

# *Town of Lowell*



**Annual Town & School Report  
For Year Ending  
December 31, 2019**

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# ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 2019  
Town of Lowell, Vermont



*Food shelf donations will be collected this year at Town Meeting.*

*Please bring any non-perishable items with you to the  
Lowell Graded School on Tuesday March 3, 2020.  
The F.O.L.K. Group will have collection bins set up for your donations.*

*Thank-you for your support.*

**Register your dog:**

Dog tags will NOT be available for purchase on Town Meeting Day.

- \$9.00 spayed/neutered \$13.00 unaltered
- Must have current rabies vaccination and copy of certificate.

***All dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2020***

NOTE: Please bring this copy of the Town Report with you to Town Meeting



# Announcements & Reminders:

- *All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School.*
- ***Polls will be open this year at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.***
- You must file a HS122 Homestead Declaration Form **each year** with your annual state tax return to receive the residential tax rate from the Town. For more information and help please call the Town Office to speak to the Listers or go to [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).

*The recycling bins at the Town Garage are open to the public on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a staff member on site to assist you and answer any questions you may have about acceptable items.*

**2020**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>Rabies Clinic</b>	March 21	9:00 a.m. To 10:00 a.m.	Lowell Fire Station
<b>Green Up Day</b>	May 2	All Day	Vermont
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</b>	April 25	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
<b>Tire Collection Event</b>	May 16	8 a.m. to 12 noon	Lowell Town Garage
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</b>	October 10	7:30 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT



## REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2019) .....	204
Penalties .....	\$ 80.00
Special Licenses .....	\$ 60.00
Total License Fees Received .....	\$ 1948.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer .....	\$ 940.00

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### DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY  
APRIL 1ST, 2020

*50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2020*

#### Dog License Fees:

\$ 9.00 each neutered or spayed

\$13.00 each not neutered or spayed

**The Animal Doctor will host a Rabies clinic for**  
\$15.00 per rabies vaccination on  
**SATURDAY- MARCH 21, 2020 ONLY**  
from 9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.  
*at the Lowell Fire Station*

**LICENSING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.**  
(YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION AT TIME OF LICENSING)

#### PLEASE NOTE

**All dogs, cats, ferrets & wolf/ hybrids must be vaccinated against rabies.**

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#### **TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE**

An ordinance establishing regulations for the control of domestic pets and wolf-hybrids has been adopted by the select board since October 5, 2004 and took effect on December 6, 2004.

No owner, keeper or other person shall permit a dog or wolf-hybrid owned by him or under his or her keeping or control, to run at large; such person found in violation shall be subject to civil penalties or other enforcement remedies – as provided by law.

A copy of the ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office.

## **VSNIP PROGRAM**

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP) is intended to help with the cost of spay & neuter for cats and dogs that are cared for by Vermonters unable to afford the standard cost of these important procedures. Included in this service is a rabies vaccination, and one distemper vaccination. In order for full protection of the diseases that this vaccination addresses, a follow up vaccination is needed. The follow up series is not included with the VSNIP voucher.

VSNIP is funded by an added \$4.00 fee to the licensing of dogs. This is the **ONLY** funding for the program. Funds are limited by how many people license their dogs, which is required by law. To license your dog, go to your town office with proof of a rabies vaccination. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) shows proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal [but would still need immediate life saving medical attention], 3) bites another animal [or person - which could otherwise result in the quarantine of your dog or euthanasia in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated], and 4) helps pay for the service for which you're applying.

**PROOF OF A CURRENT DOG LICENSE IS REQUIRED WHEN APPLYING FOR AN APPLICATION.**

# **TOWN OF LOWELL TIRE COLLECTION EVENT**



**MAY 16, 2020**  
**8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**LOWELL TOWN GARAGE**

**You are invited to bring any unwanted tires to  
the Town Garage for disposal. (LOWELL  
RESIDENTS ONLY)**

**8 TIRES MAX. PER FAMILY/ NO RIMS**

**Cost: Car/ Truck (13"- 19.5") \$2.00**

**Truck (19.5") \$4.00**

**Tractor Trailer (22.5"- 24.5") \$8.00**

For more information, call the Town Clerk's Office at (802) 744-6559 or  
email [cpion@lowelltown.org](mailto:cpion@lowelltown.org)

**Town of Lowell**

**Tire Collection Event**



# Household Hazardous Waste



*2020 Collection Days*



**Saturday April 25  
Saturday October 10  
7:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Event to be held at the; New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc.  
(WASTE USA) landfill facility on Airport Road in Coventry**

**This event is FREE and open to the RESIDENTS of  
Newport City, Coventry, Barton & Lowell**

**If you qualify as a small quantity (CEG) business, and wish to dispose of your hazardous waste, arrangements for disposal and payment must be made in advance and at least one week prior to the event.**

**Proof of residency will be required.**

## **Materials Accepted at the Event:**

**Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Latex Paints, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo Chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, Fluorescent Light Tubes/Lighting, Mercury Containing Products, Roofing Tar & Driveway Sealer.**

## **Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:**

**Asbestos, Asphalt, Automotive and Marine Batteries, Electronic Waste, Tires, Used Oil, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, Smoke Detectors, Compressed Gas Cylinders.**

**If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials please call;  
(802) 334-8300**





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

## *Town Clerk's Office*

### Services offered at the Town Clerk's Office:

- Purchase/update/renew hunting & fishing Licenses
- DMV Renewals for auto & snowmobile registration/with a separate \$3 fee for processing
- License your dog
- Obtain certified vital records - Birth/Death/Marriage
- Obtain property tax maps, listers valuation cards or copies of property deeds
- Pick up building permits & zoning by-law information
- Voter registration

The Town is now accepting Credit Card payments on our **Website [townoflowell.org](http://townoflowell.org)** for Tax Payments **ONLY**. This is no-charge to the Town but will cost the user a convenience fee (2.45% or \$3 minimum per transaction).

*As always cash & check are accepted with no additional fees in the Office.*

If you have any questions or need assistance with services offered at the Town Office, please don't hesitate to contact us or stop by during our new extended business hours.

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday through Thursday**

9:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Lowell Town Clerk's Office  
2170 VT Rte. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847  
Tel: (802) 744 6559  
Fax: (802) 744 2357

### **LIBRARY HOURS:**

*With Librarian on Duty....*

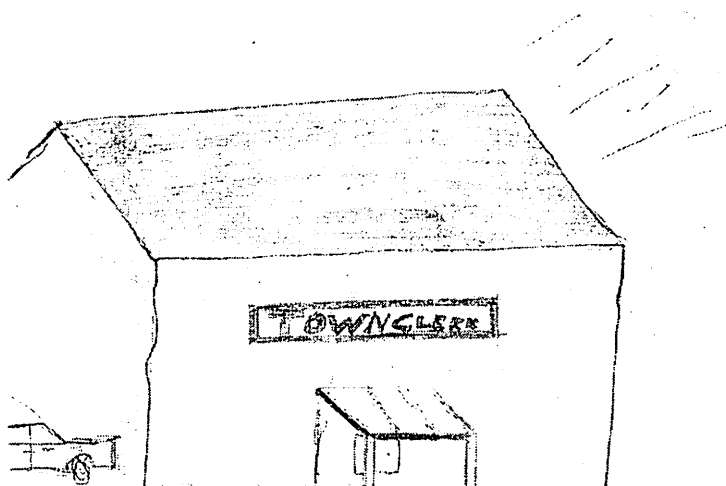
**TUESDAY - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**SATURDAY -10 a.m. to 12 noon**

*Without Librarian on Duty....*

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

**9 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.**



Landon Richards 4th Grade

**Please check in with Town Clerks Office for Library access during these times.**

# LOWELL TOWN OFFICERS

2019

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Alden Warner	2020
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>	Dwight Richardson	2020
	Richard Pion	2021
	Alden Warner	2022
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS:</b>	David Legacy	2020
	Steven Mason	2021
	Jason Blay	2022
<b>UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR:</b>	Carrie Cota	2022
<b>1st CONSTABLE:</b>	Steven Cyr (Resigned)	2020
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE:</b>	Robbin Clark	2020
<b>AUDITORS:</b>	Arlon Warner	2021
	Gordon Spencer	2022
	Melanie Richardson	2022
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Calvin Allen	2022
<b>LISTERS:</b>	Lerry Chase	2020
	Christine Hager	2021
	Mark Higley	2022
<b>TOWN AGENT:</b>	Andre Tetreault Sr.	2020
<b>LIBRARIAN:</b>	Regine Griswold	
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES:</b>	Gina Arel	2022
	Gynette Manning	2023
	Jill Legacy	2020
	Gail Sicotte	2021
	Fay Starr	2021
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Daphne Dolan-Christiansen	
	Sadie Willey	
	Patricia Sears	
	Steven Mason	
	Jeff Parsons	
<b>OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT</b>		
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Priscilla Matten	
<b>TOWN CLERK/ ASSISTANT TREASURER:</b>	Christy Pion	
<b>TREASURER/ ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK:</b>	Priscilla Matten	
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:</b>	Steven Cyr (Resigned)	2020
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:</b>	Robbin Clark	2020
<b>HEALTH OFFICER:</b>	Carol Wood- Koob	2022
<b>DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER:</b>	Rolf Koob	2022
<b>SERVICE OFFICER:</b>	Steve Mason	2020
<b>FIRE WARDEN:</b>	Gerard Nick	
<b>ASST. FIRE WARDEN:</b>	Marc Sicotte	
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Gordon Spencer	
<b>ZONING COMMISSION:</b>	Sam Thurston	
	Keith Christiansen (Resigned)	
	Charles Boulmetis	

**WARNING**  
**LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MEETING**

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE  
HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN OF LOWELL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 AT 10:00  
A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:

**ARTICLE 1:** TO ELECT **SCHOOL MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 2:** TO ELECT a **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a three-year term.

**ARTICLE 3:** SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$1,915,917.00, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR 2021. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, IF APPROVED, WILL RESULT IN EDUCATION SPENDING OF \$15,280.00 PER EQUALIZED PUPIL. THIS PROJECTED SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL IS 11.31% HIGHER THAN SPENDING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. THE OVERALL BUDGET HAS **INCREASED 8.35% FROM THE CURRENT YEAR.**

**ARTICLE 4:** SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO USE \$35,000.00 OF THE UNALLOCATED, UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, TO REDUCE TAXES IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET?

**ARTICLE 5:** SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO TRANSFER **FROM** THE TAX STABILIZATION FUND \$50,000.00 OF UNALLOCATED, UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR TO BE USED TO **REDUCE TAXES IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET?**

**ARTICLE 6:** SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO NAME THE CIRCLE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL "**SCOTT BOSKIND CIRCLE**", TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SCHOOLS LONG-TERM PRINCIPAL?

**ARTICLE 7:** TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER NON-BINDING BUSINESS WHICH MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING.

**ARTICLE 8:** TO ADJOURN

**TOWN MEETING:**

**ARTICLE 9:** TO ELECT **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 10:** TO HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS

**ARTICLE 11:** TO ELECT the following OFFICERS required by law:

- |                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| a. SELECT PERSON             | 3-year term |
| b. LISTER                    | 3-year term |
| c. AUDITOR                   | 3-year term |
| d. 1 <sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE | 1-year term |
| e. 2 <sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE | 1-year term |
| f. TOWN AGENT                | 1-year term |
| g. LIBRARY TRUSTEE           | 5-year term |

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$280,000 for TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES (Select Board's Account)?

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000 plus Vermont State Aid funding for WINTER ROADS?

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000 plus Vermont State Aid funding for SUMMER ROADS?

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the legal voter authorize the Selectboard and Road commissioner to borrow money for additional paving, and how much?

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$30,000 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT?

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$6,000.00 for the COMMUNITY LIBRARY ?

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$3,000.00 for the LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL teams?

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$1,000.00 for the JR. HOOP BASKETBALL teams?

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to the ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?



**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town of Lowell enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as **NEK Community Broadband**, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?

**Goal**

Bring a reliable and affordable, high-speed internet option (at least 100 mbps symmetrical) to every residential and business address in the Northeast Kingdom.

The towns of the Northeast Kingdom have a chance to benefit from funding available through the State of Vermont and the federal government to develop broadband infrastructure that would offer high speed internet (at least 100 mbps up and down) to every residential and business address in the region. A CUD is municipal entity, made up of 2 or more towns, with the specific purpose of bringing high-speed internet access, commonly called “broadband” to every e911 address in the NEK. As stated in Title 30 V.S.A. Chapter 082 § 3053(d), membership in the CUD poses no financial risk to the Town of Lowell or individual taxpayers within Lowell. All towns that approve this ballot measure will become members of the CUD and each member town must appoint a representative to the CUD governing board. (See details on pages immediately following this warning)

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	
a)	\$500	\$250	to AMERICAN RED CROSS
b)	\$250	\$500	to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
c)	\$ 50	\$50	to GREEN UP VERMONT
d)	\$250	\$0	to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. – AMERICAN LEGION
e)	\$200	\$200	to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
f)	\$0	\$1,000	to LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
g)	\$300	\$300	to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. – (OCCD)
h)	\$300	\$300	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
i)	\$923	\$1,758	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
j)	\$200	\$200	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.
k)	\$659	\$659	to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
l)	\$200	\$200	to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
m)	\$500	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
n)	\$0	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)
o)	\$500	\$550	to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
p)	\$500	\$0	to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
q)	\$200	\$0	to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT
r)	\$700	\$700	to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
s)	\$825	\$825	to UMBRELLA
t)	\$100	\$100	to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
u)	\$200	\$200	to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
v)	\$90	\$90	to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
w)	\$0	\$250	to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
x)	\$100	\$100	to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

\$7,547.00 \$8,539.00 Totals for above appropriations

PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed in back of town report.

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

ARTICLE 24: TO ADJOURN.

**SELECTBOARD:**

Richard Pion, Chairman



Dwight Richardson

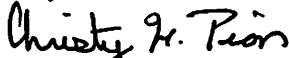


Alden Warner



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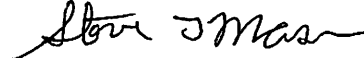
Christy Pion – Town Clerk/ Ass't Treasurer




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**SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

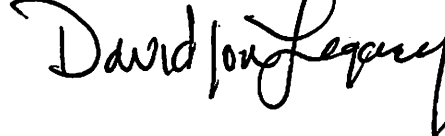
Steve Mason, Chair



Jason Blay



David Legacy



# **NEK Community Broadband - Background Information**

*“Shall the Town of Lowell enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch82.?”*

## **Goal**

Bring a reliable and affordable, high-speed internet option (at least 100 mbps symmetrical) to every residential and business address in the Northeast Kingdom.

## **Summary**

High-speed internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. Unfortunately, It's not financially appealing to internet companies to invest in infrastructure to serve our rural communities. We must set up our own networks to ensure access for all residents and businesses. The Legislature created a process to do this with Act 79 (2019).

## **How?**

The first step is for towns in our region to form a *Communications Union District (CUD)*. It will be known as “NEK Community Broadband”.

## **What's a CUD?**

A Communications Union District(CUD), is a municipality made of two or more towns for the purpose of building communication infrastructure together. Each town in the CUD has a seat on a governing board which will plan, contract build and manage the infrastructure that will provide high speed internet.

## **What do we gain by joining NEK Community Broadband?**

The Town gets a seat at the table as critical regional infrastructure is designed and built.

## **What's the cost to be a part of the CUD?**

There are no direct costs to the taxpayer or the town, though a CUD may ask the town to provide space for a communications plant used to store fiber optic cable, electronics and other assets required to operate the network.

## **What's the risk to the taxpayer and towns?**

Membership in a CUD poses no financial risk to the town or individual taxpayers, by state statute, meaning **taxpayer dollars will not be used and if the CUD fails no liability falls to the member towns or taxpayers.** (30 V.S.A. Chapter 82; see web address below).

## **How much will it cost to build the network?**

We won't know the estimated cost of the network until we know which towns are in the CUD and a network design has been engineered. Luckily, Northeastern Vermont Development Association has already secured grant funds to develop a business plan and conduct the initial network engineering for the CUD. Building a network is expensive but community based broadband projects like this qualify for large grants and very low interest loans.

### How long will it take?

Forming a CUD is just the first step in a multi-year process to plan, fund and build a network to deliver high-speed internet across our region.

### Will it work?

Yes, we believe it will work. Across rural Vermont, substantial leaps in internet service have come from communities banding together or partnering with providers to build their own networks. ECFiber, Vermont's first CUD formed in 2015, now delivers up to 700 mbps service to 3,500 customers in 22 rural towns and is profitable.

### How can we join the district?

By voting yes on the CUD Article (just listen for "NEK Community Broadband") at Town Meeting, you're voicing your support for your town's membership in the CUD. All towns that approve this ballot measure will become members of a CUD.

### What's next?

Each town appoints a resident and an alternate to serve on the CUD board. That board will work to develop a feasible plan for building the network and raise funds to construct and manage it. Then we have an affordable, high-speed internet option. Of course, no one would be required to sign up for the new service. This just means we'll have more and better options!

### Questions?

Visit [NEKCollaborative.org/broadband](http://NEKCollaborative.org/broadband) for more information. To read the full text of the state statute, visit: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/30/082>.



## 2019 Town of Lowell Audit Report

The Town Auditors audited the various town records for 2019 on January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 , which also included the accounts of the Historical Society, Lowell Cemetery Association, Fire Dept. Special Equipment Fund and F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids). The financial books for the year ending December 31, 2019 were in good order, but with a need for an updated process for the F.O.L.K. The Auditors and the F.O.L.K. Treasurer are in the process of formulating plans to achieve this. The Treasurer, Priscilla Matten, continues to improve the Town accrued accounting system utilizing the combination of Quickbooks for accounting and NEMRC for Taxes and other records. The utilization of Balance Sheets and Excel spreadsheets have made the auditing duties much easier and faster.

### Town Auditors

Arlon Warner

*Arlon Warner* 2/5/20

Melanie Richardson

*Melanie Richardson* 2/5/20



## **LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ZONING BOARD**

The Lowell Zoning Board needs new members and asks any town resident who wishes to serve the town to inform a member of the Selectboard or the Zoning Board.

Lowell Zoning Board meetings are open to the public. The regularly scheduled meeting time is the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Lowell Town Offices on Route 100..

**Please remember that most buildings and alterations whether commercial or residential need a permit. Permit applications may be picked up from the Town Clerk or the Zoning Administrator.** Failure to secure a permit can result in a fine and ultimately a lien placed on your property.

The Board welcomes your feedback and encourages your input so please feel free to contact any board member with questions and suggestions.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charles Boulmetis, Sam Thurston. Lowell Planning Board and Board of Adjustment  
(Zoning Board)**

## **Lister's Report 2019**

The Town of Lowell updates its Tax Maps annually. They are available on the Town website – [lowelltown.org](http://lowelltown.org). The Tax Maps represent and give a visual interpretation of all the deeds and surveys files with the Town Land Records. The acreage on the Tax Maps should be the same as in the Grand List. The goal is for an accurate representation and assessment of all parcels.

In Vermont all property is subject to a statewide education property tax to pay for the State's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either nonresidential or homestead. The Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 must be filed each year by every Vermont resident whose property meets the definition of a homestead. A Vermont homestead is the principal dwelling and a parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned by a resident individual as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and occupied as a person's domicile. The Vermont Department of Taxes must annually receive a Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, if a Homestead Declaration is filed late, there is a penalty.

The State also requires you to declare (on your Homestead Declaration) if more than 25% of your home's floor space is used for business or is rented. If an outbuilding is used for business or is rented it is also necessary to declare such.

Do not forget, if you have more than one property in Lowell, make sure to use the SPAN (School Parcel Account Number) that is assigned to your Homestead parcel. If your homestead straddles two or more towns, you need to file Homestead Declarations for each town the property is located in using the correct SPAN.

*Respectfully  
submitted,*

*Lowell Listers:*

*Mark Higley*

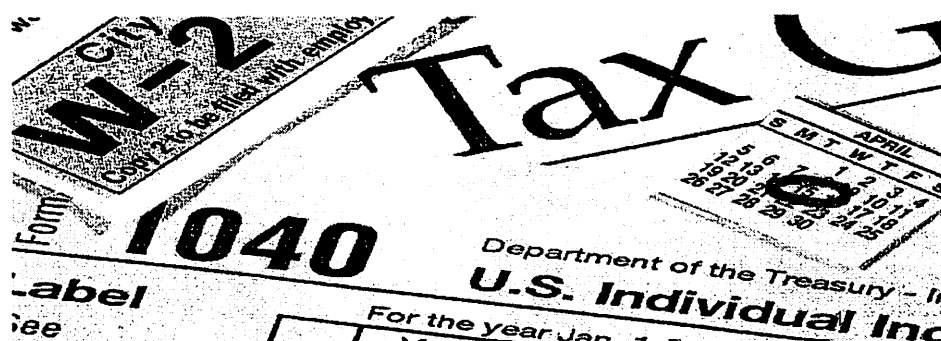
*Chris Hager*

*Lerry Chase*

**FORM HS-122**

**REMEMBER TO FILE IT  
WITH YOUR TAXES**

**TAX**



# ***Lowell Historical Society***

The Lowell Historical Society is pleased to announce that their yearly Scholarship to a Graduating Lowell Senior accepted and enrolling in College has been re-named The Harry Wellman Scholarship and the total amount of the award will now be \$1,000. This increase is thanks to the generosity and community spirit of Jennifer and Legh Wellman Higgins who are residents of Lowell and are descendants of the Wellman family of Lowell. The Wellmans were important citizens of early Lowell. Legh Wellman, direct decedent of Jubilee Wellman, the first minister in Lowell, owned the Wellman Hardware Store in the middle of Lowell at the turn of the last century, and his son, Harry Wellman, became a professor of business at Dartmouth. Other Wellmans were also prominent in our town. A whole History of the Wellmans in Lowell could be written.

The award will be offered to graduating Lowell Seniors attending any schooling who are accepted and enrolling in college and will be chosen among those submitting an essay on any aspect of Lowell history. You may base your essay on interviews with family, friends and residents, written sources like diaries, old newspapers and published books. You may also use direct observation of remains of the past (rock wall foundations of now gone buildings, etc.).

Essays are due by Monday, May 11th and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or emailed to [samueltthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samueltthurston@gmail.com). The essay should be no less than 500 words. Any questions may be directed to Sam Thurston at 744-6859 or [samueltthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samueltthurston@gmail.com)

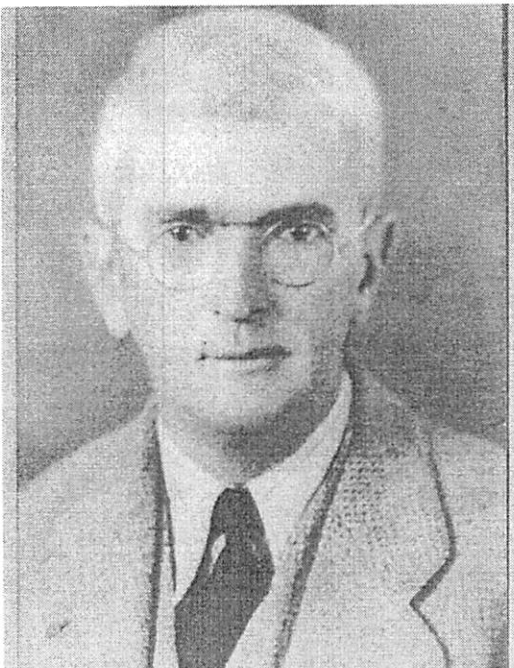
The 2019 award was given to Jacob Richardson for his essay recounting his grandfather Dwight Richardson's views on Lowell and its history and changes. Congratulations Jacob!

We are getting closer to publishing our book on the History of Lowell which Bethany Dunbar has been working on! Time to start picking pictures and deciding on the format. Some of this will be done at our next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 in the Lowell History Room at the Town Offices. We will also announce the winner(s) of the scholarship award then.

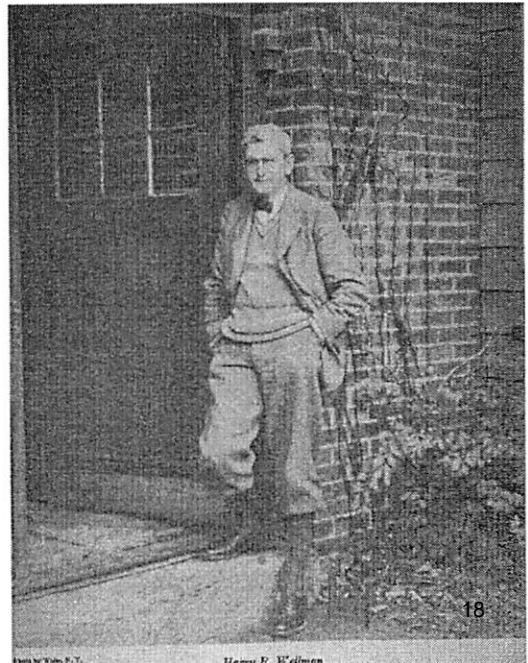
All our meetings are open to all and everyone is welcome. We are a small society and your presence would be most welcome.

The Lowell Historical Society maintains a history room in the Town Offices which is open to the public by appointment. It contains numerous interesting artifacts from the Lowell of the past, including photos, old town reports, maps, old school photos, newspaper and magazine and articles on Lowell, census data, records and other historical data. If you have not visited it for a few years come take a look: you may be surprised at how we keep accumulating interesting things. If you have old diaries, letters, family reminiscences or the like we may be very interested in including them in our archives, either the originals or copies.

If your ancestors were born in Lowell there is a great source for research and study in the Betty Kelley Archives, which is located in the Town Clerk's office and may be used anytime the Town Clerk's office is open. Compiled by Betty Kelley, this cabinet has a folder for practically every family born in Lowell from the earliest settlers to the end of the Twentieth Century. It contains extensive genealogical dates, photocopies of obituaries and weddings and other newsworthy articles. Occupations are sometimes noted, and some stories and reminiscences are included.



HARRY WELLMAN  
BORN 1881- DIED 1956



Lowell Historical Society	FY 2019
Prior Balance-checking	1514.86
Prior Balance-MM	4423.76
Revenue:	
Sale of Bethany Dunbar articles	250.00
Fundraisers-bake sale, candy bars and donations	304.00
Interest-checking	.72
Interest-MM	16.79
Total Revenue	571.51
Disbursements:	
Candy bars-fundraiser	37.68
Bethany Dunbar research and articles	610.00
Scholarship	200.00
Membership-Vermont Historical Society	50.00
Total Disbursements	897.68
Lowell Historical Ending Balance	5612.45

# TOWN OF LOWELL BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 2019

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Checking/Savings		Accounts Payable (A/P)	10,754.51
Checking-Office Sales	25,874.82		10,754.51
Checking GF-CNB	209,215.99	Accr'd Exp. -Period End	4,152.00
Town Reserve-Money Market	45,283.87	Accrued Payroll Expenses	7,569.41
Prop. Tax Escrow	3,436.19	Payroll Liabilities	
Trust accounts		BCBS	-2,332.80
A. Powers 0707774218	7,709.00	VMERS	3,526.24
Total Trust accounts	7,709.00	Total Payroll Liabilities	1,193.44
Wind Tower Fund	37,837.02	Prepaid Property Taxes	3,435.89
Total Checking/Savings	329,356.89		16,350.74
Other Current Assets		Total Current Liabilities	27,105.25
A/R Delinq Property Taxes		Long Term Liabilities	
A/R Interest-Prop. Tax	2,104.44	Note Payabl Note Payable-Fire Truck	123,427.54
A/R Penalty-Prop Taxes	5,463.79	Note Payabl Note Payable-Kempton Bri	400,000.00
A/R Delinq Property Taxes - Other	78,249.11	Total Long Term Liabilities	523,427.54
Total A/R Delinq Property Taxes	85,817.34		550,532.79
A/R Tax Sale	12,239.76	Opening Balance Equity	
Account Receivable-Other	96,240.00	Archie Powers Restricted F	7,556.36
Petty Cash	100.00	General Retained Earnings	122,331.21
Prepaid Expenses		Opening Balance Equity - C	928,049.55
Accident & Sickness Ins.	421.62	Total Opening Balance Equity	1,057,937.12
Prepaid County Tax	6,381.06	Prior Years Retained Earnings	
Prepaid Firefighters membership	374.00	Appraisal Dept.	44,051.54
Prepaid Fuel		Audit Dept.	8,831.32
Fire Dept.	859.97	Computerization Dept.	6,965.93
Garage	1,490.40	Equipment Maint. Dept.	5,412.43
Town Office	589.95	Fire Department	-1,942.10
Total Prepaid Fuel	2,940.32	Gravel Pit Dept.	22,720.25
Prepaid Liability Ins.	970.51	Lge Culverts-Bridges	8,643.17
Prepaid loader lease	4,803.29	Library Dept.	3,959.14
Prepaid NEMRIC	365.24	Paving Dept.	49,951.52
Prepaid Property Ins.	1,020.18	Restoration Dept.	9,284.08
Prepaid Public Official Ins.	636.07	Road Dept.	-20,210.16
Prepaid Unemployment	190.00	SelectBoard Dept	7,917.24
Prepaid work. comp Ins.	3,729.49	Sports Dept.	4,191.84
Total Prepaid Expenses	21,831.78	Town Admin	26,855.92
Total Other Current Assets	216,228.88	Total Prior Years Retained Earnings	176,632.12
Total Current Assets	545,585.77	Net Income	384,398.58
Fixed Assets		EQUITY	1,618,967.82
Bridges/Roads	666,831.16	TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY	2,169,500.61
Buildings	280,400.00		
Equipment/Machinery	208,977.88		
Less Acc. Depreciaton-Equip	-30,594.20		
Total Equipment	178,383.68		
Land	498,300.00		
Total Fixed Assets	1,623,914.84		
TOTAL ASSETS	2,169,500.61		



## TOWN OF LOWELL DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

2019

Date	Description	Explanation of determined value	Actual Value Before Depreciation	Life in yrs	Annual Deprec.	Prior year Accum. Deprec.	Prior Year Remaining Value	Present Year Deprec.	Present Year Accum. Deprec.	Present Year Remaining Value
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>										
9/19/2017	3362 gallon 2018 fire tanker truck	purchase price	150,000.00	25	6,000.00	7,000.00	143,000.00	6,000.00	13,000.00	137,000.00
Unavailable	Grader	Replacement Value	45,000.00	6	7,500.00	7,500.00	37,500.00	7,500.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
11/8/2017	3 office DELL Computers-optiplex	purchase price	2,250.00	5	450.00	525.00	1,725.00	450.00	975.00	1,275.00
12/12/2017	9' BOSS Sander	Rebate-532.80 purchase price	5,667.20	7	809.60	809.60	4,857.60	809.60	1,619.20	4,048.00
12/31/2019	Sander	purchase price	6,060.68	7	865.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,060.68
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>										
			208,977.88		15,625.41	15,834.60	187,082.60	14,759.60	30,594.20	178,383.68
<b>BUILDINGS</b>										
11/1/2017	Bandstand	Assessed	3,500.00	NA					0.00	3,500.00
11/1/2017	School Bldg	Assessed	1,229,000.00	NA					0.00	1,229,000.00
8/28/1986	School Bldg deeded to school District	list records	-1,229,000.00	NA					0.00	-1,229,000.00
11/1/2017	Town Garage	Assessed	84,800.00	NA					0.00	84,800.00
11/1/2017	Town Office Bldg	Assessed	192,100.00	NA					0.00	192,100.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDINGS</b>										
			280,400.00	NA					0.00	280,400.00
<b>ROADS &amp; BRIDGES</b>										
12/30/2019	Kempton Bridge	cost	547,480.85	NA					0.00	547,480.85
12/30/2019	Kempton Hill Road	cost	72,392.56	NA					0.00	72,392.56
12/30/2019	Green Hill Road	cost	18,420.60	NA					0.00	18,420.60

TOWN OF LOWELL DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE  
2019

Date	Description	Explan- ation of deter- mined value	Actual Value Before Depreciation	Life in yrs	Annual Deprec.	Prior year Accum. Deprec.	Prior Year Remaining Value	Present Year Accum. Deprec.	Present Year Remaining Value
12/30/2019	Hazens Notch Rd	cost	28,537.15	NA				0.00	28,537.15
<b>TOTAL RDS &amp; BRIDGES</b>			666,831.16					0.00	666,831.16
<b>LAND</b>									
11/1/2017	Land by Bandstand	Assessed	14,000.00	NA			14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00
11/1/2017	Ethyl Shore Estate Land	Assessed	27,600.00	NA			27,600.00	0.00	27,600.00
11/1/2017	Moulton Land (Off Irish Hill	Assessed	67,000.00	NA			67,000.00	0.00	67,000.00
11/1/2017	Mason Land								
11/1/2017	(Albany Mtn)	Assessed	111,600.00	NA			111,600.00	0.00	111,600.00
11/1/2017	School Land	Assessed	27,500.00	NA			27,500.00	0.00	27,500.00
8/28/1986	School Land deeded to School District	Assessed	-27,500.00				-27,500.00	0.00	-27,500.00
11/1/2017	Town Garage Land	Assessed	22,900.00	NA			22,900.00	0.00	22,900.00
11/1/2017	Town Office Bldg Land	Assessed	129,000.00	NA			129,000.00	0.00	129,000.00
11/1/2017	Former Dump Site Vernon Warner	Assessed	1,700.00	NA			1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00
11/1/2017	flood plain	Assessed	500.00	NA			500.00	0.00	500.00
11/1/2017	Town Gravel Pit	Assessed	124,000.00	NA			124,000.00	0.00	124,000.00
<b>TOTAL LAND</b>			498,300.00	NA			498,300.00	0.00	498,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			1,654,509.04			15,834.60	685,382.60	30,594.20	1,623,914.84

TOWN FUND BALANCE REPORT						
TOWN DEPARTMENT:	PRIOR YEAR FUNDS/PROP. BALANCE	2019 GAIN/LOSS	AVAIL. FUNDS/ PROPERTY THRU 12/31/19	2020 BUDGETED GAIN/(LOSS)	AVAILABLE FUNDS/ PROPERTY PROJECTED THRU 12/31/2020	
AUDIT	8,831.32	0.00	8,831.32	-8,000.00	831.32	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	-1,942.10	4,456.03	2,513.93	2,548.00	5,061.93	
GRANTS	0.00	262,069.04	262,069.04	0.00	262,069.04	
LIBRARY	3,959.14	1,501.81	5,460.95	-268.85	5,192.10	
LITTLE LEAGUE	4,191.84	1,252.03	5,443.87	1,070.00	6,513.87	
ROADS	-20,048.74	11,692.74	-8,356.00	10.95	-8,345.05	
TOWN ADMIN.	26,855.92	42,623.39	69,479.31	60,287.60	129,766.91	
<b>TOTAL TOWN ADMIN</b>	<b>21,847.38</b>	<b>323,595.04</b>	<b>345,442.42</b>	<b>55,647.70</b>	<b>401,090.12</b>	

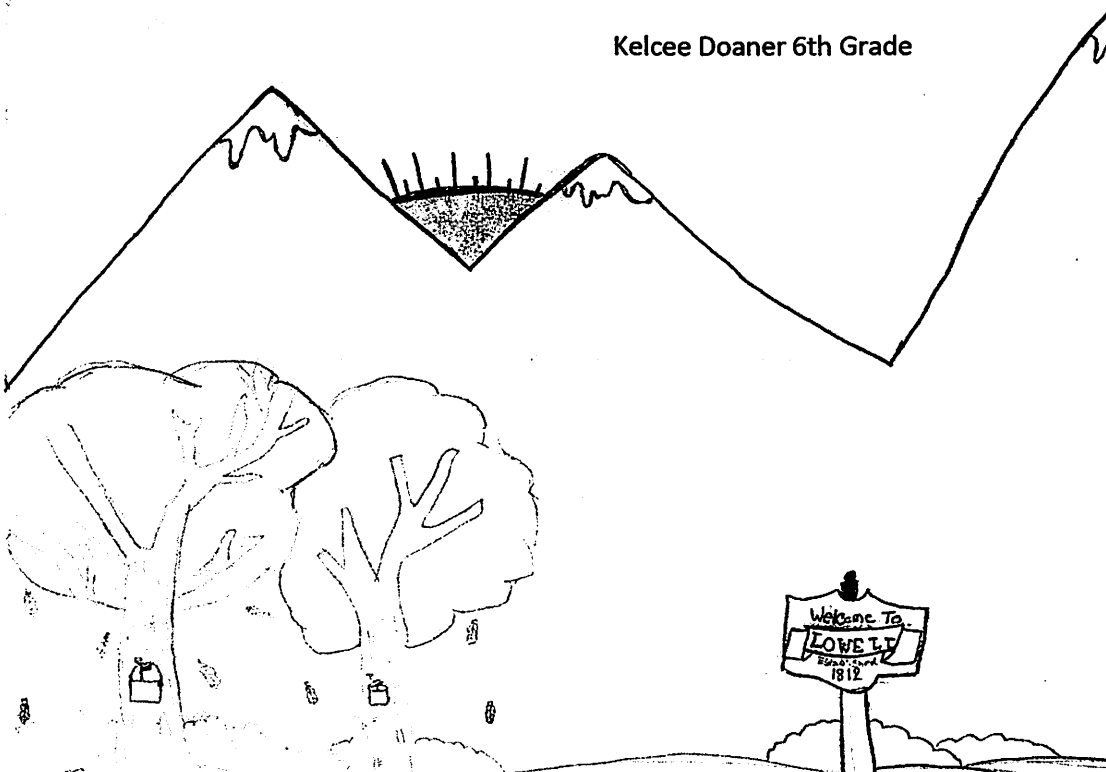
SELECTBOARD FUND BALANCE REPORT						
SELECTBOARD DEPARTMENT:	PRIOR YEAR FUNDS/PROP. BALANCE	2019 GAIN/LOSS	AVAIL. FUNDS/ PROPERTY THRU 12/31/19	2020 BUDGETED GAIN/(LOSS)	AVAILABLE FUNDS/ PROPERTY PROJECTED THRU 12/31/2020	
APPRAISAL	44,051.54	10,612.00	54,663.54	10,612.00	65,275.54	
COMPUTERIZED RECORDS	6,965.93	1,910.00	8,875.93	1,900.00	10,775.93	
EQUIPMENT REPAIR FUND	5,412.43	774.38	6,186.81	2,192.00	8,378.81	
FILE RESTORATION	9,284.08	1,745.00	11,029.08	1,775.00	12,804.08	
GRAVEL PIT FUND	22,720.25	-17,124.90	5,595.35	4,600.00	10,195.35	
LGE CULVERT/BRIDGE FUND	8,643.17	12,000.00	20,643.17	12,000.00	32,643.17	
PAVEMENT FUND	49,951.52	25,000.00	74,951.52	25,000.00	99,951.52	
SELECTBOARD MGMT FUND: ANIMAL CONTROL GARAGE LISTER ZONING MANAGEMENT		-975.95 -13,548.86 -21,656.25 -424.31 62,339.79		-716.80 -13,817.39 -24,540.37 -407.38 49,163.54		
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD MGMT FUND</b>	<b>7,917.24</b>	<b>25,734.42</b>	<b>33,651.66</b>	<b>9,681.60</b>	<b>43,333.26</b>	

LOWELL FUND BALANCE - Continued					
	PRIOR YEAR FUNDS/PROP. BALANCE	2019 GAIN/LOSS	AVAIL. FUNDS/ PROPERTY THRU 12/31/19	2020 BUDGETED GAIN/(LOSS)	AVAILABLE FUNDS/ PROPERTY PROJECTED THRU 12/31/2020
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>154,946.16</b>	<b>60,650.90</b>	<b>215,597.06</b>	<b>67,760.60</b>	<b>283,357.66</b>

<b>SUMMARY:</b>					
<b>TOTAL TOWN ADMIN</b>	<b>21,847.38</b>	<b>323,595.04</b>	<b>345,442.42</b>	<b>55,647.70</b>	<b>401,090.12</b>
<b>ARCHIE POWERS TRUST</b>	<b>7,556.36</b>	<b>152.64</b>	<b>7,709.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>7,869.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>154,946.16</b>	<b>60,650.90</b>	<b>215,597.06</b>	<b>67,760.60</b>	<b>283,357.66</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184,349.90</b>	<b>384,398.58</b>	<b>568,748.48</b>	<b>123,568.30</b>	<b>692,316.78</b>

<b>AUDIT (Funded by Town Vote) FINANCIAL</b>		
	2019	2020
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<b>INCOME:</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	0	0
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Prof. Audit	0.00	8,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	0.00	8,000.00
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	0.00	-8,000.00

Kelcee Doaner 6th Grade



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT- FUNDED BY TOWN VOTE</b>		
	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>
<b>Access Income by Town</b>	30,000.00	30,000.00
<b>Grant Income</b>	3,991.50	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>33,991.50</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Hired Equipment - Plowing</b>	<b>890.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	<b>890.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE:</b>		
Liability	782.00	792.00
Property	4,600.00	4,650.00
Work Comp	1,219.00	1,220.00
Sickness & Accidental	590.38	600.00
<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>7,191.38</b>	<b>7,262.00</b>
<b>Legal &amp; Professional Services</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>		
Bldg & Ground Maint	2,755.48	2,760.00
Culvert	1,335.00	0.00
Other Equip Repair	2,644.45	1,500.00
Maint Supplies/Fluids	77.44	80.00
Pagers/Radio Repair	16.98	200.00
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>6,829.35</b>	<b>4,540.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE:</b>		
Fuel	2,317.65	2,350.00
Office Supplies & Small Equip.	886.40	800.00
Training/Stipends	5,997.50	6,000.00
Utilities	1,536.91	1,600.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>10,738.46</b>	<b>10,750.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>		
Diesel/Gas	409.60	500.00
Dues/Membership	474.00	500.00
Gear	567.23	550.00
Snow Removal/Gravel/Other	1,798.83	1,800.00
Supplies	126.81	250.00
Uniforms	109.81	200.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP.</b>	<b>3,486.28</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>29,535.47</b>	<b>27,452.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>4,456.03</b>	<b>2,548.00</b>

# GRANTS 2019

	Culverts & Bridges	Roads	Total Fema	Green Hill	Hazen Notch	Irish Hill Culverts	Kempton Bridge	Kempton Hill	Total Grants
	(FEMA)	(FEMA)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)
Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,760.00	20,000.00	8,750.00	175,000.00	70,000.00	288,510.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,760.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>8,750.00</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	<b>288,510.00</b>
Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,680.00	4,305.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	12,585.00
Stone Rds.-Hired Equip.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	720.00	0.00	0.00	1,560.00	2,280.00
Tree Cutting/Excavation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,789.50	10,789.50
Hired Equipment - Other	72.00	9,671.50	9,743.50	4,245.00	12,773.50	0.00	1,435.00	15,288.50	43,485.50
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	<b>72.00</b>	<b>9,671.50</b>	<b>9,743.50</b>	<b>8,925.00</b>	<b>17,798.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,435.00</b>	<b>31,238.00</b>	<b>69,140.00</b>
Culverts	0.00	1,055.00	1,055.00	1,584.00	1,185.20	0.00	0.00	5,222.60	9,046.80
Bridge Repairs	283.50	0.00	283.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	283.50
Road Repair	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>283.50</b>	<b>1,205.00</b>	<b>1,488.50</b>	<b>1,584.00</b>	<b>1,185.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,222.60</b>	<b>9,480.30</b>
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.38	0.00	89.38
Total Office Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.38	0.00	89.38
Acrow Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169,000.00	0.00	169,000.00
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	338,751.10	0.00	338,751.10
Diesel Surcharge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	295.32	295.32
Diesel/Gas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	141.72	141.72
Ditching Fabric	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	510.00	510.00
Engineering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,750.00	37,856.96	12,132.24	58,739.20
Hay/Mulching	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.00	539.96	0.00	0.00	789.05	1,542.01
Plant Seed	0.00	0.00	0.00	179.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	384.60	564.58
Flood Rd. Repair	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Stone for Roads	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,183.66	1,995.59	0.00	348.41	12,857.03	19,384.69
Roads - Other	0.00	140.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>490.00</b>	<b>490.00</b>	<b>4,183.66</b>	<b>1,995.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>348.41</b>	<b>12,857.03</b>	<b>19,874.69</b>
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>490.00</b>	<b>490.00</b>	<b>4,576.64</b>	<b>2,535.55</b>	<b>8,750.00</b>	<b>546,045.85</b>	<b>27,109.96</b>	<b>589,508.00</b>
FICA Expense	21.52	286.33	307.85	160.02	353.56	0.00	0.00	428.25	1,249.68
Health Insurance	14.98	449.26	464.24	446.61	718.28	0.00	0.00	1,092.88	2,722.01
Medicare Exp.	5.03	66.96	71.99	37.44	82.69	0.00	0.00	100.15	292.27
Municipal Retirement	6.13	153.59	159.72	109.71	160.80	0.00	0.00	293.54	723.77
Total Company Contributions	47.66	956.14	1,003.80	753.78	1,315.33	0.00	0.00	1,914.82	4,987.73
Other Salaries	0.00	2,547.71	2,547.71	1,334.88	3,858.87	0.00	0.00	2,864.43	10,605.89



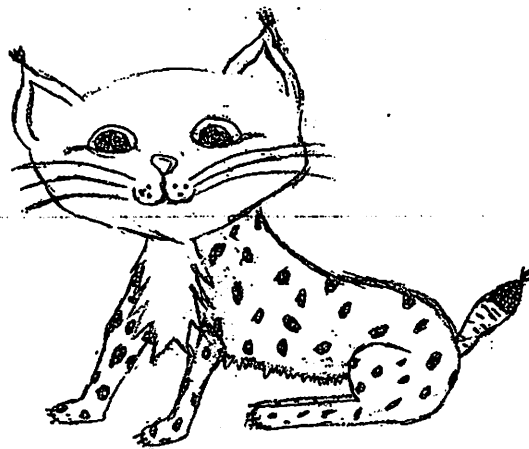
# GRANTS 2019

	Culverts & Bridges	Roads	Total Fema	Green Hill	Hazen Notch	Irish Hill Culverts	Kempton Bridge	Kempton Hill	Total Grants
	(FEMA)	(FEMA)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)	(Grants)
Rd. Comm.	144.20	2,070.30	2,214.50	1,246.30	1,843.70	0.00	0.00	3,666.80	8,971.30
Select Board	202.95	0.00	202.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	202.95
Town Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.95	375.95
Total Salaries	347.15	4,618.01	4,965.16	2,581.18	5,702.57	0.00	0.00	6,907.18	20,156.09
Total Payroll Expenses	394.81	5,574.15	5,968.96	3,334.96	7,017.90	0.00	0.00	8,822.00	25,143.82
Total Expense	750.31	16,940.65	17,690.96	18,420.60	28,537.15	8,750.00	547,480.85	72,392.56	693,272.12
Transferred to Assets	750.31	16,940.65	17,690.96	-18,420.60	-28,537.15	0.00	-547,480.85	-72,392.56	-666,831.16
Remaining Expenses	-750.31	-16,940.65	-17,690.96	0.00	0.00	8,750.00	175,000.00	0.00	26,440.96
Gain/(Loss)				14,760.00	20,000.00	0.00	175,000.00	70,000.00	262,069.04

LIBRARY FINANCIAL (FUNDED BY TOWN VOTE)		
	2019 ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET
Assess income. By Town	6,000.00	6,000.00
EXPENSES:		
Office Supplies	0.00	100.00
Subscriptions	0.00	150.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
Operating Expense		
Books	1,548.79	2,300.00
Dues/Membership	39.00	40.00
Magazines	0.00	150.00
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>1,587.79</b>	<b>2,490.00</b>
Payroll Expenses		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	167.62	203.24
Medicare Exp.	39.20	47.53
Total Company Contributions	206.82	250.77
Salaries		
Librarian	2,650.80	3,278.08
Library Assist.	52.78	
Total Salaries	2,703.58	3,278.08
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>2,910.40</b>	<b>3,528.85</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,498.19</b>	<b>6,268.85</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>1,501.81</b>	<b>-268.85</b>

LITTLE LEAGUE FINANCIAL (Funded by Town Vote)		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Assess income. By Town	3,000.00	3,000.00
Membership Income	585.00	545.00
Total Other Income	585.00	545.00
Total Income	3,585.00	3,545.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Ball Field Mt.	550.00	575.00
Other Operational Costs	340.00	350.00
Dues/Membership	508.00	550.00
Supplies	465.98	500.00
Uniforms	468.99	500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,332.97</b>	<b>2,475.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>1,252.03</b>	<b>1,070.00</b>

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Rebecca Legacy 5th Grade

## ROADS DEPT. FINANCIAL

	SUMMER ROADS		WINTER ROADS		TOTAL ROADS	
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>						
Assess income By Town	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00
Misc. Fees	201.30		0.00		201.30	0.00
State Aid Class 2-3 Rds	38,530.18	38,530.18	39,218.32	39,218.32	77,748.50	77,748.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>173,731.48</b>	<b>173,530.18</b>	<b>174,218.32</b>	<b>174,218.32</b>	<b>347,949.80</b>	<b>347,748.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>						
<b>Assessed Approp.</b>						
Equip. Assess. Approp	3,946.00	3,946.00	3,946.00	3,946.00	7,892.00	7,892.00
Gravel Pit Assess. Appr	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Assessed Approp.</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>11,892.00</b>	<b>11,892.00</b>
<b>Hired Equipment</b>						
Hired Eq./Albany	1,294.50	1,200.00	4,659.50	4,600.00	5,954.00	5,800.00
Plowing	0.00	0.00	14,722.00	14,500.00	14,722.00	14,500.00
Road Ditching	1,505.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	1,505.00	1,600.00
Road Mowing	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Sweeper-Hired Eq.	3,260.00	3,300.00	0.00	0.00	3,260.00	3,300.00
Tree Cutting/Excavation	3,460.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,460.00	3,500.00
Hired Equipment - Other	34,182.00	34,200.00	68,022.60	69,000.00	102,204.60	103,200.00
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	<b>47,701.50</b>	<b>47,800.00</b>	<b>87,404.10</b>	<b>88,100.00</b>	<b>135,105.60</b>	<b>135,900.00</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b>						
Maint Supplies/fluids	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	100.00
Bldg & Grd. Maintena	240.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	250.00
Culverts	1,577.40	1,600.00	80.60	100.00	1,658.00	1,700.00
Pow Blades/Shoes, Et	0.00	0.00	16.96	100.00	16.96	100.00
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>1,817.40</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>	<b>97.56</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>1,914.96</b>	<b>2,150.00</b>
<b>Operating Expense:</b>						
Office Supplies	4.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	10.00
Beaver Expense	50.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	100.00
Chloride	4,630.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,630.00	5,000.00
Cold Patch	211.83	210.00	0.00	0.00	211.83	210.00
Diesel Surcharge	2,621.50	2,700.00	5,462.75	5,500.00	8,084.25	8,200.00
Diesel/Gas	4,314.97	4,300.00	4,798.72	4,800.00	9,113.69	9,100.00
Hay/Mulching	279.98	300.00	0.00	0.00	279.98	300.00
Loader - Lease Equip	9,606.54	9,606.54	9,606.43	9,606.43	19,212.97	19,212.97
Road Stakes	470.80	500.00	0.00	0.00	470.80	500.00
Asphalt	276.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	276.00	100.00

## ROADS DEPT. FINANCIAL

	SUMMER ROADS		WINTER ROADS		TOTAL ROADS	
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Road Permit-Vt.	1,350.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	700.00
Road Signs	758.55	500.00	0.00	0.00	758.55	500.00
Stone For Rds.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salt	0.00	0.00	11,347.54	6,900.00	11,347.54	6,900.00
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>24,574.17</b>	<b>24,026.54</b>	<b>31,215.44</b>	<b>26,806.43</b>	<b>55,789.61</b>	<b>50,832.97</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>						
Company Contributions						
FICA Expense	2,368.55	2,586.33	4,227.82	4,511.07	6,596.37	7,097.41
Health Insurance	5,922.70	9,954.07	7,367.72	9,954.07	13,290.42	19,908.14
Medicare Exp.	553.94	604.87	1,007.47	1,055.01	1,561.41	1,659.88
Municipal Retirement	1,496.08	1,500.00	2,217.22	2,322.85	3,713.30	3,822.85
<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	<b>10,341.27</b>	<b>14,645.27</b>	<b>14,820.23</b>	<b>17,843.00</b>	<b>25,161.50</b>	<b>32,488.28</b>
Garage Mt.	2,242.20	2,287.04	1,420.80	1,500.00	3,663.00	3,787.04
Other Salaries	16,443.72	19,448.52	38,075.67	41,379.31	54,519.39	60,827.83
Rd. Comm.	19,516.40	19,979.51	28,694.60	29,879.93	48,211.00	49,859.44
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>38,202.32</b>	<b>41,715.07</b>	<b>68,191.07</b>	<b>72,759.24</b>	<b>106,393.39</b>	<b>114,474.31</b>
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>48,543.59</b>	<b>56,360.34</b>	<b>83,011.30</b>	<b>90,602.24</b>	<b>131,554.89</b>	<b>146,962.58</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>128,582.66</b>	<b>136,032.88</b>	<b>207,674.40</b>	<b>211,704.67</b>	<b>336,257.06</b>	<b>347,737.55</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>45,148.82</b>	<b>37,497.30</b>	<b>-33,456.08</b>	<b>-37,486.35</b>	<b>11,692.74</b>	<b>10.95</b>



LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT				LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
INCOME:		2019 Actual	2020 Budget	EXPENSES:		2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Interest:				APPROP. PAID BY THE TOWN:			
Checking-GF		1,628.62	1,700.00	8th Grade Trip			
Checking-Office		19.56	20.00	American Legion Jay #28			
Interest-Prepaid Taxes		9.32	10.00	American Red Cross			
Interest Tax Sale		1,828.08	1,800.00	Area Agency on Aging			
KCW Reserve Int.		624.46	500.00	County Child Advocacy			
Town Reserve Int.		896.66	925.00	Green Mtn. Farm to Sc			
Total Interest		5,006.70	4,955.00	Green Up-Vt.			
Beer Licenses		185.00	185.00	Jr. Hoop			
DMV Renewals		15.00	15.00	Missisquoi River Basin Assoc			
Hunting/Fishing Lic.		0.00	0.00	NE Kingdom Comm. Act.			
Marriage Licenses		100.00	100.00	NE Vt. Develop. Assoc.			
Total License Fees/Fines		300.00	300.00	NEK Human Services			
Net Logging Income			30,000.00	NEKLS-Adult Learning Ctr.			
Cert. of Vital Statistics		380.00	380.00	Orl. Essex. VNA & Hospice			
Copying Fees		1,146.15	1,322.00	Orleans Citizen Advocacy			
Green Mtn. Pass		4.00	4.00	Orleans Historical Soc.			
Misc. Fees		225.27	80.00	Pope Frontier Society			
Pilot Income		3,245.40	3,375.26	Prevent Child Abuse-VT			
Posted Land Fees		20.00	50.00	Rural Community Transp.			
Recorder Fees		6,185.00	6,820.00	School-Lowell			
Research Time		261.00	220.00	School-No. Country			
Tire Event Income		354.00	197.00	UMBRELLA Step O.N.E.			
Truck Weight Fees		285.00	280.00	Vt. Assoc. for Blind			
Total Other Income		12,105.82	42,728.26	Vt. Ctr. Independent Liv.			
Driveway Permits		30.00	50.00	Vt. Rural Fire Protection			
Total Permits		30.00	50.00	Vermont Symphony Orchestra			
Current Use		3,169.08	3,200.00	Total Approp. Pd-Town			
Delinq. tax interest		8,908.50	9,000.00	Assessments			
Delinq. tax penalty		12,008.73	10,000.00	Fire Dept.			
Education Tax		7,705.84	8,000.00	Library			
GMP Tax Contract		575,375.00	575,375.00	Little League			
				Total			
				1,060,546.22			
				1,060,046.22			

LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
INCOME:		2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Property Tax Income		1,275,946.01	1,275,950.00
Interest - Tax Sale		121.18	
<b>Total State Revenue</b>		<b>1,883,234.34</b>	<b>1,881,525.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,900,676.86</b>	<b>1,929,558.26</b>

LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
EXPENSES:		2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Roads-Summer		135,000.00	135,000.00
Roads-Winter		135,000.00	135,000.00
Selectboard		280,000.00	280,000.00
<b>Total Assessments</b>		<b>589,000.00</b>	<b>589,000.00</b>
Office Expense			
Depreciation Exp.		14,759.60	15,625.41
Bridge Rental		126.00	1,512.00
Interest Expense		4,096.71	14,000.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>		<b>18,982.31</b>	<b>31,137.41</b>
Marriage License-V. Treas.		91.00	90.00
State Credit-Property Taxes		188,997.03	188,997.03
<b>Total State Fees/Licenses/</b>		<b>189,088.03</b>	<b>189,087.03</b>
Logging Prep		436.91	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>1,858,053.47</b>	<b>1,869,270.66</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>		<b>42,623.39</b>	<b>60,287.60</b>

<b>APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD &amp; STATE</b>		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Asses income by Selectboard	4,000.00	4,000.00
Reappraisal Fees	5,916.00	5,916.00
State Equalization Payment	696.00	696.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,612.00</b>	<b>10,612.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>10,612.00</b>	<b>10,612.00</b>

<b>COMPUTERIZED RECORDS DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD DEPT. SERVICES</b>		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Computerization	1,910.00	1,900.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,910.00</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>1,910.00</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>



EQUIPMENT REPAIR DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY ROADS DEPT.		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Assessed Income from Rds	7,892.00	7,892.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,892.00</b>	<b>7,892.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Other Maint. Supplies/Fluids	648.96	650.00
Grader Repairs	1,964.33	1,950.00
Loader Repairs	1,088.59	1,100.00
Plow Blades/Shoes	2,925.06	1,500.00
Other Equip. Repair	490.68	500.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR EXPENSE</b>	<b>7,117.62</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>774.38</b>	<b>2,192.00</b>

**FILE RESTORATION  
FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD SERVICES**

	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Restoration</b>	<b>1,745.00</b>	<b>1,775.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,745.00</b>	<b>1,775.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>1,745.00</b>	<b>1,775.00</b>

GRAVEL PIT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY ROADS DEPT.		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Assessed Income from Roads	4,000.00	4,000.00
Land Rent	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Income	6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Equip. Repair-Screener	1,070.39	1,200.00
Equip. Repair-Other	74.07	200.00
Gravel Pit Exp.	21,980.44	0.00
Total Expense	23,124.90	1,400.00
PROFIT/LOSS	-17,124.90	4,600.00

PAVING FINANCIAL FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Income		
Asses Income by Selectboard	25,000.00	25,000.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
<b>GAINT/LOSS</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>

LGE CULVERTS/BRIDGES FINANCIAL FUNDED BY THE SELECTBOARD		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Income		
Asses Income by Selectboard	12,000.00	12,000.00
Expense		
BRIDGE REPAIRS	0.00	0.00
Hired Equipment	0.00	0.00
Diesel Surcharge	0.00	0.00
Stone for Roads	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00
Total Operating Expense	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expenses		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	0.00	0.00
Health Insurance	0.00	0.00
Medicare Exp.	0.00	0.00
Municipal Retirement	0.00	0.00
Total Company Contributions	0.00	0.00
Salaries		
Other Salaries	0.00	0.00
Rd. Comm.	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Salaries	0.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	0.00	0.00
<b>GAIN/LOSS</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>

<b>ZONING DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD</b>		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Total Permits	380.00	
	380.00	
<b>Expense</b>		
Payroll Expenses		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	46.32	46.50
Medicare Expense	10.83	10.88
Total company Contributions	57.15	57.38
Zoning Salaries	747.16	750.00
Total Payroll Expenses	804.31	807.38
Total Expense	804.31	807.38
Gain/(Loss)	-424.31	-407.38

<b>ANIMAL CONTROL FINANCIAL FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD</b>		
	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Dog Licenses	1,939.00	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	1,939.00	2,000.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Dog License fees - Vt. Treas.	912.00	925.00
Dog Tags/Books/Supplies	172.39	175.00
Training	76.00	80.00
Travel	243.80	245.00
Payroll Expenses		
FICA Expense	87.02	74.40
Medicare Exp.	20.34	17.40
Company Contributions	107.36	91.80
Salaries	1,403.40	1,200.00
Total Payroll Expenses	1,510.76	1,291.80
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,914.95</b>	<b>2,716.80</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>-975.95</b>	<b>-716.80</b>

GARAGE SELECT-BOARD FINANCIAL			LISTERS SELECT-BOARD FINANCIAL		
	GARAGE 2019 Actual	GARAGE 2020 Budget		LISTERS 2019 Actual	LISTERS 2020 Budget
<b>Expense:</b>			Income		0.00
Maintenance			Grants	242.70	0.00
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance	456.68	500.00	Total Income	242.70	0.00
Equipment Repair	683.30	700.00	<b>Expense:</b>		
Maint Supplies/Fluids	532.71	540.00	Office Expense		
Maintenance - Other	87.81	900.00	Computer Support	907.12	3,000.00
Total Maintenance	2,550.50	2,640.00	Office Supplies/postage/subscr	800.57	700.00
Office Expense			Tax Mapping	1,350.00	1,500.00
Fuel Expense	4,705.61	4,800.00	Training		100.00
Office Supplies/postage /subscrip.	85.82	87.00	Total Office Expense	3,057.69	5,300.00
Utilities	4,062.49	4,100.00	Operating Expense		
Total Office Expense	8,853.92	8,987.00	Total Operating Expense	762.46	800.00
Operating Expense			Payroll Expenses		
Diesel/Gas	11.00	15.00	Company Contributions		
Fire Extinguishers	90.00	90.00	FICA Expense	1,041.24	1,062.06
Trash Removal/			Medicare Exp.	243.51	248.38
Recycle	202.50	210.00	Total Town Contributions	1,284.75	1,310.44
Supplies	267.03	270.00	Salaries		
Total Operating Expense	570.53	585.00	Listers	16,794.05	17,129.93
Payroll Expenses			Total Salaries	16,794.05	17,129.93
Company Contributions			Total Payroll Expenses	18,078.80	18,440.37
FICA Expense	90.65	92.46	Total Expense	21,898.95	24,540.37
Medicare Exp.	21.19	21.62	PROFIT/LOSS	-21,656.25	-24,540.37
Total Town Contributions	111.84	114.09			
Total Salaries	1,462.07	1,491.31			
Total Payroll Expenses	1,573.91	1,605.39			
Total Expense	13,548.86	13,817.39			
PROFIT/LOSS	-13,548.86	-13,817.39			



# **SELECTBOARD ADMIN FINANCIAL**

	ADMIN 2019 Actual	ADMIN 2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Assess income. By Town	280,000.00	280,000.00
Grants	0.00	1,350.00
Other Income	464.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>280,464.00</b>	<b>281,350.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Appraisal Fund Assessed Exp.	4,000.00	4,000.00
Culverts & Bridges-Assessed	12,000.00	12,000.00
Jay Area local Food Shelf-Approp.	250.00	250.00
Missisquoi Ambulance-Approp.	17,143.00	16,024.00
Mtn. View Cemetery-Approp.	4,500.00	4,000.00
Paving Fund Assessed Exp	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>Total Assessments &amp; Approp. -Selectboard</b>	<b>62,893.00</b>	<b>61,274.00</b>
Insurance		
Liability Ins.	5,218.56	5,500.00
Property Ins.	5,335.20	5,500.00
Public Official Ins.	3,334.68	3,500.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>13,888.44</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>
<b>Legal &amp; Prof. Fees</b>	<b>752.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>
Maintenance		
Bldg & Grd. Maint.	4,077.42	4,000.00
Maintenance - Other	542.00	200.00
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>4,619.42</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>
Office Expense		
Advertising	27.00	50.00
Cleaning Supplies	5.58	60.00
Computer Support	4,735.82	5,000.00
Copier Exp.	403.05	425.00
Fuel Expense	2,837.50	2,900.00
Office Supplies/postage/sub	3,076.92	3,300.00
Training	285.00	500.00
Town Reports Printing	828.20	850.00
Utilities	5,675.17	6,000.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>17,874.24</b>	<b>19,085.00</b>
Operating Expense		
VLCT Dues/Fees	2,130.00	2,200.00
Other Dues/Fees	0.00	350.00

# **SELECTBOARD ADMIN FINANCIAL**

	ADMIN 2019 Actual	ADMIN 2020 Budget
County Tax	6,381.06	13,000.00
Fire Extinguishers	90.00	90.00
Mileage	60.89	65.00
Misc. Expenses	40.00	100.00
Other Operational Costs	26.97	35.00
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>8,728.92</b>	<b>15,840.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	4,645.87	4,992.57
Health Insurance	6.01	0.00
Medicare Exp.	1,086.69	1,167.62
Municipal Retirement	2,783.64	3,076.89
Unemployment-State	884.00	900.00
Workers Comp	10,617.56	12,000.00
<b>Total Town Contributions</b>	<b>20,023.77</b>	<b>22,137.08</b>
<b>Salaries</b>		
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	0.00	0.00
Auditors	256.54	385.00
Civil Board	307.50	313.65
Cleaning	1,597.20	1,629.14
Recycling Attendant	3,156.23	3,219.35
Select Board	4,965.00	5,213.25
Town Clerk	28,937.80	33,868.12
Town Treasurer	35,342.20	35,508.72
Salaries - Other	380.53	388.14
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>74,943.00</b>	<b>80,525.38</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses - Other</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>94,966.77</b>	<b>102,662.46</b>
<b>Solid Waste</b>		
Green Up Day-Removal	481.00	125.00
Hazardous Waste Events	1,059.24	600.00
In Town Recycling	8,890.02	10,000.00
Tire Event	1,642.14	1,200.00
Household Hazardous waste	2,329.02	2,400.00
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>14,401.42</b>	<b>14,325.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>218,124.21</b>	<b>232,186.46</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>62,339.79</b>	<b>49,163.54</b>



<b>ARCHIE POWERS FUND-(TRUST) FINANCIAL</b>		
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Interest Income	152.64	160.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>152.64</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>152.64</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE FROM PRIOR YRS.</b>	<b>7,556.36</b>	<b>7,709.00</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS-END OF YEAR</b>	<b>7,709.00</b>	<b>7,869.00</b>

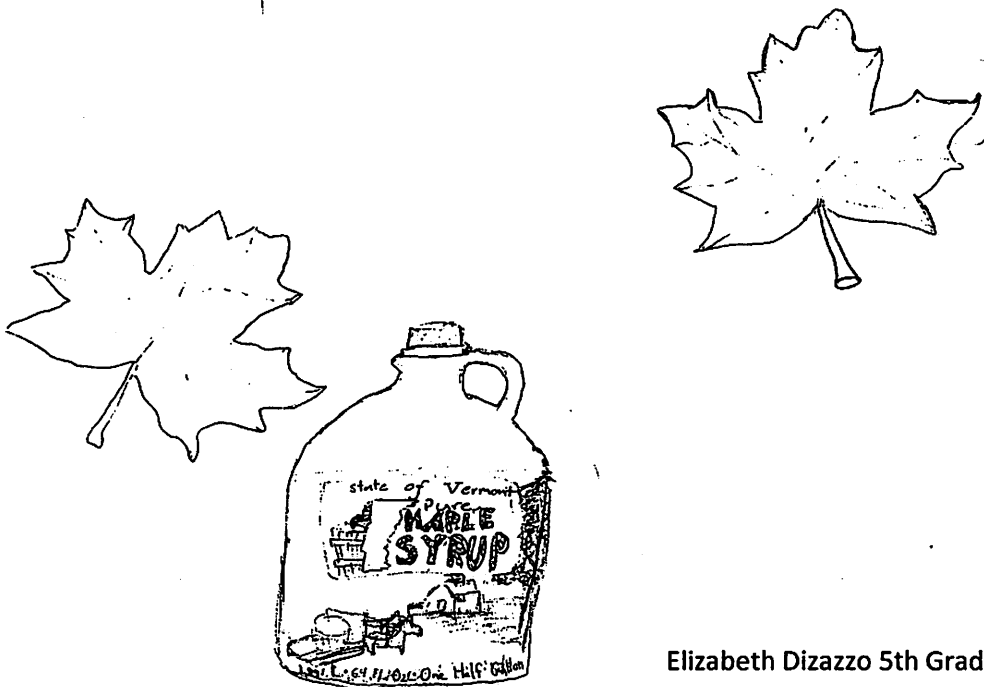
The Archie Powers Memorial Trust, now at The Community National Bank, for the Town of Lowell Recreational Park was created in 1985.

\$1,267.66 was drawn out to complete the building at Gelo Park in 1997.

\$2,500 was withdrawn in 2005 towards matching grant funds for the Playground Fund.

\$1,500 was withdrawn in 2012 towards the security camera

As noted above, this account has a balance of \$7,709.00, as of 12/31/2019



Elizabeth Dizazzo 5th Grade

## **F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids)**

F.O.L.K. is a group of community members dedicated to supporting the needs of all of the children in the Town of Lowell. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the Lowell Graded School. New community members are always welcome to join, or to just stop by to share your ideas. You can find out more about what we are doing by following us on Facebook, emailing us at [friendsoflowellkids@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflowellkids@gmail.com), or talking with any member.

2019 was another busy year for F.O.L.K. In January, we helped Student Council plan a fun Movie Night at the school. We helped the Lion's Club put on their always exciting annual BINGO for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade D.C. trip. Later in the spring, we held two new events: a Father/Daughter Dance and a Community Yard Sale. We are hoping to continue the tradition and help our Community Yard Sale grow in the future. Please save your gently used items as you begin to think about spring cleaning and join us this year!

Again, F.O.L.K. was able to award three scholarships to motivated young high school graduates: Nick LeBlanc, Jacob Richardson, and Gabri-Elle Cota. We helped out at Lamoille County Field Days running BINGO. We were also able to help the school purchase and install a new traverse climbing wall that has had students exercising in a challenging way, collaborating and problem solving. We ended out 2019 with our two biggest fundraisers and great community events: the Town of Lowell F.O.L.K. Festival in September and our Hunters' Breakfast and raffle drawing in November. Both were well-attended and fun events.

We would like to thank all of you who were able to come out and support our F.O.L.K. events throughout the past year. Many local residents and businesses contribute to each event, and we could not continue the work we do without you. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time. We welcome your ideas and look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,

Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Jennifer Blay, Cheryl Clarke, Sonja Blodgett, Samantha Santaw-Wright, Naomi Roberts, Wanda Roberts and Ashley Randall

### **2020 F.O.L.K. EVENTS**

#### **Tuesday, March 3rd**

Donations for the Jay Area Food Shelf will be collected at Town Meeting

#### **Saturday, March 7th**

BINGO at St. Ignatius Parish Hall to benefit 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

#### **Wednesday, April 29th**

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

#### **Saturday, May 23rd**

F.O.L.K. Community Yard Sale

#### **Saturday, September 19th**

Annual Town of Lowell F.O.L.K. Festival

#### **Saturday, November 14th**

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

**OLK (Friends of Lowell Kids) ACCOUNT**

	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
<b>Prior Balance</b>	<b>6,411.21</b>	<b>7,272.69</b>	<b>9,612.85</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>			
Donations	25.00	0.00	128.00
LCFD Bingo		303.45	185.25
School Dance		112.00	93.00
FOLK Festival	2,202.05	2,905.00	2,479.00
Hunter's Breakfast/Raffle	2,518.00	2,603.00	2,586.00
FOLK 8th Grade BINGO	1,753.50	1,170.55	1,204.50
Community Yard Sale			50.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>6,498.55</b>	<b>7,094.00</b>	<b>6,725.75</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; BALANCE</b>	<b>12,909.76</b>	<b>14,366.69</b>	<b>16,338.60</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
FOLK Festival- Bounce Houses	504.00	825.00	775.00
FOLK Festival- cotton candy machine	0.00	0.00	47.70
Hunters' Raffle	466.99	500.00	500.00
Hunters' Breakfast	70.00	79.98	118.06
Scholarship Program	200.00	750.00	750.00
School - Field Trips	1,350.00		
School - Author Visits	70.58		
School - Special Programs	655.00		207.48
Playground	567.00		
FOLK BINGO - <i>supplies</i>	61.50		52.96
FOLK BINGO - <i>donation to 8th grade</i>	1,692.00	1,170.55	1,204.50
Middle School Dance- DJ John Parot		100.00	
Family Fun Night Snacks		100.00	
Boys' Basketball Uniforms		675.36	
Student Council- Memorial Day Dinner		90.95	
North Country Hospital Donation- Verniece St. Onge		150.00	
Created a new petty cash		150.00	
Legacy Signs- 12 Shirts		162	
Climbing wall			2,500.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>5,637.07</b>	<b>4,753.84</b>	<b>6,155.70</b>
<b>FOLK ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7,272.69</b>	<b>\$ 9,612.85</b>	<b>10,182.90</b>

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
JAN. 1, 2019 - DEC. 31, 2019**

<b>Checking Acct.</b>		
<b>Jan 1, 2019 (Beg. Bal.)</b>		<b>\$5,596.81</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Mass Mutual Interest	800.50	
Contribution- John Sorrell Jr., Philip Fournier, Nathaniel Cota	75.00	
Funds from savings Accts	1,151.42	
2019 Assessment	4,000.00	
2018 Assessment	500.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,526.92</b>	<b>6,526.92</b>
		<b>\$12,123.73</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Lawn Care	3,785.00	
Website, Solarlight, Lamination	181.61	
Clean and repair Stones in Old Section	2,500.00	
Brush Hogging	40.00	
Co-op Ins. Co.	125.00	
Mapping Project	305.00	
Signage	74.69	
Materials for Map Project	263.65	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,274.95</b>	<b>\$7,274.95</b>
<b>ENDING BAL. 12/31/19</b>		<b>4,848.78</b>

## *The Lowell Cemetery Association*

The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Its mission is to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. Thanks to town funding, volunteer effort, and contributions of material and equipment, several improvements were made in 2019:

- Built and installed a new entrance sign
- Erected a traffic control barrier
- Improved roadway signage
- Professionally cleaned over 200 monuments
- Marked and mapped lots for future use

In order to provide necessary ongoing maintenance and support additional improvements, the Association requests town funding of \$4,000.00 for 2020. In addition to grounds care, the funds would be used for projects currently under consideration: additional monument cleaning, tree planting, and continued improvement of lot maps.

## **LOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LETTER FROM** **THE CHIEF**

The Lowell Fire Department had a total of 21 calls this past year.  
2 Structure fires, 4 Mutual Aid, 3 Lost or injured Hikers, 6 other Fire related calls.

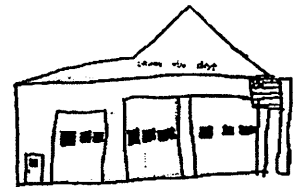
The Department remains strong with 25 very active members and continue to train hard.  
As always, we want to Thank our Community for their support

The Lowell Firemen and their families will be fundraising this spring and summer to help replace our aged and outdated gear with a dinner and raffle so please keep your eyes out for flyers.

Thanks Again,

**Fire Chief:**

*Calvin Allen*



CAMERON KING 6TH GRADE

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT**

Anyone in the Town of Lowell wishing to have an open fire must first receive a "Written Burn Permit" from the local Fire Warden, or Deputy Fire Warden. You may find their telephone numbers posted around town. All burn permits are free.

This year there WERE 94 permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. The Fire Warden and Deputy Warden should be the first to call for a permit as they are updated daily on fire weather danger and conditions. As you may have seen at the town green there is a daily fire danger sign to let residents know of the fire danger level. This is updated daily during spring, summer and fall fire seasons.

We wish to thank everyone who called for a permit this year before burning. And please help prevent forest fires.

***Respectfully Submitted:***

*Gerry Nick- Forest Fire Warden*

*Marc Sicotte- Deputy Warden*



COHEN WARNER 3RD GRADE

## ***LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT***

### **Special Equipment Account**

Prior Year Balance 12/31/2018	19,114.48
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donations	350.00
Interest Income	11.92
Services Rendered	400.00
Great Auk Wireless	900.00
Jam Sessions	1408.45
T-Mobile	15,008.72
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Total Income	18,079.09
<b>TOTAL BALANCE &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>37,193.57</b>
 <b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Rescue Truck Loan Payments	12,000.00
Building Renovations	3,510.64
New Equipment	161.10
Miscellaneous	144.15
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Total Disbursements	<b>15,815.89</b>
 <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>37,193.57</b>
<b>LESS DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>15,815.89</b>
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<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>21,377.68</b>

# LOWELL VITAL RECORDS

## **BIRTHS:**

Total number of Births Recorded in Lowell for 2019:

7 Births

## **MARRIAGES:**

Total Number of Marriages Recorded in Lowell for 2019:

3 Marriages

## **DEATHS:**

Total Number of Deaths Recorded in Lowell for 2019:

19 Deaths



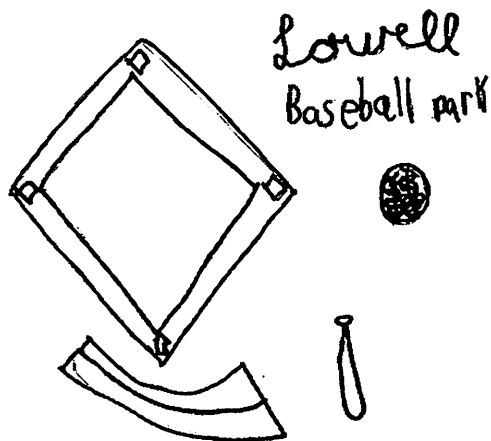
# **Baseball Sports Fund:**

We had 38 students ages Pre-K through age 12 play baseball / softball here at Lowell Graded School. We registered teams with the Cal Ripken program. We had 4 teams this year from T-Ball, Rookies, Minors and a Majors team. We had a combined boy's minor's team with Newport Center utilizing both our fields as well as theirs. We also had a few students join a Troy team for boys Majors baseball. The 12U Girls Majors had yet another outstanding season, topping it off by winning the Championship! Congratulations to all involved! A couple of boys from our minors' baseball team were selected to the district All Star team. They won the State of Vermont tournament and represented our state at the New England Regional tournament in Dedham, MA. We would like to thank all the volunteers who make this all possible for the children in our community.

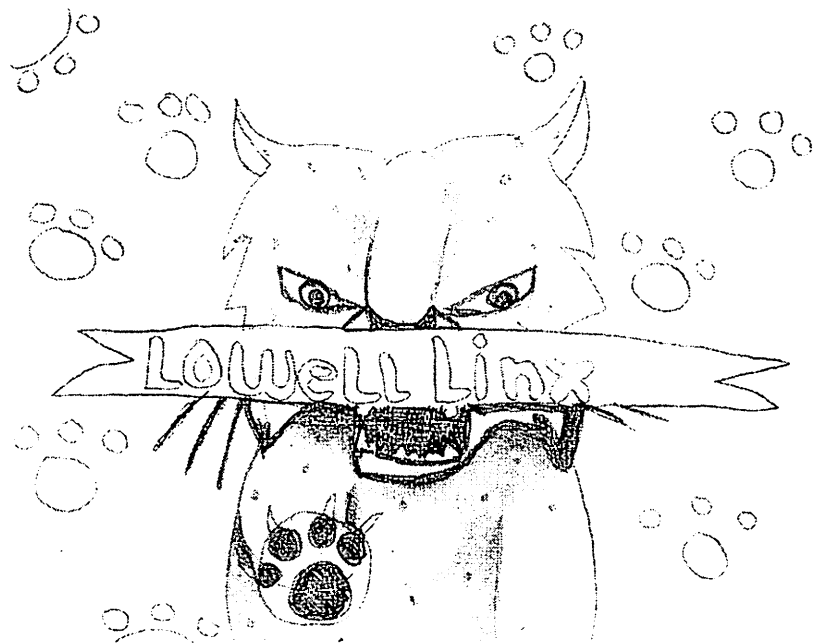
*If you have questions about baseball programs please don't hesitate to ask us!*

*Thank you,*

*Ryan and Mandy Sargent*



DANIEL RANDALL 3RD GRADE



DESTINY WRIGHT 7TH GRADE



January 2020

Greetings Lowell Graded School Community,

It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to address a community that puts the needs of children first! I, along with our staff, continue to be impressed at the level of dedication and commitment folks in this community have for children, whether they be their own or their neighbors. When you look at yourself in the mirror, take pride in knowing that you are doing all that can be done to support those who are looking to you to help guide their future. On behalf of the children, Thank You!

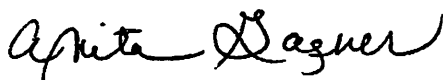
I hope you will join me as I express my gratitude to our staff and school board. I am certain that being a member of a school organization, whether a janitor, teacher or board member, entails more than any of them bargained for when they initially embarked on their journey in education. The sustained commitment by these folks and grounded decision making with student wellbeing always at the forefront, is a major contributing factor to what has made Lowell Graded School the educational establishment that we are today.

Due to the formula used for funding education in Vermont, we have had to make changes in the way we deliver education at Lowell Graded School. Each year the school board, staff and I plan for the following year, ensuring that Lowell students are receiving the best education, while continuing to meet the required Vermont Educational Quality Standards with the resources we are fortunate to have. This year we changed the structure of our Middle School to include students in grade 5. All classes that could be combined have been.

We continue to strive to create even more authentic and innovative learning opportunities for students. This year students continued their work on the VREC (Vermont Rural Education Collaborative) Grant they received last year. The community was the classroom for these studies! Students and teachers were out working and learning in their hometown. This school year students wrote and were awarded another grant from VREC to do even more project based work in our home community while learning! We are now in our seventh year of using PBL (Project Based Learning). This type of study allows students to explore, question and evaluate their own education. Our Student Council has become very active and involved. They have weekly meetings, create extra curricular activities for students and staff and work on community service events. Student Council members also create monthly reports and participate in school board meetings!

As I prepare to close my annual letter to you, I realize that I cannot mention everything, therefore, I invite you to come in and check out what we are doing. I welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please, let's not forget, *it truly is all about "OUR CHILDREN!"* On behalf of the students, staff and board at LGS, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for your continued consideration, cooperation and support!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anita Gagner".

Anita Gagner  
Principal

## A Letter from the Lowell Graded School (LGS) Board – January 2020

It is, once again, time to remind every citizen of the Great Town of Lowell, Vermont that school Board members are locally elected public officials entrusted with governing your rural Vermont public school. The role of the Lowell Graded School board is to ensure that the school district is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of our community. It is with this in mind that we reflect on the 2019 school year. It is with great pride that we highlight a few of the many accomplishments of the students and the staff of our school.

First, we are very pleased to tell you that in 2019 the Board began the process of adding representatives from the student body as ex-officio board members. This has increased discussions with students in a way that gives us a unique perspective into the day-to-day activities that the students take part in and gives the students access to the workings of the Board and allows students to advance their leadership skills. Conversely, it has given the Board great insight into student life. The representatives submit a "Student Report" each month which becomes part of the Board's official minutes. Throughout the school year, they reported to the Board about Sports and in-school activities such as special projects such as the *Fog Machine*, *Linear Equations & Slope*, *Geography of Europe*, "*Trip Across America*" which featured work on economics and geography, *Winter Carnival* preparations, a design pitch to the school Board regarding the creation of a *Gag Ball Pit* for the playground, preparations for *Family Fun Night*, and a report on creating a *Pokeman After School Program* and fundraisers to support their work. All the above was just ONE MONTH'S REPORT!

Second, most understand that one of the defining components in the composition of our school is our teachers. For that, I offer these examples of their accomplishments: The principal and middle school science teacher accompanied six (6) middle school students to the Vermont State House during *NEK Day* on January 31, 2019, for their presentation on the water quality project; teachers accompany students to various sports, music and dance events often held after school. This includes trips to the *Barn First Creamery*, *Northern Vermont University*, *ECHO Leahy Center*, *Montshire Museum*, hiking at *Jay Peak*, *Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium* and helping the students prepare for and then attending a middle school dance "*Paris at Night*". The principal travelled to Washington, DC for the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade trip (*a 24-hour a day experience*). Teachers and support staff assist with the *Father / Daughter Dance*; the *Career Fair at Lake Region Union High School*; the *Vermont Rural Education Collaborative Grant Pitch* (yes, they won a grant!); *Seven Saplings Orchard*; *Fitness Day at North Country Union High School*, all this and many other activities too many to mention!

Third, we would like to take this opportunity to Celebrate and Thank organizations and people in the community who have stepped forward over time to provide services above and beyond. We apologize if we missed recognizing any individual as the list is long. The list as follows: Wayne Richardson; Ryan Sargent; Andre / Sara LeBlanc (Sara is also the secretary at the school); Darren Pion; *Thanksgiving Pie People*: Sadie Willey, Daphne Dolan-Christiansen, Sara LeBlanc, Mary Peters (also a teacher); *The Geoffroy family*; Calvin Allen and the *Lowell Road Crew* Calvin, Gerry Nick; Josh King from the *Lowell Fire Department*; Gary and Cindy Kennison; *Holiday Bazaar folks*: Sonja Blodgett, Kelly Bathalon, Shauna Richardson, Jill Legacy; *The Bonneau Family* (Maple Syrup); *The Jack Richardson Family* (Maple Syrup); *The Dwight Richardson Family* (Maple Syrup); *The Sargent Family*; Ronald & Charlene Pion; Joe & Lisa Geoffroy; Asa Searles (Maple Syrup); Steve & Nanette Bonneau, (Field trips/sports events), and last but certainly not least, all the work throughout the year by the *Friends of Lowell Kids* (F.O.L.K.). Our out-of-Lowell contributors: Jason DeLabrue (D&D Electric); Rob Popillardo (A.R.E Mechanical); April Touchette & Nancy Griffith (*North Country Supervisory Union*); Fred Latour (*American Legion / North Troy*); the *Coutts Moriarty Camp* in Derby; *Northwoods Stewardship Center* in East Charleston; the *Back of the Net Soccer Camp*, and the *NEK Cares Camp*. Yes, again all these and many others too many to mention!

To find out more as it happens, you are invited to attend any of the events mentioned or attend a Lowell School Board meeting. The calendar is available at the school.

For many years we have closed this letter expressing our appreciation for the support we receive every day from the Lowell community. This year we chose to highlight the people that make this extraordinary school work for the students and the community – THANKS TO ALL! You don't have to miss out on opportunities to contribute your time and talent, please accept this invitation to contact Mrs. Gagner with your gift idea.

Sincerely,

Lowell School Board members:  
Steve Mason (chair)  
Jason Blay  
David Legacy

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**PRINCIPAL**

Anita Gagner

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Sara Morse LeBlanc

**TEACHERS**

50% Kindergarten & 50% PreK

Karla Graham

Grade K & 1

Keri Willey

Grades 2 & 3

Judith Ide

Grade 4 & Grade 5 Math

Leanne Barnard

Grades 5-8 Humanities

Michael Brooks

Grades 6-8 Math

Bonita Deslandes

Grades 5-8 Science

Jennifer Blay

Grade 3 Literacy & Math, Grade 4 Math &  
Intervention (25%)

Samantha Santaw-Wright

Library Media Specialist

Matthew Dickstein

Music (40%)

Emily Stratton

Art (20%)

Michelle Ingram

Physical Education (40%)

Samuel Matthews

Special Educator

Laura Miller

Special Educator

Gretchen Irwin

Speech/Lang. Pathologist (30%)

Kathy Hill

Intervention (50%)

Mary Peters

Intervention (25%)

Suzanne Hastings

School Based Clinician (20%)

Alice Drown

School Guidance Counselor (50%)

Inga Hoag

NURSE (30%)

Danielle Hamblett

**PARAEDUCATORS**

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Sonja Blodgett

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Anne Cota

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Jill Legacy

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Shannon Mead

SpEd. SLPA / Classroom Assist.

Melanie Richardson

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Gail Sicotte

**LUNCH PROGRAM**

Manager/Cook

Debra Merrill

Cook

Lisa Geoffroy

Tooth Tutor

Kristen Rodgers

**CUSTODIANS**

General

Kelly Bathalon

General

Gilles Bathalon

**BUS DRIVERS**

Nanette Bonneau

Joanne Bathalon

Gerry Nick

Steve Bonneau

**COACHES**

Soccer

Ryan Sargent

Boys' Basketball

Florian Delva

Girls' Basketball

Ryan Sargent

## Lowell Graded School Students

### STUDENTS:

PRESCHOOL 13

KINDERGARTEN 10

1<sup>st</sup> GRADE 9

2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE 5

3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE 10

4<sup>th</sup> GRADE 8

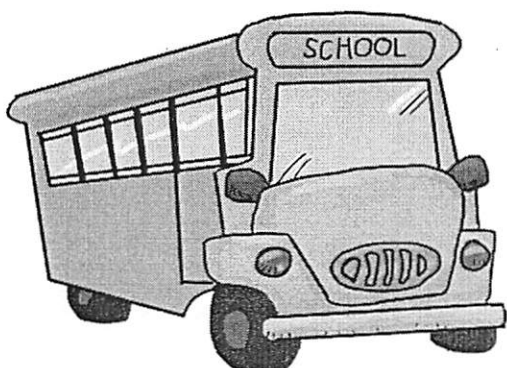
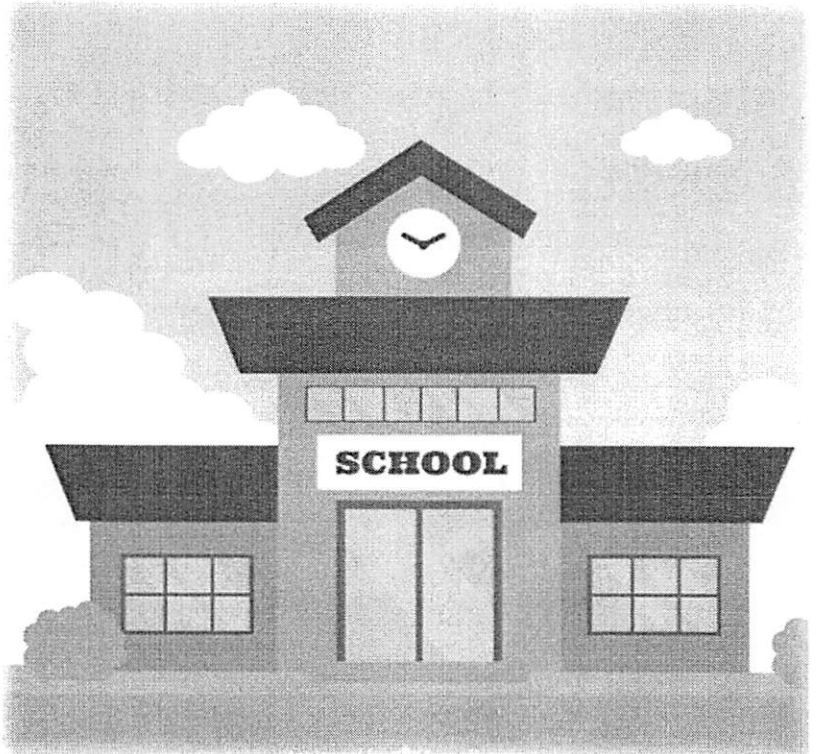
5<sup>th</sup> GRADE 10

6<sup>th</sup> GRADE 6

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE 15

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE 9

Total Enrollment: 95



# LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ANTICIPATED FY21 BUDGET

Description	FY2019 BUDGET	FY2019 ACTUAL	FY2020 BUDGET	FY2021 DRAFT BUDGET
	7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>				
Investment Earnings - Interest	\$ (1,000)	\$ (973)	\$ (1,000)	\$ (1,000)
Interest-TAN	\$ -	\$ (19,186)	\$ -	\$ -
Refund of Prior Years Expenditure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Other Local Revenue	\$ (500)	\$ (420)	\$ (500)	\$ (500)
FOLK Donations	\$ -	\$ (2,500)	\$ -	\$ -
Missisquoi River Basin Assoc. Grant	\$ -	\$ (1,329)	\$ -	\$ -
VREC Grant	\$ -	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (1,500)</b>	<b>\$ (25,908)</b>	<b>\$ (1,500)</b>	<b>\$ (1,500)</b>
<b>SUBGRANT REVENUES</b>				
Medicaid Sub Grant	\$ (10,000)	\$ (3,276)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)
Title IIA NCSU Funds	\$ -	\$ (622)	\$ -	\$ -
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	\$ (75,225)	\$ (76,474)	\$ (75,225)	\$ (80,440)
Other Subgrants	\$ -	\$ (986)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (85,225)</b>	<b>\$ (81,358)</b>	<b>\$ (85,225)</b>	<b>\$ (90,440)</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>				
Education Spending Grant	\$ (1,395,125)	\$ (1,384,661)	\$ (1,423,753)	\$ (1,526,646)
Education Spending Grant Adjustment	\$ 10,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Small Schools Grant	\$ (106,006)	\$ (118,790)	\$ (106,006)	\$ (106,006)
State Aid for Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Ed. Reimbursements - Intensive	\$ (76,907)	\$ (86,390)	\$ (95,241)	\$ (99,825)
Intensive Reimbursement-PY	\$ -	\$ 833	\$ -	\$ -
VSAC Grant	\$ (6,500)	\$ (4,287)	\$ (6,500)	\$ (6,500)
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (1,574,074)</b>	<b>\$ (1,593,295)</b>	<b>\$ (1,631,500)</b>	<b>\$ (1,738,977)</b>
<b>5200 FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE</b>				
Fund Balance as Revenue	\$ (75,000)	\$ -	\$ (50,000)	\$ (35,000)
Tax Stabilization Fund Balance as Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (50,000)
<b>TOTAL 5200 FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (75,000)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (50,000)</b>	<b>\$ (85,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (1,735,799)</b>	<b>\$ (1,700,561)</b>	<b>\$ (1,768,225)</b>	<b>\$ (1,915,917)</b>
<b>01 GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$ 403,632	\$ 393,558	\$ 399,964	\$ 385,168
Salary-VSAC	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,308	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Salary - Elementary Para	\$ 49,284	\$ 29,547	\$ 41,856	\$ 37,819
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$ 6,000	\$ 14,054	\$ 600	\$ 5,000
Health Ins - Elementary	\$ 117,321	\$ 98,991	\$ 130,860	\$ 126,232
Health Reimbursement Account	\$ 29,400	\$ 20,050	\$ 34,650	\$ 34,335
FICA - Elementary	\$ 35,107	\$ 31,822	\$ 33,845	\$ 32,358
FICA-VSAC	\$ 497	\$ 253	\$ 497	\$ 497
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$ 479	\$ 330	\$ 418	\$ 403
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$ 549	\$ 931	\$ 1,308	\$ 1,400
Municipal Retirement	\$ 1,971	\$ 1,219	\$ 1,779	\$ 1,702
Workers Comp-Elementary	\$ 3,398	\$ 3,648	\$ 3,636	\$ 3,543
Unemployment - Elementary	\$ 4,080	\$ 253	\$ 42	\$ 366
Tuition - Elementary	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,555	\$ 14,840	\$ 14,855
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$ 3,433	\$ 3,021	\$ 3,157	\$ 3,014
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$ 1,404	\$ 1,244	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,628
Purchased & Technical Services - Element	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,552	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000

Purchased Services From NCSU	\$	21,418	\$	17,630	\$	21,418	\$	62,475
Prch Prop Svcs - Elementary-Copier	\$	2,450	\$	1,361	\$	2,450	\$	2,450
Other Purchased Services - Elementary	\$	-	\$	20,551	\$	-	\$	-
Travel - Elementary	\$	500	\$	637	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
Supplies - Elementary	\$	6,000	\$	12,748	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
Supplies-Missisquoi River Basin Grant	\$	-	\$	1,180	\$	-	\$	-
Supplies-VREC	\$	-	\$	58	\$	-	\$	-
Supplies-VSAC Funded	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Supplies-Paper	\$	6,000	\$	-	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
Books/Periodicals - Elementary	\$	5,000	\$	551	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
Books/Periodicals-Medicaid Funded	\$	-	\$	3,276	\$	-	\$	-
Books/Periodicals-Math	\$	5,000	\$	-	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
Manipulatives - Elementary	\$	250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Computer Software - Elementary	\$	-	\$	743	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Equipment - Elementary	\$	-	\$	4,466	\$	-	\$	-
Furniture	\$	2,000	\$	1,125	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
Dues/Fees - Elementary	\$	2,000	\$	1,713	\$	2,500	\$	2,500
Misc.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Student Activities	\$	1,000	\$	15	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Salaries	\$	2,000	\$	1,500	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
FICA	\$	153	\$	115	\$	153	\$	153
Workers Compensation	\$	12	\$	-	\$	15	\$	15
Unemployment	\$	5	\$	-	\$	5	\$	5
Referees	\$	500	\$	180	\$	500	\$	500
Supplies	\$	850	\$	734	\$	850	\$	850
Equipment	\$	500	\$	-	\$	500	\$	500
Dues/Fees-Tournaments	\$	150	\$	185	\$	150	\$	150
Trophies/Banquet	\$	200	\$	458	\$	200	\$	500
<b>TOTAL 1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>742,043</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>680,560</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>736,563</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>755,418</b>
<b>1111 PRE-K</b>								
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$	20,500	\$	20,500	\$	21,748	\$	20,500
Salary - Pre K Para	\$	3,828	\$	5,217	\$	3,915	\$	11,042
Health Ins - Pre K	\$	10,410	\$	5,627	\$	4,936	\$	8,708
Health Reimbursement Account	\$	1,575	\$	2,893	\$	1,575	\$	2,520
FICA - Pre K	\$	1,861	\$	1,856	\$	1,963	\$	2,413
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$	45	\$	20	\$	28	\$	44
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$	549	\$	638	\$	1,308	\$	1,400
Pre K Municipal Retirement	\$	153	\$	215	\$	166	\$	497
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$	178	\$	363	\$	208	\$	259
Unemployment - Pre K	\$	326	\$	26	\$	3	\$	48
Tuition - Pre K	\$	969	\$	1,590	\$	996	\$	1,025
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$	280	\$	192	\$	277	\$	461
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$	75	\$	62	\$	80	\$	119
Student Tuition-PreK	\$	-	\$	5,321	\$	-	\$	6,712
Supplies - Pre K	\$	400	\$	432	\$	500	\$	500
Supplies-STARS Grant	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Computer Software - Pre K	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Furniture-Pre K	\$	100	\$	-	\$	250	\$	250
Dues/Fees - Pre K	\$	-	\$	143	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 1111 PRE-K</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,249</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,093</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>56,497</b>
<b>1121 SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS</b>								
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$	50,730	\$	60,332	\$	61,193	\$	57,680
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$	16,264	\$	1,498	\$	1,645	\$	1,814
Health Reimbursement Account	\$	3,150	\$	-	\$	525	\$	525
FICA - Schoolwide	\$	3,881	\$	4,595	\$	4,681	\$	4,413
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$	44	\$	48	\$	98	\$	108
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$	7,610	\$	4,095	\$	9,638	\$	11,046
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$	370	\$	280	\$	496	\$	487
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$	443	\$	26	\$	9	\$	90
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$	1,938	\$	-	\$	1,992	\$	2,049
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$	384	\$	88	\$	96	\$	96
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$	157	\$	105	\$	190	\$	224
Dues/Fees - Schoolwide	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 1121 SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,971</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,067</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>80,563</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>78,531</b>
<b>1122 TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY</b>								
Salary - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$	-	\$	504	\$	-	\$	-

FICA - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$	-	\$	39	\$	-	\$	-
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$	-	\$	79	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 1122 TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY</b>	\$	-	\$	622	\$	-	\$	-
<b>1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>								
Salary - Para	\$	82,222	\$	82,655	\$	81,977	\$	87,718
Health Ins	\$	32,844	\$	54,889	\$	60,161	\$	63,365
Health Reimbursement Account	\$	7,875	\$	4,796	\$	15,750	\$	13,798
FICA	\$	6,290	\$	5,492	\$	6,271	\$	6,710
Life Insurance	\$	95	\$	103	\$	118	\$	128
Municipal Retirement	\$	3,289	\$	3,410	\$	3,484	\$	3,947
Workers Comp	\$	600	\$	996	\$	664	\$	682
Unemployment	\$	1,900	\$	155	\$	18	\$	176
Dental Ins	\$	1,413	\$	1,522	\$	1,377	\$	1,421
Long Term Disability	\$	255	\$	249	\$	254	\$	313
Contract Services-NCSU	\$	145,694	\$	145,694	\$	132,195	\$	191,884
Travel	\$	150	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Books/Periodicals	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Dues/Fees	\$	400	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	\$	283,027	\$	299,961	\$	302,269	\$	370,141
<b>1212 EEE</b>								
EEE Local	\$	18,460	\$	18,459	\$	22,356	\$	17,545
<b>TOTAL 1212 EEE</b>	\$	18,460	\$	18,459	\$	22,356	\$	17,545
<b>1400 AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS</b>								
Camp Encore	\$	13,500	\$	13,500	\$	16,000	\$	16,000
<b>TOTAL 1400 AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROG</b>	\$	13,500	\$	13,500	\$	16,000	\$	16,000
<b>2120 GUIDANCE</b>								
Salary - Teacher Guidance	\$	21,195	\$	21,195	\$	22,486	\$	37,248
Health Ins	\$	5,515	\$	8,298	\$	9,115	\$	11,220
Health Reimbursement Account	\$	2,100	\$	2,100	\$	2,100	\$	4,200
FICA	\$	1,621	\$	1,557	\$	1,720	\$	2,849
Life Insurance	\$	44	\$	41	\$	44	\$	48
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$	1,097	\$	638	\$	1,308	\$	1,400
Workers Comp	\$	155	\$	187	\$	182	\$	314
Unemployment	\$	272	\$	26	\$	4	\$	40
Tuition	\$	969	\$	-	\$	996	\$	1,639
Dental Ins	\$	184	\$	192	\$	192	\$	384
Long Term Disability	\$	66	\$	64	\$	70	\$	144
Purchased & Technical Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Books/Periodicals	\$	500	\$	-	\$	500	\$	500
Dues/Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2120 GUIDANCE</b>	\$	33,718	\$	34,298	\$	38,717	\$	59,987
<b>2130 HEALTH SERVICES</b>								
Salary - Teacher	\$	14,399	\$	14,058	\$	16,473	\$	15,022
FICA	\$	1,102	\$	1,075	\$	1,260	\$	1,149
Life Insurance	\$	44	\$	24	\$	-	\$	29
Workers Comp	\$	105	\$	131	\$	133	\$	117
Unemployment	\$	272	\$	26	\$	4	\$	40
Tuition	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Long Term Disability	\$	45	\$	41	\$	51	\$	54
Contract Services - NCSU	\$	-	\$	900	\$	-	\$	-
Supplies	\$	1,000	\$	391	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Computer Software	\$	-	\$	266	\$	-	\$	250
Dues/Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2130 HEALTH SERVICES</b>	\$	16,967	\$	16,913	\$	18,921	\$	17,661
<b>2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>								
Testing Services	\$	2,000	\$	-	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
Contract Services	\$	5,000	\$	-	\$	5,000	\$	2,500
Contract Services - NKHS	\$	6,000	\$	-	\$	6,000	\$	-
Contract Services From NCSU	\$	-	\$	1,722	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>	\$	13,000	\$	1,722	\$	13,000	\$	4,500

**2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Wages-Tooth Tutor	\$	-	\$	940	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
FICA-Tooth Tutor	\$	-	\$	72	\$	115	\$	115
Contract Services	\$	-	\$	342	\$	-	\$	-

<b>TOTAL 2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERV</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,615</b>
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**TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION**

<b>TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
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**2220 LIBRARY**

Salary - Para	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Health Ins	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
FICA	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Municipal Retirement	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Workers Comp	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Unemployment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contract Service-Library Media Specialist	\$	26,580	\$	25,360	\$	28,000	\$	28,000
Supplies	\$	500	\$	72	\$	500	\$	500
Books/Periodicals	\$	1,500	\$	1,326	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
Computer Software	\$	-	\$	690	\$	-	\$	-
Dues/Fees	\$	50	\$	-	\$	50	\$	50

<b>TOTAL 2220 LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,630</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,448</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,050</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,050</b>
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**2230 TECHNOLOGY**

Salary - Teacher	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Health Ins	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
FICA	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Life Insurance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Workers Comp	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Unemployment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Tuition	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Dental Ins	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Long Term Disability	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contract Services-SIS	\$	2,725	\$	1,843	\$	2,725	\$	-
Learning Mgmt Software, Eplus Main Agree	\$	1,500	\$	1,018	\$	1,500	\$	-
Purchased Services Through NCSU	\$	50,000	\$	47,717	\$	57,000	\$	45,000
Purchased Property Services-Internet	\$	1,000	\$	28	\$	1,000	\$	-
Wide Area Network Costs	\$	2,222	\$	2,222	\$	2,222	\$	-
Travel	\$	75	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Supplies	\$	2,000	\$	4,790	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
Computer Software	\$	1,500	\$	417	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
Equipment	\$	2,000	\$	1,698	\$	2,000	\$	-
Dues/Fees	\$	-	\$	110	\$	-	\$	-

<b>TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>63,022</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>59,843</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>69,947</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>48,500</b>
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**2290 PATH EXPENSE**

PATH Stipend	\$	-	\$	650	\$	-	\$	-
FICA-PATH	\$	-	\$	50	\$	-	\$	-

<b>TOTAL 2290 PATH EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
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**2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Salaries - Board	\$	250	\$	-	\$	250	\$	250
FICA	\$	20	\$	-	\$	20	\$	20
Legal	\$	1,000	\$	542	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Liability Insurance	\$	3,536	\$	4,146	\$	3,536	\$	4,200
Advertising	\$	500	\$	1,076	\$	500	\$	500
Dues	\$	1,586	\$	493	\$	1,586	\$	1,586
Other Board Expenses	\$	300	\$	-	\$	300	\$	300
Contingency for Wage & Benefit Increases	\$	45,000	\$	-	\$	35,000	\$	90,000

<b>TOTAL 2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>52,192</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,256</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>42,192</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>97,856</b>
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**2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

NCSU Assessment	\$	48,928	\$	48,928	\$	51,491	\$	61,054
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<b>TOTAL 2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>48,928</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>48,928</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>51,491</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>61,054</b>
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**2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL**

Salary - Principal	\$	78,368	\$	80,719	\$	83,141	\$	83,141
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
Salary - Clerical	\$	23,498	\$	28,775	\$	25,207	\$	25,167
FICA	\$	7,946	\$	8,535	\$	8,442	\$	8,439



Life Insurance	\$	201	\$	188	\$	200	\$	221
Municipal Retirement	\$	940	\$	1,168	\$	1,071	\$	1,133
Workers Comp	\$	758	\$	930	\$	894	\$	856
Unemployment	\$	545	\$	52	\$	8	\$	80
Tuition	\$	-	\$	280	\$	1,992	\$	2,049
Long Term Disability	\$	322	\$	327	\$	342	\$	387
Purchased & Technical Services	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000	\$	1,500
Purchased Property Services	\$	100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Postage	\$	850	\$	292	\$	850	\$	850
Travel	\$	750	\$	157	\$	750	\$	750
Supplies	\$	2,000	\$	2,049	\$	1,500	\$	1,000
Equipment	\$	1,500	\$	-	\$	1,500	\$	-
Dues/Fees	\$	600	\$	690	\$	600	\$	-
Misc	\$	300	\$	-	\$	300	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>121,678</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>126,162</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>129,797</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>127,572</b>
<b>2520 FISCAL SERVICES</b>								
Town Office	\$	2,000	\$	-	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
Contracted Service From NCSU	\$	18,400	\$	18,400	\$	18,400	\$	18,952
Interest - TAN	\$	-	\$	7,421	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2520 FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,821</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,952</b>
<b>2526 AUDIT SERVICES</b>								
Audit Services	\$	4,650	\$	4,650	\$	4,650	\$	4,650
<b>TOTAL 2526 AUDIT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,650</b>
<b>2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>								
Salaries	\$	15,404	\$	19,295	\$	16,600	\$	17,527
Salaries-Summer	\$	2,600	\$	854	\$	2,600	\$	2,600
FICA	\$	1,377	\$	1,541	\$	1,469	\$	1,540
Workers Comp	\$	1,109	\$	1,167	\$	1,294	\$	1,141
Unemployment	\$	272	\$	52	\$	8	\$	80
Contracted Serv	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Septic Services	\$	550	\$	-	\$	550	\$	550
Water Testing	\$	2,700	\$	2,405	\$	2,700	\$	2,700
Rubbish Services	\$	3,600	\$	3,908	\$	3,600	\$	4,200
Property Ins.	\$	2,870	\$	2,707	\$	2,870	\$	3,400
Telephone	\$	2,000	\$	2,570	\$	2,000	\$	3,000
Supplies	\$	5,000	\$	-	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
Electricity	\$	12,000	\$	7,787	\$	12,000	\$	9,000
Propane	\$	3,000	\$	2,084	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
Heating Oil	\$	16,000	\$	13,402	\$	16,000	\$	15,000
Non-Instructional Equip.	\$	2,500	\$	-	\$	2,500	\$	-
Conf/Dues/Fees	\$	-	\$	43	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,982</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>57,816</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,191</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>66,738</b>
<b>2620 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>								
Contracted Services	\$	10,000	\$	4,364	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
Contract Services-Safety Grant	\$	-	\$	11,165	\$	-	\$	-
Repairs & Maint	\$	3,000	\$	11,595	\$	3,000	\$	5,000
Supplies	\$	2,000	\$	6,016	\$	3,500	\$	2,000
Supplies-Safety Grant	\$	-	\$	3,222	\$	-	\$	-
Equipment	\$	600	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2620 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,362</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,000</b>
<b>2630 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>								
Contracted Services	\$	500	\$	18,696	\$	500	\$	500
Contract Services-VREC	\$	-	\$	384	\$	-	\$	-
Snow Removal	\$	3,400	\$	4,162	\$	3,400	\$	4,000
Lawn Care	\$	2,250	\$	4,946	\$	2,250	\$	2,250
Supplies	\$	1,250	\$	-	\$	1,250	\$	1,250
Equipment Playground	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 2630 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,188</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>2640 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>								
Purchased Property Services	\$	100	\$	70	\$	100	\$	100
Supplies	\$	300	\$	-	\$	300	\$	300
<b>TOTAL 2640 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>400</b>

<b>2711 TRANSPORTATION</b>					
Transportation Services- NCSU	\$	44,482	\$	42,194	\$ 46,750 \$ 47,750
<b>TOTAL 2711 TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$	44,482	\$	42,194	\$ 46,750 \$ 47,750
<b>2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>					
VEHI Wellness Funds	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contract Ex. Curr. Trans Through NCSU	\$	9,500	\$	6,861	\$ 9,500 \$ 7,500
Ex Curr Transportation-VREC Funded	\$	-	\$	120	\$ -
<b>TOTAL 2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSP</b>	\$	9,500	\$	6,981	\$ 9,500 \$ 7,500
<b>5300 TRANSFER OUT</b>					
FUND TRANSFER OUT	\$	-	\$	44,320	\$ -
<b>TOTAL 5300 TRANSFER OUT</b>	\$	-	\$	44,320	\$ -
<b>TOTAL 01 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	1,735,799	\$	1,699,289	\$ 1,768,225 \$ 1,915,917
<b>NET</b>	\$	-	\$	(1,272)	\$ -

## **Superintendent's Annual Report Letter**

We began the year with establishing priorities within each of the six areas of our NCSU Work and Learning Plan. We are making steady progress in those areas.

**Equity:** We started off the year at Convocation with a focus on equity and being culturally responsive with the showing of the Vermont documentary I am from Here. There are numerous examples of principals, teachers, staff members and boards dedicating time to issues of equity throughout this year. Most notably is the turn-out of students and the leadership they demonstrated at the Equity Summit this past fall at Jay Peak. We will continue to support efforts at the building level and will have Rebecca Haslam, Executive Director of Seed the Way and Assistant Professor at St. Michael's College, provide a presentation and training at our SU professional learning day in March. We are most fortunate to have Samantha Stevens guiding our work in her role as Equity and Community Outreach Coordinator, and a wide range of administrators, teachers and staff collaborating as an Equity Team. We are establishing a strong "equity literacy" across the SU and promoting sound equity practices.

**Social & Emotional Learning:** We are making great strides in elevating our practices around social & emotional learning and supports across all schools. PBIS, Responsive Classroom, Developmental Design, Mindfulness, and Restorative Practices all provide a range of learning opportunities for students. In addition, we have expanded our capacity to provide supports through our SU Social Emotional/Behavior Team and three schools now have SEL coaches in-house. Our Special Services budget for FY21 reflects our commitment to building capacity to meet the needs of all learners with additional personnel to support social emotional and behavioral needs of children. Our Leadership Team is developing a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) with regard to both academic and social/emotional supports.

### **Content Standards and Transferable Skills**

**Balanced Literacy:** We have approximately 20 teachers from across the SU who are working to develop our literacy curriculum and balanced approach to literacy instruction. No easy task! Thanks to the leadership of NCSU Literacy Coach Nicole Gaboriault and folks from Partners for Literacy Learning we are beginning to gain momentum with this work.

**Student Engagement:** Schools across the SU continue to implement project-based and increased personalization into learning opportunities across schools and grade levels. NCUHS has greatly expanded work-based learning and independent study as well as access to on-line courses. Instructional coaches from the supervisory union work with teachers in multiple capacities to design learning that engages students and advances learning.

**Student Voice & Leadership:** There are many examples of student voice and leadership in our schools. Schools have active student councils or other forums for students to have a say in the direction of the school. We try to include students in our interview processes and some school boards have student representatives who report out. The Career Center is currently engaging in a strategic planning process that is primarily student driven. In addition, many of our schools have student groups leading initiatives through mini grants from the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative, grants that the students wrote themselves.

**Feedback, reflection and reporting:** Well, certainly an area that teachers at all levels have dedicated immense amounts of time and energy toward this fall. It is with great respect and appreciation that we acknowledge the profound shift in grading practices folks at the secondary level have undertaken in conjunction with proficiency-based learning. We continue to refine our reporting and reflection process for students in grades K-8. All students in grades 3-12 are utilizing E-portfolios and goal setting.

It is evident that there is much meaningful progress across NCSU. We have great appreciation for the commitment of our teachers, staff and administrators who advance our Design for Learning and meet our commitment to Character, Competence, Creativity and Community.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Castle  
NCSU Superintendent of Schools

## WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the North Country Union High School District, consisting of the Town School Districts of Brighton, Charleston, Derby, Holland, Jay, Lowell, Morgan, Newport Center, Troy, Westfield, and City of Newport, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the North Country Career Center Assembly Room (Room 380), in Newport, Vermont, on **Monday, February 24, 2020**, at 5:30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following business, to wit:

ARTICLE I: To elect, by ballot, the following officers for the district: a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, each to serve for one year.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers.

ARTICLE III: To decide what salaries shall be paid to officers and directors of the district.

ARTICLE IV: North Country Union High School and North Country Career Center: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$16,927,700 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 \$16,511 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.12% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE V: North Country Union Junior High School: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,052,800, 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 \$17,074 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.12% higher than spending for the current year.

Voting on the aforementioned Articles IV will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in each member town and city of the North Country Union High School District on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**. Voting on the aforementioned Article V will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in the towns of Derby, Holland, Jay, Morgan, Westfield, and the City of Newport on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**. The polls shall be opened and closed according to law and as set by the Board of Civil Authority of each town or city within the union District, and said respective Boards of Civil Authority shall be responsible for determining the eligibility of persons to vote and the supervision of the election, and the presiding officer shall direct the manner in which the vote and ballots on the appropriation questions are counted in each respective town and city. The municipal clerks of the member towns and city shall certify the tallies to the Board of School Directors and shall transmit the certified tallies to the North Country Union High School District Clerk.

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTRY UNION  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)**

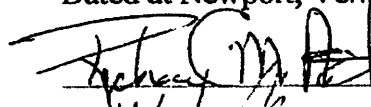
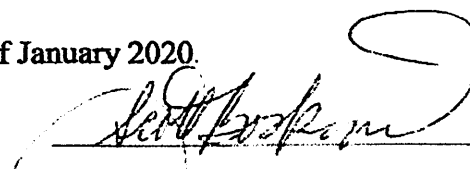
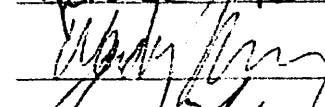
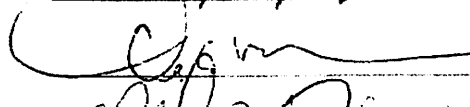
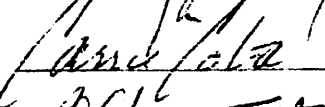
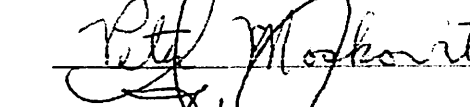
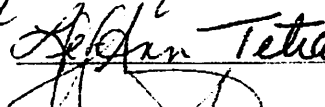
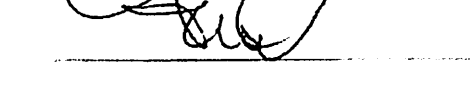


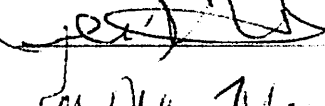
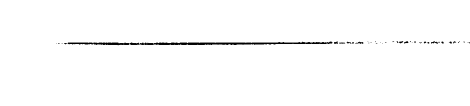
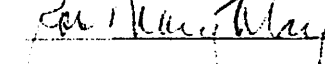

DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASSEMBLED NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE NORTH COUNTRY CAREER CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM (ROOM 380) IN NEWPORT, VERMONT. THE ASSEMBLED MEETING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17 V.S.A. §2680(0).

ARTICLE VI: To see when, by date and time, the North Country Union High School District shall hold its Annual District Meeting in 2021 and the time it shall hold special district meetings under the provisions of 16 VSA 706j (a) (5), 706p, 17 VSA 2643 and 17 VSA 2655 including any special meetings held subsequent to the Annual District Meeting in 2020.

ARTICLE VII: To do any other business that legally come before the meeting.


ARTICLE VIII: To adjourn.

Dated at Newport, Vermont, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Received and Recorded this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020

  
Clerk, NCUHS District #22

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**March 3, 2020**

ARTICLE IV: North Country Union High School and North Country Career Center: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$16,927,700 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 \$16,511 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.12% higher than spending for the current year.

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LAUREN LEGACY 7TH GRADE

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2021 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2020 Board Approved Budget	FY2021 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
<b>ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$4,500)	(\$4,500)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
<b>INTEREST REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$5,500)</b>	<b>(\$5,500)</b>
ASSESSMENTS	(\$1,312,492)	(\$1,571,563)
<b>TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>(\$1,312,492)</b>	<b>(\$1,571,563)</b>
<b>1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>		
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$42,000)	(\$42,000)
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)
MISC REVENUE	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$77,000)</b>	<b>(\$77,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$1,394,992)</b>	<b>(\$1,654,063)</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$3,500	\$3,500
FICA	\$268	\$268
W COMP	\$12	\$12
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,110	\$1,110
SUPPLIES	\$1,110	\$1,110
<b>TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>2111 SCHOOL NURSE LEADER</b>		
SALARY SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$7,500	\$7,800
BCBS SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$700	\$700
HRA SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$420	\$420
FICA SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$580	\$602
LIFE INS SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$0	\$8
W COMP SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$30	\$30
DENTAL SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$40	\$40
LONG TERM DISABILITY SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$0	\$23
TRAVEL SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$500	\$500
SUPPLIES SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$350	\$350
<b>TOTAL 2111 SCHOOL NURSE LEADER</b>	<b>\$10,120</b>	<b>\$10,473</b>
<b>2210 Improvement of Instruction Services</b>		
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$8,000	\$8,000
SP PROJECTS PRINCIPAL MENTORING	\$0	\$0
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$5,000	\$5,000
SPEC.PROJ.-SOFTWARE	\$0	\$0



# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2021 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

	FY2020 Board Approved Budget	FY2021 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
<b>TOTAL 2210 Improvement of Instruction Services</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM SALARY	\$42,300	\$43,992
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN ASST	\$17,368	\$18,063
BCBS	\$13,808	\$15,178
HRA	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA	\$5,284	\$4,997
LIFE INSURANCE	\$90	\$90
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,019	\$1,125
WORKERS COMP	\$380	\$380
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$100	\$100
TUITION	\$770	\$770
DENTAL	\$378	\$378
LTD	\$190	\$193
TRAINING	\$750	\$750
TRAVEL	\$645	\$645
SUPPLIES	\$1,200	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$93,082</b>	<b>\$96,661</b>
<b>2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$71,157	\$74,003
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	\$37,502	\$39,002
SUPPORT TECH WAGES	\$8,064	\$80,000
BCBS	\$14,967	\$21,340
HRA	\$7,875	\$7,875
FICA	\$8,929	\$8,645
LIFE INSURANCE	\$194	\$200
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$5,681	\$6,516
WORKERS COMP	\$550	\$550
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$403	\$403
TUITION	\$1,800	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$613	\$762
LTD	\$250	\$335
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$0	\$12,500
PURCHASED SERVICE TECH SERVICE CONTRACT	\$64,150	\$58,350
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	\$0	\$110,398
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
ROOMS & MEALS	\$400	\$400
SUPPLIES	\$500	\$500
SOFTWARE	\$17,000	\$17,000
EQUIPMENT	\$15,500	\$15,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$195,885</b>	<b>\$460,578</b>

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2021 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

	FY2020 Board Approved Budget	FY2021 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
<b>2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>		
ANNUITY	\$0	\$0
SUPT SALARY	\$128,180	\$133,307
SECRETARY WAGES (2)	\$77,450	\$80,548
BCBS	\$36,375	\$40,988
HRA	\$7,875	\$10,200
FICA	\$15,731	\$16,360
LIFE INSURANCE	\$190	\$226
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$4,200	\$4,745
WORK COMP	\$1,500	\$1,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$500	\$500
DENTAL	\$1,200	\$1,182
LTD	\$580	\$629
AUDIT NCSU	\$12,200	\$12,200
LODGING & MEALS	\$1,500	\$1,500
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
VSA DUES	\$4,500	\$4,500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$200	\$200
PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$1,600	\$1,600
<b>TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>	<b>\$296,781</b>	<b>\$313,285</b>
<b>2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>		
HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT	\$0	\$0
LEGAL MISC TOWNS	\$250	\$250
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ADS	\$6,000	\$6,000
STORAGE PURCHASE SERVICE	\$700	\$700
LEGAL SERVICES	\$3,000	\$3,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$600	\$600
EQUIP MAINT	\$1,000	\$1,000
PHONE EQUIP MAINT	\$4,500	\$2,500
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$12,200	\$10,200
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$10,800	\$14,000
TELEPHONE	\$5,800	\$5,800
POSTAGE	\$11,500	\$10,000
INTERNET	\$1,000	\$1,000
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$0	\$7,000
MISC TOWNS ADVERTISING	\$400	\$400
ADVERTISING	\$5,000	\$5,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$10,000	\$10,000
MISC TOWN INVOICES	\$500	\$500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$10,000	\$10,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$1,000
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$2,000	\$2,000
PHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2021 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

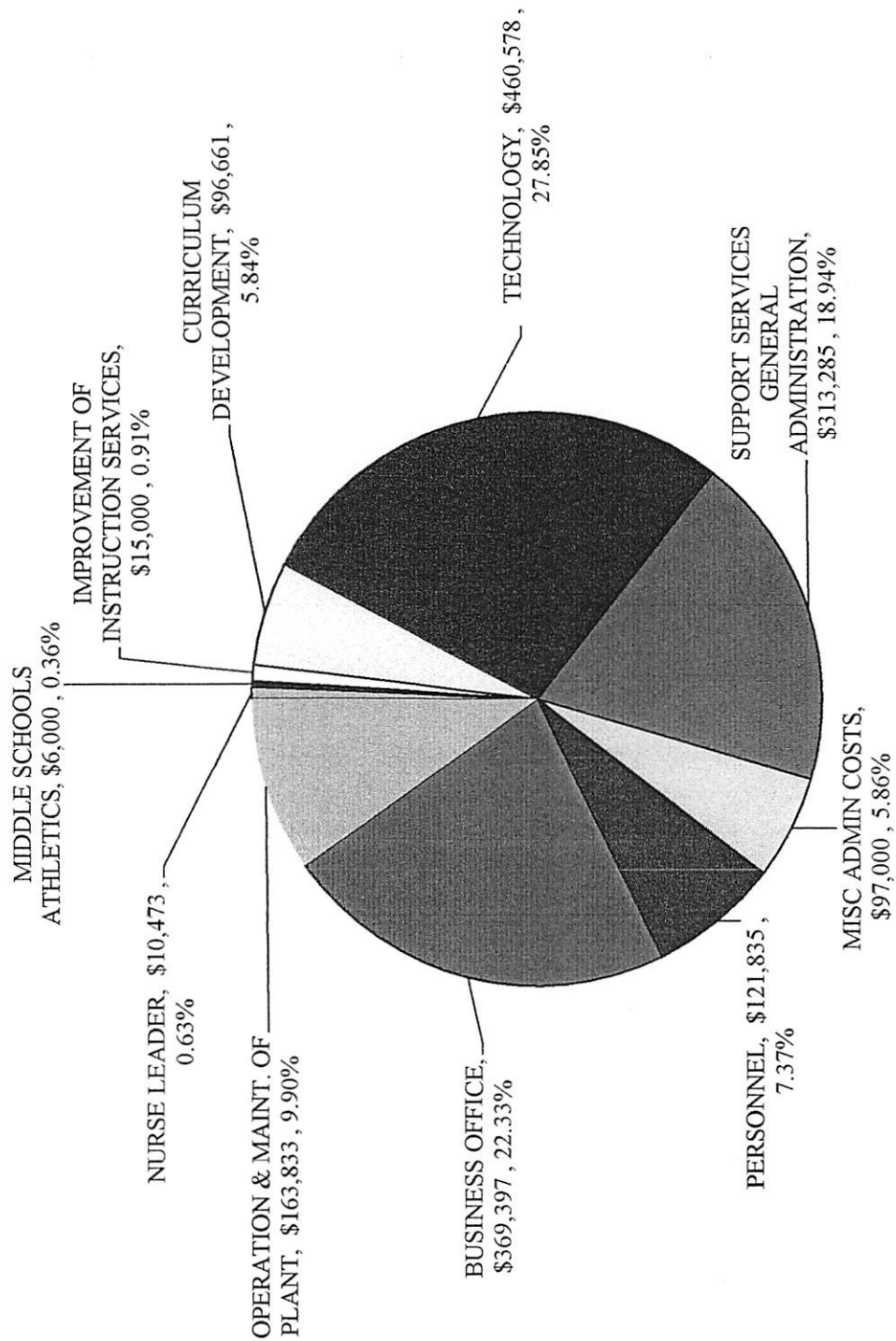
	FY2020 Board Approved Budget	FY2021 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$2,000	\$2,000
FSA/HRA PARTICIPANT FEES	\$3,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>	<b>\$95,300</b>	<b>\$97,000</b>
<b>2323 PERSONNEL</b>		
PERSONNEL WAGES	\$85,768	\$89,199
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$6,582	\$13,629
PERSONNEL FICA	\$7,608	\$7,015
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$45	\$52
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$4,600	\$5,273
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$560	\$560
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$475	\$475
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$3,450	\$3,450
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$770	\$762
PERSONNEL LTD	\$235	\$271
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$500	\$500
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$100
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$550	\$550
<b>TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$111,243</b>	<b>\$121,835</b>
<b>2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$75,179	\$78,188
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$76,942	\$80,020
WAGES BUSINESS ADM ASST	\$28,630	\$29,775
WAGES COURIER	\$2,000	\$2,000
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANT	\$45,058	\$46,860
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$67,479	\$74,564
HRA	\$6,300	\$10,000
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$17,274	\$17,965
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$175	\$208
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$13,182	\$14,473
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,400	\$1,400
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$675	\$675
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,800	\$3,800
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,650	\$1,499
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$571	\$670
PURCHASE SERVICE BUSINESS OFFICE	\$0	\$0
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$400	\$400
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,400	\$1,400
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$347,615</b>	<b>\$369,397</b>
<b>2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
WAGES CUSTODIAN	\$2,716	\$2,716

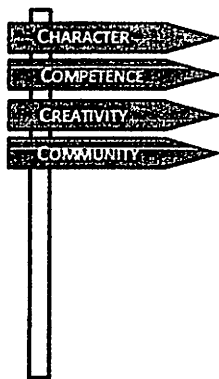
# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2021 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

	FY2020 Board Approved Budget	FY2021 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$3,500	\$3,500
CUSTODIAN-P.SERV	\$14,200	\$14,200
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$1,800	\$1,800
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$900	\$900
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$2,800	\$2,800
 <b>TOTAL 2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	 <b>\$25,916</b>	 <b>\$25,916</b>
<b>2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
RENT	\$133,900	\$137,917
 <b>TOTAL 2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	 <b>\$133,900</b>	 <b>\$137,917</b>
 <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	 <b>\$1,394,992</b>	 <b>\$1,654,063</b>

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2021 BUDGET





## ***NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION***

*...committed to the development of character, competence, creativity and community*

### **SUPERVISORY UNION WORK & LEARNING PLAN**

#### **Equity**

- Advance equity principles and practices

#### **Social & Emotional Learning**

- Deliver research-based practices with consistency that advance positive attitudes, habits, and actions

#### **Content Standards and Transferable Skills**

- Implement curricula based on current content standards
- Implement curricula based on NCSU transferable skills
- Promote effective digital learning

#### **Student Engagement**

- Promote inquiry-based learning
- Support interdisciplinary instruction
- Create multiple pathways
- Foster personalization

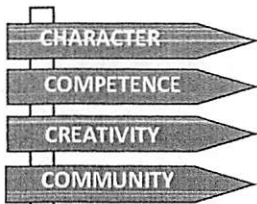
#### **Student Voice & Leadership**

- Promote student contributions and leadership in their communities
- Include students in authentic decision making at all levels

#### **Formative Assessment and Data**

- Provide multiple opportunities for feedback and reflection
- Use technology to support assessment, reporting and reflection
- Students engage in goal setting in age-appropriate ways
- Use qualitative and quantitative data to guide the reflection and review of programs, practices, systems and structures

*Approved by the NCSU Full Board December 2018*



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### LEARNING BELIEFS

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Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

Growth Mindset ❖ Curiosity ❖ Perseverance ❖ Relevance  
Mutual Respect ❖ Feedback & Reflection ❖ Instructional Access  
Equity ❖ Diversity ❖ Personal Responsibility ❖ Shared Leadership  
Individual & Collective Accomplishments ❖ Community Partnerships

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### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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Learners participate in experiences that/to...

Support Personal Pathways ❖ Include Problem-Based Projects  
Are Academically Rigorous ❖ Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections  
Contain Experiential Discovery ❖ Utilize Transferable Skills  
Encourage Student Voice ❖ Incorporate Technology  
Involve Physical Activity ❖ Create & Perform ❖ Engage the Community  
Occur In the Natural World ❖ Happen Anywhere & Any Time

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### LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Learners succeed by becoming...

Caring, Kind & Grateful ❖ Confident & Self-Directed ❖ Honest & Fair  
Independent Thinkers ❖ Innovative Problem Solvers  
Academically Accomplished ❖ Effective Communicators & Collaborators  
Technologically Skilled ❖ Globally Aware ❖  
Contributing Citizens ❖ Respectful of Our Environment  
Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy  
Appreciative Of & Skilled In the Visual & Performing Arts





# Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

## RE: Request for Appropriation

At this time, Missisquoi Valley Ambulance would like to ask the citizens of the Town of Lowell for an appropriation of Eighteen thousand four hundred thirty six Dollars, \$18,436. If approved, this will guarantee that Missisquoi Valley Ambulance will be your prehospital emergency care provider for 2020.

We are asking to increase funding again this year as we have seen our expenses and purchases increase at a greater rate again this year mostly due to the operating costs and the state mandated tax without an increase in reimbursement. We will continue to use the grand list based approach to funding, as we believe it more evenly and fairly spreads the cost of our services to all of the towns we serve.

We appreciate your past support, and look forward to continuing this relationship into the future. If you have any questions, please call me @ 802-309-0455 or email to [missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com](mailto:missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com) . Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Piette EMT  
President  
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service



## Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. of Jay, Vermont will provide the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, Westfield and the Village of North Troy with 24 hour Paramedic level emergency medical services. We are licensed and governed by the Vermont Department of Health and will consistently strive for improvement and growth to provide the best service to our constituents' at the most economical costs possible. **We responded to more than 339 emergency calls this year.** Breakdowns listed below, all other calls were mutual aid to other towns or transfers.

<b>Troy</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Jay Peak</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Jay</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Lowell</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Westfield</b>	<b>25</b>

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service (MVAS) would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support we get every year. Community service is a difficult but very rewarding job and it's your support and thanks that keeps our members motivated.

MVAS continues to field a squad of 15± members. We continue to operate two, 4 wheel drive Paramedic level ambulances. We currently operate a 2009 F450 and a 2013 F350. Our service this past year has committed itself to recruiting and retention as well as increasing the quality of the services that we provide.

MVAS had continued to strive to keep operating costs down while increasing the quality of the equipment and the care provided to our patients. MVAS continues to have regular communications with the towns select boards and are committed to delivering the highest quality care available through continuous learning, teaching, and training.

MVAS is committed to serving our communities and devoted to the health and safety of our neighbors. Anyone with questions and concerns or interest in joining our organization should call 988-1098 or email us at [missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com](mailto:missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com).

Jennifer Piette EMT  
President  
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service Inc

# Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

## BUDGET OVERVIEW: 2020 BUDGET - FY20 P&L

January - December 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Sales/payments of service	265,000.00
Town Appropriations	137,680.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$402,680.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$402,680.00</b>
Expenses	
Back taxes	7,000.00
Bank Charges	500.00
Bay Maintenance	1,000.00
Billing Service	30,000.00
Building Expense	1,000.00
Corporate Taxes	1,500.00
Disposal Fees	300.00
Dues & Subscriptions	300.00
Electric Expnse	2,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
Equipment Maintance	2,000.00
Fuel Expense	8,000.00
Heating Expense	4,000.00
Insurance	35,000.00
Internet	2,180.00
Medical Supplies	6,000.00
Office Expenses	500.00
PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT	1,200.00
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	70,000.00
Wages	180,000.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>
Payroll SERVICES	1,500.00
Rent or Lease	1,600.00
Tax preparation	500.00
Training/Classes	1,000.00
Truck Repairs	5,000.00
Vehicle lease	30,000.00
VT SERVICE TAX	6,600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$402,680.00</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Skilled Nursing  
Occupational Therapy  
Physical Therapy  
Speech Therapy  
Licensed Nurses Aides  
Nutrition  
Social Services



Hospice  
Maternal Child Health  
Special Services  
Long Term Care  
Personal Care Attendants  
Homemakers

Phone: (802) 334-5213

Fax: (802) 334-8822

46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

*Since 1969 - 50 years of providing help where you want it...at home.*

## SERVICE REPORT FY 2019 ORLEANS ESSEX V.N.A. and HOSPICE, INC.

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

### SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2019 .....	43,519
Total Visits FY 2019 - Town of Lowell.....	990

During Fiscal Year 2019, home based services were provided to 24 individuals in Lowell for a total of 990 multi-disciplinary visits. 6 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2020 .....\$3,500.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN  
Executive Director



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region

August 19, 2019

Town of Lowell  
Attn: Selectboard  
21070 VT Route 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Friends,

Our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 1,000 individuals.
- We installed more than 4,000 and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained almost 24,000 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected 76,150 units of blood at over 2,500 blood drives. All 40 hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections.
- In our region, over 250 service members were connected with their families through the Emergency Communications efforts of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

In order to provide these essential services, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is grateful to receive municipal support from our friends in the Town of Lowell. **This year, we respectfully request an appropriation of \$250.00.** These funds will stay right here in our region, so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during their hours of greatest need.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Orleans County.

On behalf of the 1,300 volunteers and staff throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, I thank you for your consideration of this request and your generous history of supporting this essential work.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zellem  
Regional Development Specialist

New Hampshire Headquarters • 2 Maitland Street, Concord, NH 03301  
Vermont Headquarters • 32 N Prospect Street, Burlington, VT 05401  
1-800-464-6692

[www.redcross.org/nhvt](http://www.redcross.org/nhvt)



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region

## Orleans County Service Delivery

### July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

#### Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **4 disaster incidents**, assisting **14 residents** of **Orleans County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disasters	Individuals
Barton	1	5
Derby	1	4
Greensboro	1	1
Newport	1	4

#### Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Orleans County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **36 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

#### Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **28** of **Orleans County's Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

#### Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, **Orleans County** hosted **34 Blood Drives** with the American Red Cross, collecting an impressive total of **1,124 pints** of lifesaving blood.

#### Training Services

Last year, **Orleans** hosted **71 courses**, where **442 residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

#### Volunteer Services

**Orleans County** is home to **7 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.





**Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.**

115 2nd St  
Newport, VT 05855  
(802) 334-2044

Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. is requesting to an appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 from the town of Lowell to support the Lowell School Garden Program and the Farm-to-School Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization providing fresh, local food and nutrition education to over 10,000 students at schools across northern Vermont.

GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Lowell School Garden. Over the last year, every student at the school has been involved in planting and harvesting the garden. All of the produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria. GMFTS has also worked with the school to purchase local food, host monthly taste tests, teach nutrition and gardening workshops, lead farm field trips, compost food waste, and host a Fall Harvest Festival.

With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide the School Garden and Farm-to-School Program in the town of Lowell, producing fresh local food for the cafeteria, and giving students the knowledge and skills, they need to make healthy food choices. The funding from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses covers a portion of the school garden and Farm-to-School Program. The funds from the town will pay for supplies, including tools, seeds, equipment, and staff time to deliver our educational programs.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Lowell in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Cusack  
Executive Director





Vermont Green Up Inc.  
PO Box 1191  
Montpelier, VT 05601-1191  
(802) 229-4586  
greenup@greenupvermont.org

Town of Lowell  
2170 VT Rte. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Town:

10/14/2019

Thank you for your past appropriation for Green Up Vermont, your help is crucial to sustain our mission of cleaning up our roadways and waterways. Your contribution is greatly appreciated! As Green Up rolls into our 50th year, we are again asking for your continued support for 2020.

For your convenience, below is an invoice in the amount you appropriated last year. Please note that many towns allocate money through their Road Line budget each year. The amount requested is based on town population:

- 0- 1,000: \$50
- 1001-2000: \$100
- 2001 - 3000: \$150
- 3001 -4,000: \$200
- 4,001 up: \$300

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always the first Saturday in May, and to raise public awareness for a litter free environment. Quick litter stats from 2019: 43 tons of litter and over 2,100 tires were collected. This data is from only about half of our participating towns that filed post-Green Up reports. We will be striving to obtain better statistics for 2020.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2020, May 2nd and help us celebrate 50 years of keeping Vermont green! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments. As the new Executive Director, I look forward to working with you. Thank you!

Kate Alberghini  
Executive Director  
Green Up Vermont  
802-229-4586 | greenup@greenupvermont.org

## Jay Area Food Shelf

Sincere thanks to the voters of each town for the voted appropriation at Town Meeting 2019. A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the food shelf. With all the continued support & generosity from area community members, the food shelf can continue to serve many people in the area when they need a little help.

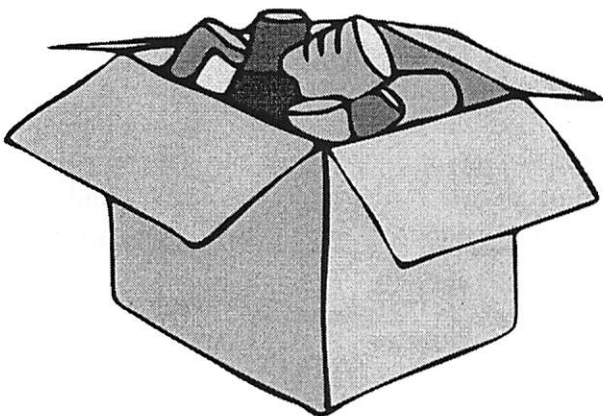
For information, whether you qualify for the food shelf program, or the USDA Commodities, please visit the food shelf site in the Jay Municipal Building, on Thursday during operation hours of 9 am to 12:00 pm.

For individuals who wish to make a donation of money, you can do so by sending a check to Jay Area Food Shelf, c/o Jay Town Clerk's Office, 1036 VT RTE 242, Jay, VT 05859.

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. A special thanks to Berry Creek Farm for the 2019 season in kind donations.

In 2019 The Jay Area Food Shelf served approximately 550 people.

Kim Lucier  
Director



**Feeding the  
Community**



Town of Lowell, Vermont  
Finance Committee

January 13, 2020

To the Financial Committee

Lamoille County Mental Health services is requesting a contribution of \$1,000 from the Town of Lowell for FY2020. We appreciate the support from the residents of Lowell and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Lamoille County Mental Health Services has always strived to provide the highest quality services and support to our community to enhance independence and quality of life. Over the past year we provided quality services to Lamoille Valley residents with all of our programs including a 24 hour 365 day a year Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) responding to requests from children, families, and individuals as well as local police, EMT, Copley Hospital ER, Lamoille Valley school districts and other providers. The MCT also provides Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for first responders, families, and work colleagues coping with the aftermath of a traumatic event. This is the only full time mental health emergency crisis response service in the region. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 we served several Lowell individuals that boarder the Lamoille County area.

We have been collaborating with our community partners on our Crisis Bed stabilization program named Oasis House. This two-bed program opened in February 2013, and the program has been of tremendous help in preventing and/or diverting Emergency room visits and/or hospital stays. This unit will serve our local consumers and when room is available, will support the state's effort at making available more care in the community. In the past year, we have created a community CADRE team to support individuals who are experiencing a difficult time to have someone to talk to while sitting in the emergency room. This resource has allowed other community resources to be used more appropriately. LCMHS most recently has begun to organize and assist in the development of a local effort to prevent suicides in our area, currently the highest county for suicide related deaths in Vermont. This effort, known as Zero Suicide would help to coordinate all efforts of schools, healthcare providers, human services agencies, churches and other parts of our community regarding prevention. The steps are many, but through training provided by LCMHS and other organizations to increase everyone's ability to response to the risk of suicide we can achieve this goal. As well, LCMHS is sponsoring a survivors of suicide support group which is open to all communities to help individuals cope with this challenging event. Funding support from local governments can help to expand these efforts.

Your continued contribution and support is always valued but is more important than ever as the state wrestles with healthcare reform. In these times, the people at the local level must do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need. Our commitment to you is that when there is need we will be there.

Sincerely,

Patricia Pion, Controller  
Lamoille County Mental Health Services  
802-888-5026 ext: 161  
Patricia.pion@lamaille.org



Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc.

## Community & Justice Programs

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71 Seymour Lane  
Newport, VT 05855  
Ph: 802-334-8224

### ARTICLE REQUESTED FOR WARNING OF 2020 TOWN MEETING

SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300.00

(THREE-HUNDRED)

THE ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION, A COMMUNITY SERVICE  
PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING EXISTING SERVICES TO THE  
INCREASE IN JUVENILE AND ADULT OFFENDERS, AND THE VICTIMS OF  
THEIR CRIMES.



December 4, 2019

Dear Selectboard,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation from the town of Lowell to support our work with elder and disabled Vermonters living in your community. Your support is vitally important as we continue to face challenges due to shifts in healthcare funding and the increasing aging population in our state.

The Council on Aging serves as the central resource for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. In FY 2019 the Council provided assistance to **over 4,300 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our Home Delivered Meals program, **delivered 132,284 meals**. We also offer a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Bootcamps, exercise and mobility programs, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitians. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. Our work is supplemented by 367 volunteers who serve as Home Delivered Meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 40 years and our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for them to sustain their independence and live well in their communities. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$300.00 from the residents of the town of Lowell. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report.

Suggested wording for the warning article for town meeting follows: *"Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to elder and disabled Vermonters in the ensuing year."*

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

In gratitude,

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director

The mission of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is to *"Help People Age with Independence and Dignity."* Our goal is to enhance the ability of these Vermonters to live as independently as possible, actively participating in and contributing to their communities.

181 Crawford Road - Derby  
PO Box 724 Newport VT 05855  
Phone 802-334-6744 Fax 802-334-7455  
Toll free 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street  
PO Box 368 St. Johnsbury VT 05819  
Phone 802-748-3181 Fax 802-748-0704  
Toll free 800-649-0118

[www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org)

November 19, 2019

Town of Lowell  
2170 VT RT 100  
LOWELL, VT 05847

RE: 2020 Town Meeting Appropriation Request

Dear Select Board, Town Clerk, and Town Voters:

Your financial support to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, goes directly to care for your community members in need of mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services is dedicated to improving lives. Every day, we work tirelessly with individuals and families in your community to provide exemplary care, develop new programs, and improve access to services for all those in need. While we are surrounded by multiple challenges, we strive to help individuals, of all ages, live their most fulfilling lives as best as they can, regardless of their individual circumstances. It has been our mission since August 20, 1960, to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

Being in good mental health is paramount to every human being, therefore, as private, non-profit Designated Agency, Northeast Kingdom Human Services has a responsibility for ensuring an availability and delivery of comprehensive range of services to any individual, regardless of his or her ability to pay. In 2018, Northeast Kingdom Human Services provided \$247,881 in free or uncompensated care to those in financial need in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. These individuals reached out to us for support and we were there for them, each and every step of the way.

This year, Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Lowell for financial support in the amount of \$1758 (\$2.00 per town resident) to be included on the March 2020 Town Meeting Warning. The current appropriation amount has not changed since 2011.

Article: Shall the **Town of Lowell** vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1758 for the support of **Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.**, a not for profit 501(c)(3), to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care.

On behalf of NKHS and all the individuals and families we serve, we wish to thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and for bringing it to the town voters on Town Meeting Day



NORTHEAST  
KINGDOM  
HUMAN  
SERVICES

Serving the NEK  
since 1960


*We're all about being human.*

2020. Thank you for your ongoing support in this important endeavor. The NKHS annual summary report is attached for your community.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors and Leadership Team  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

Contact:

Ruth Marquette   
Grant Writer/Funding Program Specialist  
181 Crawford Road -  
P. O. Box 724  
Derby office: 802-334-6744 ext. 2140  
Newport, VT 05855  
RMarquette@nkhs.net



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. – NKHS (Requesting \$1758 in 2020)**  
 181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979  
 2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118  
[www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org)

Thank you, **Town of Lowell** voters, for your appropriation support last year. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source to support the provision of needed services for residents who cannot otherwise afford care.

**Summary data for the past year:**

Total number of individuals of all ages in our service area that utilized mental health crisis intervention, mental health, addiction, behavioral health, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities support services in the past year:	3,855
Total number of individuals of all ages in the Northeast Kingdom that were supported by the Emergency Services Team 24 hours a day 7 days a week last year:	413
Number of individuals from the Town of Lowell who accessed supportive care at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.:	40
Employees provided community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in Northeast Kingdom Human Services offices, area schools, and businesses; training examples include suicide prevention and awareness, trauma informed care, and parenting.	193 hours
This agency is proud of the dedicated professional employees who support community members in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, in homes, and in schools throughout the communities in the Northeast Kingdom.	500 total, 1 from the Town of Lowell
Free and/or uncollectable services provided for Town of Lowell individuals.	\$875.42

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Last year, the agency provided \$247,880.52 in free and/or uncollectable services for supports provided to individuals in our service area. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Lowell voters to again consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy and fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community through this 2020 appropriation request of \$1758. This amount is calculated on \$2.00 per person according to the 2010 Census.

**Thank you so much for your support!**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Tomasz Jankowski, DPT, MHA, MBA  
 President and CEO



**Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - Pre Audit**  
**For the Period Ending June 30, 2019**  
**Year-to-Date**

	<b>Total Agency</b>		
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Client Fees, net	36,074,173	36,035,860	38,313
State grants -	0	0	
Grant-in-Aid	998,732	943,954	54,778
Agency of Human Services contract	538,490	811,808	(273,318)
Other state contracts/grants	664,367	829,575	(165,208)
Local revenue	80,438	86,275	(5,837)
Other revenue	184,492	21,609	162,883
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>38,540,691</b>	<b>38,729,081</b>	<b>(188,390)</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Salaries	16,329,036	15,713,106	(615,930)
Fringe benefits	5,204,325	5,874,828	670,503
Other personnel costs	12,510,760	12,755,407	244,647
Program expenses	678,748	633,349	(45,399)
Operating expenses	911,160	1,190,210	279,050
Client/Staff transportation	1,193,014	1,170,265	(22,749)
Building expenses	962,429	1,012,559	50,130
Allocation of indirect costs-	0	0	
Administration	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>37,789,470</b>	<b>38,349,724</b>	<b>560,254</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>751,221</b>	<b>379,357</b>	<b>371,864</b>
<b>NON OPERATING REVENUES:</b>			
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	0	0	0
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>751,221</b>	<b>379,357</b>	<b>371,864</b>

**Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.**

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11

Newport, VT 05855

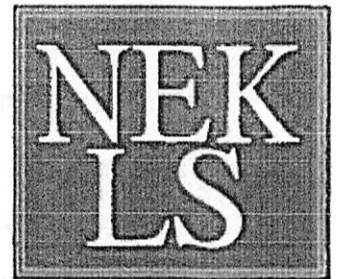
1-844-GO NEKLS(466-3557) / toll free

(802) 334-6532 / phone

(802) 334-6555 / fax

Info@neklsvt.org

www.NEKLSVT.org



January 1, 2020

Town of Lowell

2170 VT RTE 100

Lowell, VT 05847

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) has served the residents of Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties since the late 1960s. Beginning in one location in Newport NEKLS has evolved to providing our free services in five Community Learning Centers and with various off-site and in-home educational programs. The residents of these counties that have accessed NEKLS services have worked towards receiving a high school diploma or GED, gained job skills, prepared for college courses, received family and child support services such as Early Intervention and much more. NEKLS also continues to provide prevention programming aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use, in addition to continuing support for a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont program to in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.

State and federal budget challenges continue to impact funding of community nonprofits such as NEKLS. Town appropriations are vital in keeping services free for the hundreds of community members we work with each year, helping to make their goals a reality. Funding helps to maintain high quality services as they are and to introduce new instructional options as well. NEKLS is requesting a town appropriation of \$200 to help support programs that are accessible to the residents of Lowell.

In 2019, NEKLS added to its programming Ready, Set, Grow Childcare located in the old Teddy Bear Factory on Farrant Street in Newport. The Childcare opened in September and is already exploring the expansion into school age care beginning in the Summer of 2020.

Enclosed is our NEKLS appropriations flyer to include in your town report; it is a detailed summary of our services for taxpayers' information.

We hope you will continue to support NEKLS as we look forward to another year of being an important partner in your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Faust".

Michelle Faust

Executive Director

Enclosure: NEKLS Appropriations Infographic

*Our mission is to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.*



**Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.** began with one woman, Eva Warner,  
teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table. *It is so much more today!*

*Thank you for your continued support of our services,*

*Your support makes a difference in the lives of your neighbors, friends and families!*

### **Adult Education and Literacy Programs (AEL)**

*In addition to HSCP and GED services, our Teachers provide math, reading, writing, job skill development, computer literacy and support to students who are transitioning to college or work.*

**230** **8932**  
Students served Hours served  
In 2019

### **Community Learning Centers**

*Offer groups and individual computer training. In addition to computer classes and average of*

**80**

*Community members per month access email, apply for jobs online, search the web and more at any one of our*

**5**

*Community Learning Centers*

### **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)**

*Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services.*

**526**

*# of referrals to CIS in the tri-county region In 2019*

### **K-12 Tutorial Program**

*Provides one on one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and Town Halls*

**32**

*Number of K 12 students in the tri-county region In 2019.*

### **High School Completion Program (HSCP)**

*Collaborates with local high schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone age 16 or older*

**59**

*High School diplomas where awarded, in partnership with area High Schools In 2019*

### **General Education Development Program (GED)**

*Leads to a high school diploma equivalency*

**18**

*Number of GED's awarded In 2019*

### **English Speaking Other Languages (ESOL)**

*NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language to students from around the world who have settled in the NEK.*

**9**

*Number of students served in 2019 coming from Brazil, China, Nepal and more*

### **Administrative Offices**

**(802) 334-6532**

**Canaan Learning Center**

**(802)266-3933**

**Island Pond Learning Center**

**(802)723-4261**

**Newport Learning Center**

**(802) 334-2839**

**St Johnsburry Learning Center**

**(802)748-5624**

**"Like" us on Facebook @ NEKLSVT**

**[www.neklsvt.org](http://www.neklsvt.org)**

**Please contact us at**

**1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has need for our services or at [info@neklsvt.org](mailto:info@neklsvt.org).**

### **Prevention Services**

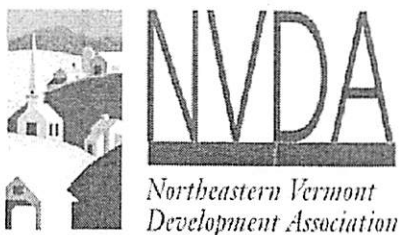
*Offers education to the community around Prevention, Intervention, Treatment and Recovery in alignment with the (PITR) Collaborative.*

**500**

*Estimated number of individuals who've received Mental Health and Prevention trainings in the NEK in 2019*

### **NEW in 2019!**

***Ready, Set, Grow Childcare opened up in September Offering infant, toddler and preschool care. Look for a possible expansion of school age summer care in 2020***



### Request for 2020 Town Dues

Greetings:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) is now making its annual Request for Town Dues. In past years, we have used the term "appropriations" rather than "dues", but "dues" more accurately reflects the Town's status as a member community of NVDA, which your Town has been since 1950. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

#### **Town of Lowell**

Amount Requested:                \$659.00

Possible funding methods\*\*:

1.     As a line item in the operating budget
2.     As an article on the warning

Example:

*"Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$659.00 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, for planning, development, promoting and publicizing the resources of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties with other towns in the three counties?"*

\*\*Many of NVDA's member Towns are also members of the Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) and have those dues included as a line item in the Town budget, rather than as an article in the Town report. Please consider including the Town's membership with NVDA as a line item as well.



To the Voters of Lowell:

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.

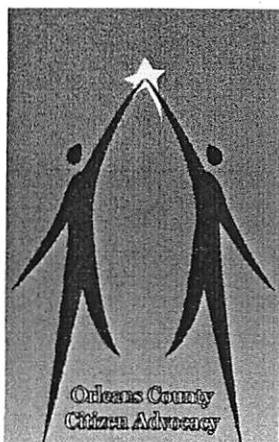
Local governance is increasingly complex and NVDA has steadily expanded our service offerings to help communities navigate new rules. Our services include, but are not limited to:

- 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.

How is this relevant to Lowell? In 2019, NVDA staff met and consulted with the planning commission, performed traffic counts, and completed a Road Erosion Inventory. We also provided Grants in Aid assistance to help the town set best management practices that reduce stormwater related erosion of the town's roads.

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 communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at [tgonyaw@nvda.net](mailto:tgonyaw@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director



"Our Mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that all are heard, empowered and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all members in opportunities that enhance quality of life."

November 18, 2019

Dear Lowell Voters,

Orlean County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one to one matches, OCCA helps our members build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered. Orleans County Citizen Advocacy supports enduring, positive connections that have enhanced our strong, vibrant diverse communities for over thirty years.

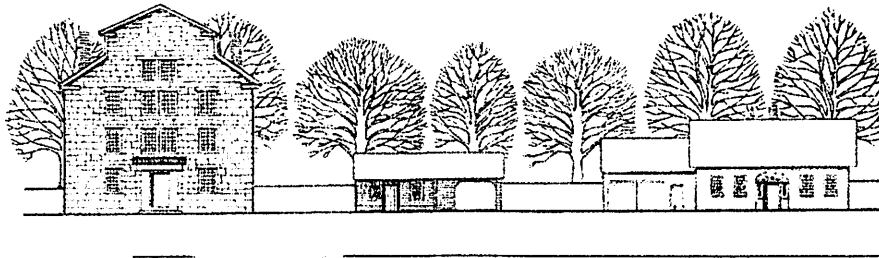
Since its inception, OCCA has initiated and supported over 100 matches without any federal or state funding. Our activities are funded through town appropriations, donations and small grants. All appropriations stay in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors. We thank Lowell voters for your past support, and once again are asking for your support.

During the past year, we held events and activities in Orleans County that engaged our members in socialization and networking. These included art events, cooking lessons, an exercise/dance event, community dinner and seasonal crafts. Next year we plan to expand our reach through the county, offering workshops and activities for members and neighbors. Skill building, disability awareness, self-advocacy, and community inclusion will be our focus. We are experiencing an increase in applications throughout Orleans County, and currently have a growing list of new members who are in need of volunteers to become their friends, mentors and advocates. Alleviating loneliness and including people in their community is our goal.

Please support Orleans County Citizen Advocacy's town appropriation request of \$500 for 2020.

Best Wishes,

Rich Ossias      Ann Stannard  
Co-Chairs, OCCA Board of Directors



Orleans County Historical Society /Old Stone House Museum  
109 Old Stone House Rd.  
Brownington, VT 05860

December 2019

Dear Select Board Members:

The mission of the Orleans County Historical Society is simple yet essential: *Preservation, education, inspiration*. This mission is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community. The Old Stone House Museum brings local history to life each year for countless visitors; seniors, adults and children alike. We are proud to continue loyally serving our community with high-quality programming and events. Since 1917, the Orleans County Historical Society has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our county and our region. Our stunning neighborhood includes eight historic buildings, along with remarkable collections of furniture, paintings, clothing, tools, photographs, diaries, maps and letters that all illustrate aspects of our regional history.

The Society continues to actively seek funding sources in order to maintain aging infrastructure as well as sustain the growing list of community services we offer. It remains true, however, that the support from Orleans County towns plays an important role in helping the Society operate. With this in mind, we ask that you include the following article in your Town Meeting warning:

"To see if the Town of Lowell will appropriate the sum of \$550 for the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its Educational Program, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same."

The Museum's financial overview and write-up for use in your town's report will be submitted by early January.

Sincerely,

Molly Veysey, Executive Director



# Orleans County Fair Association

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278 Roaring Brook Road  
PO Box 580  
Barton, VT 05822  
[www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net)

Dear Selectboard,

The Orleans County Fair Association is proud to have served this community by hosting the Orleans County Fair for more than 150 years! We are a non-profit organization with all the typical struggles being experienced in today's society. Our long-term success has come from old fashioned Northeast Kingdom pride and determination as well as reliance on the creativity of our volunteer members.

The OCFA is recognizing the need to maintain our wonderful traditions and history as well as seek and implement new ideas with an adjusted business plan. Roaring Brook Park is an expansive venue which in recent years has been helping to celebrate Memorial Day and 4th of July festivities as well as many other local celebrations. I'm sure most of you have attended the grounds at one time or other in the past. Our continued goal is to invite your return to the park and to introduce you to our new and exciting plans!

Our on-going efforts to maintain the 150-year traditions and to include modern entertainment and experiences brings us to you for a little help. We are seeking an appropriation in the amount of \$500 toward these efforts. Any other amount would be wonderful. It is also our pledge to you that we will apply any funds received in an important and meaningful way and that we will report back to you next March on specifically how your contribution was utilized.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

The Orleans County Fair Assoc.  
Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer  
[ocftreas@gmail.com](mailto:ocftreas@gmail.com)  
802-525-3555/802-673-9454

Enclosure

Tax Id # 036010725 - Orleans County Fair Association is a 501 (c) 5 organization which may make your contribution tax deductible as allowed by federal tax laws. Orleans County Fair Association did not provide any goods or services to you, the donor in consideration for this gift.



*Orleans County Child Advocacy Center/Special Investigations Unit  
P.O. Box 1133  
Newport, VT 05855  
(802)334-6002*

November 6, 2019

LOWELL TOWN CLERK  
2170 VT RTE 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Voters and the Select board: Town of Lowell

I am writing you with a request for financial support for the Orleans County Child Advocacy Center/Special Investigations Unit (OCCAC/SIU).

The OCCAC/SIU is a partnership between the Orleans County State's Attorney's Office, Newport Police, Vermont State Police, Orleans County Sheriff's Department, Umbrella, Inc., Department for Children and Families, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Department of Corrections, North Country Hospital as well as various medical and therapeutic organizations.

What we do:

- Respond to reports of child sexual abuse, domestic assault, elder abuse, serious child physical abuse, sexual assault, and the abuse of vulnerable adults;
- Conduct criminal investigations;
- Prosecute substantiated crimes;
- Provide services and referrals to victims;
- Respond to other related concerns, such as sex offender registry and child pornography;
- Provide education to community members related to internet safety, healthy relationships, bullying and other topics to promote awareness.

Last year the OCCAC/SIU provided services to 58 people who were directly affected by violence. Of the 58 clients, 52 were children. 46 children were affected by sexual violence, 6 children were exposed to serious physical violence and/or witnessed physical violence and 6 adults received services for physical and/or sexual assaults.


The OCCAC/SIU is centrally located in downtown Newport. We are able to provide a neutral, safe and child-friendly space where investigators and other professionals can interview victims about reported abuse and work together to provide comprehensive services. This helps make it less stressful for the children and other victims who have already experienced trauma.

We are a non-profit 501 (c) 3 and operate with funding from the Vermont State Special Investigation Unit Grant, grant funds provided through the VT Center for Crime Victim Services as well as fund raising efforts.

We continue to rely on local funding and support from towns we serve in Orleans County. With this in mind, the OCCAC/SIU respectfully requests \$200.00 from the Town of Lowell this year. Funding our request will help the OCCAC/SIU to continue its important work in our community.

Thank you for your time. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have or provide further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dawn Kelly".

Dawn Kelly  
Executive Director



# Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

Phone: (802)748-8170 • Fax: (802)748-5275 • <http://riderct.org>

*"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"*

December 23, 2019

Dear Lowell Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests an appropriation in the amount of \$700.00. This is the same amount requested and appropriated last year.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In Fiscal Year 2019, RCT provided 3,027 trips to 24 residents of Lowell, travelling 81,643 miles at a total cost of \$85,674.00.

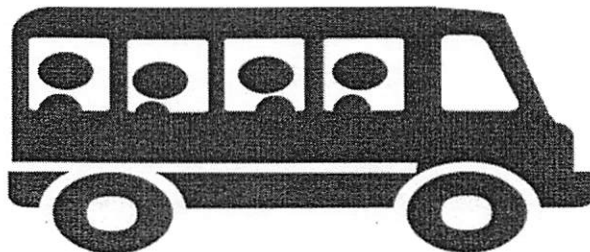
RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require 20% - 50% local match dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match.

We hope you will be able to assist with this request and look forward to our continued service to the residents of Lowell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick D'Agostino".

Nick D'Agostino  
Executive  
Director





Activity Report for Lowell  
Fiscal Year 2019 \* July 2018 – June 2019  
Town Appropriation Request: \$825

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that make for strong women, supported families and safe homes. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

**The Advocacy Program** is an essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. The Advocacy Program meets the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventive programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent and healthy relationships. In 2019, 569 individuals received direct advocacy, 27 adults and 26 children were sheltered for a total of 2,654 bed-nights, and 330 adults and 3,207 youth were reached at 150 prevention programming events.

**Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)** is a community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and southern Essex counties. KCCC is responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality childcare services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. In 2019, 759 families were connected with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program.

**The Family Room** is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. In 2019, the Family Room helped 101 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent. Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

**Cornucopia** is a culinary arts job-training program for women with barriers to employment. This 14-week program introduces women to the culinary arts through the preparation and packaging of Meals-on-Wheels for Newport area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with local businesses that fit their individual strengths and interests enabling them to achieve economic self-sufficiency. In 2019, Cornucopia empowered 12 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training and produced over 30,615 nutritionally-balanced meals to homebound, Newport-area seniors and 2,380 meals at its weekly community meal site. At least 10 Lowell households received a total of 2497 meals last year.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 16 households in Lowell were served by Umbrella in 2019 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Lowell's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292  
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

December 15, 2019

Re: **Request for Town Appropriation, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **22+ years** of the program, over **1100 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing RFP systems, and drafting site development are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2019 was \$154,325, of which \$63,450 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore,

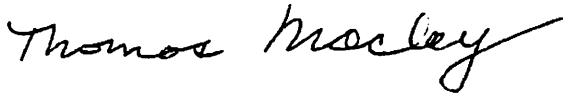
we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

**215** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice, W-9 and tax form 990 from VACD in case they are required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair

Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265 | [83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

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Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT  
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

12/9/2019

Town of Lowell  
Christy Pion  
2170 Vt. Rte 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Ms. Pion,

For many years, the town of Lowell has supported our mission to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. With your support, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired [VABVI] has completed another successful year. Thank you for your on-going support!

The number of clients we serve increases every year, and it costs approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each individual adult client. During Fiscal Year 2019, we served 1,431 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 student in Lowell, and 47 adults and 13 students in Orleans County. An estimated 13,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the "Baby Boomer" generation ages, this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. People are living longer, so we anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. As a result, our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

Last year, our local towns and cities provided us with over \$30,000 in support. These funds went directly to services for clients. We hope that you will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$200 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like any more information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 extension 217 or by e-mail at [sturgeon@vabvi.org](mailto:sturgeon@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Shannon Turgeon

Development Assistant





## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

### **Report of Services for Town of Lowell**

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2019 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. The number of clients we serve has continued to increase annually, and we have made significant updates to our SMART Device Training Program (formerly known as the iOS Training program) for adult clients.

It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. We are working harder than ever to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

**SMART Device Training Program (formerly known as the iOS Training Program):** The program served 116 clients in its first year. After the launch of this program, several updates were made to reflect lessons learned, advances in technology, and additional client needs. Initially, the program only utilized tablet and smartphone devices with iOS capabilities. Our Teachers of the Visually Impaired underwent additional training and now have the capability to show clients how to use smart devices and speakers of several makes and models: Android, Google, Apple, and Amazon.

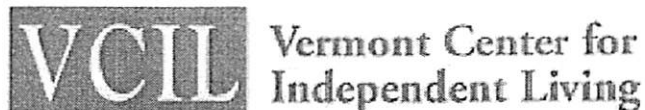
**PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills.

During Fiscal Year 2019, we served 1,431 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 student in Lowell, and 47 adults and 13 students in Orleans County.

For more information about VABVI's services or to volunteer, please contact Shannon Turgeon at (802) 863-1358 ext. 217, or at [sturgeon@vabvi.org](mailto:sturgeon@vabvi.org). Visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org) and feel free to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vabvi802/>.



*People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights*

December 19, 2019

Priscilla Matten Town Clerk  
Town of Lowell  
2170 VT RTE. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Ms. Matten and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Lowell for our fiscal year 2019.

Annual support from over 150 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Lowell in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting \$90.00 from the Town of Lowell to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'20 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Launderville".

Sarah Launderville  
Executive Director  
[slaunderville@vcil.org](mailto:slaunderville@vcil.org)

Enclosures

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
TOWN OF LOWELL  
SUMMARY REPORT**

**Request Amount: \$90.00**

For the past 40 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'19 (10/2018-9/2019) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **250** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **163** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **122** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **86** individuals with information on assistive technology; **46** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **499** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **40** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'19, **2** residents of **Lowell** received services from the following program:

- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:  
**1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **[www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)**.



December 19, 2019

Town of Lowell  
2170 VT Rte 100,  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Lowell Selectboard members and Residents of Lowell,

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) is a volunteer-based organization, composed of folks from many local sources: school groups, local businesses, concerned citizens, teachers, and landowners, to name a few. Since 1996, we have been working with community members to understand and improve water quality issues in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries.

MRBA Projects and Programs Include:

- Streambank stabilization and river clean-up efforts:** The MRBA has generated over 21,000 volunteer hours to plant trees, perform other types of streambank stabilization, and clean up trash from the river and its banks.
- Water quality sampling:** Community volunteers help collect samples for our water quality monitoring program. In 2019 (our 15<sup>th</sup> year of sampling!) the MRBA took hundreds of water samples from 24 sites in conjunction with the Vermont DEC. These samples were tested for phosphorous, nitrogen, and turbidity to help monitor water quality.
- Assisting farmers and landowners:** Projects include planting trees in streambank buffer areas, installing water bars or lining culvert outlet basins, and seeding down areas of bare earth. These techniques reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff.
- Educational Programs:** We provide educational opportunities to our younger watershed residents - bringing tools such as our watershed model and rainfall simulator to classrooms and outdoor events. We are also able to provide sessions of our educational program, 'Bugworks', free of charge to schools in our region: in 2019, the MRBA was able to provide 14 Bugworks sessions to over 250 students; we also reached over 400 students through other educational programs focused on erosion, runoff, healthy soils, and infiltration. Two of the Bugworks sessions, and two other programs were held for Lowell students.

In order to continue making all these programs available within our communities, we respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$200 donation. Your donation will be used to help us meet our overhead expenses (rent, telephone, internet, postage, planning meetings, and newsletters) which amount to over \$12,000 annually and which are virtually impossible to cover through grants.

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2020 request.

Sincerely,

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John Little, MRBA Chair



VSO  
c/o Eleanor Long  
2 Church Street, Suite 3B  
Burlington, VT 05401  
Phone: (802) 864-5741 x10  
Fax: (802) 864-5109

November 24, 2019

Dear Lowell Select Board,

The North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra are requesting an appropriation of \$100.00 to support *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your town. This program brings small ensembles from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to perform for our students in their local communities. *SymphonyKids* is an outreach program whose mission is to engage children in classical music through audience participation and encourage the students to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for music.

Last year, *SymphonyKids* in our region reached 1039 school children in 14 presentations, serving 12 schools for 13 different communities. This season *SymphonyKids* kicked off with the Green Room program on September 29, which gave middle and high school age students from area schools an up-close and personal concert-going experience.

Proceeds from the North Country Friends' ad insert help defray the cost for schools. Subsidy money also helps, but can be spread pretty thin when we're trying to serve all the schools in Orleans and Caledonia counties. The contribution from your town will go towards a *SymphonyKids* program for the students in your town and will help us reach the greatest possible audience in the Northeast Kingdom.

The VSO has a long history of bringing *SymphonyKids* programs to the Lowell School. In November 2019 our *Ah! Cappella!* program performed for 79 students.

**Article: Shall the Lowell voters approve the sum of \$100.00 as an appropriation to the *SymphonyKids* program of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra?**

It is our understanding that the Select Board can make the decision to add our request for an appropriation of \$100.00 to the warning for the 2019 Town Meeting. We hope that you will consider inserting the first four paragraphs of this letter of request and the Article in your town booklet for voter information. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated! Should you have questions or need more information, please contact me at 802-673-2447 or [marquette.raa.wk@gmail.com](mailto:marquette.raa.wk@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Ruth Marquette

On behalf of the North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra

September 20, 2019

Lowell town  
Karen Clinger  
2170 VT Rte. 100  
Lowell, VT 5847



Dear Select Board,

The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P) merged, Vermont Family Network has collectively served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years and created a virtual "one stop shop" for families of children with special needs and the providers who serve them.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Lowell town and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Wilmington where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we are able to do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport and Rutland, an annual conference and much more through our Family Support Program.

We are also the state's largest Children's Integrated Services Early Intervention Program, serving all eligible infants and toddlers in Chittenden County. Last year 601 families received services that supported their young children's developmental and early education needs. Vermont Family Network has recently become the home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. In the last school year 10,401 school children were able to benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much needed services to families all across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Claire.giroux-williams@vtn.org](mailto:Claire.giroux-williams@vtn.org), or 802-876-5315, ext. 201 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development and Communications Coordinator  
Vermont Family Network

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2019

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

**Note:** The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 611 eligible voters. The highest number of votes cast for Town Elections was registered at 63 votes for the NCSU Ballot and 107 for the Town floor votes.

- The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Alden announced several upcoming events.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.
- Alden Warner announced the hours of the Australian ballot voting for North Country Supervisory Union Budget.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

**ARTICLE 1:** *To ELECT SCHOOL MODERATOR for the ensuing year.*

- Alden Warner nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 2:** *To ELECT an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a three-year term.*

- Jason Blay was nominated; voice vote/carried
- **JASON BLAY-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 3:** *Shall the voters of the LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT approve the school board to expend **\$1,768,225.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year 2020. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$13,525.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.20% higher than spending for the current year? The overall budget has decreased 1.87% from the current year.*

- Article moved and seconded.
- A request was made to explain why there was an increase in the cost of the budget.

- Steve Mason, School Board Chair explained that it was a complicated thing to explain. He stated that with there being less students and teachers, there is less State aid and grants for the school, which causes an increase in the budget. The amount of money the State gives changes every year, So the budget has to change to compensate for the extra cost.
- Question was asked if the 13,525.00 per student was budgeted based on the number of students. Steve Mason answered yes.
- Arlon Warner asked about the consolidation merger of schools. Steve explained that they went before the Agency of education to fight not to have our school merged. The Agency decided that it would be in the best interest of our school not to have to join the merger. If we had been forced to due so, our Town would have to take on the responsibility of having to pay half the debt of the Town they decided to merge us with.
- Richard Dingee had inquired about the use of the maintenance money that was used to pave the school parking lot. He stated that the paving company had paved way more then the contract had allowed for. Steve had answered that it had been done before we knew they had paved it all. There was further discussion back and forth on this matter.
- A motion was made to call the question-seconded/Motion to call the question passed by voice vote.
- **Motion to take article 3 as written, passed by voice vote.**
- Steve Mason took a moment before Article 4 started to introduce some Lowell Graded students to share speeches they had written and projects they have been working on through this year in science. The Speeches were on Stream Restoration. The Students Were Miriah Langmand 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mckenna Blay 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Kayla Kennison 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Haleigh Tetreault 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The students worked very hard on both the projects and the speeches. They had also shared that they had gone to Montpelier to read their speeches at the State house. Steve had told the students how proud of them he was for all their hard work and to keep on fighting for what they are working towards.
- Steve Mason had also taken a moment to express his appreciation to all the people who do things for the School and for the Town.

**ARTICLE 4:** *Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$50,000.00** of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2017-2018 school year, to **reduce taxes** in the 2019-2020 school budget?*

- *Motion made and seconded to authorize Article 4 as written.*
- **Motion for ARTICLE 4 AS WRITTEN, passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 5:** *Shall the voter of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** Authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer to the Tax Stabilization Fund **\$44,320.00** of unallocated, unaudited General Fund balance from the 2017-2018 school year to be used in future budgets when the tax rate is to increase more than 3 cents?*

- Article moved and seconded; voice vote/carried



- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 6:** *To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.*

- *Gordon Spencer asked if the school were to have merge, what would that do to the budget, and would the State effect that? Steve Mason answered that the budget is audited by an outside auditor not by the State, we have control not the State.*
- *Question was asked, how is the budget decided? Steve answered, the Bookkeeper and Principle go over expenses line item by line item.*
- *Article moved and seconded; voice vote/carried.*

**ARTICLE 7:** *To Adjourn.*

- *Article moved and seconded; voice vote/carried.*
- *Meeting ended at 10:48 a.m. for school portion.*

**OUTCOME OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING FOR NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL:**

Polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE IV:** NCUHS BUDGET- TOTAL VOTES CAST: 63  
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**ARTICLE PASSED**

**ARTICLE VI:** NCUHS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND  
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 63  
IN FAVOR-40 OPPOSED-23 BLANK- 0  
**ARTICLE PASSED**

**ARTICLE VII:** NCUHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND  
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 63  
IN FAVOR-40 OPPOSED-23 BLANK-0  
**ARTICLE PASSED**

**Attest:**

**MODERATOR:** Alden Warner Alden Warner

**SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR:** Steve Mason Steve Mason

**TOWN MEETING:** Moderator call Annual Town meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

**ARTICLE 8:** *To ELECT TOWN MODERATOR for the ensuing year.*

- Alden Warner nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 9:** *To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.*

- Motion made and seconded to accept the reports as written.
- Moderator asked for any errors or omissions in the town reports.
- There were three small errors, too many zeros in the Library Fund amount, the word depreciation was misspelled in the balance sheet, and the page numbers say 2017 annual town report.
- Motion made and seconded to accept the Town Report as written with corrections noted; voice vote / carried.
- **TOWN REPORT ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN, WITH CORRECTIONS.**

**ARTICLE 10:** *To ELECT the following OFFICERS required by law:*

**a. SELECT PERSON** 3-year term

- Darren Pion- nominated.  
Alden Warner-nominated.  
Request to vote by paper ballot; seconded-used pink paper ballots for voting.  
**Results: Darren Pion-27, Alden Warner-80, Total votes 107**
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

**b. ROAD COMMISSIONER** 3-year term

- Calvin Allen-nominated
- There were no other nominations, the Moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Calvin Allen.
- **CALVIN ALLEN-ELECTED**

**c. LISTER** 3-year term

- Mark Higley- nominated.
- There were no other nominations, the Moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Mark Higley.

- **MARK HIGLEY - ELECTED**

**d. AUDITOR** 3-year term

- Gordon Spencer- nominated.
- There were no other nominations, the moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Gordon Spencer.
- **GORDON SPENCER – ELECTED**

**e. AUDITOR** 1-year term

- Melanie Richardson-nominated
- There were no other nominations, the Moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Melanie Richardson.
- **MELANIE RICHARDSON-ELECTED**

**f. 1<sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE** 1-year term

- Steven Cyr- nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **STEVEN CYR – ELECTED**

**g. 2<sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE** 1-year term

- No one nominated, voters left the decision up to the Selectboard to appoint one.

**h. TOWN AGENT** 1- year term

- Andre Tetreault Sr. nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ANDRE TETREAUULT Sr. - ELECTED**

**i. GRAND JUROR** 1-year term

- Andre Tetreault Sr. nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ANDRE TETREAUULT Sr. – ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 11:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 280,000.00 for TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES (Select Board's Account)?*

- Article moved and seconded to appropriate \$280,000 for the select board account. Moderator asked for comments, questions, or amendments. Motion was made and seconded to require the select board to instruct the road commissioner to house the grader in the town garage rather than housing the road commissioner's truck. Moderator ruled amendment out-of-order, not being germane to the main motion, but reminded the voters they could over-rule

the moderator. Moderators ruling was defeated by show-of-hands vote. Moderator asked for comments, questions or secondary amendment to the primary amendment.

- Question was asked why does the Road Commissioner now, not have to house the Grader in the Town Garage rather than the trucks that belong to the Road Commissioner personally. It was also stated that the Road Commissioner before him had to abide by those rules and so should he.
- Question was asked to hear the other side of the story rather than just here the people's side of it. The Road Commissioner answered that the Grader is industrial equipment and is kept plugged in. He stated that the reason he keeps the trucks and the loader in the garage is so that in the extreme cold and blizzard conditions, he needs his equipment ready to go, rather than trying to fight to get it all going.
- There was a little more discussion on the Housing of the equipment.
- Motion was made seconded to call the question. Motion to call the question passed by voice vote. Motion to require the select board to instruct the road commissioner to house the grader instead of his truck was defeated by a requested paper ballot vote. Results were: Yes-40 and No-55
- Moderator asked if any more questions, comments or amendments to the main motion. There being none, the main motion to appropriate \$280,000 to the select board account carried by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 12:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?***

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was asked, how much State aid will be received? The Town Treasurer responded with, we won't know till the end of the year.
- Moderator asked if there were any other questions. There being none, the main motion to appropriate \$ 135,000.00 to Winter Roads carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 13:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?***

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

**ARTICLE 14:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 30,000.00 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?***

- Article moved and seconded.

- Question was asked why the Fire Department stipends and training cost \$ 10,000? Alden Warner (the Fire Department Treasurer) answered the question.
- Question was asked about the selling of the four-wheeler and the old jaws of life, and the purchase of a new Jaws, and wanted to know where the money came from. Calvin Allen (the Fire Chief) had answered that the Fire department has their own special equipment fund to allow them to be able to purchase what they need and to help buy things in the future.
- Moderator asked if there were any other questions. There being none, the main motion to appropriate \$30,000.00 for the Fire Department carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 15:** *Shall the legal voters authorize the SELECTBOARD to borrow funding for the replacement of the KEMPTON HILL BRIDGE?*

- *Article moved and seconded.*
- *Question was asked if there is anyway to reclassify the road? The Selectboard Chair answered that there is but there are a lot of legal channels to go through to do this.*
- *Mark Higley was asked as a Lister to speak about the bridge replacement and what it would or could do to the town taxes.*
- *Question was asked if the grant was approved would it put the town at the bottom of the list for any future grants for other bridges if the were to be decommissioned. The Road Commissioner stated that structure grants and road grants are separate, and yes, we would be put at the bottom of the list for any future structure grants.*
- *Question was asked, wasn't it an option to do away with the bridge? The Selectboard answered there is the option of voting down the bridge, or to vote to replace it.*
- *There was further discussion on this matter and what the cost would be to replace it. Mark Higley addressed this discussion.*
- *Question was asked, how does the Selectboard feel about it. The Board Chair answered that we/ I do not feel comfortable spending any large amount of money without the Town's People's approval.*
- *Arlon Warner spoke on his own behalf on how he feels bout the bridge situation and issues that have come along with it. He stated years ago when he bought the property it was with two ways out. With there only being one way out it not only effects his everyday life, but his business as well. He stated that he has ran his Tax service business out of his home for quite some time and his clients as well as himself needs to have access in and out of his place. During the winter months with only the steep hill as an in and out point, is very difficult. There was further discussion from other towns people stating their difficulty of their own driveways.*
- *Question was asked, how much money has the town already spent in Lawyers fees? The Town Treasurer stated that we had spent \$9,750.00 in preliminary engineering cost, and \$2,236.00 in Legal costs.*
- *It was noted that if we don't fix the bridge, we would go to court and could loose and still have to fix the bridge.*

- Question was asked, what about putting in a box culvert rather than replacing the bridge? The Board Chair stated that there was too much ledge for a box culvert to go in.
- Question was asked how can we vote on something when we don't even know how much it's going to cost. There was discussion on the Board needed to do more research before asking the Town to vote for something.
- Question was asked, would it be a possibility for the town to purchase the landowner's property?
- Question was asked, if all the possibilities had all been ruled out before making this decision to replace the bridge. Alden Warner a Selectman explained that we only had two options, either to vote to replace the bridge or to not replace the bridge. He also stated that the Law suite that had been put on hold will continue in 3 to 4 days if we vote to not replace the bridge.
- Question was asked, if we were planning to go with a Mabey Bridge for the replacement? The Selectboard stated yes if it is approved.
- Question was asked if anyone could bid on the job, the Selectboard responded with yes anyone will be able to bid on the job. There was a little further discussion on bids.
- It was inquired, why is it safe for our road crew to travel on Kempton Hill Road, if it's not safe for our Fire Trucks, Ambulances, or clients for Arlon's Tax Service?
- Question was asked, why is everyone scared of this law suit, and is there a counter suit, and if not why? Alden Warner, spoke on behalf of the Selectboard, and stated that they were following the advisory of the Town Attorney.
- Question was asked, could we change the class of the road? Richard Pion, Selectboard Chair stated that there are legal ways we have to follow and can still be sued on making that decision.
- Motion was made to call the question-seconded/ called for a show of hands. Results for show of hands was: YES-72 and NO-6
- Request for paper ballot vote was made for replacement of Kempton Bridge: White paper ballots were used. Results were: YES-57 and NO-43, Total votes 100
- **ARTICLE PASSED WITH YES VOTES.**

**ARTICLE 16:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 6,000.00 for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 17:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 3,000.00 for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 18:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 1,000.00 for the JR. HOOP BASKETBALL teams?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was asked if there could be a budget submitted in the future to know what is being spent for Jr. Hoop. It was noted and acknowledged by the Town Treasurer.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 19:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 3,500.00 to the ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?*

- Article moved and seconded; voice vote / carried.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 20:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:*

- a) \$ 500 to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- b) \$ 250 to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- c) \$ 50 to GREEN UP VERMONT
- d) \$ 200 to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. - AMERICAN LEGION
- e) \$ 200 to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
- f) \$ 300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. – ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION
- g) \$ 300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- h) \$ 923 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- i) \$ 200 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC
- j) \$ 659 to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- k) \$ 200 to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
- l) \$ 500 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- m) \$ 500 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- n) \$ 500 to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- o) \$ 700 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- p) \$ 825 to UMBRELLA
- q) \$ 100 to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- r) \$ 200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- s) \$ 90 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- t) \$ 100 to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
- u) \$ 200 to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT

**Total for above appropriations = \$7,547.00**

- Article moved and seconded.

- Letter e. was discussed with discretion of who has actual control of the organization.
- Motion made and seconded to remove item e
- By show of hands results were: YES-20 and NO-21, the NO'S have it, Motion to amend this article failed.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 21:** *To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.*

- *Arlon Warner made a suggestion that the employee that took the place of the previous Assistant, doing the Clerk work, should get a raise to equal the amount the previous Assistant was making before she left the job. The Selectboard stated that it was up to the Selectboard only to make this decision.*
- *Mark Higley took this time to speak about Energy and Technology, and what they are trying to do to help the communities have better service with these programs. It is all about getting better internet services for not only businesses, but regular households as well. For more information on this a statement is available in the Lowell Town Clerks Office.*
- *Question was asked about the new DMV requirements for admissions. Mark Higley explained that any car 10 years or older did not have to qualify for the new rules.*
- *There was further discussion on bills that have not passed yet.*
- *No other business was discussed.*

**ARTICLE 22:** *TO ADJOURN*

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:48 P.M.**

**Attest:**

MODERATOR: Alden Warner *Alden Warner*

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: Steve Mason *Steve Mason*

PRESIDING OFFICER: Priscilla Matten *Priscilla Matten*

*Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book*

*Attest: Priscilla Matten- Town Clerk*





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Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

### Responding Is Safe

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### Responding Is Easy

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### **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.