

ASHUELOT RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Washington Lempster Marlow Gilsum Sullivan Surry Keene Swanzey Winchester Hinsdale

2012 Annual Report

The Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee (ARLAC) was established in 1994, one year after the Ashuelot River was enrolled into the State Rivers Management and Protection Program. Members are nominated by local municipal officials and appointed by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). We strive to be educated in a broad array of issues associated with the River and its watershed. We hope to be a resource that works well between the interests and concerns of the citizens in the watershed and State authorities.

The volunteer Ashuelot River water quality monitoring program continued for its twelfth season, in conjunction with the DES Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP). We sampled twelve sites along the River's 64-mile length, as well as three sites along the South Branch in Swanzey, for temperature, pH total phosphorus, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, chloride, and conductivity. The costs of testing equipment and lab analyses were covered by contributions from Conservation Commissions along the River, Trout Unlimited, and DES. ARLAC members, working with community volunteers, participated in a spring training session, leading into a five-month effort of monthly sampling May through September. E. coli samples were obtained June through September. River water quality improvement is noted by a continuing decline in total phosphorus, but E.Coli data continue to be inconclusive. The pH readings were slightly higher (less acidic) this year, but conductivity was generally higher. Data can be viewed at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vrap/data.htm>. This year, Hinsdale high school students joined us for a day of monitoring, and ARLAC gave a presentation on our water quality monitoring program to the Surry Village Charter School. We also presented to the joint committee of the Keene Planning Board and the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee on the effects of development in Keene on the Ashuelot River water quality.

A mandated task, ARLAC reviews and comments on state permit applications within the River corridor that have potential impacts on the River. This year, ARLAC submitted comments on eighteen projects proposed in Washington, Marlow, Keene, Swanzey, and Winchester. We are also collaborating with the Connecticut River Watershed Council and other stakeholders in reviewing plans for the relicensing of the Bellows Falls, Vernon and Turners Falls dams.

Two ongoing projects are the restoration or removal of the West Street Dam in Keene and the Ashuelot River Stream Crossing Improvement Project (ARSCIP). ARLAC continues to support dam removal based on the environmental benefits demonstrated in other dam removal projects in the Ashuelot and other rivers. We also support the efforts of the Keene Conservation Commission to research the possible effects of dam removal on upstream wetlands and the dwarf wedgemussel. ARSCIP is spearheaded by Trout Unlimited, in collaboration with a number of other stakeholders. The anticipated removal of three severe barriers to fish passage in streams throughout the Ashuelot watershed did not occur in 2012, superseded by restoration work needed after storm Irene. It is hoped that funding will be found re re-instate this project in 2013.

ARLAC hosted presentations on a possible demonstration hydropower project located at the West St. Dam, an upcoming photographic essay of the River, and SWRPC's project assessing the capability of road-stream crossings to withstand flooding. We attended a state-wide meeting of LAC's and continue to work with Keene State College (KSC) students on River projects.

River cleanup took place on October 5th and 6th in conjunction with KSC Community Service Day. More than 300 volunteers participated, removing more than 2,500 pounds of trash and 23 shopping carts from the Ashuelot & Branch Rivers in Keene and Swanzey, and Beaver Brook in Keene.

ARLAC lost one of our members with the passing of Dan Carr in June. We will miss his insights, good humor and dedication. ARLAC meets monthly in the evening of the third Tuesday in Keene. The Local Advisory Committee invites citizens and town officials to contact their local ARLAC representatives with any concerns or input.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Skuly, Chairman

2012 Membership: Pablo Fleischmann, Gilsum; John Davis, Surry; Jim Holley & Brett Thelen, Keene; Barbara Skuly & Stephen Stepenuck, Swanzey; Dan Carr, Winchester; Serena Benedict & Lisa Bomba, Hinsdale.



MARLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

2012 was a quiet year for the Conservation Commission. We finalized the selection criteria for the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund. This year, we will begin contacting landowners of special properties in town. And, we continue to fund the testing of the waters of the Asheulot. After the completion of the Natural Resources Inventory, we all needed some time to pursue other endeavors. Regretfully, long-time member and secretary, Ted Aldrich has resigned. And busy chairman, John Asseng, can only participate on a limited basis. This leaves us without enough active members. We still have some projects we would like to realize, and call out to Marlow residents to help fill our board.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Marlow Conservation Commission



TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of Trust Funds oversee Capital Reserve Funds, Cemetery Funds, Common Funds, Library Trust Funds and the School and Scholarship Trust Funds. The total of these trust funds as of December 31, 2012 was \$890,955.91. Throughout the year, the Trustees continued their efforts to secure a better rate of return for the trustee funds, which were earning .04% interest. It was important to the Trustees to get the best possible interest on the funds without placing an unsustainable burden on the Trustees for the management of the funds. The Trustees met with several banking institutions including Connecticut River Bank, Citizens Bank Investments, and Oppenheimer, a full service investment firm. Initially, the objective of the proposed investments was a decent rate of return that would cover the Village Cemetery perpetual care mowing expenses and to meet the Strickland Scholarship \$500 award without seeing the accumulated income of either fund reduced each year. Late in the year the trustees were able to invest in another high interest bond with funds from the West Yard and Old Settlers Cemetery.

Mary Blank, Patricia Little and Linda Russell served as the Trustees of Trust Funds in 2012.

Common Trust #1

Common Trust #1 are those funds held in common and used for the care and maintenance of specific plots in the Village Cemetery. Money that is received from the purchase of a burial plot is designated as perpetual care. Each plot with perpetual care is administered as separate subaccount and is site specific. The investment goal of the Common Trust is to earn sufficient interest to cover the annual expense of the perpetual care mowing. Presently, there are 222 burial plots out of 967 available plots in the Village Cemetery that have contributed to the perpetual care of the plot. It is the responsibility of the Town to fund the Care and Maintenance of all public cemeteries. This includes the West Yard Cemetery and the Old Settlers Cemetery.

Perpetual Care – Common Trust Subaccounts - Mowing costs

The Trustees continued their discussion on how perpetual care subaccounts are administered and how to handle the pro-rated mowing costs for those perpetual care owners who do not have a sufficient income balance to cover their portion of the mowing costs. Maintenance of the perpetual care subaccounts is very cumbersome with both the interest earnings and mowing expenses pro-rated to each subaccount's principal amount. The advice of the Attorney General will be solicited with respect to either developing a policy on how to deal with new perpetual care subaccounts which don't have the balance to cover their share of the mowing or potentially moving away from specific sub-accounts to a central Common Trust. As of November, a portion of all subaccounts is invested with Oppenheimer earning 3.3 – 5.5 percent interest.

Frances Strickland Scholarship

The 2012, the Frances Strickland Scholarship was awarded to Bretton Walsh who is continuing her studies at Keene State College. The purpose of the Strickland Scholarship fund is to encourage a deserving person to continue their formal education at either an accredited college or a technical school located in New Hampshire. Any person who has been a resident of Marlow for at least 5 consecutive years and who has graduated from high school or received their GED is

eligible to apply for this \$500.00 scholarship. The scholarship is also available for residents who are already enrolled in an accredited college or a technical school located in New Hampshire. This scholarship is not restricted to freshmen; all Marlow residents who desire to continue their education are encouraged to apply. Applications for 2013 may be obtained at the town office, the library or by contacting the Trustees at marlowcttf@earthlink.net. The deadline to apply is May 3, 2013. Once again, a generous contribution to the principal was received from the Strickland Family. If you wish to make a donation to the Strickland Scholarship Fund, please contact one of the members of the Trustees of Trust Funds.



MARLOW CEMETERIES TRUSTEES

The Cemeteries Trustees are responsible for three cemeteries in the town. The Marlow Village Cemetery on Church Street is the site for current burials. This cemetery requires the most care and maintenance. Although burials no longer take place in the West Yard Cemetery on the Jay Allen Road or the Early Settler's Cemetery off of the Sargent Road, this does not relieve the town from the statutory care and maintenance of the public cemeteries.

Mary Blank, Patricia Little, Roxanne MacConnell, Geraldine Plotts and Linda Russell served as the Cemetery Trustees in 2012.

McCourt Trust – Monument Restoration

The Trustees of the Trust have continued their efforts with the cleaning and preservation of gravestones in the Village Cemetery. The Trustees are utilizing the income from the Emerson and Ruth McCourt Charitable Trust, which was established in 2007 with a \$50,000 Trust for these repairs. The Trust is currently invested with Oppenheimer. In 2012 the trustees completed work on 29 stones.

West Yard Cemetery - Toppled Headstones

Mary reported that Peter Rhoades and his son Randy visited the West Yard Cemetery to view nearly 20 leaning or toppled headstones. It was their consensus that this activity was weather related and reflected a long dry spell in New Hampshire with recent downpours of rain. There is \$4,903 in the West Yard Trust Fund with \$2,700 representing the income portion, which would be available for the repair of the toppled headstones. It was suggested that some of the repairs could be made, as time permits, by the Sexton and the Marlow Highway Crew.

Village Cemetery - Interment Map

A laminated map showing the interments in the Village Cemetery has been created. The map measures 33 by 51 inches and will be displayed during the seasonal months on the garden shed in the Village Cemetery. It is anticipated that this map will be very helpful to family members who visit the cemetery and are attempting to find a specific grave.

Cemetery Mowing

The Trustees issued a Request for Proposal for mowing of the Village Cemetery, Old Settlers Cemetery and West Yard Cemetery to nine local landscaping companies as well as the Town of Marlow. Vermont Hillside was again selected to mow the cemeteries for another year. The Trustees continue to be very pleased with their work as well as their contract price.

Proper Removal and Replacement of American Flags on Cemetery Monuments

With great sensitivity to those residents of Marlow who have served their country, the Trustees have discussed the issue of tattered American flags on the monuments in the Village Cemetery. With the objective to make certain that the cemetery is in pristine condition between May 15 and November 15 of any year, the Trustees adopted a policy on the removal of any

tattered American flags. The policy states that when American flags are found lying on the ground or they are only being held in place with one staple or the flags are very tattered and torn, they shall be properly disposed of and replaced by members of the Marlow Patriotic Committee.

Dogs in the Cemeteries

The Cemetery Trustees want to encourage those Marlow residents who enjoy walking their dog through the cemeteries that it is important to clean up after your pet so that the cemeteries can be enjoyed by others.

Acknowledgement and Support

The Trustees expressed their appreciation to Patricia Little, who retired at the end of the year as both a Cemetery Trustee and a Trustee of Trust Fund after 12 years of service. We encourage your support for Bretton Walsh who is on the ballot for Trustees of Trust Fund for 3 years, Jan Lane who is running for Cemetery Trustee, for a three year term and Mary Blank who is running for a 1 year term.

The Trustees of Trust Funds and the Cemetery Trustees look forward to another productive year on behalf of the residents of Marlow.

Respectfully,

Mary Blank, Chair
Marlow Trustees of Trust Funds
Marlow Cemetery Trustees



Trustees of the Trust Fund Report Ending December 31, 2012

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Invested in	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Income	Balance
Heavy Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$133,335.84	\$10,000.00	\$14,800.00	\$51.78	\$128,587.62
Russell Perkins Library	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$26,311.09			\$10.21	\$26,321.30
School Expend Ov Budget Trst	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$210,779.28			\$81.96	\$210,861.24
School Reno Reconstr Fund	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$65,460.33			\$25.46	\$65,485.79
Ambulance	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$50,078.15			\$19.49	\$50,097.64
Fire Truck	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$73,860.55	\$10,000.00		\$30.73	\$83,891.28
Police Cruiser	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$5,001.63			\$1.94	\$5,003.57
Ambulance & Param. Exp. Trs	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$938.44		\$500.00	\$0.34	\$438.78
Trans Station Exp Trust Fun	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$12,441.20	\$2,500.00		\$5.57	\$14,946.77
Conservation Commission CRF	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$6,065.87			\$2.33	\$6,068.20
Road Improvement Exp. Trst	Capital Reserve	Citizens	153267.75			\$59.59	\$153,327.34
P&R 250th Anniv Trust Fd	Capital Reserve	Citizens	\$0.01			\$0.00	\$0.01
Government Buildings	Capital Reserve	Citizens		\$5,000.00		\$1.02	\$5,001.02
Total Capital Reserve			\$737,540.14	\$27,500.00	\$15,300.00	\$290.42	\$750,030.56
C.B. Howard Library Trust Fund	Library	Citizens	\$106.18			\$0.00	\$106.18
Amos Russel (Cem Lot)	Cemetery	Citizens	\$266.52			\$0.12	\$266.64
George E Reed (Cem Lot)	Cemetery	Citizens	\$3,475.85			\$1.35	\$3,477.20
Sargeant Road Trust (Cem)	Cemetery	Citizens	\$4,095.87		\$574.25	\$1.58	\$3,523.18
Sargeant Road Trust (Cem)	Cemetery	Oppenheimer		\$570.00			\$570.00
Waldo & Marian Perkins (Cem)	Cemetery	Citizens	\$3,828.78			\$1.51	\$3,830.29
West Cemetery Trust (Cem)	Cemetery	Citizens	\$4,903.37		\$1,763.10	\$1.86	\$3,142.13
West Cemetery Trust (Cem)	Cemetery	Oppenheimer		\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00
McCourt-Village Cem Trust	Cemetery	Citizens	\$517.71		\$450.00	\$0.15	\$67.86
Cemetery Trust Funds			\$17,088.10	\$2,320.00	\$2,787.35	\$6.57	\$16,627.30
ASA Way (School)	School/scholarship	Citizens	\$549.84			\$0.23	\$550.07
ASA Way (School)	School/scholarship	Oppenheimer	\$411.05			\$20.50	\$431.55
School Fund	School/scholarship	Citizens	\$1,557.57			\$0.59	\$1,558.16
School Fund	School/scholarship	Oppenheimer	\$616.57		\$500.00	\$30.75	\$647.32
Frances Strickland Scholars	School/scholarship	Citizens	\$1,643.82	\$100.00		\$0.52	\$1,244.34
Frances Strickland Scholars	School/scholarship	Oppenheimer	\$7,707.13			\$384.37	\$8,091.50
Fred P. Whittemore (School)	School/scholarship	Citizens	\$1,941.30			\$0.72	\$1,942.02
Fred P. Whittemore (School)	School/scholarship	Oppenheimer	\$1,541.43			\$76.88	\$1,618.31
Total School/Scholarship Trust Funds			\$15,968.71	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$514.56	\$16,083.27
Perpetual Care / Common Trust #1	Cemetery	Citizens	\$14,664.93		\$2,680.00	\$5.59	\$11,990.52
Perpetual Care / Common Trust #1	Cemetery	Oppenheimer	\$40,309.31	\$2,680.00	\$606.14	\$2,051.06	\$44,434.23
Perpetual Care / Common Trust #1			\$54,974.24	\$2,680.00	\$3,286.14	\$2,056.65	\$56,424.75
Emerson and Ruth McCourt	Cemetery	Oppenheimer	\$53,434.42		\$4,423.26	\$2,672.69	\$51,683.85

MARLOW AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

By John S. Salo

“A feather in our bonnet” as our town has the distinction of being the very first Agriculture Commission in Cheshire County. Many more towns have since joined.

Our goal is to help people interested in raising animals or in growing crops. We are there to help with questions and problems. We have a support system with other Agriculture Commissions via e-mail and meetings throughout our state.

The Marlow Agriculture Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Chapel beginning at 7:00.

Scott Frazier is chairman and we welcome anyone to join us.



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Recreation Committee is to provide programs and events to enhance the community of Marlow. The only event that has been hosted by the Marlow Recreation Committee this year was the Winter Carnival. The Winter Carnival's main purpose is to encourage kids of all ages to get out and enjoy the winter activities that we have right outside our doors. At this time, the Recreation Committee does not meet regularly. This committee has the potential of offering boundless opportunities to develop a strong sense of community within Marlow, but are lacking people to help with the legwork. We are always looking for new members that would bring enthusiasm and ideas to our group.



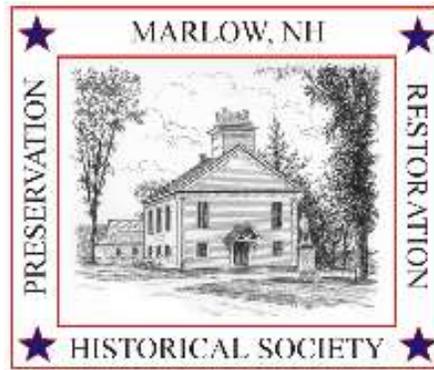
VITAL STATISTICS 2012

MARRIAGE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Fox, Jacob G. Kendall, Ronald N.	05/23/2012	Marlow, NH Marlow, NH
Brown, Philip D. Leonard, Kortne A.	07/14/2012	Marlow, NH Marlow, NH
Clark, Samantha M. Hastings, Matthew V.	10/13/2012	Marlow, NH Marlow, NH

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Despres, Raymond	02/15/2012	Keene
Prentiss, Delorice	03/10/2012	Keene
Rhodes, David	03/13/2012	Westmoreland
Rock, Gertrud	04/22/2012	Marlow
Beauregard, Judith	12/06/2012	Marlow
Miller, Ralph	12/07/2012	Swanzy



MARLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our Society has been moving forward to present programs based on Marlow history, to recruit new members and to practice good stewardship in caring for all the documents and artifacts in our collection. We sponsor several community events annually, such as the Harvest Festival Booth, Vintage Vehicle Display, and Book sale; the Art Show in Murray Hall; the Christmas Celebration; and the Memorial Day Commemoration/Museum Open House in May.

We have been caring for our collection by continuing to gather items from donors, organizing our records, and cataloging all our documents and artifacts. We also continue to improve our storage methods by placing more and more of our items in acid-free archival quality envelopes, sleeves, and boxes. Our gallery has been rearranged, and exhibits have been cleaned, with new display cards made to help visitors understand each item's significance. Kudos to all those who have quietly done this work to ensure that the physical heritage of Marlow is protected and accessible to the public.

Besides our seasonal museum hours at the Chapel from May through October, we have organized several events for the community, such as the popular "Runaway Wives" program sponsored by the NH Humanities Council, and a program on the 19th Century diarist, Clara Hurd given by Washington Historical Society archivist Gwen Gaskell. We have also supported the Cheshire County Historical Society in their exhibits on School Houses, Taverns and Inns, as well as the current Water Powered Mill exhibit, by lending items from our collection. On February 23rd of this year, we are showcasing the musical talent of local pianist Tristan Smith at 7 p.m. at Jones Hall, with a program entitled "Music from Grandma and Grandpa's parlor." Tristan will play tunes found in our collection of sheet music from the 1900-1918 era; it will be informative and entertaining!

Our quarterly newsletter promotes Marlow history and our programs. It features articles of local interest on a variety of topics, such as "famous" Marlowites like Roy and Roxy Forbes, and places of bygone days like Edgewood Park. For the wider community we maintain an interactive web forum that can be found on our Marlow history web site. People all over the country abroad research their Marlow family roots with our help. We have also submitted articles to the *Keene Sentinel* feature, "Then and Now." We support Perkins school with historical booklets and laminated materials for classroom use, and have expanded our *Hands on History* box, filled with artifacts that represent our rural heritage. In June the schoolchildren took a field trip to several places in town connected with our early history, culminating in a tour of our gallery; Loisanne Foster provided in-depth and entertaining details about Marlow and kept the students in a state of excitement for the entire morning!

We support the preservation of Marlow's historic buildings and places by our work in the community, such as caring for the Liberty Elms on the Village green, maintaining the Grange Hall window boxes, as well as supporting efforts to maintain the Bald Mountain Preserve trail and picnic area, Adam Plumb's Eagle Scout project, with help from Allan Plumb and Kroka volunteers.

Having successfully completed our 250th Anniversary project to replace the Tin Shop Fence, we are looking toward the future with a new subcommittee to further restore Murray Hall as a community center. To that end, we have had local architects donate architectural drawings of proposed improvements, and seek grants to make this dream a reality. We welcome all those who are interested in preserving our rich heritage to join us!

President,
Joanne Thomas



MARLOW WOMEN'S SOCIETY

A charitable service organization comprised of women interested in community support and betterment, and social fellowship.

This year we have left our mark in town by purchasing a picnic table for Abbey's Park, and keeping the flower beds in front of Jones Hall healthy and attractive. We were also one of the sponsors of the 5K race to benefit the Cannon Children's Fund.

As our mission statement dictates, we helped local families as needed, and were delighted to be able to add some items to the church's Christmas food baskets.

Throughout the years the members of the group have developed a special rapport and strong friendships.

Our officers are:

Penny Despres - President

Nancy Vesco - Vice-President

Maria Baril – Treasurer

Jeanne Kennedy – Secretary



ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

Marlow, NH



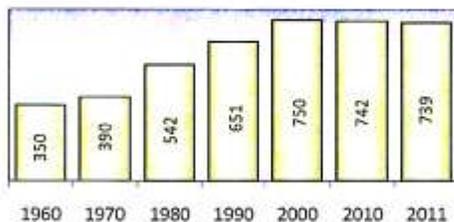
Community Contact	Town of Marlow Jacqui Fay, Executive Administrator 167 NH Route 123, Town Office Marlow, NH 03456-0184
Telephone	(603) 446-2245
Fax	(603) 446-3806
E-mail	marlowtownoffice@myfairpoint.net
Web Site	www.marlownewhampshire.org
Municipal Office Hours	Selectmen: Monday, 7 pm; Town Office: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10 am - 1 pm, 2 pm - 3:30 pm; Town Clerk: Wednesday, 4:30 pm - 7 pm, Thursday, 10 am - 12:30 pm; Tax Collector: Tuesday, 5 pm - 7 pm
County	Cheshire
Labor Market Area	Keene NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region	Monadnock
Planning Commission	Southwest Region
Regional Development	Monadnock Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 8
State Representative	Cheshire County District 2

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This territory was first chartered in 1753 as Addison, after Joseph Addison, Secretary of State for England, who signed the appointment papers making John Wentworth Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts in 1717. As a result of the French and Indian War, few original grantees settled there under the terms of the charter. The town was regranted in 1761 as Marlow, and the charter renewed in 1772. In some references, the name was in honor of Christopher Marlowe, the famed author and playwright; others indicate it was taken from the English town of the same name. Marlow was one of the towns that joined Vermont during the boundary dispute, but returned to New Hampshire in 1781.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 313 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Marlow totaled 389 over 51 years, from 350 in 1960 to 739 in 2011. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the second largest was a 20 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2011 Census estimate for Marlow was 739 residents, which ranked 204th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 28.6 persons per square mile of land area. Marlow contains 26.0 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2013. Community Response Received 9/06/2011

All information regarding the communities is from sources deemed reliable and is submitted subject to errors, omissions, modifications, and withdrawals without notice. No warranty or representation is made as to the accuracy of the information contained herein. Specific questions regarding individual cities and towns should be directed to the community contact.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	\$705,787
Budget: School Appropriations, 2011-2012	\$1,654,625
Zoning Ordinance	1986/09
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Budget
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Agricultural; Parks & Recreation

Public Library **Marlow Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	17 miles 140

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Granite State; PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Limited
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Limited Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.10
2011 Equalization Ratio	117.2
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.99

2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	92.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2007-2011)

Total Housing Units	463
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	422
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	11
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	30

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2011	739	76,918
2010	742	77,117
2000	750	73,993
1990	651	70,223
1980	542	62,116
1970	390	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender			
Male	529	Female	461

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	30
Age 5 to 19	236
Age 20 to 34	97
Age 35 to 54	364
Age 55 to 64	111
Age 65 and over	152
Median Age	41.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	91.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	21.2%

INCOME, 2011 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2007-2011)

Per capita income	\$23,605
Median 4-person family income	\$62,344
Median household income	\$56,917

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$48,500
Female	\$38,893

Families below the poverty level **2.8%**

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELM)

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	434	423
Employed	423	393
Unemployed	11	30
Unemployment rate	2.5%	7.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	60	46
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 651	\$ 745
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	37	40
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 282	\$ 423
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	96	86
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 510	\$ 596

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Marlow operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	43			

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing): Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **River Valley**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; New England; Antioch New England**

LARGEST BUSINESSES**PRODUCT/SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Audio Accessories, Inc.	Audio cables, patch cords, & patch boards	55	1966
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TRANSPORTATION *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 123, 123A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 5
	Distance	20 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
	Dillant-Hopkins, Keene	Runway 6,201 ft. asphalt
	Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
	Lebanon Municipal	Distance 49 miles
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	1
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	50 miles
	Portland, Maine	150 miles
	Boston, Mass.	98 miles
	New York City, NY	237 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	232 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK*(ACS 2007-2011)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	9.0%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	8.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence	72.0%
Commuting to another NH community	18.5%
Commuting out-of-state	9.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
	Other: Rock Climbing; October Fest

IOOF MARLOW ODD FELLOWS FOREST LODGE #69

The Odd Fellows Forest Lodge #69 is a dedicated fraternal organization of men who do nice things for the people in the community who may be facing challenging times. The IOOF, Forest Lodge #69 would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support our fund raising activities throughout the years.

The lodge provides scholarships for graduating seniors, a scholarship for a child to attend summer camp, issues gas and grocery cards and opens the hall for the monthly meal for seniors. They also host the following events: Christmas Potluck and children's Santa visit, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Penny Social/Pasta Dinner, Summer Chicken BBQ, Ham & Bean Suppers, a Harvest Festival and third Sunday of the month breakfast buffet.

We held a presentation to honor Gilbert Pinkney (Pinky) for 65 years of service. Robert Odell and the District Deputy Grand Master, Chester LaPointe were present as distinguished guests and speakers. Other speakers included past Grand Master Tom Johnson. We would like to thank all those who attended. The evening was a great success.

The Lodge is also available for community events, private parties, funeral and wedding receptions, bridal showers and fund raisers for persons in need. .

Thank you to all who supported our lodge and please continue to do so in the coming year.

Lyle A. Handy, Sr.
Noble Grand, Forest Lodge #69



WELCOME MARLOW BABIES PROGRAM



Since 2010, Marlow organizations have joined together to honor our Marlow babies. A bundle of welcoming gifts is presented from the combined efforts of the Town Library, Historical Society, Odd Fellows, Women's Society, Marlow United Methodist Church and the Marlow United Methodist Women's Fellowship to new babies born to Marlow families

We did not hear of any new Marlow babies in 2012. We hope to reach all new Marlow babies. We have people checking the Sentinel "New Babies" column throughout the year and we double check with Mary Avery, our Town Clerk. Through a change in the laws, however, people do not have to report a birth to their town clerk, leaving a chance that we will not reach all the new babies.

The organizations will again be celebrating the births of Marlow babies in 2013. In order to make this a timely gift, we need your help. If you know of a new baby (or a new adoption) arriving in Marlow, please contact the library (446-3466) or Donna Chase (446-7733) and we can welcome the new one in a timely fashion. Thank you!



MARLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Marlow United Methodist Church offers the community a friendly, inviting place to join your neighbors in fellowship and worship. Although officially a Methodist church, our congregation consists of many denominations, and everyone is welcome.

Many of the ministries of the church are on-going. The Youth Group meets at the Chapel for inspiration and fun, and is always looking for ways that they can be of help to the community. If you know of someone who could use their help, contact Marcia Levesque at 446-4383. Activities this year included hikes, pumpkin carving and flowers for the elderly, and a retreat to Monadnock Bible Conference.

The Third Sunday Food Pantry is well supported and we are able to supply a number of Marlow needs, as well as take our surplus to the Fall Mountain Food Bank. We continue our Card Ministry and some members are part of the quilt group that makes baby quilts for new arrivals in town. Operation Christmas Child was a success as we sent twenty shoeboxes filled with gifts to children around the world. There have been on-going bible studies throughout the year giving opportunity to increase our knowledge and faith. We were privileged this year during Advent to have a special service with Tristan Smith at the organ. We were truly blessed by Tristan and hope to have him with us again.

With the planning of the trustees, a capital repair fund was begun this year with the goal of raising \$20,000 for repairs to the steeple and roof. At present we are at 60% of our goal. A company has been contracted to begin work on the steeple when weather permits. We want to thank all who have generously contributed to this endeavor. Our church auction returned this year with the money raised going to the steeple fund. Over \$4,000 was raised from the auction.

The Women's Fellowship of Christian Service works to support the ministry of the church and maintain the Chapel. The monthly organizing of Friendly Meals, serving and cleanup is provided through the Fellowship. The group helps with support of the Bruce family, missionaries serving in Ecuador, support missions of the church, and provide help for needs in the community. We provide needed articles to the Women's Prison in Goffstown, and support their chaplain, Beth Richeson. We also provide food cards at holiday time to food pantry families.

At present we are worshipping at 10AM on Sundays for the rest of the winter months. Please join for worship with Pastor Eric Feustel and members of the Marlow congregation



2012 EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to Ben Levesque, Marlow native, who earned his Eagle Scout Badge in 2012. A job well done!

