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REPORT OF LOCALLY ELECTED AUDITOR(S)

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Municipality: GROTON	Audit Fiscal Year: 2023
Type of Municipality (Town, School or Villag	ge District):
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GROTON N	14 03241
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Under RSA 41:31-c I, all municipalities shall annu officer or agent handling funds of the municipality outlined in NH Code of Administrative Rules, RE\	ually, or more often as necessary, conduct an audit of the accounts of any r. Elected auditors conducting such audits shall follow audit procedures V 1904 and REV 1907.
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This form shall be used by the locally elected auditor t	to conduct and report the audit required under RSA 41:31-c and 41:31-d.
	Part 1. Financial Records
	Part 2. Treasurer
	Part 3. Tax Collector
In the boxes, indicate date the sections	Part 4. Trustees
of the form were completed.	Part 5. Town Clerk
	Part 6. Library
Locally Elected Auditor or Board of Under penalities of periury. I declare that I have completed this	of Locally Elected Auditors - Please Sign in Ink. s form and to the best of my belief the information is true, correct and complete.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM MS-60 Report of Locally Elected Auditor(s) RSA 41:31-a to 41:31-d

This report is to be completed annually by a locally elected auditor(s) of all municipalities that have not hired an auditor under RSA 21-J:19 or conducted an audit required by another law, regulation, or contract.

Cover

At the top of the page: Enter town, school or village district name, type of municipality, address, phone and fax number, and email address. Indicate the fiscal year period for which this audit is being completed. Indicate in the boxes the date the sections of the form were completed. The locally elected auditor(s) date and sign in ink where indicated.

Parts 1 through 6

There are six parts to this report. Each of the six parts consists of three sections: general questions; testing; and summary and recommendations. Upon completion of the first two sections of each applicable part, the summary and recommendation section must be dated and signed.

Part 1. General Ledger - The locally elected auditor(s), even in those municipalities granted a waiver on form MS-60W shall complete all sections of this part.

Part 2. Treasurer - The locally elected auditor(s), even in those municipalities granted a waiver on form MS-60W shall complete all sections of this part.

Part 3. Tax Collector - The locally elected auditor(s) shall complete the three sections of this part if the municipality has a tax collector.

Part 4. Trustees - The locally elected auditor(s) shall complete the three sections of this part if the municipality has a trustee or board of trustees of trust funds.

Part 5. Town Clerk - The locally elected auditor(s) shall complete the three sections of this part if the municipality has a town or city clerk.

Part 6. Library - The locally elected auditor(s) shall complete the three sections of this part if the municipality has a library.

Filing the Report

Upon completion of the applicable sections, submit the report to the governing body. The governing body has 10 days to accept the report and any applicable adjustments before they submit it to the Department. If they have not accepted the report within that time frame, they must also submit a letter to the Commissioner explaining why they did not accept the report; or, they may request an extension of time for filing the report with the Department.

The report shall also be made available to the public and the cover page and summary and recommendations sections for each applicable part must be published in the next annual report following the fiscal year in which the audit was completed.

Please refer to our "Handbook for Locally Elected Auditors" for further guidance and information. The handbook is available by calling the Department at (603) 230-5090 and is also available on our web site.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM MS-60 (continued) Report of Locally Elected Auditor(s) RSA 41:31-a- 41:31-d

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Please refer to the Definitions in the Appendix A of "Handbook for Locally Elected Auditors".

APPLICABLE FORMS REFERENCED (filed with Department of Revenue Administration)

MS-5, MS-25, MS-35 Financial Reports for town, school, village district, respectively - Due April 1 for calendar year, or September 1 for optional fiscal year.

MS-9 and MS-10 Trustee of Trust Fund Reports - Filed by the Trustee(s) of Trust Funds. Due March 1 for calendar year, or September 1 for optional fiscal year.

MS-60A Auditor Option and Schedule - Filed by governing body to indicate which type of audit will be conducted. Due 10 days after close of the fiscal year.

MS-60W Audit Waiver Request - Filed by governing body of municipality with a population under 750 to request a waiver of the annual audit requirement and propose alternative procedures. At a minimum, Parts 1 and 2 of the MS-60 will be completed. The form is due 45 days prior to the close of the fiscal year in which the request for the waiver is made.

MS-61 Tax Collector's Report - Filed by Tax Collector(s). Due March 1 for calendar year, or September 1 for optional fiscal year.

Refer to the Definitions in the Appendix A of "Handbook for Locally Elected Auditors" for more information.

APPLICABLE RSAs (in part)

RSA 21-J:19 II (in part) A written or printed report of every completed audit shall be made to the proper local officials including a summary of the findings and recommendations of the auditors and a copy of such summary shall be published in the next annual report following the fiscal year in which the audit was completed.

RSA 31:25 (in part) The trustees shall formally adopt an investment policy for all investments made by them or by their agents for any trust funds in their custody in conformance with the provisions of applicable statutes. Such investment policy shall be reviewed and confirmed at least annually. A copy of the investment policy shall be filed with the attorney general.

RSA 41:25 II. Town clerks shall deposit all fees received with the town treasurer or in a municipal account controlled by the town treasurer at least monthly, or as directed by the selectmen, for the use of the town. In the event that any portion of the town clerk's compensation consists of statutory fees, the clerk shall submit an invoice for the amount of those fees to the treasurer, who shall pay out that amount to the clerk, notwithstanding RSA 32.

RSA 41:9, VII. The selectmen shall annually review and adopt an investment policy for the investment of public funds in conformance with applicable statutes and shall advise the treasurer of such policies.

RSA 41:29, IV. Whenever the town treasurer has in custody an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, the town treasurer shall invest the same in accordance with the investment policy adopted by the selectmen under RSA 41:9, VII......

RSA 41:29, VI. The treasurer may delegate deposit, investment, recordkeeping, or reconciliation functions to other town officials or employees provided such delegation is in writing and includes written procedures acceptable to the selectmen, or in the case of a town operating under RSA 37, to the town manager, and is agreeable to all parties involved. However any such delegation shall only be made to a town official or employee bonded in accordance with RSA 41:6 and rules adopted by the commissioner of revenue administration under RSA 541-A. Such delegation shall not eliminate the responsibility of the treasurer to comply with all statutory duties required by law.

41:31-a Purpose. Financial audits play a fundamentally vital role in helping to preserve the integrity of the public finance functions and by maintaining citizens' confidence in their elected leaders. Properly performed audits provide independent assurance that financial information presented is reliable.

41:31-b Choice; Election. Any municipality that has not hired an auditor under RSA 21-J:19 shall, at the annual meeting, under an article in the warrant, choose one or more auditors. The terms of office shall be staggered so that after the year of adoption one auditor shall be chosen for a term of office for the same number of years as there are auditors on the board, provided however that in the year of adoption the members of the board shall be chosen for varying terms so that the term of one member shall expire in the next succeeding year, the term of the second member, the next year, and so on for the number of years as there are members of the board. The auditor or board of auditors shall perform the duties under RSA 41:31-c and RSA 41:31-d. If a municipality has adopted an official ballot for the election of its officers, the election of an auditor or board of auditors shall not take place until the annual meeting following the meeting at which the provisions of this section are adopted.

41:31-c Duties I. All municipalities shall annually, or more often as necessary, conduct an audit of the accounts of any officer or agent handling funds of the municipality. Elected auditors conducting such audits shall follow audit procedures in rules adopted by the commissioner pursuant to RSA 541-A.

II. Any municipality, or any political subdivision exclusively within a municipality, with a population of fewer than

II. Any municipality, or any political subdivision exclusively within a municipality, with a population of fewer than 750 as of the most recent federal census, provided a financial statement audit is not required by another law, regulation, or contract, may, not less than 45 days before the end of the fiscal year, petition the commissioner to waive the annual audit requirement for that fiscal year and provide an alternative plan for reviewing the municipality's financial accounts. If the commissioner approves the scope of services as proposed by the municipality, such services shall be completed by either the locally elected auditor or a CPA. If the commissioner does not approve or no alternative procedures or scope of services is provided by the municipality, then the commissioner shall determine the appropriate scope of services.

41:31-d Reports I. A complete report of any audit or procedure conducted under RSA 41:31-c shall, upon completion, be made available to the public in accordance with RSA 21-J:19.

II. Unless otherwise required by law, within 10 days of the acceptance by the governing body of any completed audit, a complete copy of the audit and any accompanying management letter shall be submitted to the commissioner by the governing body. If the governing body has not accepted the audit and any applicable adjustments within 45 days of its receipt, the audit as received or adjusted and any accompanying management letter shall be submitted to the commissioner by the governing body with an explanation for non-acceptance. The governing body may, for good cause, petition the commissioner for an extension of time for submittal.

RSA 80:76, II-a. In addition to the circumstances described in paragraph II, the governing body of the municipality may refuse to accept a tax deed on behalf of the municipality, and may so notify the collector, whenever in its judgment acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks, including obligations under real estate covenants or obligations to tenants, or for any other reason would be contrary to the public interest. Such a decision shall not be made solely for the private benefit of a taxpayer.

Part 1. General Ledger/Financial Records/ MS-5, MS-25, MS-35

Questions

1	Who maintains the (general ledger) financial records? PAM Hame / frea surer				
2	Name/position What software system is used for the general ledger? (ex. Quickbooks; Excel; Peachtree; BMSI, etc.)	•			
3	Who has access (posting capability) to either the general ledger or the general ledger software? (attach list if necessary) Pam Hame! Name Debra Lindsey	Titl			_
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4	Do debits equal credits in the general ledger trial balance?		Yes	<u>No</u>	N/A
5	Are balances from the general ledger used to prepare the MS-5, MS-25, or MS-35 report?	v	V		
6	Are the following activities maintained as separate funds in the general ledger (if applicable)?				
	General Fund Water activity Sewer activity Library activity Trustees of trust funds School grants School lunch Revolving Funds (identify: Public Depasit Investment Pool Other (identify: Groton Conservation Fund Other (identify: PARKS + Recreation Revolving Fund Other (identify: Police Department Revolving Fund Other (identify: Groton Yield Tax Account	/			
	Other (Identity. Oth Home. Day Fund		1/		

How often? FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY of the month

Part 1. General Ledger/ MS-5, MS-25, MS-35 Testing

		Yes	No	N/A
	MS-5, MS-25, or MS-35 Financial Report	163	NO	<u>IN/A</u>
1	Do the following balances on the year end MS-5, MS-25, or MS-35 report match the general ledger?			
	General fund revenues General fund expenditures General fund balance sheet Other funds revenues Other funds expenditures Other funds balance sheet			
	If no, explain problems/discrepancies encountered:			
	General Ledger (and Subsidiary Ledgers)			-
2	Do the year end general ledger cash and investment balances match the Treasurer's bank reconciliations?			
	If no, explain problems/discrepancies encountered:			
3	Do the following year end general ledger receivable balances match the Tax Collector's year end annual MS-61 report (towns only)?			
	Property taxes Unredeemed taxes Water		V	V
	Sewer Other (describe:)			
	If no, explain problems/discrepancies encountered: General ledger is CASH accounting in	nethod		
,	MS-61 USES accural method			

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Comments on procedures or areas of weakness:	
Recommendations:	
General ledger section completed by:	Date:
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Part 2. Treasurer/Cash

	Questions	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	N/A
1	Does the Treasurer maintain a cash book to track all receipt and disbursement activity for all cash accounts?	<u> </u>	
	If no, explain:		
2	Does the Treasurer's cash book document the remittances from departments and deposits to the bank?	<u> </u>	
	If no, explain:		
3	Does the Treasurer's cash book document vendor/payroll disbursement manifests (check run) numbers and amounts? If no, explain:	<u></u>	
4	Do month-end cash book balances match actual bank reconciliation balances?	<u>/</u>	
	If no, explain:	/	
5	Are monthly bank statements as of the last day of the month?		
6	Are bank reconciliations prepared each month, within a month of the statement date, for each cash account?		
	If no, explain:		
7	Who prepares bank reconciliations? Pam Hame treasurer Title		
8	Are monthly bank reconciliations documented, signed, and retained?		

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9	Are monthly bank reconciliations revin addition to the preparer?		<u> </u>		
	If yes, by whom? Board of Selectmen	John Rescigno Ron MADAN Tony Olbert			
	Name	Title /			
10	Is a copy of the monthly bank recon- bookkeeper?	ciliation report provided to the			
11	Who is authorized to transfer money municipality's bank accounts? Pam Hame! Name Debra Lindsey Name Michelle Lacroix Name Rescience	treasurer			
12	Who has the authority to sign (authority to sign (a				
	Name Board of Sectmen J	Title Tothn Rescigno, Ron Madan	+ Tony	Q4	ert
	Name	ritie			
13	Do any signature stamps exist?				
	If yes, are they stored in a secure Are there procedures in place for				
14	Is a check signing machine used?				
	If yes, is it locked and the key sto Who has access to the signature				
15	Is a log maintained to track the chro sequence of all check numbers issu		<u>/</u>		
16	Who is responsible for making bank of authority for each (RSA 41:29, VI) Pan Hame Name Lindsey	treasurer			
	Name Roth Millett Name Hilary Coles	Title deputy treasurer Title TAX COLLECTORY / town of Title deputy tax collector/or	clerk	tow	nclerk

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17	Are undeposited receipts held	V	_		
18	Does the Treasurer reconcile remittances (turnovers) to the (if applicable) Is that documented?	total annual Tax Collector receipt Tax Collector's records?	V		
19	Does the Treasurer reconcile remittances (turnovers) to the (towns only) Is that documented?	total annual Town Clerk receipt Town Clerk's records?	1		
20	Does the Treasurer reconcile remittances (turnovers) to the	total annual governing body receipt ir records?	<u>/</u>		
	Is that documented?		V		
21	Has the municipality adopted policy in accordance with RSA	(and annually updated) an investment 4 41:9, VII?	/		
22	Document other non-general Treasurer (e.g., conservation celebration accounts, etc.)	fund cash accounts maintained by the commission, police revolving,			
	Account Name GROTON CONSERVATION PARKS + Recreation Revolution Old Home Day 1 Police Dept Revo	Who authorizes payments? Fund treasurer deputy treasurer serving Fund treasurer deputy treasurer serving Fund treasurer, deputy treasurer treasurer.	gene eketboei		
	Groton Yield 1	Tax account treasurer, deputy.	TICASU		

	Part 2. Treasurer/Cash Testing	Vac	No	NIA
	Year End Bank Reconciliations	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	N/A
	Obtain year-end documented bank reconciliations and test the following:			
1	Do "balances per bank" match actual bank statement balances?			4
2	Do "deposits in transit" appear on the following month's bank statement?	<u> </u>		
	If no, explain:			
3	Were "deposits in transit" posted as receipts in the year-end general ledger cash accounts?			
4	Do "outstanding checks" match a detail list of actual outstanding checks?	<u> </u>		
5	Is the last outstanding check posted as a disbursement in the year- end general ledger cash account?	<u> </u>		
6	Are other reconciling items appropriately documented?			
	Explain other reconciling items:			
	Cash Book			
7	Do year-end balances in the cash book match the actual bank statement reconciliations?	V		
8	Trace two vendor and two payroll disbursement entries in cash book (manifests) signed by the majority of the governing body (e.g., Board Village Commissioners, School Board)			;"
Minutem Twin River Fred George	Date of Order Order Number Amount $0/\sqrt{2}$ Payroll $0/\sqrt{2}$ $0/$	Approv (Ma	iced t ved C nifest	Order

9 Trace three deposit entries in cash book to actual bank statement deposits and to corresponding departmental remittances.

Date of			Traced to
			Actual Bank
Deposit		Amount	Statement deposit?
10-20-23	\$_	1253.85	1/
4-17-23	\$_	2244,26	
7-5-23	\$_	40,000,00	V
	\$	/	
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Other Bank Accounts

10 For "other non-general fund" cash accounts (see question 22 on page 3), select three months of bank statements.

Do all year end general ledger cash balances match co	Yes Yes	<u>No</u>	N/A
bank reconciliations?	rresponding		

Select a random sample of five disbursements from the general ledger and trace to supporting vendor invoices.

<u>Date</u> 7-7/-23	Check Number	<u>Vendor</u> Casella	Amount 1404,51
8-8-23	27197	Gilpatrick Metal Recycling	100.00
9-12-23	27294	AVITAR ASSOCIATES	1571.00
10-17-23	27402	Ben's UniFORMS	132.00
11-21-23	27509	Vikings-Cives USA	335.43

Observations - Part 2. Treasurer

Comments on procedures or areas of weakness:	
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Recommendations:	
Treasurer section completed by: Date:	