



Town Manager's Report

June 2, 2025



**Tax Billing
Update -
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2nd**



**Southern NH
Regional Water
Line Meeting**



**Unregulated
Contaminant
Water
Monitoring**

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To: Salem Town Council
From: Joseph Devine, Town Manager
Date: June 2, 2025
Re: Town Manager's Report



MEMORANDUM



News and Noteworthy:

Water Department Update: Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring

In compliance with EPA requirements, the Salem Water Department began sampling our water supplies on December 12, 2024, for a group of unregulated contaminant substances that currently do not have a drinking water standard set by the EPA. The purpose of this monitoring is to help the EPA determine whether these contaminants should be regulated in the future.

As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency, we want residents to know that the results of this sampling are now publicly available. If you are interested in reviewing the data, it can be accessed at:

www.epa.gov/dwucmr/occurrence-data-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule

What Do Residents Need to Do?

There is no required action for residents at this time. However, if you have specific health concerns, it is recommended that you consult your healthcare provider. Questions about the testing process can be directed to the NH Department of Environmental Services at dwengineering@des.nh.gov or by calling (603) 271-6802.

More information about the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) is available here:

www.epa.gov/dwucmr/learn-about-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule

Next Steps

The Town of Salem will continue to analyze the results and update its water treatment processes as needed to address emerging contaminants.

For additional information, or if you have questions about Salem's water supplies or treatment practices, please contact Fred Wallace at (603) 890-2171 or email fwallace@salemnh.gov.

Residents are encouraged to share this information, especially with others who may not receive it directly—such as those living in apartments, nursing homes, schools, or businesses.

Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Line

On Tuesday May 20th there was a meeting at Manchester Water Works to discuss the regional partners for the water line. Included in the meeting was Salem, Manchester, Derry, Windham, Hamstead Area Water, Pennichuck Water Works, and NHDES. Funding was awarded to Derry late last year to begin Phase 2A of the waterline. Derry is stating they are still short \$2.65 million for the 2A improvements. Additional funding was provided to Manchester to begin raising Lake Massabesic. There are still efforts ongoing to secure funding for phase 2B. Currently there is \$5 million proposed in the capital budget, \$11.55 million in the operating budget. The White House also recently reached out to DES for project info. We will still be seeking funds for the additional money needed for Phase 2B.

Host Community Application Submitted – Live Casino Project

As part of the ongoing development of the new Live Casino project in Salem, I want to inform the Council that the Town has officially submitted its Host Community application to the New Hampshire Lottery Commission, in accordance with RSA 287-D:4-a.

Under this statute, a municipality may request designation as a host community in order to be eligible for a portion of the charitable gaming revenue generated by a facility offering games of chance. As the proposed casino will be located in Salem, this designation allows the Town to formally request funding to support potential municipal impacts related to public safety, traffic, infrastructure, and other community services.

The application outlines Salem's role as the host municipality and includes supporting documentation for the Lottery Commission's consideration. We will keep the Council updated as we receive any feedback or decisions from the state.

Tax Billing Update

The FY2025 tax bills have been successfully processed and mailed to Salem property owners. Bills are due on July 1, 2025.

This billing cycle includes:

- 11,421 tax bills mailed
- 837 tax bills emailed
- 111 accounts with zero balances, due to exemptions, credits, or pre-payments

The total amount billed for this cycle is \$58,950,328.00.

Residents with questions about their bill or payment options are encouraged to contact the Tax Collector's Office.

NH Property Tax Relief Applications – Deadline: June 30, 2025

Property owners in Salem who owned and resided in their homes on April 1, 2024 may be eligible to apply to the State of New Hampshire for relief on a portion of the state education property tax. There is no age requirement or asset limit for this program.

Eligibility is based on 2024 total household income:

- \$37,000 or less for single individuals
- \$47,000 or less for married couples or heads of household

Application Details:

- Applications must be postmarked between May 1 and June 30, 2025.
- Submit completed forms and documentation to:
NH Department of Revenue Administration
Taxpayer Services Division
PO Box 299
Concord, NH 03302-0299

Applicants must include:

- A copy of their final 2024 tax bill (sent in December)
- A copy of their 2024 federal income tax return
- If the property is in a trust, a complete copy of the trust document

If you need a copy of your final Town of Salem 2024 tax bill, please contact the Salem Tax Collector's Office at (603) 890-2109 or visit www.salemnh.gov for assistance.

Questions?

Contact the NH Department of Revenue Administration at (603) 230-5920, prompt #2. More information and the application form are available on the DRA website, including a link to apply online via NH Granite Tax Connect:

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm>

Items Signed on Behalf of the Town Council Since Last Update:

- Payroll Register No. 21 (5-19-25) - \$343,440.48
- Payment Check Register (5-20-25) - \$210,176.85
- VOID Check Register (5-20-25) - \$35,784.22
- Payroll Register No. 22 (5-27-25) - \$366,647.22
- Payment Check Register (5-27-25) - \$164,829.48