

TOWN OF ALBANY, VT
2019 ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

DEDICATED TO CARL CHAFFEE

On April 9, 1941, Carl Clinton Chaffee was born the first of five children to Clinton and Karen Chaffee, in Colchester, Vermont. At an early age, Carl and his family moved to Albany where he would eventually grow up, raise a family and become an integral part of the Albany community for years to come.

On April 26, 1963, Carl married Ruth Sweeney, the love of his life, and they would enjoy a long and loving marriage of over 50 years until Ruth's death in 2014. During that time, Carl and Ruth raised three children, Keith, Karl and Kelly. Later on, he would have the opportunity to watch several grandchildren be born and raised. Carl spent countless hours and miles performing the job he loved as an artificial inseminator. Not only did he love to work with the animals, he enjoyed good conversation with the farmers throughout Orleans and Essex counties. It was during these years of working hard and raising a family that Carl would become more and more involved in local activities, events and positions.

Over the years, Carl spent numerous summers as a player on the local softball team. He would eventually continue his love of the sport as a coach of both the Albany men's and women's softball teams. It was during his time as a coach that Carl become involved with the development and long-term success of the Albany Labor Day softball tournament. This tournament would become the foundation of what would become a major annual event in town, the Labor Day Parade, Barbeque and Festivities. Carl was also influential in raising funds for the reconstruction of the Albany Town Ballfield. The field would see years of activity, including softball games, tournaments, horse pulling and tractor pulling events.

Carl would go on to become a fixture on the Albany Board of Selectmen for many years. During his nearly twenty years on the board, Carl would spend many as the Chairman. During that time, he became known throughout the town as one would listen, help and fight for issues that he felt were vital to the town. Carl also served as a Justice of the Peace, which allowed him to be involved in civic activities, as well as perform multiple wedding ceremonies over the years.

In the summer of 2018, Carl moved to Morgan, where he continues to raise chickens, grow a garden large enough for Orleans County and enjoy the company of Della, his fearless Beagle sidekick....but he will always call Albany home.

OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ALBANY
For the year ending December 31, 2019

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Auditor's Report Year Ending 2019

In our opinion, the financial statements for the Town of Albany referred to herein, present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Town's activities.

We reviewed all the funds in bank accounts, accounts payable, accounts receivable, Select Board orders, journals, ledgers, taxes, delinquent taxes, Fire Department, Town allotted funds and all other accounts held by the Town.

All bills presented to the Select Board for payments; we reviewed for accuracy, properly signed and paid. We have found that all financial accounts to be in order.

Thanks to Debbie Geoffroy for her support in helping us to complete our audit.

Respectfully Submitted: January 15, 2020



H. Jane Rayner



Frank Jarvis



Brandy Inkel

Albany Town Auditors

Treasurer's Report

Liabilities:

Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 3,255.59
Bond Principal & Interest Payment	35,329.04
Grader Payment / April 2020	25,092.56
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept.	18,669.66
General Fund – Selectboard Admin. Asst.	3,638.38
Memorial Day 2019	<u>69.59</u>

Total Liabilities \$ 86,054.82

Assets:

Delinquent Taxes	\$ 66,928.70
Cash on Hand	<u>353,500.14</u>

Total Assets \$420,428.84

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2019 \$349,635.68

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2020 \$334,374.02

Decrease in Assets \$ 15,261.66

Town Officers

Moderator	Gary Heath Mason
Town Clerk / Treasurer	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Assistant Clerk / Treasurer	Gloria Chicoine
Select Board	Brian Goodridge, 2020 S Christopher Jacobs, 2021 Phillip Beaudry, 2022 Select Board
Road Commissioner	
Lake Region Union Elementary –Middle School District	
Board Members:	Neil Urie & Matthew Kittredge
Listers	Dylan Kinsey, 2020 Cathy Wilder, 2021 Susan Richardson, 2022 H. Jane Rayner, 2020 Brandy Inkel, 2021 Frank Jarvis, 2022 Select Board
Auditors	Michael Nelson Katt Tolman
Constable	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Town Agent	Jennifer Foehr-McKenzie
Town Grand Juror	Thomas Chaffee, Cathy Wilder
Delinquent Tax Collector	Chad Tollmann, Cheryl Dewees, Danielle Cote-Sukkaew
Director of Lake Region Union High School	
Justices of the Peace	

Appointees

Chair of the Select Board	S Christopher Jacobs
Clerk of the Select Board & Admin. Asst.	Terri Campbell
Sexton: Town Cemeteries	Ruth Cross, resigned Richard Geoffroy, appointed Paige Horner
Road Foreman	Gary Heath Mason
Town Fire Warden & Emergency Management Coordinator	Christopher Daniels
Tree Warden	Kelly Carpenter
Pound Keeper & Animal Control Officer	Pamela Krupa
Town Health Officer	Cathy Wilder
911 Coordinator	
Planning Commission	Term Expires 2020: Neil Urie, John Degre Term Expires 2021: Ed O’Leary, Melissa Larabee (resigned) Term Expires 2022: Rob Dewees, Michele Reed

**WARNING
TOWN MEETING 2020**

The legal voters of the Town of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Albany Town Hall, Tuesday, March 3, A.D. 2020 at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$794,823.00 Voting done by Australian ballot at the Albany Town Hall between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Art. 2. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of 3 years.

Art. 4. To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of 3 years.

Art. 5. To hear and dispose of the Auditor's Report.

Art. 6. Shall the Town of Albany assess a tax in the amount of \$13,412.98 for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$22,822.64 for Ambulance Service to the Town. \$17,822.64 for Orleans Emergency Unit and \$5,000.00 for Glover Ambulance Squad.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Town Treasurer.

Art. 9. To elect a Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year.

Art. 10. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.

Art. 11. To elect all other officers required to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting.

SELECT PERSON: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

LISTER: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

1ST CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

GRAND JUROR: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

TOWN AGENT: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

- Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$120,000.00 to defray all other expenses Of the Town not otherwise provided for. (General Fund)
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$230,000.00 for the maintenance of Class 2 & 3 Town Highways within the Town.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of Blacktop.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$15,000.00 for the summer maintenance of Class 4 roads within the Town.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department to pay the members a small stipend for their work and trainings.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$16,000.00 for the maintenance of the Town Cemeteries & compensation for a Town Sexton.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 7,000.00 for the purpose of repairing or Possible marker replacement of Cemetery Headstones pursuant to V.S.A. Title 18, Section 5362(a). With voter approval each year the process of repair will be ongoing.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 500.00 for the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- Art. 23. Will the Town raise the sum of \$4,000.00 to finance Recycling.
- Art. 24. To see how much if any, the Town will appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Albany Town Library.
- Art. 26. To see if the voters wish to continue the Albany Community Dinner held on the 2nd Monday of each month and raise a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 in support of this Event.

Art. 27. To see if the voters wish to raise a sum of money not to exceed \$300.00 to establish Guest WiFi at the Town Office.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$14,613.00 for appropriations as requested, And direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

PLACE	2020 Request	2019 Amount
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
VT Center for Independent Living	150.00	150.00
Northeastern VT Development Association	706.00	706.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	1,882.00	988.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00	200.00
Umbrella	700.00	700.00
Lake Region Senior Center –Voters removed last year	500.00	.00
Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Program		500.00
VT Green Up, Inc.	50.00	50.00
American Red Cross, VT & NH Upper Valley Region	250.00	250.00
North Country Animal League	400.00	400.00
Orleans County Historical Society	575.00	525.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00	500.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00	600.00
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	100.00	100.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,250.00	3,250.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	300.00	300.00
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	\$ 14,613.00	\$ 13,669.00

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 per year for the next 5 years for the Purpose of reappraisal in the near future as recommended by the State of Vermont, Property Valuation & Review Division.

Art. 30. Shall the Town of Albany enter into a Communications Union District (CUD) to be Known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch82?

Art. 31. Shall the Town of Albany vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 For the support of Craftsbury Saplings: A Child Care Center to provide services to Residents of the Town.

Art. 32. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 33. To adjourn.

Dated at Albany, Vermont, January 21, 2020.

Christopher Zick

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Select Board, Town of Albany

I hereby certify the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Town of Albany previous to the posting and publication thereof.

ATTEST:

Delva Ann Seffroy
Clerk, Town of Albany

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 2019

- Art. 1. NEKWMD Budget - Passed - \$825,073.00
 - Art. 2. Moderator - Gary Heath Mason, 1 year term
 - Art. 3. Auditors Report – Passed
 - Art. 4. Sheriff's Department Budget – Passed - \$13,022.31
 - Art. 5. Ambulance Service – Passed – Orleans - \$17,822.64 / Glover-\$5,000.00
 - Art. 6. Change Tax Due Date – Passed – 2nd Wednesday in November
 - Art. 7. Taxes Collected by Town Treasurer – Passed
 - Art. 8. Road Commissioner – Select Board, 1 year term
 - Art. 9. Delinquent Tax Collector - Debra Ann Geoffroy, 1 year term
 - Art. 10. Select Board Person – Phillip Beaudry, 3 year term
 - Lister – Susan Richardson, 3 year term
 - Auditor – Frank Jarvis, 3 year term
 - Auditor – Brandy Inkel, 2 year term
 - 1st Constable – Select Board, 1 year term
 - Grand Juror – Katt Tolman, 1 year term
 - Town Agent – Michael Nelson, 1 year term
 - Art. 11. General Fund – Passed -\$120,000.00
 - Art. 12. Class 2 & 3 Roads –Passed - \$230,000.00
 - Art. 13. Blacktop – Passed- \$20,000.00
 - Art. 14. Class 4 Roads – Passed -\$6,000.00
 - Art. 15. Report from Planning Commission on Town Solar – Passed - \$55,000.00
 - Art. 16. Access to Hartwell Pond on .71 acre parcel – no money to be spent until after 10/10/2020.
 - Art. 17. Fire Department Budget – Passed - \$25,000.00
 - Art. 18. Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund – Passed - \$5,000.00
 - Art. 19. Fire Department Stipend – Passed -\$5,000.00
 - Art. 20. Cemetery Maintenance & Stipend – Passed - \$16,000.00
 - Art. 21. Emergency Management Coordinator – Passed - \$500.00
 - Art. 22. Authorize Select Board to borrow money – Passed
 - Art. 23. Recycling – Passed - \$4,000.00
 - Art. 24. Memorial Day – Passed - \$150.00
 - Art. 25. Library – Passed -\$10,000.00
 - Art. 26. Community Dinner – Passed - \$1,500.00
 - Art. 27. Albany Food Shelf – Motion Failed
 - Art. 28. Appropriations – Passed except Lake Region Senior Center - \$13,669.00*
 - Art. 29. Exempt Maple Valley Grange from Tax – Passed
 - Art. 30. Other Business – move fire truck, Town Hall rental contact, snow removal at Town Hall steps/ramp, Hartwell Pond information from Select Board, hold Town Meeting in evening.
 - Art. 31. Adjourn – Passed
- *If you would like to see information on the various agencies listed in Article 28, please go to the Town Clerk's office to request them.

Albany Selectboard Message Highlights of 2019 and Requests for 2020

Roads:

The road crew completed a large grant project this summer which took place on Centebar and Hartwell Pond roads. This was a project that was long overdue. The Vermont Better Roads program paid for 80% of the work, with a Town match at 20%. The Selectboard is also in the process of looking into purchasing either a new bucket loader or a new rubber tired backhoe, to replace our current loader which is 22 years old. The Selectboard and our Albany Road Foreman will be evaluating which machine will best serve the Town in the coming years. This purchase will be made with funds from the Good Neighbor account, an annual deposit generated by the wind turbines, which was previously voted to be utilized for Town equipment purchases.

Halloween Flooding:

We had some very intense localized damage from the Halloween rain and wind event. The greatest destruction appeared to be centered around Albany Village. There was a major washout on Shuteville Rd. that resulted in the road being completely closed until emergency repairs reopened it late evening of Nov. 1st. Also a large, 9 ft. diameter culvert was heavily damaged on Larabee Hill Rd. This culvert will need major work or replacement during the summer. We also had Dyer Rd. completely washed out which is a Class 4 road. Many other roads suffered damage but were at least all passable by the next day after the storm. We have had an engineer survey and document all damage from this event, so if and when FEMA assistance becomes available, we will have all our damage documented for them to review. The Town spent approximately \$25,000 to band-aid the roads back together. With the snow arriving early, we are left with plenty of work to complete this summer to ensure these roads are back to pre-flood condition. The Selectboard appreciates everyone's patience during these challenging times.

Recycling/Garbage:

The recycling and garbage center continues to be a well-managed service for our community. Mark your calendars for our 2020 Bulky Days: May 16th and October 3rd.

Cemeteries:

We welcomed Richard Geoffroy as our new Town Cemetery Sexton this fall. Richard has spent countless hours piecing together old maps in order to present an accurate layout of what is currently available for sale in the Town's cemeteries. We are fortunate that Richard has lived in Albany all his life and knows the histories of the cemeteries. There will be a separate article on the Town Warning that will deal with upkeep of the actual headstones. This will be explained further during Town Meeting.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station:

The State provided Albany with a 90% funded grant for installing an electric vehicle charging station. The Albany Village location on VT-14 was an ideal choice to further Vermont's network of electrification goals.

Budget Reviews & Requests

We finished 2019 with all budgets under their projected forecasting except for the Class 4 roads budget.

General Fund:

Last year we raised \$120,000 for the General Fund. We went over budget only due to the ongoing lawsuit we are still involved in. If the lawsuit costs are subtracted out we came in slightly under budget. We will again be asking for \$120,000 and the Selectboard will do its best to hold to this number, however it seems every time we do anything the price of the action is higher.

Roads:

Last year we raised \$230,000 for the Road Fund. We will be asking for the same amount this year. This fund is used to cover our normal maintenance and roadwork. In the coming months we will:

- See what FEMA will cover (if any) for the Town due to flooding.
- If FEMA doesn't take effect, we will be determining what other resources we can use to help fund the repair processes.
- Evaluate what percentage is the Town's responsibility to pay for fixing damages.

As there is no way to accurately give an estimate before the Town Report is distributed as to what these costs may be, we anticipate having more concrete figures for Town Meeting. It may also require a special Town Meeting to ask for more funds to cover the Towns' share once we know the actual estimates for the storm damage repairs.

Blacktop:

Last year we asked to raise \$20,000 and will be asking for \$20,000 again this year.

Class 4 Roads:

We try to start off each year with a balance of \$10,000 in the Class 4 account. Last year we raised \$6,000 to bring the account up to \$10,000. Due to flood damage on some of our Class 4 roads that we are required to fix, we actually went over budget by a small amount. We feel that we need to ask for \$15,000 this year to cover costs of more repairs that need to be made to these roads once the snow melts. One thing to note is that most everything on Class 4 roads is not eligible for any aid from FEMA, leaving the cost of repairs for the Towns to absorb.

Cemeteries:

Last year we raised \$16,000 and we will again be asking for \$16,000, which will cover all (6) of the cemeteries that the Town maintains.

Recycling:

Last year we raised \$4000 and we will be asking to raise \$4000 again.

Hope everyone has a safe winter and we look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 9:00AM, Albany Town Hall. Thanks! ~ Albany Selectboard

An update from Town of Albany Selectboard regarding the litigation with Cindy Sanville and Ralph Buchanan:

On April 6, 1955, Emma F. Buchanan and R.O. Buchanan conveyed to the Town of Albany by quit-claim deed a parcel of approximately forty acres of land bordering Hartwell Pond. That deed contains a “reversionary clause” that states that the Town retains ownership of the parcel and that—if the Town violates the clause’s conditions—Emma F. Buchanan, R.O. Buchanan, and their heirs may exercise the “right to re-enter and repossess themselves” of the parcel and that title to the parcel “shall revert” to the heirs only “on demand”:

It is expressly understood and agreed, that in the event the Grantee shall use or suffer the use of said lands for any other purpose than as a memorial 4-H forest for use by young people in particular, and for 4-H recreational and forestry purposes, this conveyance shall thereupon become void and the title to said premises on demand shall revert to the grantors, their successors and assigns, and they shall have the right to re-enter and repossess themselves of the same.

On August 21, 2018, the Town retained a professional logger to harvest the 10-acre tree plantation on the upper portion of the parcel and to selectively log the lower portion of the parcel. Due to a lack of harvesting over the years, the trees were overgrown, falling over, and in danger of dying.

The Town Selectboard has placed funds from the logging into a separate account entitled “Buchanan Recreation Area.” These funds would exclusively be dedicated to the parcel and allow both 4-H participants and Town residents to make use of the parcel.

On October 3, 2018, Cindy Sanville filed a complaint in the Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, in Orleans County, commencing this litigation. Her filings and testimony made clear that she did not like the Town’s logging and its plans to open Hartwell Pond and the parcel for recreational activities. However, basing her complaint on her alleged fear that the Buchanan heirs could reclaim the parcel due to the Town’s activities and plans at the parcel, she then tracked down Ralph Buchanan and his mother in southern Vermont—neither of whom had any clue that the parcel or the right of entry even existed—and sought their involvement in order make a claim for standing based on “municipal waste.” Ralph Buchanan and his mother are both descendants of Emma F. Buchanan.

On October 15, 2018, the Town filed a motion to dismiss Ms. Sanville’s complaint on the basis that she did not have standing to sue the Town. In Vermont, courts rarely grant motions to dismiss, but the circumstances here showed that dismissal was appropriate: Ms. Sanville is not even a resident of Albany and is not even alleging that the Town is wasting taxpayer funds, which are the two main requirements necessary for an individual to have standing to sue a municipality.

Even so, rather than dismissing Ms. Sanville's complaint, on November 28, 2018, the Court ordered Ralph Buchanan to become involved, which ensured that there would be standing. After some delay, on February 8, 2019, Ralph Buchanan finally retained an attorney, acquired the interests of all other heirs of Emma F. Buchanan and R.O. Buchanan, and filed several claims against the Town, including ones to enforce the "reversionary clause" and to recover damages for the Town's removal of trees from the parcel. Those claims are all based on what the Town believes is Ralph Buchanan's faulty contention that the parcel automatically reverted to the heirs of Emma F. Buchanan and R.O. Buchanan when the Town began logging.

On March 1, 2019, the Town filed its motion to dismiss Ralph Buchanan's cross-claims. However, on September 20, 2019, that motion to dismiss was denied at the conclusion of a hearing on the basis that the language of the "reversionary clause" was ambiguous. In short, the Court is allowing this case to develop rather than dismiss it outright.

Unfortunately, due to a backlog of civil cases in Orleans County, this litigation is moving much slower than anticipated. In particular, the Court took a long time to rule on the motion to dismiss Ralph Buchanan's claims.

The Town has made efforts to move this litigation along as efficiently as possible. On August 14, 2019, the Town propounded interrogatories and requests to produce on both Ms. Sanville and Ralph Buchanan. Additionally, after the motion to dismiss was denied, the Town immediately continued its discovery process. It deposed Ms. Sanville on September 24, 2019; Ralph Buchanan on September 25, 2019; and David Roy Buchanan (a descendant of R.O. Buchanan who conveyed any rights he may have to Ralph Buchanan, his second cousin) on October 10, 2019.

Ms. Sanville's objectives in this litigation are to completely keep the public off of not just the parcel but also Hartwell Pond itself. During her deposition, Ms. Sanville repeatedly said that she opposed "public access" because public access would devalue the properties on the pond. She said, "they've not only devalued the properties around because they're going to open access, if that's their case. If they, if they had public access to that pond, everybody in that, on that Pond, it's, it's, it will be a travesty. It's too small." This is because, for her, Hartwell Pond is a "sanctuary" and she believes members of the public will ruin that "sanctuary" nature. She said, "It's a sanctuary there; so public access, we've had it in the past, but it wasn't granted. There was plenty of people from the public that abused the Pond, so that still sits in everybody's mind." She said that if the Town wanted public access on and around Hartwell Pond, it should have purchased her parcel.

Ralph Buchanan's reasons for becoming involved are less clear. They seem to mainly revolve around the monetary value of the parcel and its timber, but he also said that he wants to help Ms. Sanville and the other abutters to Hartwell Pond. He said that he wants to recover the value of any timber logged from the parcel. Also, if he were to win this litigation and trigger the "reversionary clause," he might develop the parcel but he is not sure about that.

These depositions also revealed that Ms. Sanville has been coordinating her claims with Ralph Buchanan from the very beginning. The two have exchanged dozens, if not hundreds, of text messages, and have had between ten to twenty phone calls together. The depositions also revealed some important details about what the parties think of 4-H “recreational” and “forestry” purposes. David Roy Buchanan specifically acknowledged that clearcutting can be an acceptable forestry practice. Ralph Buchanan also acknowledged that and further acknowledged that 4-H can include many different activities, like hiking, swimming, camping, and even other things like archery. Therefore, the activities the Town anticipates doing (so long as it coordinates with 4-H) would presumably conform to the requirements of the “reversionary clause.”

Another important development is that the University of Vermont Provost and the Director of UVM Extension (which includes 4-H) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town approving of the Town’s plans for the parcel and laying out some guidelines for how 4-H would make use of the parcel. The Town is committed to making the parcel open to 4-H participants. We believe this memorandum is important in showing that the Town is committed to making the parcel available for 4-H “recreational” and “forestry” purposes, as described by the “reversionary clause.” Another important development is that there is now a new judge on this case, Judge Scott Kline, who has replaced Judge Howard Van Benthuyssen.

The Town has been pushing to keep this litigation moving forward. A few months ago, the Town proposed a litigation schedule that would have a trial-ready date of June 1, 2020. Ralph Buchanan’s attorney declined that schedule and instead proposed one with a trial-ready date of December 1, 2020. That is a full twenty-four months since the date Ralph Buchanan was ordered to join this case. The Town still has not received any discovery requests from Ralph Buchanan’s attorney.

Because the Town was not able to come to an agreement on the litigation schedule, the Court has scheduled a hearing regarding that schedule and the next steps in the litigation more generally for February 25, 2020. Hopefully, at that point, a litigation schedule will be adopted, and this case will begin moving faster.

~ submitted January 7, 2020


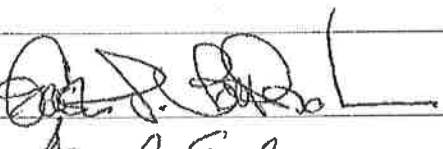

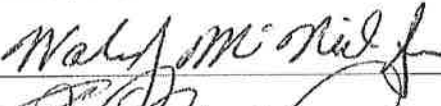

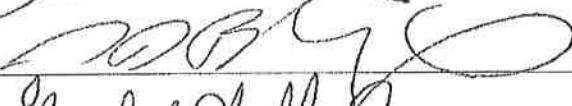
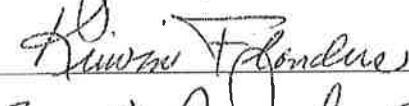

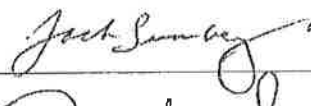
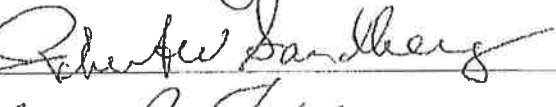
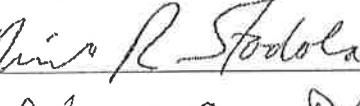
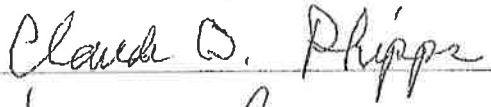
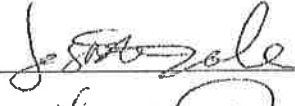
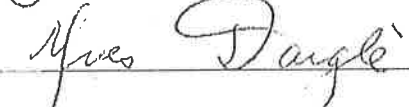
WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$794,823?

	
Preston Smith	David Gendron
	Rebecca Hill-Louise
Pauline Poirier	Ben Roll
Gene A Perkins	Marian Spence
	
Walter McNeil	Steve Duro
	Otis McKinstry
Elizabeth Hull	Don Dagenre
	Ken Bateldier
Duane Flandreau	Kenneth Whitton
	
Timothy R. Vail	
	
Jack Sweeney	
	
Robert Sandberg	
	
Brian R. Stodola	
	
Claude W. Phipps	
	
Jeanne	
	
Yves Dangle	

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

General Orders

School Tax	\$ 1,060,317.24
Appropriations, Dues & Taxes	97,643.95
Salaries, Social Security & Medicare (Town Share)	86,965.88
Solar Install	55,000.00
Bond Loan – principal & interest to Bond Bank	42,305.60
Insurance	29,317.00
Overpayment of Property Taxes	20,386.58
Legal Fees	15,923.97
Trash Expense	12,786.66
Administration Expense	11,252.70
Cemetery Mowing (6 Town Cemeteries)	10,080.00
Re-Appraisal Fund – Grand List Maintenance/Fair Market Value Study	6,365.00
EV Charging Station Install (grant reimbursement to come in 2020)	6,325.08
Transfer of Funds to Promise Grant Account	5,459.28
Town Hall & Library	4,914.80
Recycling	3,012.88
Utilities – Town Office	2,618.67
Retirement – Town Share for Clerk/Treasurer	1,506.00
State of Vermont – Dog License Surcharge	1,405.00
Restoration & Preservation Reserve Funds – Land Records	1,224.00
Tax Sale Expense	757.66
Town Office & Fire Station Maintenance	650.00
EMC Conference (Gary Heath Mason)	508.63
Bush Hogging Ball Park, behind Town Office & rear of Cemetery	420.00
Cemetery Signs	419.45
Mowing Town Office, Fire Station & Town Hall	414.00
Energy Fair	400.00
Mowing Ball Park	360.00
Lister Education Mileage	170.52
Stray Dog Fee	84.00
Lister Mileage	64.96
Town Hall Deposit Return	50.00
Delivery Charge	25.00
Game Camera Card	21.19
Cemetery Mapping Supplies	17.12
Mileage Reimbursement – Animal Control Officer	6.96

Total	\$ 1,479,179.78
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Summer Road Orders

Paving	\$ 139,114.95
Labor	50,066.50
Crushing Gravel	24,607.50
Equipment Rental	22,202.00
Screening Sand	18,022.50
Chloride	16,560.00
Fuel & Lubricant	11,552.41
Insulate Town Garage Roof	9,600.00
Grader & Loader	9,528.47
Sand Screen	9,300.00
Salt for Winter Sand	8,073.77
Trucks, Repairs & Maintenance	7,701.22
Culverts	7,630.28
Roadside Mowing	4,438.65
Tire Chains	3,435.00
Stamat, Erosion Stone & Washed Ledge	3,051.74
Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	2,993.17
Mileage Reimbursement	2,335.08
Garage Tools & Supplies	1,830.35
Municipal Roads General Permit	1,750.00
Plows	1,643.45
Utilities	1,321.99
Uniform Service	1,205.59
Electrical Service at Town Garage	976.00
Johnson Road – Winter Maintenance	800.00
Legal Fees	768.75
Town Pit Work	762.50
Straw Mat	741.25
Pump Holding Tank at Town Garage	367.75
Cement Blocks	330.00
Moving Sand Screen	300.00
Chloride Trailer	289.58
Road Signs	275.71
Tree Removal	250.00
Yearly Fire Extinguisher Service	241.00
Town Garage Door Repair	237.00
Bridge Supplies	201.33
Mulch Hay	131.15
Chain Saws	105.74
Advertising	104.50
Beaver Dams	101.94
Grass Seed	99.95
Better Roads Manuals	80.00
Wings	26.99
Trimmer	19.49
Chloride Pump & Paint	13.46
Total	\$ 365,188.71

Winter Road Orders

Labor	\$ 60,413.01
Fuel & Lubricant	28,259.92
Grader Payment	25,092.56
Insurance	24,566.00
Trucks, Repairs & Maintenance	21,746.02
Equipment Rental	12,036.50
Bank Run Gravel – Riendeau Pit	10,260.00
Erosion Stone – Dense Grade	4,022.00
Wings, Sanders, Plows & Chains	3,609.00
Road Salt	3,474.24
Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	3,008.15
Grader & Loader	2,650.74
Mileage Reimbursement	2,197.07
Culverts	1,817.20
Garage Tools & Supplies	1,676.12
Electrical Work at Town Garage	1,664.00
Utilities	1,428.13
Towing	900.00
Uniform Service	892.31
Town Garage Door Repair	717.00
Welder Lease & Supplies	313.44
Radio Repair	320.00
Roof Snow Removal	200.00
Road Signs	193.00
Cement Block Removal	100.00
Legal Fees	75.00
Supplies	69.47
Equipment Show	30.00
Road Orders	28.71
Advertising	25.65
Key Cutting	9.00
Total	\$ 211,794.24

ROAD SUMMARY

Available Road Funds:

Town Highway Tax (includes Class 2, 3, 4 and Blacktop)	\$ 256,000.00
State of Vermont – Highway Aid	113,246.93
State of Vermont – Paving Grant	100,000.00
Town Grader Tax	25,092.56
Town of Albany Paving Money Market Account	19,114.95
Northwest Regional Planning Commission Grant Reimbursement/Larabee Hill	13,600.00
Town of Albany Good Neighbor Fund – Sand Screen	9,300.00
Town of Lowell- Plowing & Sanding 2018-2019 Season	4,400.00
Town of Lowell – Spring Road Work on Eden Road & Bailey Hazen Roads	1,554.00
State of Vermont – Civil Fines Reimbursement	723.96

Overweight Permits	245.00
Road Surplus Carry Forward	<u>62,703.67</u>
Total Available Road Funds for 2019	\$ 605,981.07
Total Road Expenses:	
Summer Road Orders	\$ 365,188.71
Winter Road Orders	<u>211,794.24</u>
Total Road Expenses for 2019	\$ 576,982.95
Road Surplus	\$ 28,998.12
Of the Road Surplus please note that \$25,092.56 is for the Grader payment due in April 2020. Therefore the surplus carry forward amount is actually \$3,905.56.	

2018 - 2019 Comparisons

	2018	2019
Loader & Grader	\$ 10,752.83	\$ 12,179.21
Fuels & Lubricants	42,249.75	39,812.33
Winter Sand & Salt	13,948.64	29,570.51
Plows, Sander, Wings & Chains	4,458.13	8,714.44
Blacktop	20,000.00	139,114.95
Culverts	7,887.50	9,447.48
Gravel & Stone	11,347.04	41,941.24
Chloride	11,650.52	16,560.00
Road Signs	601.62	468.71
Garage Tools & Supplies	2,757.93	3,506.47
Radios	927.00	320.00
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	17,139.24	29,447.24
Chain Saws & Trimmer	837.57	125.23
Grass Seed	311.72	99.95
Uniform Service	2,316.63	2,097.90
Bridge Supplies	3,070.73	201.33
Welder	308.36	313.44
Chloride Pump, Tank & Trailer	170.92	297.05
Mulch Hay	50.00	131.15
Work Orders & Time Cards	70.00	28.71
Electrical Work & Repairs	491.12	2,640.00
Advertising	25.18	130.15
Erosion Mat	2,116.00	741.25
Road Camera	34.99	-0-
Overhead Door Repair	1,475.00	954.00
Tree Removal	2,583.00	250.00
Pressure Washer Repair	17.49	-0-
Generator	59.39	-0-
Cement Blocks	-0-	430.00
Sand Screen	-0-	9,300.00

BLACKTOP MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2019	\$ 47,037.02
Income: Community National Bank – 2019 Interest	<u>102.01</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 47,139.03
Expenses – Town of Albany Road Fund – paving	<u>19,114.95</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$ 28,024.08

CLASS 4 ROAD WORK – 2019 BREAKDOWN

Equipment Rental	\$ 7,024.00
Town Trucks	1,887.50
Town Labor	617.00
Tailings	560.00
Bank Run Gravel	168.00
Town Loader	131.55
Town Grader	<u>67.50</u>
Total	\$ 10,455.55
 Total Funds Raised in 2019	 \$ 6,000.00
2018 Carry Forward	<u>3,675.23</u>
Total Class 4 Road Funds	\$ 9,675.23
 Total Over Budget	 \$ 780.32

This Class 4 Road work was done on Shuteville Road, Town Farm Road, Daniels Road, Gluck Road, Holliday Road, Centebar Road, Goddard Lot Road and Dyer Road (class 4 sections).

BREAKDOWN OF YEARLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Total Paid	\$ 53,883.00
 Road Fund Share	 \$ 24,566.00
General Fund Share	\$ 29,317.00
 Town Share of General Fund Share	 \$ 18,351.00
Fire Department Share of General Fund Share	\$ 10,966.00

(Both Shares paid for by Town, not Fire Department)

RECYCLING REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 2,006.92
Income: 2019 Tax Raised for Recycling	\$ 4,000.00
Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Cost	4,268.10
Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster at Center	140.78
Tire Recycling	<u>104.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 10,519.80
Expenses: Attendant	\$ 6,068.25
Recycling Pick-Up Fee	1,180.00
Plowing & Sanding	1,160.00
Tire Pick-Up Fee	340.00
Electric at Recycling Building	282.97
Supplies	<u>49.91</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 9,081.13
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$ 1,438.67

TRASH REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 4,411.60
Income: Trash Disposal	\$ 14,081.00
Town of Irasburg – Share of Bulky Days	<u>1,208.32</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 19,700.92
Expenses: Myers Container Service Corp. – Trash Dumpster	\$ 8,334.96
Myers Container Service Corp – Bulky Day Dumpsters	2,108.70
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – per capita assessment	846.90
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Surcharge on Bulky Day Dumpster	480.39
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Compost Pick-up	364.50
Francis Pion - Trucking Cement Blocks	250.00
Harrison Redi Mix Corp – Cement Blocks	220.00
The Chronicle, Inc. – Bulky Day Advertising	181.21
Bulky Day Loader Operator	<u>231.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 13,017.66
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$ 6,683.26

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

The Town raised \$120,000.00 in tax dollars for the General Fund in 2019.

Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 42,328.30
Insurance	29,317.00
Legal Fees – Sanville vs. Town of Albany	15,040.65
Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	14,031.18
Administrative Expense	11,252.77
Appropriations & Dues	2,229.41
Town Hall/Library - Fuel	1,821.17
Retirement – Town Share, Town Clerk/Treasurer	1,506.00
Town Office - Fuel	1,391.18
EV Charging Station – Town Share	1,073.51
Legal Fees	883.32
Town Office - Electric	707.49
Town Hall/Library – Plowing & Sanding	660.00
Town Office & Fire Station Maintenance	650.00
Town Hall/Library – Electric	621.98
Town Office – Water Rent	520.00
Mowing at Town Office, Fire Station and Town Hall/Library	414.00
Mowing at Ball Park	360.00
Bush Hogging – behind Town Office & Ball Park	305.00
Tax Sale Expense	157.66
Town Hall/Library – Water Rent	130.00
Town Hall Supplies & Tune Piano	112.36
Town Hall Foyer Door Repair	101.10
Stray Dogs	84.00
Mileage Reimbursement – Listers	64.96
Town Hall/Library - Annual Fire Extinguisher Service	30.00
Delivery Charge	25.00
Mileage Reimbursement – Animal Control Officer	<u>6.96</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 125,833.08
Total Over Budget	\$ 5,833.08
Less Legal Fees	<u>15,040.65</u>
Total Under Budget	\$ 9,207.57

TOWN'S FIXED ASSETS & TOWN'S VALUE OF BUILDINGS & LAND

Town Hall Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 248,900
Town Office, Fire Station & Land – Main Street	\$ 841,500
Town Gravel Pit, Land & Building – Delano Road	\$ 117,600
Town Garage, Sand Shed & Land – Center Hill Road	\$ 205,000
Recycling Center Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 46,000
Land at Hartwell Pond– Hartwell Pond Rd.	\$ 116,500
Ball Park – Main Street	\$ 35,700
Town Cemeteries – various locations	\$ 125,600
Plus: Trucks, Grader, Loader, Culvert Thawer, Plows, Sanders, Wings, Chloride Trailer & Sprayer, Fire Trucks & Equipment	

RE-APPRAISAL ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance as of January 4, 2019	\$ 44,539.38
Income: State of Vermont – Grand List Maintenance	\$ 6,365.00
State of Vermont – Lister Education mileage reimbursement	170.52
Community National Bank – 2019 Interest	27.94
Sale of Mapping CD's	<u>15.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 51,117.84
Expenses: NEMRC, LTD – Annual CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement	\$ 671.96
Apex Software – Maintenance Renewal Agreement – 1 year	215.00
Susan Richardson – Mileage Reimbursement for workshop	<u>170.52</u>
Total Expenses for 2019	\$ 1,057.48
Balance of Funds as of January 3, 2020	\$ 50,060.36

CEMETERY REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 3,448.06
Income: Town of Albany – 2019 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 19,448.06
Expenses: Andre Lamarche – Mowing (5) Town Cemeteries	\$ 6,480.00
Dennis Walker – Mowing Village Cemetery	3,600.00
Ruth Cross – Sexton Stipend (pro-rated)	833.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery – 2019 Appropriation	600.00
Cemetery Signs	419.45
Bush Hogging rear of Village Cemetery	115.00
Game Camera Card	21.19
Cemetery Mapping Supplies	<u>17.12</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 12,085.76
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$ 7,362.30

The Funds of the previous Albany Cemetery Association remain in a separate account. The balance of this fund is \$11,662.45 as of December 31, 2019.

GOOD NEIGHBOR ACCOUNT

This is the payments from Green Mountain Power for the Wind Towers.

Balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 190,575.80
Income: Green Mountain Power – 2018 Payment	\$ 59,173.22
Community National Bank – 2019 Interest	<u>2,467.07</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 252,216.09
Expenses: Town of Albany Road Fund – Sand Screen	\$ 9,300.00
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$ 242,916.09

This is the 7th year of a Ten year payment. This money was voted to be an equipment replacement fund.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION FUND

This fund is intended for upgrades to the Town Hall.

Balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 378.40
Income: Community National Bank – 2019 Interest	<u>\$.22</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 378.62

Expenses: The Select Board voted at a regular meeting to close out this account and move all funds to the Town's regular checking account. The funds were combined with other funds to make improvements to the Town Hall kitchen.

Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$.00
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RESTORATION & PRESERVATION RESERVE FUND

The Vermont Legislature voted in the 2019 session to increase the per page recording fee for Land Records. Of the increase, \$4.00 per page is to be deposited into a separate fund for maintenance of Land Records. This fund was opened per statute with a start date of July 1, 2019.

Balance of Funds July 1, 2019	\$.00
Income: Per page recording fee for 2019	\$ 1,224.00
Community National Bank – 2019 Interest	<u>\$.30</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 1,224.30
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$ 1,224.30

**LIBRARY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 2019**

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2019	\$ 287.82
Income: Town of Albany – 2019 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 10,287.82
Expenses: Librarian pay	\$ 6,168.75
Town's Share of SS & Medicare on wages	471.91
Town's Share of Workman's Comp. on wages	<u>31.31</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 6,671.97
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$ 3,615.85

TOWN RECEIPTS

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/19	\$ 454,210.47
Received from:	
STATE OF VERMONT	
Highway Aid	\$ 113,246.93
Paving Grant	100,000.00
Hold Harmless Payment – Current Use	40,892.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	18,019.00
Grand List Maintenance	6,365.00
Promise Grant Funds	5,459.28
Land Use Charge Tax	2,000.00
Civil Fines Reimbursement	723.96
PILOT Payment	361.20
Lister Education Mileage Reimbursement	170.52
Recording Fees	165.00
	\$ 287,402.89
TOWN TREASURER	
2019 Property Taxes	\$ 1,421,539.94
Recording Fees	9,222.00
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,405.00
Land Records Maintenance Fee	1,224.00
Dog License Money	973.00
	\$ 1,434,363.94
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	
2018 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 20,229.20
2018 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	1,533.75
2018 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,311.73
2018 Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	24,980.63
2018 Interest on Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	3,934.28
2018 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	1,998.44
2018 Warrant Fee from Attorney A. Ross	280.00
2019 Delinquent Taxes	55,599.28
2019 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	580.06
2019 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	4,472.48
	\$ 114,920.05
MISCELLANEOUS	
Overpayment of 2019 Property Taxes	\$ 20,327.92
Albany Community School District – True-Up Refund	19,999.13
Town of Albany Paving Money Market Account	19,114.95
Recycling Attendant – Trash Disposal	14,081.00
Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Grant Reimbursement	13,600.00
Lake Region Union High School – True-Up Refund	10,759.29
Good Neighbor Fund – Sand Screen	9,300.00
Town of Lowell – Plowing & Sanding 2018-19 Season	4,400.00
Town of Irasburg – ½ Cost of Recycling	4,268.10
Community National Bank – Interest on Checking	3,245.04
Town of Lowell – Eden Road & Bailey Hazen Road Work	1,554.00
Town of Irasburg – ½ Cost of Bulky Day	1,208.32

David Rowell – Post Office Lot Rent	\$ 1,200.00
Current Use Withdrawal – 2018 Additional Tax Due	1,138.17
MMG Insurance Company – Fire Station Damage	1,051.09
Town Hall Rent	700.00
Promise Grant – Reimbursement for Employee Hours	528.83
Fire Department Donation	500.00
Vermont Electric Co-op – Energy Fair Donation	400.00
Town Hall Renovation Account Close-out	378.62
2018 Tax Sale Redeemed Property	343.40
Over Weight Permits	245.00
Gates Salvage – metal dumpster at recycling	140.78
Chad & Laura Fox – purchase of fire extinguishers	140.00
Tire Collection at Recycling	104.00
Photo Copies	61.80
Sale of Door thru Auction	20.00
Postage Reimbursement	2.50
Use of EV Charging Station	2.00
Overpayment of Interest on Delinquent Taxes	.05
	<u>\$ 128,813.99</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 1,965,500.87
Total Receipts, plus cash on hand - 1/1/19	\$ 2,419,711.34
Disbursements:	
Select Board's General Orders	\$ 1,479,179.78
Select Board's Summer Road Orders	\$ 365,188.71
Select Board's Winter Road Orders	\$ 211,794.24
Select Board's Fire Department Orders	<u>\$ 36,065.03</u>
Total Orders Paid	\$ 2,092,227.76
Ending Cash on Hand - 12/31/2019	\$ 327,483.58
Plus Fire Department Funds – SM -13 General Order	25,000.00
(No check issued as funds are part of property tax deposits)	
Plus Fire Station repair by Chris Jacobs – FD #7	<u>1,016.76</u>
(Donated by Chris Jacobs for Town Hall kitchen update, no check issued as Fire Dept. funds are already in checking account)	
Total Ending Cash on Hand – 12/31/2019	\$ 353,500.34
To Balance with Checking Account	<u>- .20</u>
	\$ 353,500.14

TREASURERS TAX ACCOUNT

Collected by Treasurer:		
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 1,421,539.94	
Pre-bate Credits	284,985.02	
Lease Land Credit	<u>6.00</u>	
Total Tax Collected by Treasurer		\$ 1,706,530.96
Delinquent Tax		<u>122,528.18</u>
Total Tax to be accounted for:		\$ 1,829,059.14
 Taxes Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector		\$ 55,599.48
Taxes Collected by Treasurer		<u>1,706,530.96</u>
Total 2019 Taxes Collected		\$ 1,762,130.44
 Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/19		<u>\$ 66,928.70</u>
Total 2019 Taxes to be accounted for:		\$ 1,829,059.14
 2019 Tax Rates	Homestead Tax Rate	1.7192
	Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.9694

TREASURERS SUMMARY

SALARIES & SOCIAL SECURITY – General & Road Orders

Paige Horner – Road Foreman/Truck Driver	\$ 57,893.38
Jonathan Rowell – Road Laborer/Truck Driver	47,812.13
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk/Treasurer	25,100.00
Kristin Urie – Librarian	6,168.75
Reginald Shatney – Recycling/Trash Attendant	6,068.25
Gloria Chicoine – Assistant Clerk/ Treasurer and Office Cleaning	5,464.13
Therese Campbell – Select Board Administrative Assistant	5,028.75
Gary Mason – Road Laborer / Truck Driver	5,005.00
Cathy Wilder – Lister & 911 Coordinator	3,160.75
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Delinquent Tax Collector	2,924.65
Susan Richardson – Lister	2,373.00
S Christopher Jacobs – Select Board	1,400.00
Brian Goodridge – Select Board	1,400.00
Phillip Beaudry – Select Board	1,400.00
H. Jane Rayner – Auditor	960.00
Francis Jarvis – Auditor	960.00
Ruth Cross – Sexton	833.00
Susan Richardson – Ballot Clerk	77.00
Kelly Carpenter – Animal Control Officer	33.42
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk Fees (not paid for by Town)	9,352.00
EFPTS – Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	14,031.18

APPROPRIATIONS, DUES & TAXES – General Fund

Albany Community School District	\$ 728,119.85
Lake Region Union High School District	332,197.39
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department	25,000.00
Orleans Emergency Unit	17,822.64
Orleans County Treasurer	13,895.37

Orleans County Sheriff's Department	\$ 12,927.53
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Vehicle Replacement Fund	5,000.00
Glover Ambulance Squad, Inc.	5,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,250.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2,149.00
ACT Inc. – Albany Community Dinners Fiscal Agent	1,500.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	988.00
Northern Vermont Development Association	706.00
Umbrella, Inc.	700.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery	600.00
Orleans County Historical Society	525.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy Program	500.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	450.00
North County Animal League	400.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	300.00
American Red Cross	250.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	150.00
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	100.00
Albany Memorial Day	80.41
Vermont Green-Up, Inc.	50.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE & UTILITIES – General Fund

The Memphremagog Press – Town Report Printing	\$ 2,009.62
Fred's Energy – Town Office Fuel	1,391.18
US Postal Service – Town Envelopes	1,324.25
Andre Lamarche – Town Office Plowing & Sanding	1,080.00
Consolidated Communications – Town Office Phone & Internet	1,053.61
Staples Direct – Yearly Office Supplies	997.59
UniFirst Corp. – Town Office Floor Mats	762.85
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Town Office	707.49
US Postal Service – Town Report Postage	647.50
Canon Financial Services – Copier Lease	606.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent at Town Office	520.00
Kofile Technologies – Land Records Volume & Index	412.08
J.B. Colton – Town Office paint & supplies	375.49
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising	350.75
US Postal Service – Town Lister Envelopes	334.50
Canon Solutions America – Copier Maintenance	235.20
J & S Electrical – Yearly Fire Alarm Inspection	223.00
IDS, Inc. – 2020 Dog Tags & License Forms	218.67
US Postal Service – Overweight Postage	125.00
W.B. Mason – Office Supplies	122.89
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service for Town Office	75.75
US Postal Service – Town P.O. Box Rent	64.00
VLCT – Moderator Workshop	60.00
Card Services Center – Labor Law poster	36.48
VMCTA – Yearly Membership	35.00
Putney Press – Vermont Government Directory	33.45

US Postal Service – Certificate of Mailing for Listing Purposes	\$ 29.93
Memphremagog Press – General Orders	28.71
Community Tent Instructions – sheet protectors	5.28
Vermont Dept. of Health – engraved certificate paper	5.00

TOWN HALL & LIBRARY – General Fund

Fred's Energy – Heating Fuel	\$ 1,821.17
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	660.00
Terri Campbell – Town Hall Sink reimbursement	629.29
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	621.98
Doherty's Plumbing & Heating – Install sink	400.00
Terri Campbell – Town Hall Stove & Cord reimbursement	252.55
Sherry Cowles – Return of rental fee	150.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	130.00
The Glass Men – Foyer Door glass repair	101.10
Terri Campbell – Piano Repairs reimbursement	42.00
Home Depot – Restroom & No-Smoking signs	35.93
Terri Campbell – Floor Mop/Cloths reimbursement	34.43
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service	30.00
Terri Campbell – Vacuum Cleaner Bags reimbursement	6.35

RECYCLING – General Fund

NEK Waste Management District – Recycling Pick-up	\$ 1,180.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	1,160.00
K-N-S Tire Recycling – Tire pick-up	340.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	282.97
Card Services Center – First Aid Kit, Fire Extinguisher, Eye Protection	49.91

TRASH AT RECYCLING – General Fund

Myers Container Service, Inc. – Trash Dumpster	\$ 8,334.96
Myers Container Service, Inc. – Bulky Day Dumpsters	2,108.70
NEK Waste Management District – Per Capita Assessment	846.90
NEK Waste Management District – Bulky Days Surcharge	480.39
NEK Waste Management District – Compost Pick-up	364.50
Francis Pion – Trucking Cement Blocks	250.00
Harrison Redi-Mix Corp. – Cement Blocks	220.00
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising for Bulky Days	181.21

MISCELLANEOUS – General Fund

Sustainable VT – Solar purchase & install	\$ 55,000.00
US Bank – Bond Principal & Interest	42,305.60
VLCT Insurance Premiums	29,317.00
Overpayment of Taxes	20,386.58
Monaghan, Safar, Ducham PLLC – Legal Fees	14,391.90
Andre Lamarche – Town Cemetery Mowing (5 Cemeteries)	6,480.00
Re-Appraisal Account – Yearly Grand List Maintenance	6,365.00
Promise Grant Funds – Grant Money	5,459.28
Dennis Walker – Town Village Cemetery Mowing	3,600.00
J & S Electrical – EV Charging Station work	2,600.00
Clipper Creek Inc. – EV Charging Station charger	2,118.45
James Barlow, PLC – Legal Fees	1,532.07
Lord Abbott – Retirement, Town Share – Clerk & Treasurer	1,506.00

Vermont State Treasurer – Dog License Surcharge	\$ 1,405.00
Restoration & Preservation Reserve Fund – Land Records	1,224.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – EV Charging Station – pole connection	835.00
Phillip Beaudry – EV Charging Station – In Kind share work for bollards/base	742.00
Mr. Clean – Pressure Wash Fire Station & Town Office	650.00
Gary Heath Mason –EMC conference & lodging reimbursement	508.63
International Landscape – Bush hogging behind Town Office, Ballfield, & Cemetery	420.00
Card Services Center - Cemetery Signs	419.45
Dennis Walker – Mowing Town Office, Fire Station and Town Hall	414.00
Michele Reed – Energy Fair Supplies reimbursement	393.64
Andre Lamarche – Mowing Ballfield	360.00
Re-Appraisal Account – Lister education mileage reimbursement	170.52
Angela Ross Trust Account – 2019 Tax Sale Expense	157.66
Oasis Enterprises, Inc. – Stray Dog Fee	84.00
Lister Mileage	64.96
Kelsie Johnson – Town Hall deposit reimbursement	50.00
Terri Campbell – EV Charging Station Donation Sign reimbursement	29.63
Lamoille Woodcraft – Delivery Charge for (3) picnic tables & (1) bench	25.00
Jeanne Peters – Game Camera Card reimbursement	21.19
The Front Desk – Cemetery Mapping Supplies	17.12
Animal Control Officer - Mileage reimbursement	6.96
John Nielsen – Energy Fair Supplies reimbursement	6.36

2019 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF 12/31/2019

Beaudry, Zachariah	\$ 181.19
Begin Jr., James Oliver	422.14
Buckman, Frank & MacGregor-Mason, Bonnie	2,475.54
Cote-Sukkaew, Danielle & Chetta	3,950.61
Cowles, Carl	1,729.13
Digiwanni, Stephen & Rosemary	777.91
Flomen, Michael & Crowley, Kristen Spaeth	5,281.93
Fromm, Neil	338.66
Fromm, Neil & Newland, Trina	116.20
Gordon, Lynn	2,960.01
Herman, Mary	124.07
Hornbacher, Mark	365.38

Jackson , Alfred, Jr.	\$ 5,317.38
Johnson, Richard & Dalina	1,110.75
Judkins, Clarence, Jr. & Danielle	1,845.33
Kelley, Dawn	29.10
Knight, Elizabeth	120.13
Koellmer, Fabio	2,227.39
L'Estrang, Christopher & McInnis, Linda	2,908.81
Leroux, Susan ***	5,423.73
Locke, Jeffrey & Laureighn ***	886.23
Loukes, Alexis	764.13
Mason, Carol	570.18
Mason, Robert	97.05
Mason, Shawn	983.38
Masse, Vaunne	2,083.62
Mateo, Edward ***	131.51
Nelson Farms	46.66
Newland, Trina	1,136.94
Palin, Loretta & Breault, Bruce & Ellen	1,555.83
Plosinski, Victor	2,494.59
Potter, Gary	1,087.11
Rundgren, Eric	132.26
Sayarath, Bouaketh & Vicki	2,010.75
Silva, Amaro & Jean	474.62
Teitelbaum, Felix ***	128.51
Trail, Elizabeth	3,021.06
Williams, Dr. Russell & Lois ***	2,316.01
Williams, Stacy & King, Charles	2,455.84
Young, Katherine & Kyle ***	5,249.85

Young, Leland & Debra

1,597.18

TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX AS OF 12/31/2019

\$ 66,928.70

* **indicates all or part payment made after 12/31/2019

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 Report of Select Board Controlled Funds

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/19	\$ 27,967.92
Income: Town of Albany – 2019 Taxes Raised	\$ 25,000.00
MMG Insurance Company – Station Damage	1,051.09
Mimi Aoun – Donation	500.00
Chad & Laura Fox – Fire Extinguisher purchase	140.00
Total Available Funds for 2019	\$ 54,659.01

Expenses:

Harrison Sheader Enterprises – Turn out gear	11,362.98
Reynolds & Son, Inc. – Air Packs & Gloves	7,774.34
Fred's Energy – Station Fuel	2,218.46
Collinsville Repair LLC – Truck Repair	1,926.31
Consolidated Communications – Station Phone	1,734.80
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Station Electric Usage	1,276.21
X-Treme Collision Center, LLC – Vehicle Repair	1,178.10
Town of Albany per Chris Jacobs - Station Repair	1,016.76
Northeast International Mutual Aid – Fire School	960.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	760.00
Reynolds & Son, Inc. - Air Compressor Service	562.48
Pepin's Truck Repair – Truck Repair	561.40
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	520.00
Denton Digging & Dozing – Fire Call equipment rental	500.00
Fred's Energy – Diesel for Trucks	467.75
J & S Electric – Yearly Alarm Inspection & Monitoring	355.00
Clark Communications Electronics – Radio repair	298.00
James Barlow, PLC – Legal Services	270.00
Total Security, Inc. – Door lock repair	259.95
Clark Communications Electronics – Radio batteries	258.00
Round Hill Fence & Security – Annual Alarm Monitoring	252.00
Kristen Byers – CPR recertification	240.00
Gate's Electric, Inc. – Generator Service	210.00
Alert-All – Fire Presentation at school	200.00
EM Brown & Son – Station Repair supplies	148.99
Burlington Communications, Inc. – Radio repair	105.00
Terri Campbell – Router reimbursement	104.94
Joan Peters – Mileage reimbursement	102.31
Northeast International Mutual Aid – yearly dues	100.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts – Supplies	82.95

Terri Campbell – Station Exit signs reimbursement	\$ 74.50
O'Reilly Auto Parts – Fuel Additive for trucks	72.95
Fred's Energy – Generator Propane	44.02
V-Tel Internet Service at Fire Station	31.99
Card Services Center – Bathroom Signs	18.49
The Front Desk – Printer Ink	<u>15.85</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 36,065.03
Balance of Funds as of 12/31 /2019	\$ 18,593.98

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Replacement Fund

Balance of Funds as of 1/1/19	\$ 35,597.37
Income: Town of Albany – 2019 Tax Raised	5,000.00
Community National Bank – 2019 Interest	<u>90.70</u>
Total Income:	\$ 5,090.70
Total Available Funds as of 12/31/2019	\$ 40,688.07

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Cash on Hand as of 1/1/19	\$ 33.91
Income: Town of Albany—2019 Appropriation	<u>150.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 183.91
Expenses: Flag order	\$ 114.32
Balance of Funds as of 12/31/19	\$ 69.59

Lister's Message

This year we have placed an article on the Town Warning to fund a future reappraisal. We are requesting \$5,000, per year, over the next 5 years. Presently we are within the State's acceptable parameters; however, due to a small number of reappraisal firms, we need to select one soon in order to be placed on their waiting list.

Once again, we are stressing the importance of filing the Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) by the April 15, 2020 filing deadline to avoid a penalty.

The annual Property Information Letter that we send concerning changes is the most efficient way for keeping records up to date. Changes to report would include anything that adds or subtracts to the value of the property. We appreciate your responses as it saves us time, which in turn saves the taxpayers money.

Please contact us with any concerns or questions. Our email address is albanylisters@gmail.com or by phone via (Town Clerk's Office) 802-755-6100.

Thank you! Sue Richardson, Cathy Wilder, Dylan Kinsey, Town of Albany Listers

Albany Historical Society, 2019

The Historical Society held its traditional open houses on Memorial Day and Labor Day. The Labor Day opening was once again in conjunction with the village-wide "Albany Day" and, as in the past, several vendors were open for business in front of the Historical Society. The Labor Day open house welcomed some 25-30 guests. A slightly smaller number visited in the spring.

The Society has moved forward with planning for significant structural improvements of the museum building. An initial grant from the Vermont Preservation Trust has been extended to the Society. In addition, the Preservation Trust carried-out a detailed inspection of the building and made recommendations for repairs and improvements. The building requires substantial work and the Society is exploring additional financial support for the work.

In the meantime, the museum remains open to visitors by appointment as well as its two annual openings to the public on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Please contact either Paul Daniels (755-6105) or Jim Oliver (755-6221) and one of us will arrange to show you the collections. We are most appreciative of the support provided by the Town and look forward to welcoming you to the museum and membership in our Albany Historical Society!

Respectfully submitted by Jim Oliver, Museum Curator

Report of the Planning Commission

The Albany Planning Commission remained quite active since the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Our first project that we investigated, in close coordination with the Selectboard and in communication with those landowners who would be directly affected, reviewed the adoption of flood hazard area regulations. It was determined that this effort would not be pursued.

We saw the installation and activation of the Town's new solar array that has been installed on the roofs of the Town Office building and the Albany Fire Station. We also conducted a very successful Albany Energy Fair on November 2nd. Based upon residents' reception of this event, plans are now underway for a follow-up, activity-based energy workshop to be held in September 2020.

The Albany Planning Commission sadly announces that two of its very active and energetic members have stepped down. John Nielson had served as the Chair since the passing of Francis Whitcomb, and Melissa Larabee stepped down as our very valuable Secretary. We owe a debt of gratitude to both of these folks for their dedicated service. We welcomed a new member, Michele Reed, who was appointed as our new Secretary. Ed O'Leary has agreed to assume the position of Chair.

A special debt of gratitude goes to: John Nielsen for his strong leadership as Chair and his instrumental role in shepherding the solar project, for Melissa Larabee for her great minutes taking as Secretary, and Michele Reed's role in doing an incredible amount of behind the scenes work which certainly helped make the Albany Energy Fair such a great event and a big success.

Finally, due to a decrease in workload, the Planning Commission will now meet quarterly rather than monthly until further notice. Meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of these months: April, July, October, and January at 6:30 PM in the Town Clerk office.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ed O'Leary, Chair

Albany Public Library Annual Report

In 2019, the Library hosted book discussions, puppet shows, art classes, a sewing bee, two poetry and pie events, and the Thursday winter playspace in the Town Hall. The Library continued to be a meeting place for local groups and organizations, including the Albany Book Group which is going strong, now in its second year. Last year saw a steady growth in the number of patrons accessing audio books and e-books through Listen Up Vermont, with 54 patrons signed up by year's end. If you don't already have an account, please contact us! It is free and you can access it from anywhere. If you'd rather have a book made of paper that you can hold in your hand, stop by the library. We get new books in regularly, and you just might find that good read you've been looking for. If not, we can order it for you through interlibrary loan.

In 2019 our collaboration with the Craftsbury Public Library continued, with our shared catalog; if you are a patron at one library, you are automatically a patron at the other. We also joined with three area libraries (Sterling College, Craftsbury Academy and the Craftsbury Public Library) in order to be big enough for the interlibrary loan courier to make a stop. They now stop weekly, which greatly reduces the cost to us of participating in interlibrary loan.

The little libraries were built in the fall of 2018 by library volunteers, received their final touches in 2019 and thanks to the dedication of library trustees they were put up in different parts of our town. You can find them in Albany Village, Albany Center, South Albany and East Albany. Please help yourself to a book of interest, or take one home for a home-bound friend or neighbor. If you have a book to leave for other readers, we welcome this addition. It is not necessary to leave a book to take one. The collections are updated weekly, so keep checking for books of interest.

At the end of August, we hosted the ABC BBQ, a back-to-school literacy fair and barbeque that was lots of fun with 60 people of all ages participating. We held our annual book sale at Albany Day, and enjoyed a stormy ride in a pirate ship in the Albany Day parade.

In the fall, we received two grants to support family programming in 2020: \$3,000 from the Allen Hilles Fund, and a \$2,975 Spark! Grant from the Vermont Community Foundation. We are planning music events, storytelling, workshops and classes for 2020, and we welcome your ideas! Something you want to learn about? Something you want to teach? Please reach out if there is something you'd like to see happen.

Please take a moment to fill out the Library survey at Town Meeting this year, to help us meet your needs and interests. We welcome your questions and ideas anytime. You can call 755-6107, email albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com, or reach out to one of the library Trustees: Cathy Wilder, Cheryl Dewees, Emily Carbonetti, Carol Oliver, Karen Hennig, Leslie Rowell, and Sara McGlinchy.

Thank you for the many ways you support the library, by stopping in to use the computers, checking out books, volunteering, coming to library events, and sharing your thoughts and ideas. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

- Kristin Urie, Librarian

PO Box 194, Albany, VT 05820 www.albanypubliclibraryvt.org

Open Hours: Mondays 3-5 pm, Thursdays 10 am- 6 pm

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/FIRE WARDEN

Beginning Balance January 1, 2019	\$306.72
Town Meeting, March 5, 2019, voted and passed to raise \$500.00 for the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.	+\$500.00
UVM Extension Town Officers Education Conference April 4, 2019 located at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont	
Conference fee(\$65.00) and one day lodging(\$136.25)- check 21967 date 4-9-19	-\$201.25
Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference September 6 and 7, 2019 located at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont	
Two(2) days lodging- check 22447 date 11-12-19	-\$307.38
Ending Balance December 31, 2019	\$298.09

The mileage to Fairlee, Vermont from Albany, Vermont was 79 miles one way. I did not request, or get paid reimbursement for mileage. I am only indicating the mileage to report how far away the conferences were located.

Emergencies:

In accordance with dispatch reports, an ambulance responded to Albany for 63 incidents(Orleans-53 and Glover-10). The Albany Fire Dept. was dispatched and responded to 26 incidents.

Mother nature played a "trick" on us over Halloween. Along with some washed out roads, many residents were without power and village water for several days. Emergencies are resolved at the local level. Times like those require us to step back, take a breath, pull together, and help each other out. It appeared to me everyone did that, and I admire and commend you all for it. I continue to encourage everyone to check on your family, friends, and neighbors, especially the disabled, elderly, and those with medical conditions during significant weather events and/or power outages. Also, as a reminder, please do not use generators inside homes, basements, crawlspaces, or attached garages due to the possibility of you, your family, or pets being exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Fire Warden:

As Town Fire Warden, I attended the annual Forest Fire Warden training session in Lyndonville, VT on April 2, 2019. One brush fire, and two illegal burns were reported in 2019. The brush fire was caused by tree limbs touching a powerline due to a motor vehicle accident. Both illegal burns were due to the burning of household trash, debris, and/or tires. As a reminder, please contact me for a burn permit before doing any open burning when there is no significant snow on the ground. Only the burning of NATURAL VEGETATION is permitted. Household trash, tires, paint, oil, or plastic are a few examples of what is not permitted.

Gary Heath Mason, EMC/Fire Warden

albanysix@yahoo.com, 755-6269, cell 802-673-7185

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS
Finn Cameron Urie	Faith Louise Ann Urie & Timothy Robert Urie
Wesson William Peters	Natasha Lee Lemieux & Donald Edwin Peters Jr.
Atticus King Meyer Bishop	Bethanie Lavonne Meyer & Justin Kyle Leavitt Bishop
Riley Francis Pinard	Sandra Carol Pinard & Michael Lucien Pinard
Grayson Christopher Hacking	Emily Lynn Hacking & Tyler Christopher Hacking
Audrey Jean Breault	Desirae Jean Breault & Tyler Anthony Breault
Emma Rose Lange-LaFave	Alia Marie Rooney & Kenneth James Lange-LaFave Jr.
Everleigh Faith Danaher	Shannon Elizabeth Danaher & Patrick Simpson Danaher

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	AGE
Roger Paul Mason	66
Frederick Ralph Cleveland	80
Dennis Michael Mientka	85
John P. Ciofalo	62
Delia H. Lawrence	81
Shirley Marie Daniels	63
Beverly J. Duchesneau	66
Frank Warner	55

MARRIAGES

Angelee Marie Peck & Alain Michael Pion
Cheyenne Ray Draper & Edward Joseph Pothier
Kylie McKenzie Cook & Samuel Stix Rossier

TOWN INFORMATION

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: 911

FIRE STATION NUMBER: 755-9240

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2020

March 3	Town Meeting
March 3	Presidential Primary
March 7 (1:00pm-2:00pm @ Town Hall)	Rabies Clinic
April 1	Listing Begins
April 1	Dog License Due
May 2	Green Up VT Day
May 16	Bulky Day
May 25	Memorial Day
August 11	Primary Election Day
September 7	Albany Day
October 3	Bulky Day
November 3	General Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 11	Taxes Due

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS / OFFICE PHONE 755-6100

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Wednesday - 9:00AM to 7:00PM and Saturday - When Required

Regular Selectboard Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month;

7:00PM at the Town Clerk's Office

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday - 4:00PM to 7:00PM and Saturday - 8:30AM to 1:00PM

Trash Disposal is during the same hours as Recycling:

\$2.00 / 13 gallon bag \$3.00 / 30 gallon bag \$5.00 / 64 gallon bag




HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY PLEASE

TOWN GARAGE PHONE: 755-6300

Albany/Irasburg Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

1030 Main St. Albany, VT .

Wednesdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm & Saturdays, 8:30am – 1:00pm

<div>  <div>SORT ITEMS</div>  </div>	
<p><u>MIXED PAPER</u></p> <p>Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper except:</p> <p><i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></p>	<p><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u></p> <p>All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.</p> <p><i>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</i></p> <p>*BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</p>
<p><u>TIN CANS</u></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.</p> <p>*MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u></p> <p>Labels OK. Flattening not required.</p> <p><i>Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash.</i></p> <p>*MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p><u>GLASS BOTTLES & JARS</u></p> <p>*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin)*</p> <p><i>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</i></p>	<p><u>PLASTIC BAGS</u></p> <p>Any plastic bag or packaging labelled #2, #4, or #5. Any color accepted. Includes bubble wrap.</p>
<p><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</u></p> <p><u>Max size 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u></p> <p>Includes food containers, cleaner containers. #5 accepted <i>if it's a food container.</i></p> <p><i>DISPOSE OF THESE PLASTIC ITEMS IN THE TRASH: Any black plastic, Screw-top caps, automotive fluid bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</i></p>	
<div>  <p>NO...</p> <p><u>DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS</u></p> <p><u>Black Plastic containers</u></p> <p><u>Plastic Containers larger than 2 Gallons</u></p> </div>	

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

FOOD SCRAPS: All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. Please remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.

SPECIAL WASTES: Oil, Oil Filters, Electronics, Automotive batteries, Rechargeable batteries, Alkaline batteries, Aerosols, Hard cover books., Fluorescent light bulbs.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH: \$3.00/30 gallon bag. Check our Calendar or contact Town Clerk's office for Bulky Waste Event information. Fees subject to change, call Town Office for latest pricing. Residents can also contract with local haulers for curbside collection services. Find our Licensed Hauler List at <http://www.nekwmd.org/pdf/haulerlist.pdf>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, Monday – Friday, May to October in Lyndonville, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 On the web at www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org



Updated: 1/2020

List of Items NOT ACCEPTED for Recycling
Please put the following items in your trash unless otherwise stated

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers
Motor oil, gas containers
Pesticide containers
Styrofoam of any kind
Planting pots and trays
Plastic furniture
Plastic Toys
Coffee Makers
Coat hangers
Vinyl Siding
Maple Tubing
CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases
Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size
Hard, rigid plastic (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any films with food residue

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers
Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)
Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans
Large Pieces of Metal
Nails, Screws, Fasteners
Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers
Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind
Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes
Cardboard with metallic interior
Single-use coffee cups
Soiled Cardboard
Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)
White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)
Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers
Paper plates, cups, bowls
Single-use cups
Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal
Incandescent light bulbs
Automotive lights
Pyrex
Porcelain

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)
"Biodegradable" cutlery, bowls, plates, utensils
Food utensils
Plates, bowls, cups
Plastic bags
Styrofoam
Keurig cups

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 13	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Glover Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 20	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Jay Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 25	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Corinth Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Maidstone 1342 V.T. Rte.102
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Barnet Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Peacham Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29	7:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Waterford Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 th	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early if storage capacity is reached.

Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 30 gallons.

HHW Collection events are limited to District Households.

If you have more than 30 gallons, or need to dispose of business' HHW, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 1 – Oct. 2, 2020.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from *May 1, 2020 to October 2, 2020*. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be**:

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY
802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org

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Acceptable HHW Materials

*ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES *
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES
- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS
- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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2020 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 25	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-3pm
MAY 1	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins
MAY 2	Danville Bulky Day 8am-3pm Danville Stump Dump
MAY 9	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
MAY 9	Guildhall Bulky, Guildhall Town Hall, 8am-12pm
MAY 16	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
MAY 23	Bloomfield Bulky Day, Town Clerks Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
May 28 -30	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
JUNE 6	Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm
JUNE 13	Glover HHW Collection, Glover Transfer Station, 9am-12pm
JUNE 13	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
JUNE 13	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
JUNE 20	Jay HHW Collection, Jay Transfer Station, 9am-12pm
JUNE 27	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-1pm
JULY 11	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
JULY 25	Corinth HHW Collection, Corinth Transfer Station, 8am-1pm
AUGUST 1	Maidstone Bulky Day and HHW Collection, 1342 Rte.102 Maidstone, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 8	Barnet HHW Collection, Barnet Transfer Station 8am-12pm
AUGUST 8	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
AUGUST 8	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-1pm
AUGUST 22	Peacham HHW Collection, Peacham Transfer Station 8am-12pm
AUGUST 29	Waterford HHW Collection, Waterford Transfer Station 7am-12pm
SEPT 3, 4 &5	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD Facility, Lyndonville, Appointment required
SEPTEMBER 12	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
SEPTEMBER 12	Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 26	HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 26	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-3pm
OCTOBER 2-4	Clothing Swap – North Country Career Center, Newport. Times TBD
OCTOBER 2	HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends
OCTOBER 3	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or check the updated calendar of events at www.nekwmd.org	

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2019 by processing less recycling compared to 2018 – 2615 tons in 2019 compared to 2750 tons in 2018. Significant drops in mixed paper, cardboard, and glass were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including compostable materials, batteries, and metal saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, tires, and plastics tonnages were approximately the same as 2018. Recycling markets remained low throughout all of 2019.

The District ended 2019 with a deficit of \$16,116.38. The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. Revenues in 2019 were 1% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Even though the baler was replaced in February of 2019, we incurred significant costs for the first quarter of 2019 that were directly associated with having limited or no processing capacity.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2019. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2020 with a proposed budget of \$794,823 – a decrease of 3.6% compared to 2019. The decrease reflects the continued poor markets for recyclables. The surcharge rate of \$24.75 will remain unchanged for 2020. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59. The NEKWMD will be raising hauling fees by \$10 for facilities and schools. The new rates for 2020 are \$45 for facilities and \$30 for schools.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2019. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 57,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee



Jennifer L. Harlow
Sheriff

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

PO BOX 355
NEWPORT, VT 05855

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(802) 334-3333

Fax
(802) 334-3307

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided **181.50** hours of patrol services to the Town of **Albany** during 2019. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available through your Town Clerk.

The past year has seen some changes at the Orleans County Sheriff's Department, the most recent being the retirement of Sheriff Kirk J. Martin at the end of December. Sheriff Martin had 37 years of employment with the State of Vermont, starting with the Agency of Transportation in the early 1980's, which led him to law enforcement in the mid 1990's and for the last eleven years with the Orleans County Sheriff. We want to thank him for his service and wish him well in retirement.

I would like to take this time to briefly introduce myself as your new Sheriff. I was appointed by Governor Phil Scott on January 22, 2020, and am honored he entrusted me to the position of Sheriff. I am excited to be working with the men and women in the Orleans County Sheriff Department and look forward to serving our community.

At the end of the school year in 2019 Deputy Jesse Testut left the department and the position of School Resource Officer at Lake Region Union High School. We are happy to report that Jesse Testut has returned to the department full time and we will be reviewing how to best utilize him in a familiar role. The department welcomes Deputy Jeremy Cotnoir to the department, as well as Deputy Michael Greenwald. Deputy Cotnoir will be utilized in various roles within the department. Deputy Greenwald, has 30 years of experience in the Massachusetts Court/Probation System, and will be working in the courthouse. The department saw the retirement of four part-time Deputies, Homer Selby, Gerry Ballinger, Rick Gosselin and Pat Sloan, all of who worked in court operations. We want to thank them for their service and wish them all well in their retirement.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the sheriff's department. We also participate with the Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

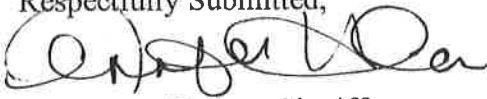
Deputy Tyler Jacobs and his K-9 partner Jonah have also had a busy year with several K-9 deployments. In one case during the Spring of 2019 Deputy Jacobs and K-9 Jonah were successful in the tracking of several suspects through heavy snow that were wanted for

burglarizing a residence. There were several other K-9 deployments that resulted in the seizure of drugs, resulting in several arrests.

In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 12th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We also received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and several individuals. Thank you! The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 250 school children. We want to thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success.

Like many other employers, we continue to have increases. This year our medical insurance premiums for our employees alone went up 11%. I am asking the town to consider a 3% increase for 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Harlow", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer L. Harlow, Sheriff

Town of Albany - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Agency Assist	2
Animal Problem	1
ATV Accident/Incident	1
Directed Patrol	7
Fraud	1
Juvenile Problem	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Property Damage, non vandalism	1
Service Abuse Prevention Order	1
Threatening	1
Unlawful Mischief	1
Vin Number Inspection	4
Total Incidents for Town of Albany	23

Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report

Total Arrests for Town of Albany	0

Town of Albany - Total Traffic Violation Report
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Total Traffic Tickets	19
Total Warnings	12



To the Voters of Albany:

Since 1950, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. We are a combined regional planning and economic development organization serving the communities in the largest geographic region of the state – the beautiful Northeast Kingdom.

Annually, we request dues from our member communities. These funds are vital as they allow our team of professionals to provide direct assistance to the 50+ municipalities and scores of businesses in our region.

Local governance is increasingly complex and NVDA has steadily expanded our service offerings to help communities navigate new rules. Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning at the local and regional level – including town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support, referral services, and loans to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning and implementation to help communities meet new and evolving statutory requirements;
- Local emergency planning and assistance during weather related events. NVDA has also provided assistance with flood hazard management
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities; and
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

In 2019, NVDA staff provided technical assistance for town highway stormwater mitigation through Grants in Aid funding, and we completed a Road Erosion Inventory. We also produced a map for Village Center Designation and sought brownfields assistance and funding for the Albany Community Store.

NVDA's municipal dues remain at a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom. We keep our communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter, and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member inquiries. In 2019, VLCT continued to provide members with timely legal and technical assistance, including answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing legal compliance guidance, templates and research reports, many of which are available to our members on our website.
- **Training programs on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out the duties required by statute or are directed by town meeting mandates. The League provided training on various topics related to municipal law and governance to more than 1,000 members this past year.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, reducing carbon emissions, and ensuring water quality. Members are also represented at the federal level primarily through our partner, the National League of Cities, as well as directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust (VERB) provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs provide coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ - and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

Stand-Alone Entry

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as The Census. For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding online, on the telephone, or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March. Make sure that *your* community counts!

Short Insertion into Selectboard Report

We urge all residents to participate in the U.S. Census this year because the results will determine how more than \$675 billion is distributed each year to states and localities for key programs during the next decade. The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for this town.



Orleans Emergency Unit
4394 Barton Orleans Road
Orleans, VT 05860
802-754-8500

Albany Town Select Board
827 Main Street
Albany, VT 05820

November 15, 2019

Dear Town of Albany Select Board,

The Orleans Emergency Unit (OEU) Board of Directors has just voted to level fund the Town of Albany Ambulance services for calendar year 2020.

OEU is proud to say we have 24/7 coverage for E-911 calls and we have reduced our response time down to 1-2 minutes which is a large accomplishment. Patient care is our number one priority and being able to respond directly from where our ambulance is located has significantly improved our service to our host towns. We are hopeful you feel the same way. Minutes in this business can be critical and may be the difference of life and death.

The second largest accomplishment over the past twelve months has been the addition of a second crew/transfer crew. This has enabled the OEU to respond to second calls if the first squad is out and also handling any transfers for North Country Hospital. Currently this second crew is working only daytime hours. The goal of this new team is to generate more revenue for the organization.

We have hired many new individuals in order to provide better service and currently we have eight people taking the EMT course to help if needed. Ultimately you need a strong team of people in order to be successful and we believe we have that.

OEU is requesting \$17,822.64 for 2020, the same as 2019, and we would be happy to send representatives to a Select Board meeting if you desire or we can have this letter be our formal request. Also, we will provide financials for your annual report and be at your Town Meeting if that would be beneficial.

We truly want to Thank the Town of Albany for their support and hope you feel we are providing an important service to your Town.

Sincerely,



Russell Ingalls

OEU Board of Director Chair



GLOVER EMERGENCY SERVICES



To: Albany Selectboard
From: Adam Heuslein, Chief, Glover Emergency Services.
Re: 2020 Town Appropriation

January 21, 2020

Glover Ambulance would like to level fund our request. We are currently asking for \$5000.00 to help support Glover EMS and our ability to provide Advanced Life Support services to the residents within our coverage area of Albany.

Glover Ambulance continues to provide Advanced Life Support to all those we serve; however, we also provide blood pressure screenings, Well-Being checks, Special Event coverage, and continue to loan medical equipment.

In 2019, we responded to calls not only in our 1/3 of Albany, but we have provided Mutual Aid to Orleans Ambulance in Albany and surrounding areas. We have both given and received support services from Albany Fire Department. Our Remote Rescue vehicles were needed and responded to two incidents in Albany.

As we mentioned last year, if you would like Glover EMS to provide services to the entire Town of Albany, we are ready and capable to start immediately. We would then seek an appropriation of \$15,000.00. Although we are closer to the center of Albany, we acknowledge our response time would slightly longer due to road conditions. We would be willing to discuss this option further if you wish.

Adam Heuslein

Chief, Glover Ambulance
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