

ANNUAL REPORT



**OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF**

**MAIDSTONE
VT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2019**

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TOWN OFFICERS

		Term Expires
Moderator – Town	Shawn Conant	2021
Town Clerk	Bonnie Lovell	2020
Assistant Town Clerk	Susan Irwin	2020
Town Treasurer	Robert Champagne-Willis	2020
Selectmen	Douglas Lord	2020
	Bradley McVetty	2021
	Robert Snowman	2022
Listers	Elaine Hodge	2020
	Amy Pear	2021
	Robert Champagne-Willis	2022
Constable	Raymond Lovell	2020
Delinquent Tax Collector	Bonnie Lovell	2020
Town Grand Juror	James Mazzonna	2020
Town Agent	James Mazzonna	2020
Town Auditors	Christopher Von Alt	2020
	Donna Bouthillier	2021
	Nancy Desrochers	2022

APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Road Commissioner	Bradley McVetty	2020
Fire Warden	William Sanborn	2020
Tree Warden	John Perreault	2020
Pound Keepers	Selectmen	
Health Officer	Wendy Bennett	2020
Town Services Officer	Wendy Bennett	2020
Zoning Administrator	Lloyd Tippitt	2020
Administrative Assistant	Bonnie Lovell	2020
NVDA Representative	Bonnie Lovell	
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	Douglas Lord	
NEKWMD Representative	Paulette Routhier	2020

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in the said Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles.

1. Shall the Town vote to collect its 2020 taxes from October 15, 2020 up to and including April 15, 2021 and pay same to Treasurer?
2. Shall the Town vote to raise \$3,500 and put it in the "Reappraisal and Maintenance of the Grand List" fund?
3. Shall the Town approve a \$1,000 donation from the General Fund to the Maidstone Lake Association to help support the "Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Program" at Maidstone Lake?
4. Shall the Town vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked "Town Road Rebuild Account" within the Highway Fund?
5. Shall the Town vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked "Reserve" Fund?
6. Shall the Town vote to raise \$200 and put it in the earmarked "Animal" Fund?
7. Shall the Town vote to raise \$241,425 to pay current expenses as requested in the proposed budget plus the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6?
8. Shall the Town of Maidstone appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Memphremagog Watershed Association (MWA) for invasive species spread prevention?
9. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in the Town of Maidstone and Shall spirits and fortified wines be sold in the Town of Maidstone?
10. Shall the Town vote to close the Lister Education Fund that is no longer used and has depleted its funds since 2018?
11. Shall the Town vote to hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7 o'clock p.m.?
12. To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Selectmen:



Douglas Lord, Chairman



Bradley McVetty



Robert Snowman

Received for Record, January 29, 2020

Attest:


Bonnie Lovell, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MAIDSTONE

WARNING: ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in the said Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot for the following Town Officers:

One (1) Moderator – 1 Year Term

One (1) Town Clerk – 3 Year Term

One (1) Town Treasurer – 1 Year Term (completing the unexpired 3 year term)

One (1) Selectboard Member – 3 Year Term

One (1) Lister – 3 Year Term

One (1) Constable – 1 Year Term

One (1) Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 Year Term

One (1) Town Agent – 1 Year Term

One (1) Auditor – 3 Year Term

Two (2) Justice of Peace – 2 Year Term

Attest:


Bonnie Lovell, Town Clerk

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Weeks Medical	603-788-2521 (Clinic)
	603-788-4911 (Hospital)
Fire	603-788-3282
Essex County Sherrif's Dept	802-676-3500
State Police	802-892-7759
Fish & Game Warden	802-748-3111
Poison Control	800-222-1222
TOWN OF MAIDSTONE	
Town Office	802-676-3210
Fax	802-676-3607
Fire Warden	802-676-3902
SCHOOLS	
Lancaster Elementary	603-788-4924
White Mountain Regional High School	603-837-2528
Groveton Elementary	603-636-1806
Groveton High School	603-636-1619
School Superintendent (Canaan, VT)	802-266-3330

MAIDSTONE TOWN OFFICE

HOURS

Town Clerk Hours – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Treasurer Hours – Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Absentee Ballots
- Books – On Maidstone Lake (A History) and John Rich of Maidstone VT
- Cemetery Plots, Maps and Indexes
- Current Use Applications (online - State of Vermont)
- Dog and Kennel Licenses
- Zoning and Driveway Permits
- Green Mountain Passports
- Tax Cards
- Homestead Declaration Forms (online - State of Vermont)
- Land Records
- Marriage Licenses
- Minutes of Meetings: Annual Town Meeting, Selectboard, Board of Civil Authority, Board of Abatement, Zoning
- Property Tax Records and Tax Maps
- Vermont Statutes Annotated ("Law Books")
- Vital Records (Marriage, Birth, Death, Burial)
- Voter Registration Checklist Applications
- Zoning and Subdivision Permits and Regulations

Please note that the State of Vermont is no longer providing Vermont State Income Tax booklets to Town Clerks. The booklets can only be obtained by contacting the Vermont Department of Taxes directly.

Also the last 12 months of the Selectboard Minutes are available online along with most town applications (www.maidstone-vt.org)

2019 TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate	1.0535
Non-Homestead Tax Rate	1.5232
Municipal Tax Rate	0.3405

Elected Auditors Comments for Fiscal Year 2019

February 5, 2020

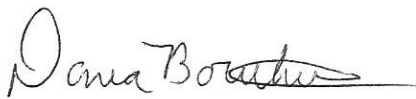
To the Registered Voters of the Town of Maidstone
Town of Maidstone
Maidstone, VT 05905

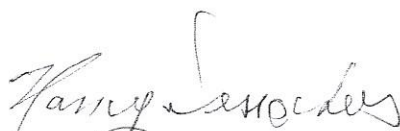
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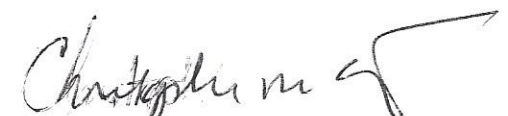
1. The 2016 Audit has been completed and mailed to all registered voters. Additional copies of the report are available at the Town Hall.
2. The 2017 Audit has been completed and should be mailed to all registered voters by February 21, 2020. Additional copies will also be available at the Town Hall.
3. The 2018 Audit remains a work in progress as of this date. We have established that adjustments to the calculated closing balances for the General Account and the Grand List funds are not correct, and resolving these errors, which are associated with employee taxes, was not possible before the publication of the Annual Report. These errors will therefore be contained in the 2019 Annual Report because these errors may impact the opening balances for the General and Grand List Funds.
4. The 2019 Audit is underway and should be mailed by February 21, 2020, if the errors in the 2018 financials can be resolved.
5. On February 5th the Elected Auditors met with the Town Treasurer to settle the Town's Accounts for 2019. With the exception of the problems discussed in number 3 above, the Committee was able to settle all other accounts.

Sincerely,

The Audit Committee


Donna Bouthillier


Nancy Desrochers


Christopher von Alt

ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR 2020

<u>Other Revenue</u>	
State of VT Pilot Revenue	\$ 44,000.00
State of VT Hold Harmless C/U	\$ 13,800.00
Town Hall Income	\$ 3,500.00
Trash Bags Income	\$ 700.00
Zoning Application Fee	\$ 840.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 320.00
Interest Income	\$ 500.00
Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 63,660.00

<u>Estimated Town Expenses</u>	
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	
Town Clerk Wages	\$ 15,600.00
Cleaning Wages	\$ 1,300.00
Town Treasurer Wages	\$ 9,360.00
Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 2,000.00
Lister Wages	\$ 6,200.00
Moderator Wages	\$ 100.00
Selectboard Wages	\$ 3,200.00
Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$ 500.00
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 600.00
Town Auditors Wages	\$ 900.00
Zoning Wages	\$ 840.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 300.00
Unemployment Taxes	\$ 400.00
Employment Taxes	\$ 4,200.00
Town Officer's Training Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$ 48,500.00

<u>General Town Expenses</u>	
Advertising Expense	\$ 500.00
Town Reports Expense	\$ 1,200.00
Maps/Contract Update Expenses	\$ 700.00
Legal and Professional Expense	\$ 5,000.00
VLCT Dues	\$ 1,320.00
NVDA	\$ 500.00
PACIF	\$ 4,004.00
Town Hall Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Town Hall Postage	\$ 700.00
Town Hall Software	\$ 6,250.00
Town Hall Electricity	\$ 1,000.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	\$ 3,300.00
Town Hall Telephone	\$ 1,100.00
Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00
Animal Licenses	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 30,374.00

Highway Expense \$ 69,000.00

<u>Appropriations</u>	
Maintenance of the Grand List Fund	\$ 3,500.00
Lake Association	\$ 1,000.00
Highway Town Rebuild Account	\$ 20,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 44,500.00

Estimated Town Revenue

Waste & Recycling Expenses

Landfill Transport	\$ 9,000.00
Tip Fees	\$ 8,000.00
Scale	\$ 300.00
Waste Pickup - Town	\$ 8,500.00
Waste Pick up - Lake	\$ 8,500.00
Recycling - Town	\$ 6,500.00
Recycling - Lake	\$ 6,500.00
Additional Trips	\$ 1,000.00
Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$ 1,900.00
Bulky Waste Day	\$ 1,200.00
Total	\$ 51,400.00

Public Safety Expenses

Groveton Ambulance Service	\$ 3,120.00
Groveton Fire Department	\$ 3,000.00
N Stratford Fire Department	\$ 2,000.00
Direct Fire Support	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 13,120.00

Social Services

NEK Human Services	\$ 218.00
Guildhall Library	\$ 1,000.00
Northern VT VACD	\$ 100.00
Caledonian Home Health	\$ 150.00
VT Ctr For Ind Living	\$ 150.00
American Red Cross	\$ 250.00
Essex Sheriffs Dept	\$ 250.00
Rural Community Trans	\$ 300.00
Essex Country Nat Res	\$ 250.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 300.00
NEK Learning	\$ 100.00
Lancaster Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Green Up Day	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 3,218.00

Assessor Contract \$ 3,300.00

Town Maintenance

Mowing & Clean up \$ 2,500.00

County Tax

County Tax Expense \$ 20,013.00

2020 Budget Proposal	\$ 241,425.00
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2020 Estimated Municipal Taxes

2020 Town Budget plus warned articles	\$ 285,925.00
Less Estimated Non-Tax Revenue	\$ 63,660.00
2020 Estimated Municipal Taxes to be levied	\$222,265.00

Town of Maidstone
2019 Budget vs Actual

	Budget	Received	Over/Under
01-4005 · Current Year Municipal Tax	224,824.00	135,680.59	\$ 89,143.41
01-4005 · Current Year Education Tax	0.00	504,567.91	\$ (504,567.91)
01-4010 · Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	0.00	115,128.83	\$ (115,128.83)
01-4015 · Delinquent Property Tax Interest	0.00	17,453.86	\$ (17,453.86)
01-4020 · Delinquent Property Tax Penalty	0.00	7,589.87	\$ (7,589.87)
01-4031 · Prior Year Taxes Collected (2016-2018)	0.00	16,189.89	\$ (16,189.89)
01-4025 - Education Grants	0.00	595.53	\$ (595.53)
01-4025 · Equalization Study Grant	0.00	376.00	\$ (376.00)
01-4050 · State of VT Pilot Revenue	44,674.00	45,398.60	\$ (724.60)
01-4055 · State of VT Hold Harmless C/U	10,216.00	15,247.00	\$ (5,031.00)
01-4075 · Milfoil Grant & Lake Ass Cont	0.00	1,553.20	\$ (1,553.20)
01-4080 - Leased Land	0.00	0.45	\$ (0.45)
01-4100 · Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,091.26	\$ (1,091.26)
01-4140 · Dog Licenses (Town Clerk)	320.00	480.00	\$ (160.00)
01-4210 · Town Clerk Fees (General)	3,000.00	4,015.80	\$ (1,015.80)
01-4240 · Zoning Application Fee	1,120.00	815.00	\$ 305.00
01-4245 - Driveway Permit Fee	0.00	10.00	\$ (10.00)
01-4265 · Trash Bags Income	200.00	985.00	\$ (785.00)
01-4070 · Interest Income	300.00	518.41	\$ (218.41)
less 01-5900 · School Education Tax	0.00	-668,539.02	\$ 668,539.02
Total Income	\$ 284,654.00	\$ 199,158.18	#

	Budget	Expensed	Outstanding
01-5110 · Town Clerk Wages	15,600.00	15,600.00	\$ -
01-5115 · Cleaning Wages	1,200.00	1,300.00	\$ (100.00)
01-5120 · Town Treasurer Wages	9,360.00	9,360.00	\$ -
01-5125 · Assistant Town Clerk Wages	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$ -
01-5135 · Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	0.00	8,214.97	\$ (8,214.97)
01-5145 · Lister Wages	6,000.00	5,201.25	\$ 798.75
01-5150 · Moderator Wages	100.00	100.00	\$ -
01-5155 · Selectboard Wages	3,200.00	3,200.00	\$ -
01-5160 · Selectboard Secretary Wages	500.00	500.00	\$ -
01-5165 · Ballot Clerk Wages	500.00	194.04	\$ 305.96
01-5170 · Zoning Wages	840.00	600.00	\$ 240.00
01-5175 · Town Auditor Wages	600.00	200.00	\$ 400.00
01-5180 · Mileage Reimbursement	500.00	104.04	\$ 395.96
01-5205 · Unemployment Taxes	500.00	292.41	\$ 207.59
01-5210 · Employment Taxes	4,200.00	2,914.29	\$ 1,285.71
01-5215 · Town Officer's Training Expense	5,000.00	1,288.81	\$ 3,711.19
01-5500 · Grant Reimbursement Expense	0.00	595.53	\$ (595.53)
01-5220 · Advertising Expense	600.00	317.00	\$ 283.00
01-5225 · Town Reports Expense	300.00	385.70	\$ (85.70)
01-5230 · Maps/Contract Update Expenses	750.00	700.00	\$ 50.00
01-5245 · Legal and Professional Expense	10,000.00	8,216.44	\$ 1,783.56
01-5250 · VLCT Dues	1,300.00	1,270.00	\$ 30.00
01-5255 · NVDA	500.00	500.00	\$ -
01-5260 · PACIF	4,257.00	4,550.00	\$ (293.00)
01-5300 · Town Hall Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,522.46	\$ 477.54

**Town of Maidstone
2019 Budget vs Actual**

01-5302 · Town Hall Animal Licence Fee	320.00	281.09	\$	38.91
01-5305 · Town Hall Postage	700.00	585.78	\$	114.22
01-5310 · Town Hall Software	2,500.00	1,751.67	\$	748.33
01-5315 · Town Hall Electricity	900.00	910.67	\$	(10.67)
01-5320 · Town Hall Fuel Oil	3,000.00	2,948.47	\$	51.53
01-5325 · Town Hall Telephone	1,100.00	1,097.27	\$	2.73
01-5330 · Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	2,500.00	1,679.46	\$	820.54
01-5334 · Landfill Transport	8,500.00	7,905.00	\$	595.00
01-5335 · Tip Fees	7,500.00	7,217.09	\$	282.91
01-5339 · Scale	300.00	222.60	\$	77.40
01-5340 · Waste Pickup - Town	8,060.00	7,595.00	\$	465.00
01-5343 · Waste Pick up - Lake	8,060.00	7,595.00	\$	465.00
01-5344 · Recycling - Town	5,900.00	5,580.00	\$	320.00
01-5345 · Recycling - Lake	5,900.00	5,580.00	\$	320.00
01-5346 · Additional Trips	1,000.00	0.00	\$	1,000.00
01-5347 · Trash Bags	3,000.00	3,253.60	\$	(253.60)
01-5348 · Waste Management - NEKWMD	1,800.00	1,739.79	\$	60.21
01-5350 · Bulky Waste Day	1,500.00	1,046.80	\$	453.20
01-5355 · Groveton Ambulance Service	3,016.00	3,016.00	\$	-
01-5360 · Groveton Fire Department	3,000.00	3,000.00	\$	-
01-5365 · N Stratford Fire Department	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$	-
01-5370 · Direct Fire Support	5,000.00	0.00	\$	5,000.00
01-5375 · Assessor Contract	0.00	0.00	\$	-
01-5385 · Property Tax Refunds Expense	0.00	41.08	\$	(41.08)
01-5390 · Milfoil Expense	0.00	4,015.00	\$	(4,015.00)
01-5700 · Donations NEK Human Services	218.00	218.00	\$	-
01-5705 · Donations Guildhall Library	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$	-
01-5710 · Donations Northern VT VACD	100.00	100.00	\$	-
01-5715 · Donation Caledonian Home Health	150.00	150.00	\$	-
01-5720 · Donations VT Ctr For Ind Living	150.00	150.00	\$	-
01-5725 · Donations American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	\$	-
01-5730 · Donations Essex Sheriffs Dept	250.00	250.00	\$	-
01-5735 · Donations Rural Community Trans	300.00	300.00	\$	-
01-5740 · Donations Essex Country Nat Res	200.00	200.00	\$	-
01-5745 · Donations Area Agency on Aging	300.00	300.00	\$	-
01-5750 · Donation NEK Learning	100.00	100.00	\$	-
01-5760 · Donation Lancaster Food Pantry	100.00	100.00	\$	-
01-5765 · Donations Green Up Day	50.00	50.00	\$	-
01-5770 · Donations Maidstone Lake Association	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$	-
01-5950 · County Tax Assessment	19,123.00	19,123.12	\$	(0.12)
01-8000 · Prior Filing Errors	1,000.00	178.58	\$	821.42
02-5010 · Highway Town Appropriation	69,000.00	69,000.00	\$	-
02-5015 · Highway Town Rebuild Appropriation	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$	-
06-5010 · Grand List Town Appropriation	3,500.00	3,500.00	\$	-
01-5010 · Reserve Town Appropriation	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$	-
07-5020 · Cemetery Mowing	2,500.00	2,300.00	\$	200.00
Total Expense	\$ 284,654.00	\$ 276,458.01		

Treasurer's Report

2019 HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET TO ACTUAL

	Budget	Actual
Revenue		
Highway Class 2 State Aid	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,519.61
Highway Class 3 State Aid	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,216.57
Grant Income	\$ -	\$ 5,760.00
Highway Overweight Permits	\$ -	\$ 105.00
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 512.59
Town Appropriation - Highway Rebuild	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Town Highway Budget	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 135,113.77
Expenses		
Highway Class 2 Summer	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 19,365.47
Highway Class 2 Winter	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 31,180.05
Highway Class 3 Summer	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 18,735.55
Highway Class 3 Winter	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 23,788.79
Town Rebuild Expense	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 43,275.26
Clean Water Act Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 136,845.12

HIGHWAY FUND ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR 2020

Estimated Highway Revenue

Highway Class 2 State Aid Revenue	\$ 24,000.00
Highway Class 3 State Aid Revenue	\$ 15,000.00
Appropriation Town Highway Rebuild Acct	\$ 20,000.00
Town Highway Budget	\$ 69,000.00
Total Highway Revenue	\$ 128,000.00

Estimated Highway Expenses

Highway Account Class 2 Summer	\$ 27,000.00
Highway Account Class 2 Winter	\$ 27,000.00
Highway Account Class 3 Summer	\$ 27,000.00
Highway Account Class 3 Winter	\$ 27,000.00
Town Rebuild Expense	\$ 20,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 128,000.00

**Treasurer's Report
General Fund
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019
REVENUES**

2019 Taxes Received on time	\$640,248.50
2019 Taxes Received late (10/16/2019 to 12/31/2019)	\$25,986.86
Prior Year Taxes Collected in 2019 (2016 - 2018)	\$16,189.89
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue from 2014 to 2018	\$89,141.97
Delinquent Property Tax Interest	\$17,453.86
Delinquent 2019 Property Tax Penalty	\$7,589.87

STATE OF VERMONT

Pilot Revenue	\$45,398.60
Hold Harmless	\$15,247.00
Investment Income	\$518.41
Leased Land	\$0.45

GRANTS

Milfoil Grant - 2019	\$1,553.20
Education Grants	\$595.53
Equalization Study Grant	\$376.00

FEES & FINES

Miscellaneous Income	\$1,091.26
Dog License Fees	\$480.00
Town Clerk Income	\$4,015.80
Zoning Application Fees	\$825.00
Trash Bag	\$985.00

LESS

Education Taxes	
Local Share Education Property Tax to School	\$130,249.50
Act 68, State Education Fund - June 2019	\$246,586.52
Act 68, State Education Fund - December 2019	\$291,703.00

TOTAL 2019 REVENUE \$199,158.18

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION

Town Clerk Wages	\$15,600.00
Cleaning Wages	\$1,300.00
Town Treasurer Wages	\$9,360.00
Assistant Town Clerk	\$2,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	\$8,214.97
Lister Wages	\$5,201.25
Moderator Wages	\$100.00
Selectboard Wages	\$3,200.00
Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$500.00
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$194.04
Zoning Wages	\$600.00
Auditor Wages	\$200.00
Mileage Reimbursement Wages	\$104.04
Unemployment Taxes	\$292.41

Employment Taxes	\$2,914.29
Town Officer's Training Expense	\$1,288.81
Education Expense -Grant	\$595.53
Advertising Expense	\$317.00
Town Reports Expense	\$385.70
Maps/Contract Updates Expense	\$700.00
Legal and Professional Expense	\$8,216.44
VLCT Dues	\$1,270.00
NVDA	\$500.00
PACIF	\$4,550.00

TOWN HALL

Office Supplies	\$1,522.46
Animal License Fees	\$281.09
Postage	\$585.78
Software	\$1,751.67
Electricity	\$910.67
Fuel/Oil	\$2,948.47
Telephone	\$1,097.27
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,679.46

WASTE & RECYCLING

Landfill Transport	\$7,905.00
Tip Fees	\$7,217.09
Scale Fees	\$222.60
Waste Pickup - Town	\$7,595.00
Waste Pickup - Lake	\$7,595.00
Recycling - Town	\$5,580.00
Recycling - Lake	\$5,580.00
Additional Trips	\$0.00
Trash Bags	\$3,253.60
Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$1,739.79
Bulky Waste Day	\$1,046.80

PUBLIC SAFETY

Groveton Ambulance Contract	\$3,016.00
Groveton Fire Department	\$3,000.00
North Stratford Fire Department	\$2,000.00
Direct Fire Expense	\$0.00

Assessor Contract	\$0.00
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Property Tax Refunds (Overpayments)	\$41.08
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MILFOIL

Milfoil Mitigation Wages	\$4,015.00
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SOCIAL SERVICES

NEK Human Services	\$218.00
Guildhall Library	\$1,000.00
Northern VT VACD	\$100.00
Caledonia Home Health	\$150.00
VT Center for Individual Living	\$150.00
American Red Cross	\$250.00
Essex County Sheriff's Dept	\$250.00

Rural Community Transportation	\$300.00
Essex County Natural Resources	\$200.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$300.00
NEK Learning	\$100.00
Lancaster Food Pantry	\$100.00
Green Up Donation	\$50.00
Maidstone Lake Association	\$1,000.00
County Tax	\$19,123.12
Prior Filing Errors	\$178.58
Cemetery Mowing	\$2,300.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$163,958.01

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

2019 GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2019	\$314,931.76
ADD TOTAL 2019 REVENUE	\$199,158.18
SUBTRACT TOTAL 2019 DISBURSEMENTS	\$163,958.01
SUBTRACT TOTAL 2019 APPROPRIATIONS	\$112,500.00
2019 GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2019	\$237,631.93

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

2019 TAX REVENUES

	Due on 10/15/2019	Due on 4/15/2020	Total
Tax Bills issued for 2019			
Municipal Tax	\$ 112,679.92	\$ 111,460.18	\$ 224,140.10
Education Tax	\$ 421,206.23	\$ 421,206.18	\$ 842,412.41
Total	\$ 533,886.15	\$ 532,666.36	\$ 1,066,552.51
Tax Collections in 2019			
Municipal Tax	\$ 109,947.75	\$ 31,584.43	\$ 141,532.18
Education Tax	\$ 410,730.84	\$ 113,972.34	\$ 524,703.18
Total	\$ 520,678.59	\$ 145,556.77	\$ 666,235.36
2019 Taxes owed as of 12/31/2019			
Municipal Tax	\$ 2,732.17	\$ 79,875.75	\$ 82,607.92
Education Tax	\$ 10,475.39	\$ 307,233.84	\$ 317,709.23
Total	\$ 13,207.56	\$ 387,109.59	\$ 400,317.15

2019 TAX OBLIGATIONS

2019 Obligations to be paid in 2020

Local Education, second payment of 2019 taxes, due April 30, 2020	\$ 130,249.50
State Payment, second payment of 2019 taxes, due June 1, 2020	\$ 291,703.65
Total 2019 Obligations to be paid in 2020	\$ 421,953.15

\$ 308,592.58 Beginning Balance

	Highway Fund	Town Road Rebuild	Clean Water Act
Beginning Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 6,964.23	\$ 287,268.35	\$ 14,360.00
Income			
State of Vermont:			
Class 2 Road Aid	\$ 24,519.61		
Class 3 Road Aid	\$ 15,216.57		
Grants Received	\$ 5,760.00		
Appropriations from Town:			
Highway Fund	\$ 69,000.00		
Town Rebuild Account		\$ 20,000.00	
Other:			
Overweight Permits	\$ 105.00		
Interest	\$ 512.59		
Total Income 2019	\$ 115,113.77	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Expenditures			
Highways			
Summer Class 2	\$ 19,365.47		
Winter Class 2	\$ 31,180.05		
Summer Class 3	\$ 18,735.55		
Winter Class 3	\$ 23,788.79		
Ditching Westside Lake Rd	\$ -	\$ 42,300.26	
Town Road Rebuild		\$ 975.00	
Clean Water Act			\$ 500.00
Total Expenditures 2019	\$ 93,069.86	\$ 43,275.26	\$ 500.00
End Balance 12/31/2019	\$ 29,008.14	\$ 263,993.09	\$ 13,860.00
Combined End Balance 12/31/ 2019	\$ 306,861.23		

Treasurer's Report for Book Resoration January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,197.63
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$4.01
Recording Fees Collected	\$484.00
2019 REVENUE	\$488.01
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,197.63
TOTAL REVENUE	\$488.01
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$2,685.64

Treasurer's Report for Equipment Fund January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$38,226.93
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$63.29
2019 REVENUE	\$63.29
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Computer Components	\$325.00
Shelving	\$190.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$515.75
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$38,226.93
TOTAL REVENUE	\$63.29
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$515.75
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$37,774.47

Treasurer's Report for Grand List Fund January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$48,482.77
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$58.22
Reappraisal Grant	\$3,196.00
Transfer from General Fund	\$3,500.00
2019 REVENUE	\$6,754.22
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Payroll for Reappraisal	\$4,210.34
NEMRC Contract	\$16,230.00
Printing & Mailing	\$628.50
Supplies	\$75.94
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$21,144.78
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$48,482.77
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,754.22
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$21,144.78
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$34,092.21

Treasurer's Report for Cemetery Restoration Fund January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,312.01
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$7.28
2019 REVENUE	\$7.28
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,312.01
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7.28
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$4,319.29

Treasurer's Report for Lister Fund January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$0.00
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$0.00
2019 REVENUE	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$0.00

Treasurer's Report for Plan & Zoning January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,787.84
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$8.02
2019 REVENUE	\$8.02
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,787.84
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8.02
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$4,795.86

Treasurer's Report for Reserve Fund January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$10,006.52
REVENUE	
Appropriation	\$20,000.00
Investment Income	\$25.98
2019 REVENUE	\$20,025.98
EXPENDITURES	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$10,006.52
TOTAL REVENUE	\$20,025.98
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$30,032.50

Treasurer's Report for Animal Fund January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$168.38
REVENUE	
	\$0.00
2019 REVENUE	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$168.38
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$168.38

Treasurer's Report for Highway January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$308,592.58
General Fund	\$89,000.00
REVENUE	
Revenue Received	\$39,841.18
Investment Income	\$512.59
Grants Received	\$5,760.00
2019 REVENUE	\$135,113.77
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Highway Expenses	\$136,845.12
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$136,845.12
2019 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$308,592.58
TOTAL REVENUE	\$135,113.77
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$136,845.12
FYE 12/31/2019 BALANCE	\$306,861.23

**REAL ESTATE TAX (PRINCIPAL) OWED AS OF
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019**

*on budget plan

2015	
Wiedman, Frank	\$ 671.40
2016	
McDade, James	\$ 2,223.72
Wiedman, Frank & Deborah	\$ 649.48
2017	
McDade, James	\$ 3,205.88
Wiedman, Frank & Deborah	\$ 624.32
2018	
Kachmarik, Andrew*	\$ 312.67
McDade, James	\$ 3,535.96
Styles, Thomas*	\$ 310.61
Wiedman, Frank & Deborah	\$ 688.60
Young, Gary	\$ 65.77
Total	\$12,288.41

2019 – No delinquent tax for 2019 until April 2020.

NOTE: There are taxpayers who did not pay their 1st installments however they are not considered “delinquent” until April 16, 2020. The total uncollected for 2019 as of December 31, 2019 is \$13,207.56

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019**

2014 Taxes collected	\$ 6,439.49
2015 Taxes collected	\$ 6,934.82
2016 Taxes collected	\$ 13,343.77
2017 Taxes collected	\$ 17,225.37
2018 Taxes collected	\$ 45,198.52
2019 Taxes collected	<u>\$ 25,986.86</u> (After October 15, 2019)
Total collected in 2019	\$115,128.83
Total interest collected in 2019	\$ 17,453.86
Total Penalty collected in 2019	\$ 7,589.87
Total Tax Sale fees in 2019	\$ 1,091.00

Total Delinquent Taxes, interest and penalties collected in 2019 was \$141,263.56.
Delinquent Tax Collector, Bonnie Lovell

VITAL STATISTICS

Event	Name	Date	Place
Births:	None		
Marriages:	Michael Palmer Chelsey Ramsdell	July 20, 2019	Maidstone
	Thomas Gosse Carolyn Dillon	August 17, 2019	Maidstone
	Preston Horton Eudarck Santos	September 11, 2019	Maidstone
	Luke Shannon Mercedes Belanger	September 13, 2019	Lunenburg
	Daniel Young Jennifer Rugar	September 21, 2019	Maidstone
Deaths:	None		

Planning & Zoning Board

The Planning/Zoning Board consists of 4 members. They are as follows:

Sean McCarthy, Robert Lancraft, Roger Emery and Alternate/Secretary Bonnie Lovell along with the Zoning Administrator, Lloyd Tippitt. They will be appointing the Chairman on a rotating Basis every 2 years.

The Planning/Zoning Board's quarterly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the March, June, September and November at 6:00PM. These are public meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Lovell, Town Clerk

LICENSES & PERMITS

DOG LICENSES – In the year 2019 Maidstone issued 27 dog licenses. Any dog that is more than six months old must be registered and licensed annually by April 1st by the clerk of the municipality in which the dog is kept.

License Fees: Jan. 1 – April	Male or Female	\$11.00
	Neutered or Spayed	\$ 9.00
April 2 – Sept. 30	Male or Female	\$17.00
	Neutered or Spayed	\$13.00
If you get a dog between Oct. 31 and Dec. 31, or a 6 mo. old puppy	Male or Female	\$ 9.00
	Neutered or Spayed	\$ 7.00

Special License: \$30.00 up to 10 dogs kept for breeding purposes. \$3.00 each additional dog.
Kennel Permit: \$10.00 for two or more dogs kept for sale or breeding purposes not for your own use.

Late Fees: 50% in excess of that otherwise required is paid on all licenses and permits Issued after April 1st unless the dog is obtained or becomes 6 months old after April 1st. Vermont Statutes Title 20 section 3582.

All dogs must have a current rabies certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian before a town license can be obtained. In March, the Selectmen or their designated appointee will be taking a list of all dogs within the town. All dogs not licensed within a reasonable time after April 1st may have to be destroyed. VSA T20 SS3621.

FIRE PERMITS – A permit must be obtained before an open fire or burning may occur. Permits may be obtained from the Fire Warden, Bill Sanborn, 4488 Maidstone Lake Rd., Tel # 676-3902, or one of his assistants. Chelsey Palmer, 2617 Vermont Rte 102, Tel # 857 301-5531.

ZONING PERMITS – No land or building development as defined in the Zoning Bylaw may commence unless a zoning permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator, Lloyd Tippitt, Telephone 802 676-3651. Zoning Permit Applications may be picked up at the Town Office during business hours or can be mailed upon request by calling 802 676-3210 or you can download and print from the town website. A fee of \$85.00 must accompany each application. The fee for an appeal or conditional use permit is \$102.00. In 2019 there were 11 permits granted. Permits include Town Permits, Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permits, Well Permits and Shoreland Protection Individual Permits.

INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN

Town Hall and Office building including 4.37 acres more or less

2 Cemeteries

8 Roads

8 Filing cabinets including 3 fireproof cabinets

1 Steel desk

1 Folding table, 2 steel tables, one 5'x7' wood table, one 5'x3' wood table

89 Folding chairs, 10 rolling chairs

2 Bookshelves, 4 roller shelf units, & 5 units of steel shelving

American Flag and staff, Bicentennial Flag & Bennington Flag

3 AT&T telephones & 1 answering machine

Sharp Copy Machine MX-M232D, HP OfcJet Pro 476 dw mfp

Brother HL-5250DN Printer, HP Deskjet 6940, HP Deskjet 6122, Brother HL23000, Epson WF3640 and Printer for ballots provided by the state

Sears Shop Vac 3 HP 12 gallon

Kodak Easy Share Digital Camera

Blackboard/Bulletin Board

Bosch Coffee Maker & Cart/Cabinet

Panasonic KX E2000 Typewriter

Texas Instrument Calculator T1-8250, Sharp EL1197P111, and Quill 2X714

1 Map Folder, 2 box map units, Safco Master Map File, & 1 rolling map file

Seal Clear Tech Laminator

Quill Paper Cutter

1 Three-step Step Ladder

Comtrend Router

Universal Dial Postage Scale

1 Dell AMD 64 Athlon Computer, 1 HP All in one computer and three HP Pavillion 21 computers

SOFTWARE includes:

CAMA

NEMRC

TEAM 911

Microsoft Office

US Robotics Quick

QuickBooks

Microsoft Windows XP

Miscellaneous office supplies

SOCIAL SERVICES Agency Service

Area Agency on Aging 800-642-5119	Helps Elderly to remain independent
Caledonia Home Health Care 802-748-8116	Home Care, Hospice
Governor's Action Line 800-642-3131	Information on VT Government
Northeast Kingdom Human Services 802-334-7451 ext. 3087	Mental Illness & Development Disabilities
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services 802-748-5624	Adult Education & Literacy
Northeast Kingdom Mental Health Service 802-748-3181	24 hour hotline counseling
Rural Community Transportation 802-748-8170	Transportation for elderly, handicapped and disabled
Umbrella Incorporated 802-748-8645	Women's 24-hour crisis hot line shelter for women & children
Vermont Center for Independent Living 800-622-4555	Assistance for the disabled

TOWN SERVICES

RUBBISH & RECYCLE REMOVAL is currently provided by "Vaughn Hodgdon Trucking" and is picked up at roadside on Monday. Exceptions to this schedule is the pick-up of rubbish on Wednesday if one of the following holidays falls on or is observed on a Monday: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Christmas and New Years Day. Recycled items are picked up every other Monday with the exception from May 1st to Labor Day pick up will be weekly. The same rule for the above-mentioned holidays applies to the pickup of recycled items. Bulky/Waste/Metal/Hazardous Day will be August 1, 2020 from 8 a.m. to noon at 1342 VT Rte. 102, Bradley McVetty's residence.

Schedules are subject to change. Schedules may be picked up at the Town Office during office hours, mailed upon request by calling 802-676-3210 or by email at maidstonetownclerk@gmail.com. See also www.maidstone-vt.org under the town document for the schedule and additional information.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

Representative	Connie Quimby PO Box 373 Concord VT 05824	802-695-2575 (cell) 802-274-2037 cquimby@leg.state.vt.us
Senators	John Rodgers 582 Rodgers Rd West Glover VT 05875	802-525-6677 jrogers@leg.state.vt.us
	Robert A. Starr 958 Route 105 North Troy VT 05859	802-988-2877 (cell) 802 309-3345 rstarr@leg.state.vt.us
Judge of Probate	Honorable Allen Hodgdon 95 Courthouse Dr. Guildhall VT 05905	802-676-3500
Essex County Sheriff	Trevor Colby 91 Courthouse Dr. Guildhall VT 05837	802-676-3500
Vermont State Police	Derby St. Johnsbury	802-766-2211 802-748-3111
Justices of the Peace	Gail Tattan-Giampaolo Bruce A. Hobaugh Cheryl McVetty	802-676-3538 802-676-2657 802-676-3429

Town of Maidstone

Fire Warden's Report

2019

The 2019 State of Vermont wildland (grass/brush) fire season will go down as probably the least active season in recent memory. Overall the state received reports of 15 fires as compared to 59 fires during the 2018 season. These fires burned about 22 acres which was considerably less than the 113 acres burned in 2018. **All of these 15 fires were human caused.** The 10 year average for the state is about 79 fires that burn about 189 acres per year.

The town of Maidstone did not experienced any wildland fires during the year. There were five calls answered by the Groveton and North Stratford fire departments including three fires, a residential fire alarm activation and a barn collapse. Additionally, there were about a dozen requests for EMS services (Groveton ambulance) throughout the year.

There were a total of 4 burning permits issued by Chelsey and Bill during the year.

Burning Permits Required: In general a permit **is required** for any outside burning except when there is snow covering the entire site. ***Only natural wood, grass and leaves may be burned. Any other material requires an Air Pollution Permit in addition.***

Burning Permits Not Required: A permit **is not required** for a small campfire (any fire for cooking or warming) on a person's own land and contained in an appropriate pit or fire ring.


Also, please remember that any fire kindled must be attended at all times and shall be totally extinguished before leaving it, even if it is raining or there is snow covering the site.

If there are any questions as to when a burning permit is, or is not required, or for any other questions that may arise, please call either the Fire Warden or Key Person.

Fire Warden	Bill Sanborn	4488 Maidstone Lake Road	802-676-3902
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Key Person	Chelsey Ramsdell	2617 Vermont Route 102	802-751-5481
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All wildland fires should be reported to the Fire Warden or Key Person at the telephone numbers listed above, or to Fire Dispatch using 9-1-1.


Respectfully submitted,

William J. 'Bill' Sanborn
Forest Fire Warden

Town of Maidstone
Forest Fire Protection
Inventory of Tools and Equipment
2019

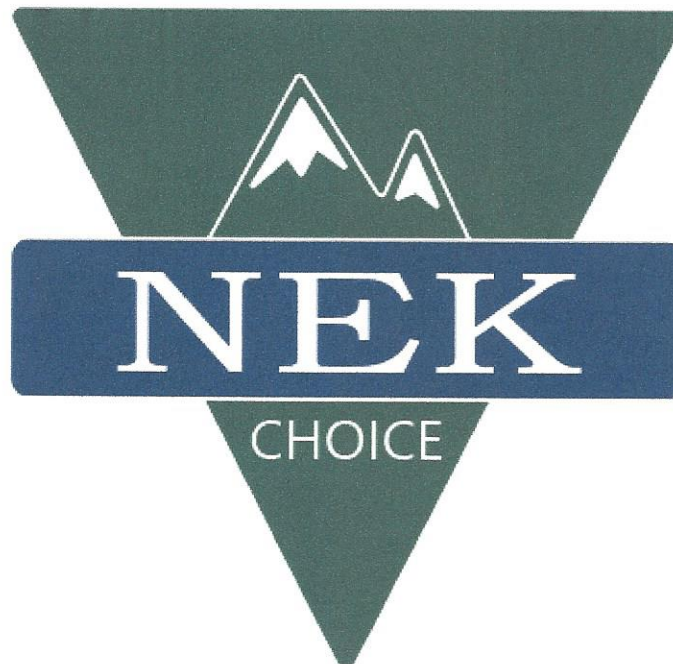
Qty.	Item	Location	Condition
10	Council Rakes	All at Bill's	All serviceable
5	Forestry Shovels w/sheaths	All at Bill's	All serviceable
5	Pulaski Tools w/sheaths	All at Bill's	All serviceable
5	Forestry Axes w/sheaths	All at Bill's	All serviceable
5	Forestry Brooms	All at Bill's	All serviceable
10	Indian Pack Tanks (canvas)	All at Bill's	All serviceable
2	Indian Pack Tanks (metal)	Both at Bill's	Both serviceable
3	Two-way Radios (portable) w/spare batteries	2 at Bill's & 1 at Chelsey's	All serviceable
1	Utility Trailer (1/4 ton)	At Bill's	Serviceable/Needs work
1	Pintle Mount (trailer hitch)	At Bill's	Serviceable
8	Forest Fire Fighter's Outfits	7 at Bill's & 1 at Chelsey's	All serviceable
6	1 ½" x 100 ft. Hose (NH) w/adapters to NPSH	All at Bill's	All serviceable
1	1 ½" Adjustable Nozzle (NH) w/adaptor to NPSH	At Bill's	Serviceable
6	1" x 100 ft. Hose (NPSH)	All at Bill's	All serviceable
4	1" x 1 ½" Reducer (NPSH)	All at Bill's	All serviceable
3	1" Nozzle (10-25 gpm)	All at Bill's	All serviceable
1	1" x 1" x 1" Gated Wye (NPSH)	At Bill's	Serviceable

Town of Maidstone
Forest Fire Protection
Inventory of Tools and Equipment
2019

Qty.	Item	Location	Condition
2	1 ½" x 1 ½" x 1 ½" Gated Wyes (NH) w/adapters to NPSH	Both at Bill's	Both serviceable
2	1 ½" x 1 ½" x 1" Hose Line Tees (NH) w/adapters to NPSH	Both at Bill's	Both serviceable
2	Fire Hose Clamps	Both at Bill's	Both serviceable
4	Fire Hose Spanner Wrenches	All at Bill's	All serviceable
1	Pair Backpack Pump Carrying Straps (Spare)	At Bill's	Serviceable
1	Honda WH15X 105 gpm Fire Pump Kit	At Bill's	Serviceable
1	Pump Hose Kit w/strainer, 20' suction hose and 20' discharge hose	All at Bill's	All serviceable

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. 'Bill' Sanborn
Forest Fire Warden

2019
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Our mission of the NEK Choice School District is to acknowledge each student's individuality and provide school choice to help ensure the most rewarding and successful educational experience and environment.

Bloomfield, Brunswick, East Haven, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Maidstone, Norton, Victory

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Four (4) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Town of Brunswick: Brunswick Community Office Building
Town of Bloomfield: Bloomfield Town Hall
Town of East Haven: East Haven Community Building
Town of Granby: Granby Town Office
Town of Guildhall: Guildhall Town Office
Town of Kirby: Kirby Town Office
Town of Lemington: Lemington Town House
Town of Maidstone: Maidstone Town Office
Town of Norton: Norton Town Office
Town of Victory: Victory Town Office

- ARTICLE 1.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation to pay tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 2.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to withdraw from the reserve fund in order to pay unanticipated tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of the NEK Choice School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$4,903,958, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,398 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 27.32% lower than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 4.** To elect all School District Officers, as required by law. (Australian Ballot)

Given unto our hands this 19th day of December, 2019.

NEK Choice School District Board Chair


Miles Etter

NEK Choice School District Annual Report

NEK Choice continues in our second working year to pursue our commitment to provide parents/guardians the ability to decide which school best provides for their children's education as well as tax stabilization, which this year is reflected by six of ten towns showing a decrease in their estimated FY 21 Tax Rate. Notwithstanding the challenges current education presents, we continue to positively affect our goals for this district: Quality Education and Fiscal Stability.

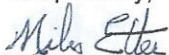
Our ENSU staff's improved proficiency and efficiency has contributed significantly. Thanks to you - Lori, Christi, Bridget, Beth, Jennifer, Adrianna, and Karen - for your committed efforts!

This year the NEK Board agreed to reduce our meeting schedule as the result of improved District's functional abilities. This year four town School Directors terms expire. Darcy Smart of Brunswick, Patty Brown of Guildhall, Sharon Ellingwood-White of Lemington, and Lyn Shmucker of Maidstone have diligently served this board since it began. Sharon has also been our main representative to the Connecticut River Collaborative Planning Committee working on a potential Interstate Compact involving Canaan, Colebrook, Pittsburg, Stewartstown, Colombia, and Clarksville. Nearly a third of our NEK students would be impacted. She has dedicated extensive time to this work. Thanks. Darcy and Patty have also served as ENSU Board representatives. They have dedicated much time, energy, and expertise to the work of the ENSU. Thank you both. We have been fortunate to have dedicated board members from our towns. Thanks Kami, Donna, Sonia, Tim, Janice, and Melanie for your commitment to NEK Choice.

Superintendent Karen Conroy met with Kate Webb, Chair of the House Education Committee recently and discussed the difficulty for many children in NEK Choice to access Pre-K programs. Vermont will not fund NH programs whose standards differ from Vermont's. These children have very little, if any, alternatives to access. This was brought to the attention of the Senate Education committee the fall prior to our first year of operation, but unfortunately this has not changed yet. The Board is asking you to contact Kate Webb and your local representatives to help make Pre School programs accessible to our children. Her contact info is KWebb@leg.state.vt.us. Many voices will help.

We hope you will keep us aware of the challenges and successes you face to provide for your children's education. Use our website, contact our Superintendent's office, and contact your local school board director. We need you to be aware and involved. Our Annual NEK Choice Meeting is February 24th at 6:00 PM in Guildhall at the Guildhall Town Hall, the week before town meeting. We hope you attend or contact your director with any questions.

Respectfully,



Miles Etter NEK Choice Board Chairman

NEK School Choice School District Report of the Superintendent

Dear Families and Community Members,

As your Superintendent of Schools, I am honored to serve the NEK Choice communities of Bloomfield, Brunswick, East Haven, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Maidstone, Norton, and Victory. We have approximately 300 students that we are currently serving based on approved residency documentation. Under the school district policies, families are required to provide three forms of supporting documentation to prove residency. We take this verification process seriously and appreciate the support of local school board members, town clerks, schools, parents and guardians in providing the necessary backup in completing this task. We want to assure the tax payers of these communities that we are only paying education tuition and services for those who live in our communities.

With students continuously transitioning in and out of our towns, we also request the verification of school of attendance twice a year with an approved tuition voucher. We are currently pay tuition at 38 different schools and these vouchers provide us another tool for properly tracking attendance to make sure we are paying the appropriate educational institute. The schools of attendance also work well with us in providing any new students the required NEK Choice residency paperwork to ensure tuition vouchers are processed timely.

Along with tuition responsibilities, Essex North Supervisory Union continues to make improvements in its ability to support special education needs of all of Preschool and Kindergarten through 12th grade students. With the commitment and shared expertise of our newly hired Director of Student Services, Jennifer Lawcewicz and Associate Director of Student Services, Beth Lemnah, we are able to meet individual case management needs of 77 NEK choice students attending schools in New Hampshire and Vermont. We also facilitate the procurement and coordination of additional contract services related to speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, sign language, psychologists and behavioral interventions.

With 25% of students requiring special education, educational supports and preschool services, we are paying close attention to the recently published *Pupil Weighting Factors Report* from Secretary of Education, Daniel M. French, related to ACT 173 and their recommended changes to the education funding formula. Along with sharing concerns with the House Chair of the Education Committee, Kate Webb on ACT 166 in providing equitable Universal Preschool options for all of our NEK Choice families.

If you would like more information on these two topics or have questions or concerns pertaining to the budgets or educational needs of your children, visit our website at www.ensuvt.org/NEK or feel free to contact me directly. I look forward to continuing to be a strong fiscal agent for the district while providing a choice in educational experiences for our students.

With gratitude and appreciation,



Karen E. Conroy
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December 6, 2019

To the Management and
Board of School Directors
NEK Choice School District
Canaan, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of NEK Choice School District for the year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 20, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by NEK Choice School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The School District had no accounting estimates.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements.

We proposed no adjustments to your financial statements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 6, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all of the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of School Directors and management of NEK Choice School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
AND RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2019

	Governmental Fund <u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash in banks	\$ 1,351,158
Due from Essex North Supervisory Union	<u>38,326</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,389,484</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 109,074
Due to Essex North Supervisory Union	<u>97,724</u>
Total liabilities	<u>206,798</u>
Fund Balance	
Committed	487,596
Assigned for future budgets	<u>695,090</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,182,686</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 1,389,484</u></u>
 RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,182,686
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:	
Note payable	<u>(20,000)</u>
NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 1,162,686</u></u>

NEK Choice School District
2020-2021 (FY21) Budget

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY20)	Proposed Budget (FY21)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Supervisory Union Assessment	\$198,782	\$203,460	\$4,678
Total Superintendent's Office:	\$198,782	\$203,460	\$4,678
SCHOOL BOARD			
Board Members Salary	\$9,798	\$10,007	\$209
NEK Choice Clerk	\$50	\$50	\$0
NEK Choice Moderator	\$50	\$50	\$0
Payroll Taxes	\$757	\$773	\$16
Audit Services	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Legal Services	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Errors & Omissions/Liability Ins.	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0
Postage	\$0	\$500	\$500
Dues & Fees-VSBA Data/Dues/New Member Trainings	\$3,323	\$3,323	\$0
Travel	\$1,381	\$0	(\$1,381)
Supplies	\$200	\$200	\$0
Total School Board:	\$27,259	\$26,603	(\$656)
TREASURER			
Treasurer Salary	\$528	\$544	\$16
Payroll Taxes	\$41	\$42	\$1
General Supplies	\$100	\$100	\$0
Total Treasurer:	\$669	\$685	\$16
REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$3445 FY 21 (7)	\$50,340	\$24,115	(\$26,225)
Total PreK Tuition:	\$50,340	\$24,115	(\$26,225)
REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD New Kindergarteners (4)	\$204,000	\$60,000	(\$144,000)
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (5)	\$173,250	\$76,500	(\$96,750)
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (10)	\$181,500	\$170,000	(\$11,500)
Tuition-Clonlara K-6 (3)	\$42,982	\$41,081	(\$1,901)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (4)	\$115,224	\$75,272	(\$39,952)
Tuition-Concord K-6 (5)	\$63,000	\$76,500	\$13,500
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (3)	\$49,944	\$50,765	\$821
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (9)	\$146,237	\$164,611	\$18,374
Tuition-Lunenburg Elementary (1)	\$31,500	\$15,300	(\$16,200)
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (4)	\$126,000	\$61,200	(\$64,800)
Tuition-Newark K-6 (7)	\$173,250	\$107,100	(\$66,150)
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (44)	\$616,074	\$640,123	\$24,050
Tuition-Stark Village School K-6 (0)	\$16,648	\$0	(\$16,648)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury K-6 (5)	\$46,267	\$56,182	\$9,914
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (6)	\$97,188	\$100,864	\$3,676
Tuition-Sunnybrook Montessori K-6 (0)	\$3,765	\$0	(\$3,765)
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (2)	\$15,750	\$30,600	\$14,850
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (11)	\$157,600	\$160,031	\$2,431
Tuition-Waterford K-6 (5)	\$122,010	\$76,500	(\$45,510)
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (1)	\$0	\$9,690	\$9,690
Total Elementary Tuition:	\$2,382,189	\$1,972,319	(\$409,870)

NEK Choice School District
2020-2021 (FY21) Budget

REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)	Approved Budget (FY20)	Proposed Budget (FY21)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Tuition-Burke Town 7-8 (5)	\$31,500	\$76,500	\$45,000
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (2)	\$18,000	\$37,000	\$19,000
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (2)	\$19,204	\$37,636	\$18,432
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (2)	\$15,750	\$30,600	\$14,850
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (0)	\$66,592	\$0	(\$66,592)
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (5)	\$109,678	\$91,450	(\$18,227)
Tuition-Lunenburg and Gilman 7-8 (0)	\$15,750	\$0	(\$15,750)
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (2)	\$63,000	\$30,600	(\$32,400)
Tuition-Millers Run 7-8 (0)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (4)	\$15,750	\$61,200	\$45,450
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (17)	\$273,471	\$276,278	\$2,807
Tuition-St. Johnsbury 7-8 (1)	\$23,134	\$11,236	(\$11,897)
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (1)	\$0	\$16,811	\$16,811
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (3)	\$128,692	\$43,645	(\$85,048)
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (1)	\$34,860	\$15,300	(\$19,560)
Tuition-Woodland Community 6-8 (1)	\$0	\$9,690	\$9,690
Tuition-Arlington 9-12 (1)	\$0	\$17,450	\$17,450
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (1)	\$16,087	\$16,252	\$165
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (7)	\$252,000	\$129,500	(\$122,500)
Tuition-Charter Academy 9-12 (1)	\$0	\$14,280	\$14,280
Tuition-Clonlara 9-12 (0)	\$16,087	\$0	(\$16,087)
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (4)	\$103,904	\$92,062	(\$11,842)
Tuition-Danville 9-12 (1)	\$0	\$14,790	\$14,790
Tuition-East Burke 9-12 (1)	\$32,173	\$16,252	(\$15,921)
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (5)	\$110,467	\$82,839	(\$27,628)
Tuition-Holderness 9-12 (1)	\$16,087	\$16,252	\$165
Tuition-LEARN 9-12 (1)	\$0	\$10,715	\$10,715
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (20)	\$585,312	\$370,594	(\$214,718)
Tuition-New Mexico Military Institute 9-12 (1)	\$16,087	\$14,582	(\$1,505)
Tuition-North Country Union High School 9-12 (1)	\$0	\$17,548	\$17,548
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (28)	\$289,968	\$512,198	\$222,230
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (13)	\$227,706	\$257,554	\$29,848
Extra Cost-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 Guided Studies (3)	\$36,057	\$27,720	(\$8,337)
Total Secondary Tuition:	\$2,517,314	\$2,348,534	(\$168,780)
Total Pre K, Elementary & Secondary Tuition:	\$4,949,843	\$4,344,967	(\$604,875)
REGULAR EDUCATION: Services			
Total Non Special Education Services:	\$0	\$77,587	\$77,587
SPECIAL EDUCATION: Services			
Total Special Education Services:	\$163,502	\$250,655	\$87,153
Grand Total of NEK Choice School District Expenditures:			
	\$5,340,056	\$4,903,958	(\$436,098)
Revenue Statement			
NEK Choice School District	Est. Revenue (FY20)	Est. Revenue (FY21)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Prior Year Surplus	\$0	\$695,090	\$695,090
Education Fund	\$5,327,168	\$4,207,868	(\$1,119,300)
ENSU (Net Transportation Aid minus Contracted Services)	\$12,388	\$0	(\$12,388)
Interest	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
Total Revenue:	\$5,340,056	\$4,903,958	(\$436,098)

District: **Northeast Kingdom Choice USD**
County: **Essex**

Property dollar
equivalent yield

U065

Essex North

Homestead tax rate per
\$10,883 of spending per
equalized pupil

1.00

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0%
of household income

Expenditures

		FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
1.	Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	-	\$5,423,799	\$5,340,056	\$4,903,958	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles	-	\$5,423,799	\$5,340,056	\$4,903,958	3.
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	4.
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	Total Union Budget	-	\$5,423,799	\$5,340,056	\$4,903,958	6.
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	7.
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.

Revenues

9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)	-	-	\$12,888	\$696,090	9.
10.	Total offsetting union revenues	-	-	\$12,888	\$696,090	10.

11.	Education Spending	-	\$5,423,799	\$5,327,168	\$4,207,868	11.
12.	Northeast Kingdom Choice USD equalized pupils	-	286.79	289.20	295.50	12.

13.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	-	\$18,912.09	\$18,420.36	\$14,239.82	13.
14.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	\$72.92	\$72.90	-	14.
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	-	-	-	-	15.
16.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)	-	-	-	-	16.
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)	-	Exempt	Exempt	-	19.
20.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	plus Excess spending threshold	-	\$17,816.00	\$18,311.00	\$18,756.00	22.
23.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	-	\$18,912	\$18,420	\$14,239.82	24.
25.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	-	177.050%	172.994%	130.845%	25.

26.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated	-	\$1,8505	\$1,7299	\$1,3084	26.
	[\$14,239.82 ÷ (\$10,883 ÷ \$1.00)]	-	-	-	-	
	Less ACT153 4 cents Third Year of Operation Incentive	-	1.7705	1.6699	1.2684	
		-	.08 Cents	.06 Cents	.04 Cents	

Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD

		FY 2020	Equalized Rate FY 2021	CLA FY 2021	Tax Rate FY 2021
T021	Bloomfield	1.5263	1.5386	105.97%	1.4519
T035	Brunswick	1.2745	1.2684	95.10%	1.3338
T064	East Haven	1.6236	1.2684	95.04%	1.3346
T083	Granby	1.0938	1.1577	102.28%	1.1319
T088	Guildhall	1.0054	1.1576	105.62%	1.0960
T108	Kirby	1.5939	1.2684	102.58%	1.2365
T111	Lemington	1.5115	1.4500	105.06%	1.3802
T118	Maidstone	1.0535	1.1576	98.72%	1.1726
T144	Norton	1.7731	1.2684	93.95%	1.3501
T216	Victory	1.8989	1.8756	103.79%	1.8071

27.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Northeast Kingdom Choice USD	0.00%	2.92%	2.81%	2.13%	27.
	[((\$14,239.82 ÷ \$13,396) × 2.00%)]	-	-	-	-	

Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD

		FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
T021	Bloomfield	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T035	Brunswick	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T064	East Haven	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T083	Granby	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T088	Guildhall	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T108	Kirby	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T111	Lemington	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T118	Maidstone	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T144	Norton	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%
T216	Victory	-	2.92%	2.81%	2.15%

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,883 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,396 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.5654. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY2021

ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY2021 with Variance to FY2020 Tax Rates	FY2020	FY2021 ESTIMATED	Variance
Total Budget	\$ 5,340,056	\$ 4,903,958	\$ (436,098)
Local Revenues	\$ 12,888	\$ 696,090	\$ 683,202
Education Spending	\$ 5,327,168	\$ 4,207,868	\$ (1,119,300)
Equalized Pupils	289.20	295.50	6.30
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$ 18,420	\$ 14,240	\$ (4,181)
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$ 10,648	\$ 10,883	\$ 235
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 1.7299	\$ 1.3084	\$ (0.4215)
Merger Tax Rate Incentive	\$ 0.0600	\$ 0.0400	\$ (0.0200)
NEK Choice Towns Homestead Tax Rate (after incentive)	\$ 1.6699	\$ 1.2684	\$ (0.4015)

NEK Choice Towns	FY20 Tax Rate	FY21 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	FY21 Estimated Tax Rate	FY 20-21 Variance
Bloomfield	\$ 1.5263	105.97%	\$ 1.4519	\$(0.0744)
Brunswick	\$1.2745	95.10%	\$ 1.3338	\$ 0.0593
East Haven	\$ 1.6236	95.04%	\$ 1.3346	\$(0.2890)
Granby	\$ 1.0938	102.28%	\$ 1.1319	\$ 0.0381
Guildhall	\$ 1.0054	105.62%	\$ 1.0960	\$ 0.0906
Kirby	\$ 1.5939	102.58%	\$ 1.2365	\$(0.3574)
Lemington	\$ 1.5115	105.06%	\$ 1.3802	\$(0.1313)
Maidstone	\$ 1.0535	98.72%	\$ 1.1726	\$ 0.1191
Norton	\$ 1.7731	93.95%	\$ 1.3501	\$(0.4230)
Victory	\$ 1.8989	103.79%	\$ 1.8071	\$(0.0918)

NEK Student Population by Town & Grade

Town	Pre-K	Grades K-6	Grades 7-12	Total
Bloomfield		12	14	26
Brunswick		3	9	12
East Haven	3	35	22	60
Granby		1	7	8
Guildhall	1	14	9	24
Kirby	14	61	50	125
Lemington	1	10	4	15
Maidstone		8	8	16
Norton		3	6	9
Victory		2	3	5
Grand Totals	19	149	132	300

Essex North Supervisory Union

2020-2021 (FY21) Budget

Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY20)	Proposed Budget (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
GENERAL COSTS					
SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE:					
Superintendent Salary	\$100,693	\$106,000	\$5,307	\$53,000	\$53,000
Treasurer Salary	\$1,568	\$1,615	\$47	\$808	\$808
Business Administrator Salary	\$53,560	\$55,702	\$2,142	\$27,851	\$27,851
Admin Asst/Accounts Payable/NEK Residency Clerk Salary	\$31,200	\$33,280	\$2,080	\$16,640	\$16,640
Payroll & Human Resource Benefits Coordinator Salary	\$35,880	\$37,315	\$1,435	\$18,658	\$18,658
Benefits	\$95,554	\$125,366	\$29,812	\$62,683	\$62,683
Advertising	\$2,800	\$1,575	(\$1,225)	\$788	\$788
Audit Services	\$11,000	\$11,445	\$445	\$5,723	\$5,723
Computer Equipment	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$250	\$250
Contracted Services	\$5,845	\$6,295	\$450	\$3,148	\$3,148
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$7,000	\$7,875	\$875	\$3,938	\$3,938
General Supplies	\$3,000	\$4,235	\$1,235	\$2,118	\$2,118
Heat	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$0	\$1,875	\$1,875
Legal Services	\$3,000	\$2,550	(\$450)	\$1,275	\$1,275
Postage	\$1,500	\$2,038	\$538	\$1,019	\$1,019
Prof/OLT Liab. Ins-Errors & Omissions/Liability Ins.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,162	\$0	(\$1,162)	\$0	\$0
Software	\$22,231	\$20,770	(\$1,461)	\$10,385	\$10,385
Telephone/Internet	\$8,220	\$9,123	\$903	\$4,562	\$4,562
Travel Expenses	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:	\$402,463	\$443,434	\$40,971	\$221,717	\$221,717

Expenditures TRANSPORTATION	Approved Budget (FY20)	Proposed Budget (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Owned Bus-Salary	\$9,990	\$10,152	\$162	\$0	\$10,152
Owned Bus-Benefits	\$765	\$777	\$12	\$0	\$777
Owned Bus-Repairs, Inspections, Fuel, Fees	\$9,125	\$10,000	\$875	\$0	\$10,000
Bus Service-Contracted Reg Education	\$191,000	\$191,323	\$323	\$0	\$191,323
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Contracted	\$31,318	\$34,450	\$3,132	\$0	\$34,450
Bus Service-Music/Field Trips Transportation, Contracted	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$0	\$0	\$19,500
Bus Service-CTE Transportation, Contracted	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
Total Transportation Expenditures:	\$261,698	\$270,702	\$9,004	\$0	\$270,702

Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED	Approved Budget (FY20)	Proposed Budget (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries-Director/Asst Director/Admin Asst/Teacher/Paras	\$27,601	\$61,239	\$33,638	\$42,595	\$18,644
Benefits-Director/Asst Director/Admin Asst	\$15,025	\$17,463	\$2,438	\$12,168	\$5,295
Contracted Services-504 Only BMH,LI,Deaf,PT,OT,SLP,Blind	\$3,530	\$31,790	\$28,260	\$19,324	\$12,466
Equipment-504 Students	\$1,800	\$3,500	\$1,700	\$3,500	\$0
General Supplies-504 Students	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)	\$0	\$0
Total Non Special Ed Services:	\$50,956	\$114,992	\$64,036	\$77,587	\$37,405

Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY20)	Proposed Budget (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries-Director/Asst Director/Admin Asst/Teachers/Paras/Subs	\$357,514	\$504,689	\$147,175	\$120,310	\$369,903
Salaries-Teachers/Paras (IDEA Grant)	\$66,684	\$65,966	(\$718)	\$0	\$65,966
Benefits-Director/Asst/Admin Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$152,544	\$259,737	\$107,193	\$63,244	\$193,123
Benefits-Teachers/Paras (IDEA Grant)	\$50,492	\$57,756	\$7,264	\$0	\$57,756

Advertising	\$1,000	\$500	(\$500)	\$0	\$500
Contracted Services-(IDEA Grant)	\$7,432	\$3,954	(\$3,478)	\$0	\$3,954
Contracted Services-PT/OT/Speech/Visions/Deaf/Prof Dev	\$536,126	\$256,412	(\$279,714)	\$181,309	\$68,369
Dues & Registrations	\$7,809	\$9,800	\$1,991	\$4,054	\$5,746
Equipment	\$7,500	\$16,500	\$9,000	\$7,540	\$8,960
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$250	\$750
General Supplies-Special Ed	\$8,000	\$14,650	\$6,650	\$6,180	\$8,470
Postage	\$800	\$1,000	\$200	\$500	\$500
Telephone	\$3,500	\$700	(\$2,800)	\$700	\$0
Transportation-Turning Points/New School	\$23,778	\$66,606	\$42,828	\$41,288	\$25,318
Travel-Director/NEK Case Manager	\$11,300	\$8,652	(\$2,648)	\$5,182	\$3,470
Tuition-Out of District Placements/LI Excess Costs	\$366,379	\$246,521	(\$119,858)	\$135,033	\$111,488
Totals for Special Education Expenditures:	\$1,601,858	\$1,514,443	(\$87,415)	\$565,590	\$924,273

Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY20)	Proposed Budget (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries	\$149,965	\$154,273	\$4,308	\$26,443	\$110,646
Benefits	\$95,884	\$75,583	(\$20,301)	\$11,959	\$54,782
Contracted Services	\$34,774	\$32,368	(\$2,406)	\$19,328	\$13,040
Supplies	\$0	\$8,060	\$8,060	\$684	\$4,829
Equipment	\$1,800	\$0	(\$1,800)	\$0	\$0
Totals for Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:	\$282,423	\$270,284	(\$12,139)	\$58,415	\$183,297

Grand Total of All Expenditures:	\$2,599,398	\$2,613,855	\$14,457	\$923,309	\$1,637,394
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Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revised (FY20)	Estimated (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$100,082	\$75,000	(\$25,082)	\$0	\$75,000
Interest	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
SU Assessments	\$397,563	\$406,920	\$9,357	\$203,460	\$203,460
Transportation Assessment	\$161,616	\$195,702	\$34,086	\$0	\$195,702
Miscellaneous Income	\$700	\$0	(\$700)	\$0	\$0
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0	\$2,100	\$2,100
Prior Year Surplus	\$0	\$31,314	\$31,314	\$15,657	\$15,657
Total Superintendents Office/Transportation Revenue:	\$664,161	\$714,136	\$49,975	\$221,717	\$492,419

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revised (FY20)	Estimated (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$50,956	\$114,992	\$64,036	\$77,587	\$37,405
Total Non Special Ed Revenue:	\$50,956	\$114,992	\$64,036	\$77,587	\$37,405

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revised (FY20)	Estimated (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
EEE Assessment from District	\$46,532	\$86,464	\$39,932	\$45,454	\$41,010
EEE Grant from State	\$27,930	\$25,000	(\$2,930)	\$8,250	\$16,750
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$425,803	\$525,781	\$99,978	\$205,201	\$299,772
Mainstream Block Grant	\$201,890	\$209,400	\$7,510	\$71,562	\$137,838
Intensive Reimbursement from State	\$672,503	\$508,736	(\$163,767)	\$219,704	\$285,262
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimbursement from State	\$102,592	\$31,386	(\$71,206)	\$15,420	\$15,966
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$124,608	\$123,722	(\$886)	\$0	\$123,722
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$0	\$3,954	\$3,954	\$0	\$3,954
Total Special Ed Revenue:	\$1,601,858	\$1,514,443	(\$87,416)	\$565,590	\$924,273

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revised (FY20)	Estimated (FY21)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
NEKCA Grant	\$0	\$2,739	\$2,739	\$0	\$2,739
CFP Grants	\$229,161	\$223,434	(\$5,727)	\$33,215	\$161,647
Medicaid Grant	\$53,262	\$44,111	(\$9,151)	\$25,200	\$18,912
Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:	\$282,423	\$270,284	(\$12,139)	\$58,415	\$183,297

Grand Total All Revenues:	\$2,599,398	\$2,613,855	\$14,457	\$923,309	\$1,637,394
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2019

CTO: 7:02 PM

ATTENDANCE: Donna Bouthillier, Michael Brisbin, Robert Champagne-Willis, Shawn Conant, Judi Conant, Guilbert Desrochers, Nancy Desrochers, Roger Emery, Mary Fitch, David Forbes, Waneta Gonyer, Carol Gorham, Sam Gorham, Bruce Hobaugh, David Hodge, Elaine Hodge, Alan Ingerson, Andrew Kachmarik, Hanne Kistner, Heather LeFoll, Scott LeFoll, Doug Lord, Bonnie Lovell, Scott Lovell, Kara Lufkin, Bradley McVetty, Cheryl McVetty, Kathy Noyes, Bruce Richardson, Mary Richardson, Linda Sanborn, William Sanborn, Laurie Snowman, Robert Snowman, Doris Tetley, Lloyd Tippitt, Chris Von Alt, Mary Von Alt and visiting Linwood Mixer.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town vote to collect its 2019 taxes from October 15, 2019 up to and including April 15, 2020 and pay same to Treasurer?

Lloyd Tippitt moved to accept Article 1 as written. Doug Lord seconded the motion. Bob Snowman stated tax bills will be due October 15th and April 15th. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town vote to raise \$3,500 and put it in the "Reappraisal and Maintenance of the Grand List" fund? Chris Von Alt moved to accept Article 2 as written. Doug Lord seconded the motion. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to raise \$1,000 for a donation to the Maidstone Lake Association to help support the "Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Program" at Maidstone Lake?

Bert Desrochers moved to accept the Article 3 as written. Cheryl McVetty seconded the motion. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked "Town Road Rebuild Account" within the Highway Fund?

Bob Snowman moved to accept the Article 4 as written. Cheryl McVetty seconded the motion. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked "Reserve" Fund?

Cheryl McVetty moved to accept the Article 5 as written. Doug Lord seconded the motion. There was discussion about what this fund is used for and why we needed \$20,000. Doug explained that cash flow has been tight and this would be used only as emergency and/or as needed per the Selectboard. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town vote to raise \$240,154.00 to pay current expenses as requested in the proposed budget plus the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5?

Lloyd Tippitt moved to accept the Article 6 as written. Cheryl McVetty seconded the motion. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town vote to hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7 o'clock p.m.?

Kathy Noyes moved to accept the Article 7 as written. Doug Lord seconded the motion. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 8. To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Lloyd Tippitt moved to accept the Article 8 as written. Doug Lord seconded the motion. There being no other discussion, a vote was taken, and the Article passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Snowman moved to adjourn at 7:22pm. Doug Lord seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MINUTES as taken by Bonnie Lovell, Town Clerk

MAIDSTONE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 14, 2019

CTO: 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Lovell, Brad McVetty, Doug Lord, Bob Snowman, Bob Champagne-Willis and Amy Pear. Linwood Mixer was also present.

Bob Champagne-Willis appointed Bob Snowman to act as Moderator in Shawn Conant's absence. Doug seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the town vote that taxes payable in installments will bear interest at the rate of one percent per month or a fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent or a fraction thereof from the due date of the first installment pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873.

Bob Champagne-Willis moved to accept Article 1 as printed. Doug Lord seconded the motion. Moderator asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Champagne-Willis moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Doug Lord seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MINUTES as taken by Bonnie Lovell, Town Clerk