\$ 860,000.00	\$ 600,020.00	\$ -	\$ 40,438.00	\$ 559,582.00	\$ 1,200.40
MWPAT - Water Mains	9/12/2018	2.40%	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,450,469.00	\$ -	\$ 39,827.00	\$ 1,410,642.00	\$ 34,333.33
Multi-Purpose Loan	9/24/2019	2.37%	\$ 7,985,000.00	\$ 7,365,000.00	\$ -	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 7,135,000.00	\$ 238,445.00
Multi-Purpose Loan	4/9/2022	3.25%	\$ 1,695,000.00	\$ 1,590,000.00	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 1,450,000.00	\$ 66,887.50
<b>Total All</b>				<b>\$ 11,665,489.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 810,265.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,855,224.00</b>	<b>\$ 359,184.98</b>
<b>Less: Electric</b>	2/15/2008	<b>3.56%</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 375,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,406.25</b>
<b>Total Excluding Electric</b>				<b>\$ 11,290,489.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 735,265.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,555,224.00</b>	<b>\$ 345,778.73</b>

Prepared by CAM

4/7/2025



**Tax Impact on Home Valued at \$533,087**  
**Resulting from Debt Exclusions and General Overrides**

**Debt Exclusions** - Impact on property tax rate is for the duration of debt service - usually 20 years for major capital expenditures.

	Amount	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Town Hall Renovation and Addition	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 78	\$ 67	\$ 63	\$ 65	
Construction of New Library	\$ 2,351,263	\$ 68	\$ 56	\$ 54	\$ 52	\$ 49
Police Station Project	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 55	\$ 163	\$ 165	\$ 161	\$ 166
PRSD Middle/High School Project			\$ 398	\$ 719	\$ 711	\$ 732
<b>Total Debt Exclusions</b>		<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>\$ 684</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ 989</b>	<b>\$ 947</b>

**General Overrides** - Impact on property tax rate is permanent and can increase each year by 2 1/2%, but decreases when reevaluated property values go up.

	Amount	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
School Operating Budget - FY2002	\$ 167,768	\$ 134	\$ 120	\$ 123	\$ 125	\$ 130
School Operating Budget - FY2003	\$ 243,818	\$ 173	\$ 175	\$ 179	\$ 182	\$ 189
Library Operating Budget - FY2005	\$ 35,034	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 26
School Operating Budget - FY2006	\$ 484,500	\$ 320	\$ 323	\$ 331	\$ 336	\$ 348
EMT-Firefighter - FY2008	\$ 47,000	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 31	\$ 31	\$ 32
COA Nutrition Program - FY2008	\$ 31,700	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 21
On Call Firefighter/EMT - FY2009	\$ 50,000	\$ 31	\$ 31	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 33
Schools Operating Budget - FY2010	\$ 315,000	\$ 188	\$ 190	\$ 195	\$ 198	\$ 205
Schools Operating Budget - FY2017	\$ 100,000	\$ 50	\$ 51	\$ 52	\$ 53	\$ 55
Schools Operating Budget - FY2024	\$ 860,000					\$ 396
<b>Total General Overrides</b>		<b>\$ 968</b>	<b>\$ 964</b>	<b>\$ 988</b>	<b>\$ 1,002</b>	<b>\$ 1,435</b>

<b>Combined Total Impact of Debt Exclusions and Overrides</b>	<b>\$ 1,168</b>	<b>\$ 1,648</b>	<b>\$ 1,988</b>	<b>\$ 1,991</b>	<b>\$ 2,382</b>
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# TOWN OF MERRIMAC

## Board of Assessors

6 School Street  
Merrimac, MA 01860  
978-346-9022

### 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

#### FISCAL YEAR 2024 RECAPITULATION

##### 1. Tax Rate Summary

A. Total amount to be raised		\$	25,599,205.20
B. Total estimated receipts		\$	7,479,262.00
C. Net amount to be raised by taxation (Levy)		\$	18,119,943.20
D. Classified tax levies			
1. Residential	96.1928%	\$	17,430,079.58
2. Commercial	2.0056%	\$	363,411.13
3. Industrial	0.8388%	\$	151,995.69
4. Personal	0.9628%	\$	174,456.80

##### 2. Amounts to be raised

A. Appropriation	\$	25,394,228.00
B. Total cherry sheet offsets	\$	16,529.00
C. State and County cherry sheet charges	\$	117,469.00
D. Allowance for abatements & exemptions	\$	70,979.20
E. Total amount to be raised	\$	25,599,205.20

##### 3. Estimated receipts

A. State	\$	1,164,467.00
B. Local	\$	2,274,089.00
C. Enterprise funds	\$	2,968,858.00
D. Free cash	\$	848,750.00
E. Other available funds	\$	185,098.00
F. Municipal light	\$	38,000.00
G. Total Estimated receipts	\$	7,479,262.00

This past year was a recertification year for the town. In compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 56, the Board of Assessors have completed a revaluation of all Real and Personal Property in the Town of Merrimac. The values were adjusted to reflect full and fair market value as of January 1, 2024. Law requires assessments at “fair market value”, the state certifies values every five years. The Assessors’ office began working with the Department of Revenue in January, 2024 to ensure a timely tax rate setting. The FY2025 Tax Rate was certified by the Department of Revenue on November 19, 2024.

We would like to thank the citizens of Merrimac for their continued cooperation during the Cyclical and Permit inspections. Cyclical inspections are required by the Department of Revenue and dictates that we must inspect every residential and commercial property in town once every nine years for data quality. We appreciate the cooperation of homeowners and businesses allowing us onto their property for these inspections. Permit inspections are done for the previous years building permits as well as occupancy inspections for new homes that are occupied after July 1<sup>st</sup>. These inspections are completed on an annual basis.

Edward Davis retired in May, 2024. Ed served on the Board of Assessors for 49 years. Ed was a dedicated board member who went above and beyond in his role. He also served as Chairman of the Board as well as worked in the field assessing properties for several decades. The town thanks Ed for his dedication and service to his community and wishes him well in his retirement.

The tax rate for fiscal year 2024 was \$13.50 per thousand. Property cards may be obtained online by property owners to view their data. <http://www.townofmerrimac.com/>

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS:**

Joyce Clohecy – Chair	Term expires 2025
Gena Sinibaldi	Term expires 2026
Susan Searle	Term expires 2027

Respectfully submitted by,  
Heather Roche  
Principal Assessor



Eric M. Shears  
*Chief of Police*

# Merrimac Police Department

2 Jana Way  
Merrimac, Massachusetts 01860

Tel: 978-346-8321  
Fax: 978-346-05



## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

**2024**

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac,  
Massachusetts;

The Merrimac Police Department is committed to providing quality police services to this community. I am very proud of my staff. They are well-trained, hard-working, and dedicated to the citizens of Merrimac. The Animal Control Officer, a civilian member of our department, reports to the Chief of Police.

In 2024, there were approximately 238 Animal Incidents reported to the Merrimac Police Department.

On June 11, 2024 the Merrimac Police Department, Haverhill Police, MSPCA, area Animal Control Officers and Windham, NH Police conducted an animal investigation at a residence on Locust Grove Road in Merrimac. During the investigation, sixty (60) Boxer K9's were recovered and surrendered to the MSPCA for adoption. This case is still open and on-going at the time of this writing.

In July of 2024 we hired a new part-time Animal Control Officer for our community. ACO Brad DiCenzo replaces the town's previous part-time Animal Control Officer Greg Pickering. We would like to thank ACO Pickering for his several years of service to our community.

Brad DiCenzo has approximately 10 years of experience working as an Animal Control Officer in Haverhill and North Andover, and has also worked in part-time positions as a dispatcher, reserve police officer and animal inspector.

DiCenzo holds an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Hesser College, and graduated from the Massachusetts Animal Control Association Academy. He also completed levels 1, 2 and 3 at the National Animal Cruelty Investigation School.

Helping wildlife and educating the public about wildlife behavior are among DiCenzo's favorite parts of the job, and he plans to hold educational events for residents once he is settled into his new position.

DiCenzo participated in Old Home Day festivities in August with a pair of visiting goats as he tried to get out and meet the members of our community. He passed out candy on Halloween and hosted pet pictures with Santa in December.

## 2024 Animal Control Statistics:

2024 Animal Control Statistics					
July 8th - December 31st					
<b>Animal Intake:</b>	33			<b>Animal Bites:</b>	14
<i>Returned to Owner:</i>	6			<i>Dog v. Dog:</i>	2
<i>Surrendered:</i>	0			<i>Dog v. Person:</i>	5
<i>MSPCA:</i>	22			<i>Cat v. Person:</i>	0
<i>Ipswich Humane:</i>	2			<i>Wound of Unknown Origin:</i>	7
<i>Final Gifts:</i>	1				
<i>Transferred Out/Other:</i>	2			<i>Mutual Aid:</i>	2
				<i>Special Events:</i>	2
<b>Treat, Neuter &amp; Release (TNR) Program:</b>				<i>Barn / Chicken Coop Inspections</i>	53
<i>Released:</i>	10			<i>Kennel Inspections:</i>	3
<i>Transferred Out:</i>	10				
<i>DOA:</i>	2			<i>Citations Issued:</i>	2
<i>Owners Pets Fixed:</i>	3 pending			<i>Court Complaints:</i>	0

## Animal Quarantines:

As a result of animal bites or wounds of unknown origin, 14 animals were quarantined in the Town of Merrimac.

## Barn Inspections:

62 Barn Inspections were conducted this year by ACO DiCenzo.

It is truly an honor and a pleasure to have ACO DiCenzo as a member of our department.

I encourage anyone with concerns about animals in town to reach out, speak to DiCenzo, and take advantage of this important service that is provided by the town.

Officer DiCenzo does not a set schedule, but will be available to assist residents who call the Merrimac Police Dispatch Center at 978-346-8321, or the direct line for Animal Control at 978-321-0615. DiCenzo tries to promptly return all messages.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric M. Shears  
Chief of Police

**Town of**  
**MERRIMAC, MASS.**

**Report of the**  
**CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**FY2024**

**A Summary of the recommendations**  
**To be presented at the**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**To be held on:**

**Monday April 24, 2023**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**At the Sweetsir School**  
**102 Church St. Merrimac, MA 01860**

# **Report of the Capital Planning Committee Town of Merrimac Fiscal Year 2024**

The Capital Planning Committee met with numerous department heads and committees during February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to review Capital requests for Fiscal Year 2024 and projected Capital requests through Fiscal Year 2028. Departments are asked to project their anticipated Capital requests for the next five fiscal years so the Town can plan accordingly. We have numerous challenges facing us as a community. The Committee reviews all Capital requests with an anticipated life duration of at least five years and an initial cost of \$10,000 or more. Generally, the criteria applied in developing recommendations in order of priority are: 1) necessary to respond to State or Federal mandates; 2) public safety and/or health considerations; and 3) operational necessity.

Attached is a Summary of our Recommendations together with the Requests by Department reflecting the votes of the Capital Planning Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Marden, Chairperson & representing Finance Committee

Sandra Venner

David Cressman

Chris Manni, representing Board of Selectmen

Marcia Zosack, alternate Finance Committee Representative

Carol McLeod, Finance Director (Ex-Officio)

## FY2024 - Capital Planning Recommendations

### Summary

#### Free Cash

Total Available (Projected)	\$	858,054
Approved Capital Requests	\$	(463,750)
<b>Balance for Other Requests</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>394,304</b>

<b>Grant Funding</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
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#### Water Retained Earnings

Total Available	\$	152,939
Approved Capital Requests	\$	(224,105)
Lease Funding	\$	<b>74,105</b>
<b>Balance of Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,939</b>

#### Wastewater Retained Earnings

Total Available	\$	140,340
Approved Capital Requests	\$	(205,841)
Lease Funding	\$	120,841
<b>Balance for Other Wastewater Requests</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>55,340</b>

<b>Total Capital Recommended Requests</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(893,696)</b>
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<b>Other Free Cash Funding Requests</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(385,000)</b>
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Stabilization Balance	\$	981,158
Fire and Ambulance Apparatus Stabilization	\$	635
Capital Stabilization	\$	303,539
<b>Total Stabilization as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,285,332</b>



## **MERRIMAC CONSERVATION COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

The primary function of the Conservation Commission is to protect and preserve the Town's wetland resource areas as defined in the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (M.G.L Chapter 131, Section 40) and the Merrimac Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Merrimac Wetlands Protection Bylaw was enacted by the town in 2003 to strengthen protection of Merrimac's wetlands beyond what is addressed in Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act.

Wetlands are an important resource providing essential functions and benefits to the Town's residents including protection of water quality for surface and ground waters, stormwater and flood damage protection, protection of wildlife and plant habitat, and providing recreational opportunities and large tracts of open and undeveloped space. The loss of wetlands means the loss of the vital benefits they provide. To prevent damage to these fragile and often irreplaceable resources, the Conservation Commission is charged with regulating activities in or within 100 feet of a wetland or intermittent stream and in or within 200 feet of a river or stream that flows year-round including, but not limited to, the Merrimack River and Cobblers Brook.

The Conservation Commission is a seven-person unpaid volunteer commission. Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three years. At times, Associate Members are also appointed. The Conservation Commission is assisted by a part-time Conservation Agent.

The Conservation Commission holds public meetings to conduct regular business and holds public hearings related to filings for projects regulated under the Wetlands Protection Act and Merrimac Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Conservation Commission typically meets once a month on the fourth Monday of each month at the Merrimac Public Library. Please refer to the meeting schedule posted on the Conservation Commission section of the Town website to determine upcoming meeting dates.

During Fiscal Year 2024 the Conservation Commission:

- Held 11 regularly scheduled meetings;
- Conducted multiple site visits in connection with filings, questions, and violations;
- Issued 2 Orders of Conditions permitting work in jurisdictional areas;
- Issued 1 Negative Determinations permitting work in jurisdictional areas;
- Issued 4 Certificates of Compliance;
- Issued 4 violation notices for work in jurisdictional areas without proper permits.
- Issued 2 beaver permits

In addition to permitting projects and addressing violations under the state Wetlands Protection Act and Merrimac Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Conservation Commission holds Conservation Restrictions to preserve open space in Merrimac and works with the Lake Attitash Association to improve the water quality of Lake Attitash and Open Space

Committee to manage the Town's open space. The Conservation Commission collaborates with other Town boards and departments providing review of projects as requested and guidance as it relates to natural resource protection. Additionally, a member of the Conservation Commission participates in the Site Plan Review Committee under Merrimac's Zoning Bylaw.

The Conservation Commission has been working with Green Belt to retain forests and agricultural land.

In FY 2024 the Merrimac Conservation Commission saw changes in personnel and commissioners.

Arthur Yarranton our long time Commissioner hit 90 years old and is still going strong. He adds valuable input gained from his many years of service and knowledge of the environment.

In August of 2024 the Commission's longtime Conservation Agent, Jay Smith, returned as part time Conservation Agent in Merrimac.

Wystan Umland resigned from the Commission allowing Mark Leger to become a full member.

The Conservation Commission is eager to assist with decisions about whether and how to proceed with a project near wetlands. Residents are encouraged to contact the Conservation Commission or Conservation Agent with any questions or concerns related to the Town's wetland resources. If you are planning a project and are unsure if there are wetlands on your property or if you are unsure whether your project will require a filing with the Conservation Commission, contact the Conservation Commission or Conservation Agent who will be happy to assist you. The Conservation Agent can be reached at 978-891-0238 or by email at [jsmith@townofmerrimac.com](mailto:jsmith@townofmerrimac.com).

Respectfully Submitted,

#### MERRIMAC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jerome Mathieu, Chair	Term expires June 30, 2026
Gregory Hochmuth, Vice Chair	Term expires June 30, 2025
Arthur Yarranton, Member	Term expires June 30, 2027
Gregory MacLean, Member	Term expires June 30, 2025
William Andrulitis, Member	Term expires June 30, 2025
Mark Leger, Member	Term expires June 30, 2028
Charlie Covahey, Member	Term expires June 30, 2027
Jay Smith, Conservation Agent	Term expires June 30, 2025

## BOARD of HEALTH 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Health meetings are held monthly, or on an as-needed basis. The office can be contacted at (978) 346-4066 or at [boh@townofmerrimac.com](mailto:boh@townofmerrimac.com). The office is staffed by the Health Agent to conduct all BOH matters, and the administrative assistant.

During 2024, the Board of Health continued to participate in Homeland Security and the Emergency Preparedness Plan, and for these efforts we receive supplemental funding from the Regional Coalition. Deborah Ketchen, represents the town of Merrimac in the Merrimack Valley Public Health Alliance.

**Deborah Ketchen:** Deb serves as Health Agent to the town of Merrimac. She ensures the proper installation and maintenance of septic systems, conducts routine inspections of food establishments, enforces health and safety regulations pertaining to food establishments and housing, submits reports to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, investigates complaints, collaborates with the public health nurse and other town officials, as well as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Deb regularly attends meetings of the Northeast Region 3A Coalition where training plans are formulated. She also acts as our representative during hearings that are litigated at the Housing Court. She is responsible for the ultimate enforcement of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations as they pertain to the minimum standards of health and safety. Deb has professional relationships with numerous organizations, many of which provide valuable insights and connections relating to health and safety. This year she received her certification in Mental Health First Aid. Her affiliations include, but are not limited to:

Care Massachusetts (Opioid Abatement Program)  
Granite State Onsite Wastewater Association (GSOWA)  
Massachusetts Emergency Management Association (MEMA)  
Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA)  
Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA)  
Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHA)  
Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN)  
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)  
Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC)  
Merrimack Valley Public Health Alliance (MVPHA)  
National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)  
National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)  
Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control (NEMMC)  
Northeast Public Health Training Hub

**Christine** was voted in May of 2023 as Chairman to the Board of Health her term continues until May of 2026.

**Jason Sargent** was re-elected in May of 2022. His term with the Board of Health continues until May of 2025.

**Ashlyn Calcagni** was elected to the Board of Health in May of 2024. His term continues until May of 2024.

**Julie Gilchrist:** Julie was hired on May 8, 2023 to fill the position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health. She is in the office from 8-1:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Julie provides information and assistance to the public, guides contractors and business owners through the licensing and permitting process, and ensures the accurate maintenance of Health Department records and meeting minutes.

**Annual Licenses or Permits:**

Annual application forms and regulations may be obtained at the Board of Health office or on our web site at [www.townofmerrimac.com](http://www.townofmerrimac.com) under Documents, Board of Health. Applications and notification of expiration are no longer mailed. Annual license fees are payable by December 31 each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Merrimac Board of Health:

Christine Berube, Chair Term expires 2026  
Jason Sargent, Member Term expires 2025  
Ashlyn Calcagni, Member Term expires 2027

## MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM INFORMATION

For more information on the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District, call 978-463-6630, or 978 352 2800.

**SURVEILLANCE** and **LARVICIDING** are of the utmost importance, and they comprise the greatest portion of the program cost. This is the regular testing of mosquitoes and birds for the virus, and the application of larvicides to mosquito breeding areas to kill or inhibit the growth of mosquito larvae (the early stage of the mosquito) from developing into the adult form. Continued annual surveillance is an early intervention or preemptive action to prevent a potential mosquito breeding site from becoming an actual mosquito breeding site.

**ADULTICIDING** is a term used by mosquito control to describe spraying for adult or flying mosquitoes. There are two kinds of adulticiding: Aerial, done by aircraft only in the event of a public health emergency; and Ground, sprayed from trucks selectively in accordance with the individual municipality's Best Management Practice Plan (BMP).

Ground Adulticiding is used in today's programs to control the mosquito populations in their aquatic or larval stages. This is accomplished by means of a truck-mounted Ultra Low Volume (ULV) aerosol sprayer. ULV sprays up to six ounces of insecticide per acre, creating a 300- to 400-foot swath. Depending on wind direction this swath will drift off the road; and tiny droplets will impinge on mosquitoes, effectively controlling the mosquitoes in the area.

**Insecticide:** The District uses Anvil (EPA Reg. No. 1021-1688-8329) for ULV applications. The active ingredient, Sumithrin, has a very low toxicity to mammals. This product is registered for use by the US EPA and the Mass. Pesticide Bureau. All District personnel are certified applicators and annually attend seminars to obtain recertification credits.

Most people are not expected to experience any adverse health effects after pesticide spraying for adult mosquito control. This includes pregnant women and unborn children. If a person has any concerns, the Board of Health may be contacted to request that spraying be excluded from the specific property.

Ground sprays do not pose an unreasonable risk to birds or mammals. Since spraying is done in the late evening, the bees and other flying insects are not foraging at that hour and will not be affected.

**West Nile Virus:** The primary mosquito carrier of WNV, *Culex Pipiens*, usually breeds in artificial containers such as catch basins, storm water structures, industrial parks and commercial or agricultural livestock facilities. Regularly empty any water-holding containers on your property such as garbage cans, flower pots, swimming pool covers, watering troughs and birdbaths, and dispose of old tires.

**Information about EEE** and reports of EEE activity in Massachusetts can be found on the MDPH website at [www.mass.gov/dph/wnv/wnvl.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dph/wnv/wnvl.htm). Merrimac will continue to work closely with the MDPH Arbovirus Surveillance Program and the NE Massachusetts Mosquito Control Agency on mosquito control and surveillance efforts. Decisions regarding spraying will be made by the Board of Health in cooperation with the Mosquito Control Agency. As long as this program is continued annually, we remain protected from severe outbreaks.

## 2024 Annual Report of the Affordable Housing Board of Trustees

The past year has been very active for the Board. The most significant development was the receipt of a bequest for \$510,000 from former Town Clerk, Patricia True. At the June 24<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting, the AHBT accepted this generous donation which substantially increased the funds available to the Board. Ms. True wished to leave a legacy to assist Merrimac residents meet their housing needs. The AHBT members have discussed several possible housing assistance programs this funding could support and are researching the manner that the funds can best be used.

The future work of the Board will be guided by two planning initiatives completed in the past year. The board was actively involved in updating the next townwide 15-year Master Plan with a special focus on the section addressing housing. The Board was represented on the Advisory Committee and members participated in community forums and surveys and reviewed drafts of the report. While in support of the goals and proposed action steps, the Board was concerned that the way the plan defines two-family housing misrepresents the extensive number of such units in town and their major contributions to making housing in Merrimac more affordable. The board also had an active role in updating the new five-year Housing Production Plan (HPP), which laid out options for reaching the goal of creating more affordable housing units that qualify for the state Subsidized Housing Inventory list. Members attend regionwide meetings hosted by Merrimack Valley Planning Commission which lead the initiative. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, some members of the Board were joined by Annmary Connelly, Director of Amesbury/Merrimac Housing Authority, and Denise McClure, Merrimac Planning Consultant, in meeting with a representative from MVPC to explore viable options to encourage the development of more affordable housing in Merrimac, both units qualifying for SHI and others.

As the year drew to a close, efforts already in progress to create affordable housing encountered further obstacles. It has been determined that more needs to be done to clean up the hazard waste at the former Coastal Metal site before it can be turned into affordable housing. Another \$200,000 has been obtained for this purpose. The proposed 40B development of 180 rental units in two buildings at The Flats at Merrimac Square was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals. This decision is currently being appealed by the developer.

Merrimac continues to have 5.32% of its housing units qualify for the state Subsidized Housing Inventory list, short of the state goal of 10%. Although there are several new adult group homes in town, these do not qualify for the list as they do not use public funds. The Board is grateful for the services of CHAPA to locate qualifying new residents for existing 40B units that turnover, thus keeping them on the SHI.

The Affordable Housing Board of Trustees (AHBT) was established in June 2009 in accordance with the Town Bylaw voted in May 2008.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Venner, Chair	Term expires	2026
Brienne Walsh, Vice-Chair	Term expires	2025
Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Secretary	Term expires	2026
Dawn Young, Treasurer	Term expires	2025
Irina Gorzynski, Rep for Select Board	Term expires	2025
Phil Parry, Member	Term expires	2026
Bridget Bacheller (Appt. Sept. 2024)	Term expires	2025



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## Merrimac Housing Authority

52 Merri Village  
Merrimac, Ma 01860

Annual Report of the Merrimac Housing authority  
To the Merrimac Board of Selectman for the year ending December 31,2024.

*To the Honorable members of the Merrimac Board of Selectmen,*

The Merrimac Housing Authority owns 52 units of housing in the Town of Merrimac. The Merri-Village project located on Middle Street contains forty-eight units of one bedroom housing funded under the Chapter 667 program. This program serves individuals and couples who are elderly or disabled. In addition to the 48 one-bedroom units, the MHA owns and manages two duplex units. These are multi-bedroom units, intended for families. Merrimac residents receive priority for occupancy in these programs. Merrimac Housing Authority has a long-standing management agreement with the Amesbury Housing Authority.

The Merrimac Housing Board of Commissioners are as follows effective 3/1/2025:

Candie Benjamin	Chair
Gary Dean	Vice Chair
Kira Caroll	Treasure
Connie Nucci	Commissioner
Joseph Fernades	Commissioner

The MHA staff are as follows: These staff have shared responsibility to both Amesbury and Merrimac Housing Authority.

Dr. Annmary Connor	Executive Director
Shana Annon	Housing Manager
Ryan Dumont	Staff Accountant
Lisa Harrington	Housing Coordinator
Olivia White	Resident Service Coordinator
Diane McGowan	Administrative

In addition, there is a full-time maintenance staff dedicated to the properties.

Friday, March 21, 2025





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In January 2024 the AHA and MHA embarked on a search for a new Executive Director. MHA Chair was an active part of the selection process. In February Dr. Annmary Connor was hired on to be the executive director of the housing authority.

**Modernization:**

MHA had a new fire alarm system upgrade and installed in the Merri Village development through securing ARPA funds with the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). MHA has new sight lighting completed in the quad area of Merri Village. Additional projects are slated for this coming year which include upgrades to family housing and upgrading paved walkways at Merri Village.

**Financials:**

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 (year-end) the Merrimac Housing Authority collected \$340,155 in rental and other income with expenses of \$386,018 with the overage coming out of reserve. The Executive Offices of Housing and Livable Communities provided \$11,476 in operating subsidy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Annmary I. Connor".

Dr. Annmary I. Connor

Executive Director

Friday, March 21, 2025





Annual Report of the Merrimac Historical Commission  
Year ending December 31, 2024

Dear Residents of Merrimac,

We enthusiastically present the annual report of the Merrimac Historical Commission for the year ending December 31, 2024. The Commission remains steadfast in our commitment to identifying, documenting and registering historic homes and properties that distinguish Merrimac as an esteemed community.

Our efforts have remained focused on digitizing information about historic properties using official Massachusetts Historical Commission forms. These new forms have required us to revisit past registrations as we also work on documenting new properties. We have had some interest from community members and would greatly appreciate help with documenting properties. The criteria for designating a property as an historic home encompasses various considerations including age, relevance to the community, and compelling stories that enrich our understanding of Merrimac's heritage.

The Commission is presently assessing the need for renovation of the Old Schoolhouse. A donor has offered financial assistance to make the building viable for public visits. This is a work in progress.

The Commission members welcomed Andrew Connor as our newest member. We invite other Merrimac residents interested in history and our community to consider joining our Commission. The MHC has a town e-mail and questions regarding historical properties, their age, and previous occupancy are welcomed. Meetings are quarterly.

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Jeffery Hoyt, a respected local historian who played a significant role in documenting the history of Merrimac. His efforts and contributions are invaluable and will continue to be appreciated for years to come. With Jeff's passing, the Historical Commission and our community have undoubtedly lost a considerable amount of historical knowledge.

In conclusion the Merrimac Historical Commission remains dedicated to honoring our town's past and continuing to celebrate its future.

Larry Fisher, Bert Cresey (co-chairs), Andrew Connor, Yvonne Cosgrove

**Merrimac Council on Aging  
And Senior Center  
FY 2024 Annual Report**

2024 was **our 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR!** We spent this year celebrating this achievement and all of our community members and supporters, past, present and future! We featured at least one special event each month to commemorate this milestone year! Each year, we strive to keep our community members active and engaged with a diverse and robust calendar of events and programming while also providing critical outreach, meals, wellness opportunities, food pantry assistance, application help, and so much more! We are grateful for the support of the Council on Aging Board of Directors, the Friends of the Merrimac COA, the COA Staff, the seniors, legislators, our Town Departments, Select Board, business leaders, community partners and peers.

The staff at the Council on Aging cross-trains within our department, works with a team approach and collaborates with other departments within Town and other agencies. We also collaborate with other COA's to be able to deliver better programming and services. We would like to thank the Selectmen, Merrimac Fire and Police Departments, the Merrimac Public Health Nurse, Public Health Department, Merrimac Light Department, Merrimac Cultural Council, and the Merrimac DPW; Essex County Sheriff's Dept., Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Agespan, Community Action Inc., Merrimac Housing Authority and our legislators, State Rep Dawne Shand and State Senator Barry Feingold. We are also grateful for the support from local residents and businesses including Northern Essex Elder Transport (NEET), Coastal Connections of Amesbury, MA Commission for the Blind, the Merrimac Lions Club, David Heating & Cooling, AARP, and the Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts.

**Breakfast with the Chiefs** every other month has always been a great opportunity to bring town officials, legislators and many others to the table for open discussions on events and town news and continues to be a cornerstone of communication and engagement at the Senior Center. Seniors and community members (Department Heads, Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire, Veterans Agent, local Legislative representation, business and community leaders) are invited to attend for breakfast and the opportunity to ask questions and learn about updates from town departments and how they affect residents. 2024 attendance was better than ever and saw a huge rise in interest about various subjects affecting the Town of Merrimac such as the Whittier school project and the sale of the Skip's property near the COA as well as many other town issues and we love seeing everyone together to learn more about the happenings in Merrimac!

**January 2024 brought the new year and a new employee in Jon Behrens, our new Transportation Coordinator.** Jon has filled this role after Nick Fiorello's retirement in November 2023. Jon has a wonderful background in transportation and logistics. He was previously employed by Bake N'Joy and lives locally in Merrimac. Welcome Jon! This month, we featured an **IceBreaker Winter Mixer with great food, new friends and some great games and questions to learn all about each other!**

**February 2024** was a busy month with the addition of **our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soup Sampler event~** We had some wonderful soups prepared by community members and employees alike and intend for this to become a yearly event to help our members keep warm and engaged during what is normally a cold and dreary month! We also celebrated **Valentine's Day with a luncheon and entertainment by Johnny Pizzi, comedian and magician,** who performs not only on the local circuit but also entertains in Las Vegas on a regular basis! Johnny had the audience in stitches and it was a great day! We also accepted the resignation of Unique Kendrick, COA Senior Aide, this month, as she left to focus on her family.

**March 2024 Monthly Grocery Shopping returned this month!** This vital trip each month helps provide transportation to local grocery stores for those that otherwise would be unable to shop for groceries on their own. Thank you to our van drivers, Wayne and Jon! CTI presented a Fair Housing Program Lunch N Learn which provided informative and educational content surrounding fair housing practices in Massachusetts. **A new exercise class, the 3B's with Brian began this month as well! This integrative and easily modifiable exercise class focuses on the 3B's, Brain, Body and Balance! It has a physical component and a mental trivia component all in one class!** Thank you to Brian, 3B's instructor for bringing this great

class to our Center! We also had a wonderful **St. Patrick's Day event featuring Tim Van Egmond! Tim entertained a packed room with songs, stories, and folklore!**

**April 2024 We featured a Lunch N Learn with Honoring Choices.** This informative program brings knowledge and learning on the topic of making end of life choices and what that means for you and your family. This looks different for everyone and can be a very large undertaking. Honoring Choices seeks to help alleviate some of that pressure and introduce difficult topics in a relaxed setting. We also celebrated our Volunteers during **Volunteer Appreciation Month. We have between 30-50 volunteers on staff at any given time!** Our volunteers deliver meals, answer phones, run events like Bingo, teach classes, organize our library, help in our food pantry, collate the newsletter each month and so much more! Thank you! A special Thank you to our Volunteer Coordinator, Sandra Blanchet, for her help coordinating this event each year!

**May 2024** Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration continued with Older Americans Month, which is always a time for celebrating and uplifting our community of older adults. This month we **featured Drag Bingo with Amanda Playwith and Friends, graciously sponsored by Agespan! This event was full to capacity and we rocked the night away to great performances while playing raucous rounds of Bingo!** Our Friends of the Merrimac COA also sponsored **an amazing 50's themed Sock Hop for us with the musical stylings of the Reminisants! The Reminisants are a world renowned musical group and we were thrilled to host them here at the Merrimac COA!** We also **showcased a wonderful trip to Pickety Place in Mason NH. 2 vans of our community members and staff had a wonderful luncheon and explored the beautiful gardens there for a relaxing and enjoyable country afternoon!** Special thanks to our Program Coordinator Denise Gilman for planning, arranging and orchestrating this great event for us!

**June 2024 The Friends of the COA Senior Scramble** was not held this year as in years past. The Friends of the MCOA will be focusing on other fundraising efforts for the time being. The money raised from Friends events along with other donations made throughout the year make it possible for them to support and sponsor the Nutrition Program, Transportation and special events and programs offered at the Senior Center. We are grateful to the Friends for continuing to support the COA during what can only be described as our most challenging years to date. They donate \$500 per month to the Senior Center to help with the meals program, transportation and the LGBT Senior Social Supper. A special thank you is extended to them for their hard work! We could not make our efforts work without your support!

Our Annual BBQ was held in **June 2024** as well, **with Entertainment by Ralphie B!** We enjoyed macaroni salad, watermelon, burgers, cake and much more! Special thanks to our wonderful kitchen crew, Eileen, Judy and Harleigh for all their hard work! **We also began a Summer Series featuring Cornhole and Bocce!** These outdoor activities were a fun way to be active in the mornings while it was still cool! Cornhole was new to us here and quickly caught on under our big blue tent!

**Our Annual Health and Wellness Fair returned in June 2024! As always,** we had a great turn out with a free boxed lunch through our Nutrition Program and vendors from across the Merrimack Valley that provided education, pamphlets, screenings and other vital services to our community. We enjoyed having many area vendors and community stakeholders as well as Merrimac residents join us for a day of health and learning. We had over 100 people attend! **Red Sox Great Rico Petrocelli joined us for a Meet N Greet this month! It was a highlight for many in attendance, with stories from his playing days and opportunities for photos!** Thank you to the Red Sox Alumni Association and Sarah Coffin for helping us to arrange this!

In **July 2024** we celebrated the **11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our LGBTQ+ Senior Social Supper!** This is an amazing accomplishment and Special Thanks to Chaz Rudich of Agespan for your support always!! **Our Library Renovation Project, funded through a reimbursable grant through EOEA** was completed this month and brought us new furniture, a new rug, new accent tables, new laptops, and a new puzzle table and bistro set to make the Library a more relaxing and welcome room in our Senior Center. **We were thrilled to welcome Jodi**

**Breidel, from EOEa to our Ribbon Cutting Event! Kathy Devaney and Donna Doherty, 2 of our volunteers, cut the ribbon as a thank you for all of their hard work! We also had a Karaoke Party!** Participants sang along on the big screen to popular favorites!

**August 2024 saw the sad departure of our Outreach & Human Services Coordinator, Bridget Batcheller.** Bridget worked at the COA for just over 18 months and left to pursue a full time position in the counseling arena. We thank Bridget for her help, expertise and wonderful sense of humor and will miss her greatly. We also featured **our End of Summer Luau this month with the musical stylings of local group, the Ukululu's.** They provide a great sing along show and it is always enjoyable!

**September 2024 brought Slush and Songs to the COA !** This event showcased the vocals of Jay Daggett and provided a fun sing along atmosphere with background on each musical artist! Slush in a variety of colors and flavors was provided by Nice Ice Baby! Thanks to Nick and his team for the cool treats!

**October 2024 Our Annual Craft Fair was a smashing success as always!!** The crafters meet throughout the year planning and making items, visiting other fairs for ideas and inviting other crafters to attend our fair. Donations for drawings come from the crafters themselves and money from the tables and café is given to the Senior Center Gift Account to help pay for activities and programs. This year featured a delicious offering of homemade soups, sandwiches, wraps and bakery treats in our Craft Café as well as 2 floors of crafters!

A Special Thank you to Sandy Blanchet and her family as well as our volunteers and crafters for a successful event! A special Thank you also to the Friends of the Merrimac COA for assisting with the Craft Fair as well!

We also were able to hold our **Annual Flu Clinic in partnership with Stop N Shop of Amesbury** and vaccinate 75 seniors in **October 2024**. We are grateful to their staff, particularly Jon Hersey, staff pharmacist, for their help in administering vaccinations and presenting an efficient clinic in our Main Dining Room. Alongside Jon, was pharmacy technician Jessica, who assisted in keeping things running efficiently.

**In November 2024** we were able to host the **Annual Veterans Luncheon**. We thank our veterans and their families for their service to our town and our country and we were honored to be able to celebrate them in this way once again. Special thanks to Roger Clark and Jeremiah Murphy for their assistance and support of this event! **Our second special event this month was the Red Sox World Series Trophy Day!** We were able to take pictures and look at the amazing 2004 World Series Trophy! **November is also when we were excited to hire Daniel Domings, LSWA as our new Outreach & Human Services Coordinator.** Dan fills in the staff position left vacant by Bridget Batcheller in August 2024. Denise Gilman, Sandy Blanchet and I worked in the kitchen frequently in the Nutrition Program to Assist

**In December 2024,** we held our **5th Annual Mystery Holiday Raffle**. The staff and I created 25 raffle baskets that were given to randomly selected members of the Merrimac COA community that had signed up to participate. The raffle was open to any 60+ Merrimac resident and was a great way to bring holiday cheer to our seniors! Raffle baskets featured games, candy, household items, personal care items, gift certificates to area restaurants and shops, books, leisure activity items and much more. We thank our elves, Harleigh Walsh and others for helping to pack the gifts and getting everything delivery ready! A great way to wrap up the year was with **A Musical Choral Performance by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Merrimac Schools Chorus at the Donaghue School, special thanks to Johanna Dickson and Krista Niles of the Merrimac Schools** and also brought a new rebrand to **Pizza and Poetry** with a name change to the **Bard Owl Café!** This monthly installment was first done in October 2023 and brought to life here by local resident and poet Larry Bertram. Each month, a community partner sponsors a free luncheon and a different theme of poetry is discussed! This event has been sponsored locally by many restaurants including Merrimac House of Pizza, West Newbury Pizza Company, Andyman, Aroma Joe's, and more! ~ Thank you to Larry Bertram, Julie Schaeffer, Lori

Vesowate and all the members of the Bard Owl Café Committee for bring this to the Merrimac COA for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year!

The Senior Center Staff consists of Brienne R. Walsh, Executive Director; Denise Gilman Program Coordinator; Eileen Murray, Food & Nutrition Director; Danielle Cataldo, Public Health Nurse, MSN, RN-BC; Judy Kimber Morrill, Kitchen Chef; Sandy Blanchet, Volunteer Coordinator; Daniel Domings, Outreach & Human Services Coordinator; Jon Behrens, Transportation Coordinator & Van Driver; and Wayne Jones, Custodian/Van Driver. Also of note is Harleigh Walsh, Per Diem COA Senior Aide, who has filled in the kitchen off and on this year since Unique Kendrick's departure.

There are not enough words to express our gratitude towards our volunteers without whom we would not be able to accomplish so much. Our Volunteers lend their expertise and time as drivers, receptionists, dispatchers, kitchen assistants, food pantry organizers, trip leaders, group leaders, tax assistance, craft fair organizers providing over 6,000 Volunteer hours\* (\*This does not include those who don't remember to sign in to record their hours) of service to the Senior Center. The Senior Center Crafters Showcase and annual Holiday Fair have always provided local talented seniors with a way to sell their wares, and support the Senior Center by generously donating 10 per cent of their earnings to the Friends of the Merrimac COA.

In addition to serving the senior population in Merrimac, as the only Human Services Agency in town we also serve the general population by providing resource information, referrals, counseling, medical equipment, flu shots, blood pressure clinics, and opportunities to volunteer or participate in programs, activities, and more. We also assist friends and families looking for services for their loved ones.

The Council on Aging core programs offered through the Senior Center are: Nutrition (congregate meal site, food pantry); Transportation (COA van and NEET volunteer drivers); Outreach (Identifies Needs, Case Management, Home Visits and Calls), Information and Referrals; and Health & Wellness (Intellectual, Social, Emotional, Vocational, Spiritual, Educational and Physical), and Activities and Services offered at the Merrimac Senior Center include (but are not limited to):

AA Meetings	Cross Stitch	Information & Referrals
Advocacy & Representation	Cultural and Educational	Intergenerational
Bingo	Events/Workshops	Programming
Blood Pressure Clinic	Crochet & Knitting	LGBT Social Connections (3 <sup>rd</sup>
Book Club & Guest Authors	Exercise Classes (M/T/W/Th/Fri)	Thursday of month at 5:30)
Bocce	Faxing	Library
Breakfast with the Chiefs	Friendly Visiting	Low Vision Support Group
Candidate & Issues Forum	Flu & Covid Clinics (Seasonal),	(Including field trips)
Caregivers Support Group	Vitamin B-12 shots	Group/Speakers
Confidential Financial Advice &	45's Card Game	Lunch Club(Belles & Romeos)
Assistance with bill pay,	Friends of COA Mtg.	Medical Equipment Lending
reconciling statements,	(1 <sup>st</sup> Tue of Month)	Memory Cafe
reconciling Medical bills with	Friends Senior Scramble	Men's Group -Breakfast every
Insurance, etc.	Free Birthday Lunch	other month.
Congregate Meals	Health & Wellness Fair-Annual	Movies at the Center
Copying	Home delivered meals	Newsletter Committee
Craft Fair-Annual	Hearing Clinics	Nutrition Program/Meals
Crafters Meeting	Holiday Parties	<b>Our Neighbors' Table</b> Food
Cribbage	Ice Cream Socials	Pantry Site*

Outreach	Reassurance Calls	SNAP Outreach Partner Assistance
Painting Classes	RMV-DOT-Registration &	The Centerpiece (Newsletter-
Peggy's Senior Food Pantry a	License assistance	Available by mail & Online)
Partner of ONT*	Rug Hooking	Travel Club – Day trips, and
Public Health Nurse	Seasonal Events	Local Travel!
Information & Consulting	Senior Sing-a-long	Transportation-Vans & Northern
Podiatry (Foot care) Clinics	Senior Tax Work Off Program	Essex Elder Transportation-
Poker	SHARPS (needles) Collection	(NEET) Volunteer Drivers
Pool	Site through Town Nurse	Trips
Powerful Tools for Caregivers	SHINE (Health Insurance Help)	Volunteer Opportunities
Quilting	Shredding (Secure) Free	Yoga -Meditative & Vinyasa Flow

The COA would like to thank the Merrimac Public Access Cable TV and Carol Traynor, Manager, Chris Liquori and volunteers for their dedication to finding and taping programs for the benefit of seniors and community in general.

Council on Aging Board Members: Term Expiration:

Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Chairwoman 2025  
Retired Sgt. David Vance, Assistant Chairman 2026

Candie Benjamin, Secretary 2026

Betty Lou Elliott 2026  
Maryann Mikson, Sec. 2025  
Kathy Devaney 2025  
Donna Doherty 2026  
Vacant Slot 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Brienne R. Walsh, Executive Director



## 2024 Town Clerk Annual Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac,

In 2024 the Clerk's office administered five elections and two town meetings. As you may imagine, this was a very busy year with so many elections being held. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to every election worker who worked this year. With out the dedication of our election workers this would be a very difficult task, but the men and women of Merrimac who volunteer their time are experts in elections and their dedication is unsurpassed. I would also like to thank all the candidates who sought office this year and volunteer their time to our community. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you.

I would like to thank the voters who participated in our local government by attending Town Meeting and voting during this election season. We had a great voter participation this year, you make it worth our while! Thank you!

Dog Tags Issued	575
Marriage Intentions	10
Marriages	10
Births	62
Deaths	47

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwendolyn Lay Sabbagh

Town Clerk, Town of Merrimac

**ANNUAL REPORT  
BOARD of TRUSTEES  
MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FY2024**

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library are pleased to provide a summary of services from 2024 and highlight the use of the collection and the library building. The library has continued its mission to serve as a place of learning, informational support, and community engagement designed to meet the diverse needs and interests of our patrons.

Below are some of the library use statistics at a glance:

Merrimac residents with library cards	3195
Hours open to the public	1926
Total number of visitors	31,000
Total material circulation (print and nonprint)	78,566
Total Inter-library loan received	8440
Total Inter-library loan provided	11880
Total number of live programs for adults	45
Total attendance of live programs for adults	456
Total number of live programs for Young Adults (age 12-18)	12
Total attendance of live programs for Young Adults	142
Total number of live programs for children (infant-11)	136
Total attendance of live programs for children (infant-11)	1960
Meeting room use for all purposes	402
Total hours of volunteer work	520

The Library of Things is an exciting new collection available to Merrimac cardholders, offering a wide range of items, including:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Games</li> <li>• Cricut Machine</li> <li>• Sewing Machine</li> <li>• Bluetooth Speaker</li> <li>• Karaoke Machine</li> <li>• Projector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turntable</li> <li>• Metal Detector</li> <li>• Document Scanner</li> <li>• Laminator</li> <li>• Travel Adapter Kit</li> <li>• Video Converter</li> </ul>
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Feel free to explore these exciting resources!



In April 2024 the Trustees were excited to welcome Aila Colburn as our new Library Director. Aila recently earned her Master's in Library Science and brings valuable experience from working at local libraries, including her previous role at the Merrimac Public Library as Circulation Assistant. We are fortunate to have Aila leading the library and look forward to the fresh ideas and perspectives she will bring to library services in Merrimac!

The Board of Trustees has seen some changes, with Pat Adams now serving as Chair. Former long-time Chair, Susan Coburn, continues to serve on the Board, bringing invaluable knowledge of library service in Merrimac. Susan's dedication spans from the library's time in the original Hoyt Library to her leadership during the construction of the new facility. We are grateful for her continued insight and commitment, and are pleased to keep working with her on the Board. Pat Adams has graciously stepped into the role of Chair and remains a strong advocate for library services to all Merrimac residents.

Director Aila Colburn reports that this year the library has continued our partnership with Merrimac residents Jennifer Mansfield and Jennifer Houle, who have been working on the Pollinator Garden located in the back lawn. The garden focuses on planting native species that bloom throughout the growing season, providing nesting sites, minimizing pesticide use, and attracting pollinators. They have done an excellent job refurbishing the old information board where they will share resources on pollinator gardening and native plants. Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Houle are also collaborating closely with Merrimac Neighbors for Nature. The library is excited to continue working with them in the years ahead!

During FY24, there were some changes to our library staff. After over 18 years of dedicated service, Patti Mullen retired from Merrimac Library. We were also pleased to welcome two new staff members: Sabrina Hartnett as the Circulation Associate and Noreen Sullivan as the Circulation Assistant/Cataloger.

The Youth Services Department offers programming and collections for ages 0-17, with monthly activities like book clubs for grades 1-5, Art Club for grades 3-6, Storytimes for infants through age 6, and Pokemon Club for ages 6-12. In addition, youth services provide special interest programs with some of our most popular ones being: a visit from popular children's nonfiction author Jerry Pollatta (over 75 in attendance), Magic Fred (95 in attendance) running a Youth Chess Tournament for grades 3-12 and our annual Gingerbread House Workshop for ages 3 & up (about 60 kids).

Children's librarian Tracy Shaw reports that in summer they raised 11 Monarch butterflies from caterpillars and released them to a crowd of 50 adults and children. The Summer Reading incentive program had 300 kids from Preschool through grade 5 and 40 teens in grades 6-12 participating from our community. Our community collection display case is also a hit, with a year-long wait for kids to display their collections.

The Youth Services Department continues to collaborate with local schools, daycares, and the Fire Department for various outreach activities, and offer community service opportunities for middle and high school students. Our adult programming, including a movie matinee, book club, and special events like Paint Nights, remains popular, with virtual programs offered through partnerships with other libraries. Our Summer Reading Book Subscription box program for adults fills up quickly each year.

The children's and YA collections are updated regularly to stay relevant and inclusive, with new audio books featuring built-in readers for literacy development. Youth Services staff attend local and state meetings for professional growth. The Friends of the Merrimac Public Library support our programs with funding for paid performers, summer reading prizes, and events like book sales and concerts, helping make the library a vital community resource.

The Friends of the Merrimac Public Library help to fund most of our paid performers during the summer as well as the summer reading Hodgie's prizes. We also receive some donations from local businesses to use as summer reading prizes. The Friends of the Library have supplemented our programming with their own programs and other fundraising events on behalf of the library. Some of their most popular events have been book sales, craft fair, music concerts and local author visits. The Merrimac Public Library is proud to be an integral part of our community!

As we reflect on another year of growth and service, the Merrimac Public Library remains dedicated to enriching the lives of our community members. With the continued support of our staff, volunteers, and partners, we look forward to further strengthening our role as a hub for learning, connection, and cultural enrichment in the years to come. Thank you for your ongoing support in making the library a vital resource for all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Adams, Chair  
Maripaul McGinn, Vice Chair  
Robert Michaud  
Yvonne Cosgrove, Secretary  
Susan Coburn  
Jennifer Brown

Aila Colburn, Library Director

## 2024 Annual Report for Open Space Committee

Highlights of activities in the past year include:

- Members of the Open Space Committee participated in community forums and were part of the working group to update Merrimac's Master Plan which was finalized at the end of 2024.
- The Open Space Committee was instrumental in dedicating the Merrimac Town Forest for the exclusive purpose of conservation via Article 97 of the Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This was ratified by a unanimous vote at the October 21, 2024 Special Town Meeting.
- The Open Space Committee engaged with the Department of Public Works and the Conservation Commission to resolve flooding associated with a clogged drainpipe beneath the northern end of the McLaren Trail. A Beaver Deceiver device was placed at the entrance to the pipe to prevent beaver from building dams and re-clogging the drainpipe.
- Trail improvements included signposts added along the Marshview Trail and Red Oak Trail to help delineate routes. New maps and other trail signage were updated at the Red Oak trailhead kiosk. The trails continue to be maintained by members of the Open Space Committee as needed.
- Letters were mailed to abutters of the McLaren trail reminding residents to respect the easement boundaries of the trail.
- The Committee also educated the community on open space resources and needs by hosting a booth at Old Home Days and maintaining an informative and frequently updated web page link from the Town website. The Committee developed a brochure describing our contributions to the community.
- The Committee provided funding from the Open Space Tree Removal and Maintenance Fund to clear trees from an approximately 50-foot-wide track of town owned land between residences at 82 and 84 Highland Road.
- The Open Space Committee provided support to the Essex County Greenbelt Association in their acquisition of the Hoyt property located adjacent to the Town Forest.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lucy Abisalih, Chair

Term expires: 2025

Mary Ann Glennon, Vice Chair

Term expires: 2025

Dawn Ackerman

Term expires: 2025

Martin Hanlon

Term expires: 2026

Susan Simmons

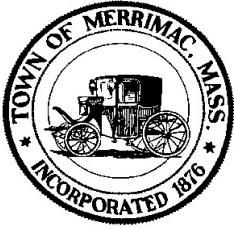
Term expires: 2026

Sandra Venner

Term expires: 2026

Sean Wright

Term expires: 2025



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**Commission on Disabilities**  
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**Merrimac Commission on Disabilities**  
**2024 Annual Report**

To: The Honorable Select Board &  
The Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts;

The Merrimac Commission on Disabilities (MCOD), herein referred to as “COD,” mission is to represent the interests of persons with disabilities and promote equal access to community life and activities. The COD works to increase awareness, provide education and advocates for the needs of all disabled residents of Merrimac.

The Merrimac Commission on Disabilities has been working hard to improve accessibility and ensure that the town sidewalks, streets, buildings, and outside areas are inclusive and able to be enjoyed by everyone. The COD’s goals towards accessibility not only assists the disabled but is beneficial to all residents. Advantages, such as having accessible doorways and walkways, makes the town accessible and inclusive to all residents, helping to provide a better living experience for the community at large.

Funding of the COD is comprised of private donations and grant funding. Since its creation, COD has been responsible for garnering almost \$500,000 through grants and donations. Funding has been utilized throughout the town for various projects, having a direct positive impact for the residents. The volunteer COD board researches, applies for, and seeks opportunities for funding through various local, state and federal agencies. Additionally, COD Board members advocate for ADA accessibility in the Town and beyond. Board Members participate in educational trainings and seminars through the year, when available, and are committed to the COD’s mission of Merrimac being accessible to all.

We are grateful for the support of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Merrimac’s Honorable Select Board, and the various town Departments, for their support and assistance with projects. The COD wishes to explicitly thank the DPW Director, Bob Sinibaldi and the Highway Department staff, for helping to effectively utilize the grant funding. The COD also wishes to express its sincere thanks for

the support and advocacy of our legislative partners, State Senator Barry Finegold and his staff as well as State Rep Dawne Shand and her staff.

Accomplishments of the COD in 2024 are as follows:

- \$45,000.00 Grant used toward replacing sidewalks on Church Street.
- \$45,000.00 Earmark used toward ADA improvements at both the Donaghue and Sweetsir schools.
  - A- Facilitated the use of handicapped parking at the Annual Merrimac OHD celebration.
  - B- Advocated and assisted with ADA sidewalk funding being used to assist the DPW with the purchase of new sidewalk snow removal equipment so that the sidewalks are clear for residents to walk and/or use mobility equipment on safely.
  - C- Secured an MOD grant for an ADA compliance review of the Town websites.
  - D- Assisted in the Facilitation of installing Handicapped Parking Signs at the Merrimac Senior Center.

We would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous donations:

- Mobility& More of Newburyport MA: \$1,000.
- Merrimac Cable Access donated 2 Assisted Listening Devices.

Chairman Christopher Gaudet and the COD, as a whole, spent much of 2023 dedicating time and energy for the advocacy of a new special article of \$45,000.00 for a separate line item be added to the Highway Department budget for sidewalk improvements. This was a starting point to have funding set aside each year in the Annual Town Budget to have continuous project improvement in this area.

In 2024, this was once again approved at Town Meeting, after much advocacy and diligence by Chairman Gaudet and the COD Board. The COD hopes that this will be renewable each year by at least this amount so that the vital work of having accessible sidewalks throughout Merrimac can continue.

Chairman Christopher Gaudet was recognized by The Northeast Independent Living Program on October 23, 2024 receiving the ADA CHAMPION AWARD “In recognition of his works as the chairman on the Town of Merrimac Commission on Disabilities and the tireless efforts to ensure ADA compliance and accessibility for residents of his town with disabilities.”

Community input is always welcome and encouraged. Meetings are held at the Merrimac Senior Center on the first Wednesday of the month, at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public. Meetings can also be attended via Zoom. If you are unable to attend meetings or have questions about on-going activities, please email at [cod@townofmerrimac.com](mailto:cod@townofmerrimac.com).

The MCOD was started in July 2019. The goal of the COD is helping current and future residents with disabilities to have full accessibility to all aspects of town environment. Each of the current seven (7) board member panel, with 1 alternate member, serves a three (3) year term. Members are residents of Merrimac and the majority of members either have a disability, or a direct family member or friend living with a disability. Board members are committed to the continued inclusion of those with disabilities through accessibility. Current board members include:

<b><u>Commission on Disabilities Board Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expiration:</u></b>
Christopher Gaudet Chairman	2026
Robert Hart Vice Chairman	2027
Kathleen Sullivan Secretary	2025
Robert Sinibaldi Member/ADA Compliance Officer	2025
Ann Marie Murphy Member	2026
Brienne Walsh Member/COA Director	2025
Bridget Batcheller Member	2027
Alternate (vacant)	2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Gaudet, Chairman, Merrimac Commission on Disabilities

Sealer of Weights and Measures

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Merrimac from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024. I have inspected, sealed, and adjusted or condemned a total of 17 measuring units. Fees totaling \$665.00 were billed. Below is a detailed summery

Respectfully submitted

Leonard Rose

Inspector of Weights and Measures

• Brox	5/17	103 East Main St	3 devices	\$200.00
• Edgemont Oil	6/18	115 West Main St	5 devices	\$255.00
• Blue Recycling	7/18	15 Liberty St	4 devices	\$150.00
• Donaghue School	12/5	2 Union St	1 device	No Charge
• Sweetsir School	12/5	104 Church St	1 device	No Charge
• The Town Café	12/5	101 East Main St	1 device	\$10.00
• The Nuke's	12/5	130 E Main St	1 devices	\$20.00
• Cozy Cleaners	12/5	4 east Main St	1 device	\$15.00
• Be Well	12/5	17 Broad St	1 device	\$15.00

## Zoning Board of Appeals

Annual Report 2024

January 10, 2025

The Zoning Board of Appeals received 10 applications for the use of requesting a hearing before the ZBA, consistent with Bylaw Article 25-Appeals. The requested hearing can be for a Variance, a Special Permit in accordance with Section 6 of M.G.L. c.40A, or Comprehensive Permit M.G.L. c 40B.

The Zoning Board of Appeals continued the public hearing for the Flats at Merrimac Square. This hearing ended in December, 2024. The Board denied the application.

Zoning Board of Appeals Board Members each serve three-year terms. The members are:

- Matthew Passeri Chairperson (currently)
- Josh Jackson
- Mitch Kostoulakos *Ended service 12-24*
- Ken Nobrega
- Joanne Rodrigues
- Ron Reade
- Benjamin Beaulieu (BOS representative)
- Robert Gustison II (BOS representative)

Year to date balance for ZBA Miscellaneous Expense Account: \$400.00



## 2024 Cemetery Trustees Annual Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac,

The Cemetery Trustees are pleased to report the creation of the Locust Street website has been completed. Users are now able to search the website and check for grave sites, check for available lots and overall makes access much easier for individuals wishing to make genealogical inquiries. This has been an ongoing process for the trustees and we are thrilled to be sharing it with the public.

Cremations	14	\$ 4,500.00
Full Burials	4	\$ 5,100.00
Lot Sales	5	\$ 6,416.25
Marker Installs	5	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Total		\$ 17,016.25

The Trustees participated in the Master Plan Project for the Town of Merrimac and we are happy to report that project has been completed.

We would like to thank David Armstrong for his continued dedication to keeping the cemeteries groomed beautifully. He is an asset to our town and we appreciate his enthusiasm and his hard work.

We would also like to thank Carolyn Kelly for her continued dedication to the town and her running of the cemetery office. Carolyn has made a tremendous contribution by cross referencing and cataloging the cemetery paperwork and we appreciate her attention to detail.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ricky Pinciario Chairperson

David Vance

Gwen Lay Sabbagh

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 29, 2024**

**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash for **FY2024**, a sum of money in the amount of **\$630,442** for the following specific purposes outlined below;

<b>A</b>	<b>Former Coastal Metals Site Testing</b>	<b>\$ 60,000]</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Employee Retirement Funding</b>	<b>\$ 21,000</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Lake Attitash Invasive Weeds</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Reserve Fund Funding</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Bi-Annual OPEB Study</b>	<b>\$ 6,800</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>By-Law Review and Update</b>	<b>\$ 8,855</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Address Label Printer for Elections</b>	<b>\$ 14,350</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Select Board Tablets</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Special Revenue Account for Opioid Funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,437</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>Police Command Vehicle</b>	<b>\$ 60,000</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Fire Command Vehicle</b>	<b>\$ 90,000</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>Feasibility Study for a new Highway Garage</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Highway Share of a Roadway Compressor</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Repairs to the Parks and Rec Garage</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>Repairs to the COA Building</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>HVAC Repairs at the Library</b>	<b>\$ 138,500</b>
<b>Q</b>	<b>ADA Compliance for the Town Sidewalks and Public Meetings</b>	<b>\$ 45,000</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Asbestos Tile Repairs at the Donaghue School</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>

COPY OF THE VOTE

April 29, 2024

**Article 1:** The Town voted to appropriate from Free Cash for FY2024, a sum of money in the amount of \$630,442 for the purposes and in the amounts stated in the warrant.

Motion to break article 1 out individually and duly seconded, motion failed by hand vote so declared the moderator.

Hand Vote; Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded; motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts

Town Clerk

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 29, 2024**

**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Retained Earnings for **FY2024**[LM1][C2] a sum of money in the amount of **\$ 65,000** for the following specific capital purposes outlined in the warrant.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

**April 29, 2024**

**Article 2:** The Town voted to appropriate from Water Retained Earnings for **FY2024** a sum of money in the amount of **\$ 65,000** for the following specific capital purposes outlined below;

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| a. Water Meter Replacement                          | <b>\$ 30,000</b> |
| b. Water Infrastructure                             | <b>\$ 25,000</b> |
| c. Water Departmental Share of a Roadway Compressor | <b>\$ 10,000</b> |

or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts

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Town Clerk

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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Wastewater Retained Earnings for **FY2024**[LM3][C4] a sum of money in the amount of **\$ 192,000** for the following specific capital purposes outlined below;

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|--|-------------------|
| a. Wastewater Plant Engineering and Improvements | <b>\$ 177,000</b> |
| b. Water Meter Replacement                       | <b>\$ 10,000</b>  |
| c. Wastewater Share of a Roadway Compressor      | <b>\$ 5,000</b>   |

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

**April 29, 2024**

**Article 3:** The Town voted to appropriate from the Wastewater Retained Earnings for **FY2024** a sum of money in the amount of **\$ 192,000** for the following specific capital purposes outlined below;

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|--|------------------|
| a. Wastewater Plant Engineering and Improvements         | <b>\$177,000</b> |
| b. Water Meter Replacement                               | <b>\$ 10,000</b> |
| c. Wastewater Departmental Share of a Roadway Compressor | <b>\$ 5,000</b>  |

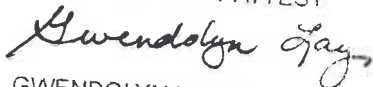
or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts

Town Clerk

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water [LM5][C6] Retained Earnings for FY2024[LM7][C8] a sum of money in the amount of \$27,000 for the following specific purposes listed below;

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|---|-----------|
| a. Water Department Building and Road Repairs | \$ 15,000 |
| b. Water Pump Replacements                    | \$ 12,000 |

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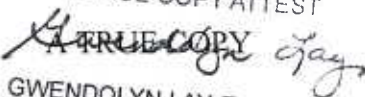
**Article 4:** The Town voted to appropriate from Water Retained Earnings for FY2024 a sum of money in the amount of \$ 27,000 for the following specific purposes outlined below;

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| a. Water Department Building and Road Repairs | \$ 15,000 |
| b. Water Pump Replacements                    | \$ 12,000 |

or take any other action relative hereto.

Motion to amend Article 4 and duly seconded to appropriate from Water Retained Earnings for FY2024 a sum of money in the amount of \$ 27,000 for the following specific purposes outlined below;

**Hand Vote; Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts

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Town Clerk

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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Wastewater Retained Earnings for **FY2024** a sum of money in the amount of **\$125,000** for I & I repairs throughout town; or take any other action hereto.

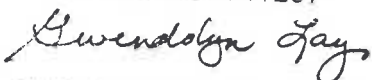
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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 5.** The Town voted to appropriate from Wastewater Retained Earnings for **FY2024** a sum of money in the amount of **\$125,000** for I & I repairs throughout town.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$100,000** from the Inspectional Services Revolving Account to the Town General Fund for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto.

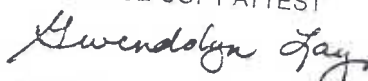
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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 6:** The Town voted to transfer **\$100,000** from the Inspectional Services Revolving Account to the Town General Fund for **FY2024**.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts

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Town Clerk

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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of **\$14,603.51** from Article 3.o, Highway Loader John Deere, of the April 24th, 2023 Annual Town Meeting to the Highway Roadway Maintenance Account for the use of general roadway maintenance for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto.

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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 7:** The Town voted to transfer the balance of **\$14,603.51** from Article 3.o, Highway Loader John Deere, of the April 24th, 2023 Annual Town Meeting to the Highway Roadway Maintenance Account for the use of general roadway maintenance for **FY2024**.

Motion to amend Article 7 by Robert Sinibaldi and duly seconded to change article 7

From "To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of **\$14,603.51** from Article 3.o, Highway Loader John Deere, of the April 24th, 2023 Annual Town Meeting to the Highway Roadway Maintenance Account for the use of general roadway maintenance for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto."

To: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of **\$3,603.51** from Article 3.o, Highway Loader John Deere, of the April 24th, 2023 Annual Town Meeting to the Highway Roadway Maintenance Account for the use of general roadway maintenance for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto.


**Hand Vote; Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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Merrimac, Massachusetts

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**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of **\$3,653.40** from Article 1.a[LM9][C10], Highway Bear Hill Culvert Non-Federal Match, of the April 26th, 2021 Annual Town Meeting to the Highway Culvert Repairs for the use of general culvert maintenance for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

**April 29, 2024**

**Article 8:** The Town voted to transfer the balance of **\$3,653.40** from Article 1.a, Highway Bear Hill Culvert Non-Federal Match, of the April 26th, 2021 Annual Town Meeting to the Highway Culvert Repairs for the use of general culvert maintenance for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of **\$10,810.74** from Conservation Assessment line item to the Conservation Agent & Admin Wages line item for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto.

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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 9:** The Town voted to transfer the balance of **\$10,810.74** from Conservation Assessment line item to the Conservation Agent & Admin Wages line item for **FY2024**; or take any other action hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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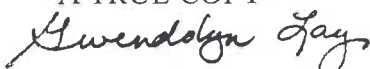
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**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½, as most recently amended, to establish **Fiscal Year 2025** limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the General Bylaw entitled, "Departmental Revolving Funds", with such limitations to remain applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year until such time as they are later amended as follows:

Revolving Fund	Fiscal Year Spending Limit
Firearms	\$12,000
Zoning Board of Appeal	\$9,000
Town Nurse	\$10,000
Zoning and Building Code Compliance	\$15,000
Board of Health Projects	\$4,500
Rental Inspections	\$4,000
Inspectional Services	\$100,000
PRSD Grounds	\$50,000
Tax Title	\$10,000
Fire Watch	\$5,000

or take any other action relative hereto.

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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 10:** The Town voted pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½, as most recently amended, to establish **Fiscal Year 2025** limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the General Bylaw entitled, "Departmental Revolving Funds", with such limitations to remain applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year until such time as they are later amended as follows:

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Board of Health Projects	\$4,500
Rental Inspections	\$4,000
Inspectional Services	\$100,000
PRSD Grounds	\$50,000
Tax Title	\$10,000
Fire Watch	\$5,000

or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by G.L. c. 41, § 108 as amended: Town Clerk, three Assessors, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, and to raise, appropriate or transfer sums of money therefore and to determine sums of money raised to be transferred to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2024 and make appropriations for the same, said sums of money so raised, appropriated or transferred to be expended for specific purposes to be voted; or take any other action relative hereto.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**


**April 29, 2024**

The Town voted to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by G.L. c. 41, § 108 as amended: Town Clerk, three Assessors, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, and to raise, appropriate or transfer sums of money therefore and to determine sums of money raised to be transferred to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2024 as follows:

**\$21,983,388** be raised as follows:

Raise and Appropriate	<b>\$21,813,678</b>	
Transfer from Cable TV Receipts Reserved	<b>\$ 169,710</b>	
General Government	Lines 1 - 36	\$ 1,519,575
Public Safety	Lines 37 - 50	\$ 2,869,810
Education	Lines 51 - 53	\$ 13,297,142
Highway	Lines 54 - 56	\$ 689,777
Cemetery	Lines 58 - 59	\$ 72,513
Health & Sanitation	Lines 57, 60 - 63	\$ 149,862
Public Assistance	Lines 64 - 66	\$ 430,139
Library	Lines 67 - 68	\$ 370,147
Parks & Rec	Line 69	\$ 11,520
Town Gardens	Line 70	\$ 600
Debt Service	Lines 71 - 72	\$ 789,818
<u>Gen Govt Unclassified</u>	<u>Lines 73 - 74</u>	<u>\$ 1,782,485</u>
<b>Total Omnibus</b>		<b>\$ 21,983,388</b>

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**Motion by Earl Baumgardner and duly seconded to read Article 11 as follows:**

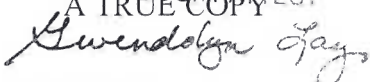
**\$21,983,388 be raised as follows:**

Raise and Appropriate	<b>\$21,813,678</b>
Transfer from Cable TV Receipts Reserved	<b>\$ 169,710</b>

**motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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Merrimac, Massachusetts

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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Wastewater Department Enterprise for FY2025;

Salaries:	\$ 669,054
Expenses:	\$ 580,740
<u>Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$ 67,229</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,317,023</b>

And that **\$ 1,317,023** be raised as follows:

Departmental Receipts:	<b>\$ 1,297,023</b>
Wastewater Betterment Fund:	<b>\$ 20,000</b>

or take any other action relative hereto.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

**April 29, 2024**

**Article 12:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Wastewater Department Enterprise for FY2025;

Salaries:	\$ 669,054
Expenses:	\$ 580,740
<u>Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$ 67,229</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,317,023</b>


And that **\$ 1,317,023** be raised as follows:

Departmental Receipts:	<b>\$ 1,297,023</b>
Wastewater Betterment Fund:	<b>\$ 20,000</b>

or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 29, 2024**

**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Department Enterprise for FY2025;

Salaries:	\$ 552,161
Expenses:	\$ 543,250
<u>Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$ 145,259</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,240,670</b>

And that **\$1,240,670** be raised as follows:

Departmental Receipts: **\$ 1,240,670**

or take any other action relative hereto.

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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 13:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Department Enterprise for FY2025;

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<u>Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$ 145,259</u>
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And that **\$1,240,670** be raised as follows:

Departmental Receipts: **\$ 1,240,670**

or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money from the Electric Light Operating Balance said money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025; or take any other action relative hereto.

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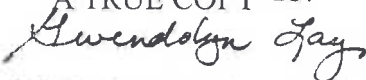
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**Article 14:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money from the Electric Light Operating Balance said money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025; or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or otherwise provide \$ 8,200 or other sum of money from available funds known as "Sale of Cemetery Lots", such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the care, improvement, and embellishment of said cemeteries, in accordance with G.L. c. 114, §§ 15 and 25; or take any other action relative hereto.

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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 15:** The Town voted to appropriate or otherwise provide \$ 8,200 or other sum of money from available funds known as "Sale of Cemetery Lots", such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the care, improvement, and embellishment of said cemeteries, in accordance with G.L. c. 114, §§ 15 and 25; or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide **\$185,000** or other sum of money to be used to make necessary repairs to Town roadways; or take any other action relative hereto.

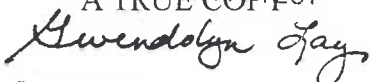
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**Article 16:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide **\$185,000** or other sum of money to be used to make necessary repairs to Town roadways; or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the State Grant of Chapter 90 Highway Funds and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend said funds for Highway purposes in accordance with the terms of said grants; or take any other action relative hereto.

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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 17:** The Town voted to accept the State Grant of Chapter 90 Highway Funds and authorize the Select Board to expend said funds for Highway purposes in accordance with the terms of said grants; or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Irinia Gorzynski and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
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**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide **\$330,000**, or other sum of money for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling Collection; or take any other action relative hereto.

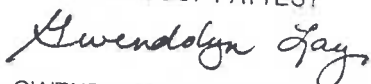
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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 18:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide **\$330,000**, or other sum of money for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling Collection; or take any other action relative hereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Irinia Gorzynski and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 28, Opioid Stabilization, of the April 24, 2023 Annual Town Meeting and transfer the balance of **\$770.13** to a special revenue account for Opioid Settlement Funds and dedicate future Opioid Funds to the special revenue account for Opioid Settlement Funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

**2/3 Vote Required**

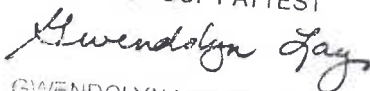
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**April 29, 2024**

**Article 19:** The Town voted to rescind Article 28, Opioid Stabilization, of the April 24, 2023 Annual Town Meeting and transfer the balance of **\$770.13** to a special revenue account for Opioid Settlement Funds and dedicate future Opioid Funds to the special revenue account for Opioid Settlement Funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Irinia Gorzynski and duly seconded,  
Motion passed by 2/3's; Hand Vote passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III, Section 1 of the Town of Merrimac General By-law as follows:

Which currently read:

3.1 In accordance with G.L. Chapter 39, Section 16, at the Annual Town Meeting appoint a Finance Committee annually, to consist of not more than nine (9) citizens of the Town. A majority of members appointed shall constitute a quorum.

To read instead:

3.1 Finance Committee. In accordance with G.L. Chapter 39, Section 16, the Town shall establish a Finance Committee. The Town Moderator shall appoint a Finance Committee to consist of not more than nine (9) members, each a registered voter of the Town. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum. The Finance Committee shall be appointed annually to terms that begin and end with the town's fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. The Moderator may appoint members during the fiscal year to fill any vacancies that reduce the number of members to fewer than nine (9) members.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

**April 29, 2024**

**Article 20:** The Town voted to amend Article III, Section 1 of the Town of Merrimac General By-law as follows:

Which currently read:

3.1 The Moderator shall, in accordance with G.L. Chapter 39, Section 16, at the Annual Town Meeting appoint a Finance Committee annually, to consist of not more than nine (9) citizens of the Town. A majority of members appointed shall constitute a quorum.

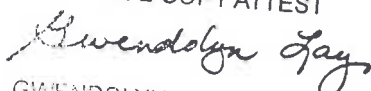
To read instead:

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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

3.1 Finance Committee. The Moderator shall, in accordance with G.L. Chapter 39, Section 16, the Town shall establish a Finance Committee. The Town Moderator shall appoint a Finance Committee to consist of not more than nine (9) members, each a registered voter of the Town. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum. The Finance Committee shall be appointed annually to terms that begin and end with the town's fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. The Moderator may appoint members during the fiscal year to fill any vacancies that reduce the number of members to fewer than nine (9) members.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Irinia Gorzynski and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt G.L. c.32 Section 4 (2)(b) Call Fire, Police credible service local option; or take any other action relative thereto.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**


**April 29, 2024**

**Article 21:** The Town voted to adopt G.L. c.32 Section 4 (2)(b) Call Fire, Police credible service local option; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Irinia Gorzynski and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**COPY OF THE ARTICLE WARRANT**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Merrimac General Bylaws by adding a new Article XI as follows:

Article XI.

11.1 Multi Member Body Meetings Prohibited: No multiple-member body of the Town shall conduct a meeting during the election hours of a municipal or state election that is occurring within the Town. For the purpose of this section, election hours of a municipal or state election shall include only the hours in which live voting is taking place on election day and shall not count early voting prior to election day.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

**April 29, 2024**

**Article 22:** The Town voted to amend the Town of Merrimac General Bylaws by adding a new Article XI as follows:

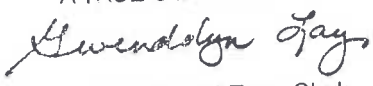
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or take any other action relative thereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator. Hand Vote; Motion by Irinia Gorzynski and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the current Veteran's Tax Abatement amounts adopted by the Town of Merrimac, by 50%; or take any other action relative thereto.

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

**April 29, 2024**

**Article 23:** The Town voted to increase the current Veteran's Tax Abatement amounts adopted by the Town of Merrimac, by 50%; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Hand Vote; Motion by Irinia Gorzynski and duly seconded, motion passed unanimously so declared the moderator.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
Merrimac Town Hall  
2 School Street, Merrimac, MA  
Special Town Meeting October 16, 2023

**MOTION**

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to make the following FY2024 budget adjustments:

Reduce the PRSD Assessment	<b>\$140,129</b>
Reduce the Essex Tech North Assessment	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
Reduce Health Insurance by	<b>\$ 35,000</b>
Increase Medicare	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
Increase Cemetery Wages	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
Increase Cable TV Expenses	<b>\$ 12,000</b>
Increase Maintenance of Town Buildings	<b>\$ 12,000</b>

**COPY OF THE VOTE**

The Town voted to make the following FY2024 budget adjustments:

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**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts



OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
Merrimac Town Hall  
2 School Street, Merrimac, MA  
Special Town Meeting October 16, 2023

## MOTION

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$30,000**, or other sum of money for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling Collection; or take any other action relative hereto.

## COPY OF THE VOTE

**Article 2.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$30,000**, for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling Collection.

**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts



OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
Merrimac Town Hall  
2 School Street, Merrimac, MA  
Special Town Meeting October 16, 2023

## MOTION

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with G.L. c. 30B sec. 12(b) to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for a term of Five-Year (5) years with Toshiba for the lease of the copier machines in town for a sum of **\$5,568.00** for FY2024; or take any other action relative thereto:

## COPY OF THE VOTE

**Article 3:** The Town voted, in accordance with G.L. c. 30B sec. 12(b) to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for a term of Five-Year (5) years with Toshiba for the lease of the copier machines in town for a sum of **\$5,568.00** for FY2024.

**MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.**

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GWENDOLYN LAY, Town Clerk  
Merrimac, Massachusetts



OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
Merrimac Town Hall  
2 School Street, Merrimac, MA  
Special Town Meeting October 16, 2023

### MOTION

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws, Article XVIII, Water Use, by deleting Appendix C and inserting the body of Appendix C in a new section 18.9, as printed in the warrant.

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**Article 4:** The Town voted to amend the Town's General By-Laws, Article XVIII, Water Use, by deleting Appendix C and inserting the body of Appendix C in a new section 18.9, as printed in the warrant.

**MODERATOR DECLARATION:** MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.

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